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### Term 1

2nd March 2017

Issue 3, Week 6

#### Friday 3rd March

9.00am - Graffiti Education for Stage 3

2.20pm - Whole School Assembly

#### Tuesday 7th March

2.15pm - PRG Meeting

#### Wednesday 8th March

9.00am - Parra Rugby League Opens & 11 Years Trials - Blacktown

#### Thursday 9th March

Mark Taylor Shield (Round 2)

#### Tuesday 14th March

Parramatta Netball Trials - Hawkesbury Indoor Centre

#### Wednesday 15th March

Razorback Cup 7-a-side Rugby League Gala Day (Stages 2 & 3)

#### Friday 17th March

Grandparent's Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Wednesday we commenced the Season of Lent. During Lent the faithful are encouraged to fast as a way of focusing on God and prayer. Traditionally we have been encouraged to fast from the foods or a range of other things that we associate with having a good time. The Holy Father Pope Francis has offered an alternative to giving up something. Instead he suggests that the faithful fast from indifference towards others. In his annual Lenten message the Pope writes that 'indifference to our neighbour and to God represents a real temptation for us as Christians. Each year, during Lent, we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience.'

He writes that when our 'interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns; there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard and the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt and the desire to do good fades.' He goes on to write that, 'we become incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor...and feeling a need to help them as though it were someone else's responsibility and not our own.'

While fasting from lollies, cakes and chocolate might help us lose a few kilograms and adjust our waistlines, fasting in Lent is about changing our hearts. Fasting from indifference to the needs of the poor can have a transforming effect on ourselves, our loved ones and in particular those in greatest need of love and compassion.

In partnership let us continue to work to develop in the children strong minds and gentle hearts

Peace and best wishes for a wonderful year ahead!

Mr Anthony McElhone

Principal

### Enrolments for Kindergarten 2018

Application forms now available for collection from the school office. When the application form has been fully completed it should be returned to the office with the required documentation by **the end of Term 1**.

### At Holy Family

I Respect Myself

I Respect Others

I Respect the  
Environment

I Respect Learning

### Important News

We have been notified that a bus strike for buses in western and south-western Sydney is planned for next **Tuesday 7th March**. The strike will take effect from 7.00am-9.00am in the morning and from 2.00pm-4.00pm in the afternoon.

Some parents may need to make alternate arrangements for their children on that day.

Thank you





## School Attendance

Every Learner, Every Day is a campaign designed to raise awareness about the importance of attendance for every student, on every school day and to promote a healthy attendance culture. As part of this initiative members of our Attendance Team, Mrs Marie Edwards, Mr Anthony McElhone and Sr Brenda Kennedy, will be regularly following up students with attendance levels that are concerning. In addition we will be promoting positive attendance patterns by acknowledging classes and individuals with excellent attendance.

Our current attendance level is 85%. We need to improve this and we can do it together. Parents and carers can do a few simple things!

1. Send your child to school every day unless they are sick.
2. Develop good sleep and morning routines.
3. Schedule appointments outside of school hours
4. Avoid taking holidays during the school term

**every learner every day** ✓

**ABSENCES ADD UP!**

**FEBRUARY** 2 DAYS A MONTH = **NOVEMBER** 4 WEEKS A YEAR = **MISSING MORE THAN 1 YEAR OF LEARNING IN 12 YEARS**

**DID YOU KNOW**

**1 IN 6** PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

**WHAT PARENTS CAN DO**

- ✓ **BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- ✓ Develop good sleep and morning routines
- ✓ Schedule appointments after school
- ✓ Avoid taking holidays during term time

**EACH DAY MISSED:**

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

**GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY**

Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

**SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP**

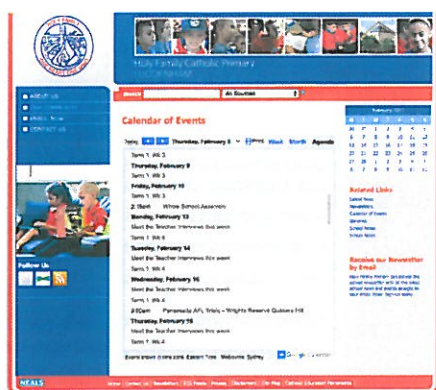
If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

every learner every day ✓



## Grandparent's Day - Save the Date

Grandparents Day will be on Friday 17th March. This is a day that all in the community look forward to and the teachers and students have already begun preparing for this day with great enthusiasm and energy.



