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Term 2

10th August 2017

Issue 12, Week 4

Tuesday 15th August

ICAS Mathematics

Thursday 17th August

Stage 2 & 3 Touch Gala Day

Tuesday 22nd August

Netball Gala Day

Wednesday 23rd August

Razorback Legends Rugby League Gala Day

Thursday 24th August

Year 6 Farewell Meeting

Friday 25th August

Parramatta Diocesan Athletics

Thursday 31st August

Father's Day Stall

Friday 1st September

Father's Day Prayer and

Breakfast

Book Week Parade

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As a part of fulfilling my role as Acting Principal I have been reflecting on our uniqueness as a Catholic school and the call to support those in need in our community. We are very lucky and thankful to be in such a supportive, caring community like Holy Family, Luddenham and as a part of the Sacred Heart Parish.

In light of this, I would like to share with you an invitation to the launch of a year-long Diocesan Journey: "Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection". The aim of the Journey is to galvanise a Diocese-wide, faith-filled urge to bring about a community and political culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of people seeking refuge and protection in Australia. The details of this invitation are attached in the newsletter.

We are reminded to be guided by both the Bishop and Pope Francis in response to refugees, and Pope Francis' call that the Church 'opens her arms to welcome all people, without distinction or limits'. This year-long Diocesan journey will allow all of us to reflect through prayer and discussion on how we can take action to better support refugees and people seeking protection in our community. In the weeks and months following the launch, the Diocesan Social Justice Office will be initiating a series of community conversations across parishes and schools within the Diocese. I encourage your support and participation in these events. As a school we will reflect on some initiatives we can do to support refugees and people seeking protection during this time.

A reminder of our competition to design a Holy Family PBS4L mascot that was launched at assembly on Friday. To help promote and support the implementation of PBS4L we are calling for all students, parents and teachers to participate in the competition. This mascot will be a central figure in all promotional activities related to PBS4L. A competition flyer and entry form was sent home on Friday with details of what we are looking for in a mascot and the entry form is also available on See Saw.

Finally, Anthony is recuperating well from his surgery and resting. We have passed on the community's thoughts and prayers during this time.

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

Mrs Jodie Van As

Acting Principal

At Holy Family everyone is:

- A learner
- Safe
- Responsible
- Respectful



Date Claimer - Father's Day Celebration & Book Week

To celebrate Father's Day and Book Week we are having a big community event on Friday, 1st September. Further details can be accessed on the school calendar on the website. There will be a book parade where children can dress as their favourite book characters.

Father's Day

PRG Meeting

The next PRG meeting will be Tuesday, 5 September at 2:20pm. If you have any items you would like to add to the agenda please email the school (luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au) and use PRG Meeting in the subject line.

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 88%. We need to improve this and we can do it together. *Let's aim for a 2% improvement! Parents and carers can do a few simple things to achieve this goal!*

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

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

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- ✓ **BE FRILL** 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

GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY

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

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

• Encourage positive attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about what to do next

every learner every day ✓

School Contact Details - Updated again

Please note the school has **another** new phone number - 4773 7100. If you call the previous numbers (02 4773 4485 or 8856 8300) they will divert to the new number, but only until the end of this year. Our school email address remains unchanged luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au.



2018 Letters of Offer for Early Stage 1

All letters regarding enrolment for 2018 Early Stage 1 were posted early this term. Acceptance letters are due back to the school by Thursday 17th August. If you have not received a letter please contact Mrs Edwards in the school office.

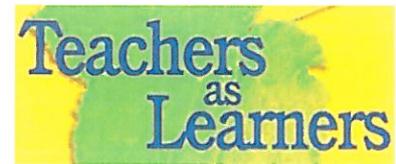
Naplan Online Readiness Trial

The National Assessment program for Literacy and Numeracy is moving to an online format in 2019. In preparation for going live with the test in the coming years, we have been asked to test our readiness capability. In week 8 the students in Years 3 and 5 will be using one of the school's devices to sit a mock test. The trial is not concerned with testing students' achievement, but more the issues around implementation of the test in an online format. By ironing out any potential issues this new approach should provide a more effective test format and provide the school and parents with important diagnostic information in a more timely fashion.