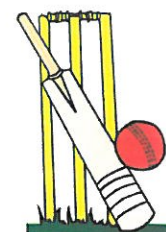
## 2017 School Calendar

The key date of events and celebrations for 2017 can be viewed in our online school calendar. The calendar can be viewed on our school website <http://www.hfluddenham.catholic.edu.au/calendar-of-events>

If you would like to sync the school calendar to the calendar on your device (e.g. iPad or iPhone) click on the **+ Google Calendar** icon at the bottom of the webpage and follow the instructions.

## Sports News

Best of luck to the Mark Taylor Shield cricket team who are competing in round two of the competition on Thursday, 9th March. They will be competing against St Mary's, Rydalmere.



**Bakers Delight**  
We're for real.



## Hot Cross Buns

An order form will be coming home next Thursday for our Easter fundraiser through Baker's Delight. Hot Cross Buns will be on offer in all the yummy flavours, including the new apple cinnamon! Please tell family and friends and help us raise funds for some new furniture for our school.



## Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L)

In the newsletter in Week 2 we outlined some of the key initiatives the school is undertaking this year. This included the introduction of Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L). PBS4L is a broad range of systemic and individualised strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes while preventing problem behaviour. PBS4L is a strengths-based approach that focuses on creating positive learning environments that support student learning and wellbeing.

Goals for PBS4L include:

- Building effective environments where positive behaviour is more effective than problem behaviour
- Building systems that support teaching, learning and leading
- Creating learning environments that encourage pro-social behaviour
- Teaching all students what is expected of them
- Providing a continuum of learning and wellbeing support for students who need more support

*I am Safe*

*I am Respectful*

*I am a Learner*



The full implementation of PBS4L takes place over a three year period and we will continue to communicate updates and seek feedback via Seesaw. However, an initial change that you will notice is the introduction of *Principal's Medallion awards at the assembly in Week 9 of each term. This will allow us to acknowledge outstanding behaviour and application to learning across the whole school more regularly - not just at the end of Year 6.*

Following is the criteria for selection that has been developed by a team of staff. Recipients will have demonstrated most or all of the following characteristics:

### Respect for Self

- Initiative in learning and school life
- Positive representation of the school at extracurricular events
- Excellent attitude/application to learning
- Wears the uniform with pride
- Demonstrates responsibility for their behaviour

### Respect for Others

- Pastoral interactions with peers
- Interacts with staff and volunteers in a polite and respectful manner
- Positive relationships with peers

### Respect for the Environment

- Demonstrates stewardship in the learning spaces and on the playground

You will be contacted by the school office if your child will be receiving a *Principal's Medallion award at assembly.*

## Pancake Day

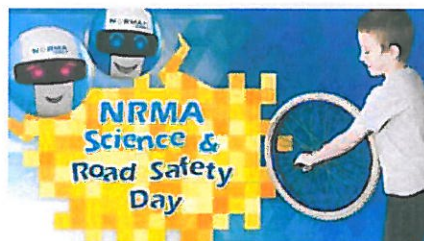
Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who made Pancake Day a great success: Angela Finianos for coordinating the morning and her donation, Luisa Franco and Angela for cooking all the pancakes and all the amazing mums who came to help. We made \$248 which will be donated to Caritas!



## Baby News

Congratulations to the Riddell family (Harrison Early Stage 1) on the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Ava and to the Borg family (Leon Liu Stage 1) also on the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Ivy. Best wishes their family and the hope of restful nights in the future.





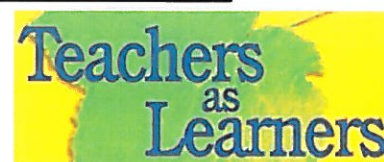
The NRMA Science & Road Safety Day was a great experience for the students and they learnt (or were reminded about) some very important road safety messages. The team also left us with some great reminders!

1. By law, all children under the age of 7 must use a booster seat. A booster seat allows children to sit taller in the seat so that the adult seat belt doesn't rest across their neck which is very dangerous in a crash.
2. Did you know that for maximum protection, your child's seat belt must sit on their collarbone and across their hip bones? If your child is constantly slipping their seatbelt under their arm so that it rests against their ribs, then they may still need a booster seat. We need to keep the seatbelt away from the rib cage as it is not strong enough to withstand the forces generated in a crash.
3. The front seats of cars are potentially dangerous places for children. Airbags deploy at 300km/hr and they are designed to hit an adult at chest height. For any child under the height of 150cm it will hit around head height. Australian growth charts show that less than half of children reach 150cm by the age of 12, so delay your child's move into the front seat for as long as possible.
4. For a bike helmet to do its job, it must stay on your child's head in a crash and the best way to do this is to adjust the straps to ensure there is no more than a two finger space above the eyebrows and between the chin and strap. Remember to remove their hats and for girls, avoid wearing high ponytails to ensure the helmet stays in place.
5. Never slash or cut the inside foam of a bike helmet as this is the part that absorbs all the force that would be transferred to the head in a crash. If your child has a crash and their helmet hits the ground, you will need to replace the helmet even if it still looks okay. This is because the all-important inner foam has been compressed and it is now too hard to absorb the force of another crash.
6. Make sure your child's bike is the right size bike so they can always be in control – are the balls of the feet able to reach the ground when they are seated on the bike? If not, you will need to lower the seat. Make sure that the brakes, gears and bell are in easy reach when riding.