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
2-4 August	Mr McCauley, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Ryan	Project Based Learning - Professional Learning (Stage 2)
7-9 August	Mrs Steele, Miss Van	Project Based Learning - Professional Learning
8 August	Mrs Van As	EMU Middle Years
7 & 10 August	Mrs Miller	Technology One Finance System
14 & 16 August	Mrs Miller	Technology One Finance System
16 August	Mrs Brennan	EMU Middle Years
17 August	Mrs Ryan	Instructional Coach Literacy
18 August	Miss Bilotta	Beginning Teacher Meeting

Academic Achievement Awards

Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Caleb Hodgetts Eleanor Gauci Gianni Mandarano Hayleigh Garousse Seth Obereigner Olivia Urschel Ella Gunther Rose Estphan	Evette Haddad Luke Rossetto Adison Jones Alicia Buttigieg Tiahna Scicluna Vincent Grima Claudia Maycock Liam Powderly	Ryan Wilson Andrew Gouriots Olivia Payne Lachlan Urschel Ryan Azzopardi Athum Athum
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One Heart One Mind Awards

Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

Edmond Cocks Leta-May Munday Luka Krilich Ava Rymills Xavier Eades Aduang Athum Lily Muscat Connor O'Mahony	Chanel Awad-Duncombe Zac Finianos Luke Cassar Riley Talbot Luke Lambert Emily Woodhead Elias Barikhan Sarah Gleeson	Capreice Awad-Duncombe Brayden Hodgetts Tyler Thornhill Melissa Giugovaz Isabella Caceres Talyse Pantazakos
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SPORTS UPDATE

Razorback Legends Rugby League Gala Day

On Thursday 3rd August, Holy Family were involved in a 7-a-side Rugby League Gala Day at Picton.

The Junior Boys team (Stage 2) were very impressive out on the field throughout all three of their games. First game was against Camden Public School which they won 7 tries to 1; in the next match Holy Family came up against St Pauls, Camden who were a tougher side yet the boys still came home with a win 4 tries to 2 and in their final game of the day against Cobbitty Public School, they won 4 tries to 0. The Junior Boys finished winners in their pool, remaining undefeated for the day, which is an outstanding achievement.



The Senior Boys team (Stage 3) demonstrated great “team unity” throughout their games. They were very solid in defense, moving up in a line and helping each other out in tackles. In their first game of the day they came up against Camden PS, which they won 4 tries to 2. The next game they won 3 tries to 1 against St Pauls, Camden and then finished off the day with a convincing win over Cobbitty PS 5 tries to 1. This team also finished the day undefeated and first in their pool. The Senior Team now progresses through to the Legends of League Shield 2017 at Macquarie University Sports Ground on the 23rd August 2017. We wish them the best of luck for this day.

Congratulations to all the boys for their outstanding sportsmanship both on and off the field and for representing our school with such pride.

A huge thank you goes to Mr. Woodhead and Mr. Powderly who came down to coach the boys on the day. The boys appreciate the time you both give in assisting and helping them develop their skills in the game of Rugby League.

Finally, thank you to all the parents that came down to support the boys. I know it means the world to them to have you all there cheering them on.



Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Thank you to John Finianos (Stage 3) and Diab Finianos (St Dominic's) who came down on the day as referees for Holy Family. Without referees, we are unable to participate in these gala days, so we appreciated your assistance.



Year 3 / 4 Team

Red soccer team was made up of boys from Stage 2. We had a very successful day, we won 2, drew 3 and lost 2. We had a fantastic time together. We played our

hardest and as a team. Jacob Finianos' goalie work was amazing and Oscar's goal from halfway was excellent too.