### Teacher Professional Learning

At Holy Family the staff has an ongoing commitment to professional learning. The staff benefits from attending inservices, in curriculum areas, that assist them in providing quality learning opportunities for the students in their class. The following staff have or will attend professional learning:

Date	Staff Members	Professional Learning
3 March	Miss Van Mullekom	12:30-4:30pm Captivate a3/ ASPS Professional Learning
14 March	Mr McCauley	REC Formation Day



## Academic Achievement Awards

### Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Edmond Cocks	Chanel Awad-Duncombe	Alessia Tassone
Lavinia Gullo	Marcus Falzon	Corey Moore
Edyn Vella	Madyn Glover	Olivia Azzopardi
Jacob Rowley	Ben Sheil	Joshua Wilson
Jackson O'Brien	Harry Gauci	Brayth Moon
Tahlia Vella	Maia Rzepecki	Gloria Gauci
Connor Wilson	Davor Franich	
Ella Gunther	Alexandria Pelle	

## One Heart One Mind Awards

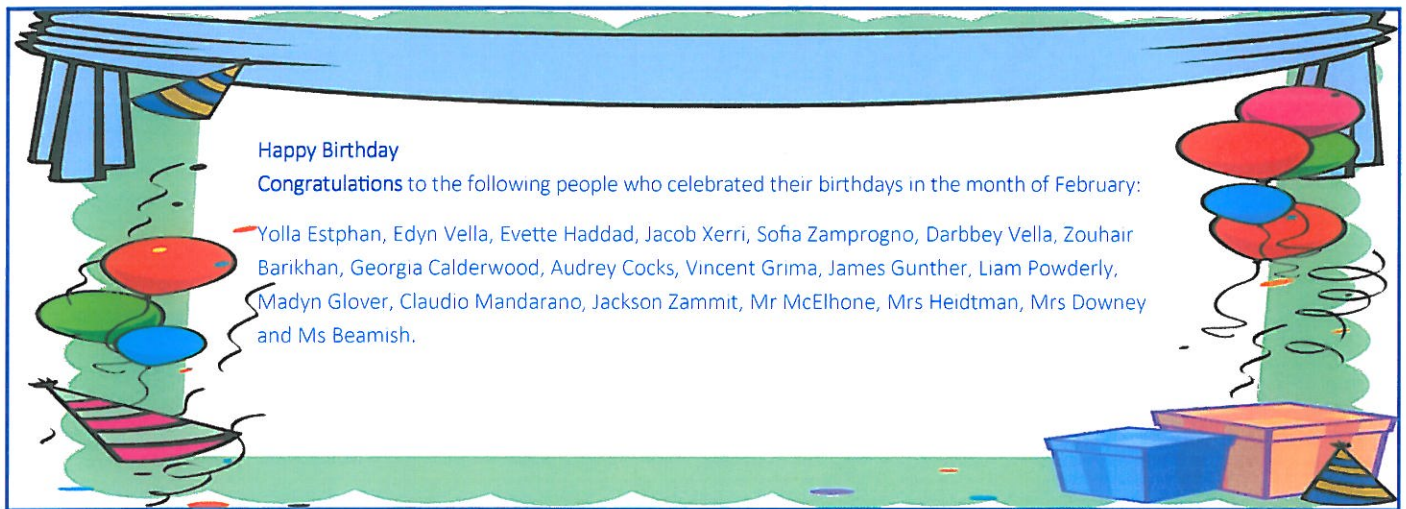
### Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

Caitlin Woodhead	Luke Rossetto	Evangelina Papalia
Caleb Hodgetts	Ashlee Jones	Caprice Awad-Duncombe
Hayden Moore	Adison Jones	Mariam Tadros
Elisa Camilleri	Joseph Camilleri	Daniel Powderly
Olivia Urschel	Claudio Mandarano	Ryan Woodhead
Nicholas Franco	Skye Bruni	Joshua Baldacchino
Talia Evans	Claudia Maycock	
Adriano Lau	Liam Vella	

### Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following people who celebrated their birthdays in the month of February:

Yolla Estphan, Edyn Vella, Evette Haddad, Jacob Xerri, Sofia Zamprogno, Darbbey Vella, Zouhair Barikhan, Georgia Calderwood, Audrey Cocks, Vincent Grima, James Gunther, Liam Powderly, Madyn Glover, Claudio Mandarano, Jackson Zammit, Mr McElhone, Mrs Heidtman, Mrs Downey and Ms Beamish.





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## 2018 ENROLMENTS

FOR GIRLS YEARS 7-12

**Open night: Monday 6th March 2017 (6 - 8:30pm)**

Come along and see for yourself why girls are so happy to learn at Caroline Chisholm College. Information sessions:

**6:30 to 7pm - 7:30 to 8pm**

**Tours of College Facilities**

Further information can be obtained on our website [www.cccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au)

**90 - 98 The Lakes Drive Glenmore Park**

Enrolment packages can be obtained by contacting the college on **4737 5500**

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# St Dominic's College

## 2017 OPEN DAY

### Sunday the 5th of March

You are invited to join us for our Annual Open Day at the College  
from 10am to 2.30pm.

The morning session starts at  
10:00am, followed by a tour of the  
College at 10:30am.

The afternoon session starts at  
12:30pm followed by a tour of the  
College at 1:00pm.



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*Dominus Lux Mea*  
THE LORD IS MY LIGHT



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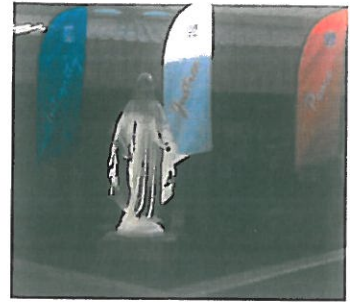




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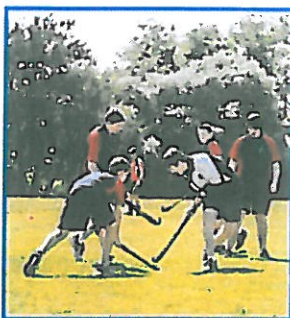
Emu Plains  
Co-educational 7 - 12

OPEN EVENING  
WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2017  
4.00PM TO 7.00PM



- Meet the Principal, staff and student leaders
- Tours of the College facilities led by student leaders
- Trade Training Centre Information
- Enrolment packages will be available
- Opportunity to ask questions and receive important information

Presentations will take place at:  
4.15pm 5.15pm and 6.15pm



## ENROLLING NOW FOR 2018

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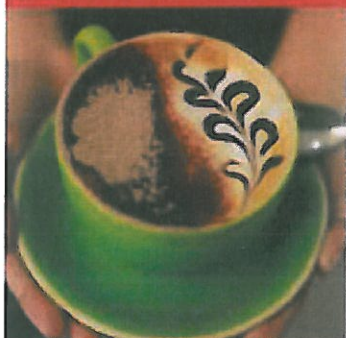
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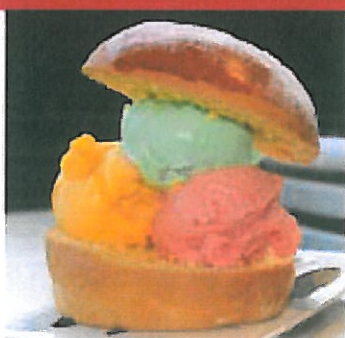


# EXCITING NEWS...

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**THURSDAY'S &  
FRIDAY'S  
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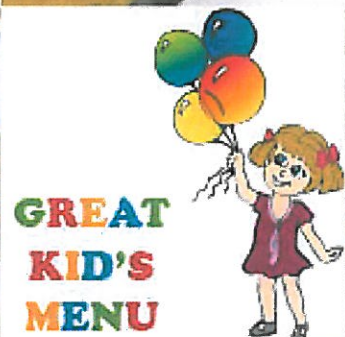
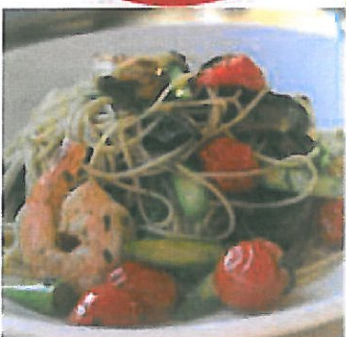


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BRIOCHE  
BURGER!**

**THURSDAY  
NIGHT  
\$13 PASTA  
NIGHT!**



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