Our coach Mr Bullock was a fantastic coach and he trained us well. We all thank Mr Bullock for coaching us on the day. Overall the red team came 3rd.

By Hayden G



Year 4 Team

On Wednesday the 2nd of August, 3 teams from Stage 2 went to play in a soccer gala day at Penrith.

My team was the Year 4 boys and we played 7 games. We played with aggression and tried our best and we ended up winning all of our 7 games. We were undefeated and we came first in our pool with no other team scoring against us. All the boys played with great team spirit and had lots of fun.

Mrs Lentini was our coach and she was great. She believed in us and encouraged us to do our best. Mrs Lentini made the day so much fun.

By Liam P

Stage 2 Girls

Stage two girls had a great time at the Soccer gala day on Wednesday.

We won 2 games, drew 3 games and lost 2 games.

We had a lot fun playing against the other teams. We all showed great sportsmanship and teamwork. We kept our heads high even when we lost.

We'd like to say thankyou to Mr Platt, Mr Bullock, Mrs Hall and the parents for cheering us on.

But most of all we had a fantastic day!

By Maia R



Upcoming Sporting Events

Thursday 17th August 2017- NSW ALL Schools Touch (Stage 2 & 3) Gala Day (Elderslie)

Tuesday 22nd August 2017- Netball Gala Day (Jamison Park, Penrith)

Wednesday 23rd August 2017 – Legends Shield Finals 2017 (Macquarie University)

Friday 15th September 2017- Stage 2 Touch Gala Day (Kingsway, St Marys)

Friday 22nd September 2017- Stage 3 Touch Gala Day (Kingsway, St Marys)

Christine Hall

Head of Sport





27 July 2017

Thursday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

A recurring theme in our Gospel Message is the need for all of us to open our hearts and minds to the plight of those less fortunate than ourselves. To this end, I invite representatives from our each of our parishes, our schools, our agencies and our religious congregations to attend the launch of a year-long Diocesan Journey:

“Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection”

The aim of the Journey is to galvanise a Diocese-wide, faith-filled urge to bring about a community and political culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of people seeking refuge and protection in Australia.

**The launch will take place during Migrant and Refugee Week
Sunday 27 August 2017 from 2pm to 4pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
7 Grantham St Seven Hills**

**Our special guest speaker will be Father Tom Smolich SJ, the newly appointed
International Director of Jesuit Refugee Services.**

I will be inviting all Catholics living in the Parramatta Diocese to think seriously and to pray earnestly about the challenges that face us all as we walk with this year long journey.

Firstly, it is time for us to deal decently and compassionately with people seeking protection - while still preventing people smuggling, saving lives at sea and maintaining the integrity of Australia's borders.

Secondly, it is time for us as a responsible world citizen, a wealthy and resourceful nation to develop the policies that enshrine the best of our traditions rather than the worst of our natures.

Most importantly, as Christians, we cannot remain content with the status quo, especially when that status quo is less than what God wants for us as individuals and as a community. Pope Francis recently said on the Feast of the Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph that “As we fix our gaze on the Holy Family of Nazareth as they were forced to become refugees, let us think of the tragedy of those migrants

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL
Bishop of Parramatta

and refugees who are victims of rejection and exploitation, who are victims of human trafficking and of slave labor." *Angelus address 29 December 2013.*

In the months following the launch of our Journey the Diocesan Social Justice Office will be initiating a series of community conversations across every parish and every school within the Diocese. These conversations, held in collaboration with several partner agencies already working in the field, will be our key to engaging the hearts and minds of all Catholics in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains – leading to a better understanding of the issues affecting those trying to seek a better life in our beautiful country. I encourage widespread participation.

Following the Launch those attending are invited to stay for a light afternoon tea. To assist with catering, we ask that you kindly indicate if you will be attending the launch, by telephoning the Social Justice Office 8838 3461 or letting us know online at: <https://register.eventarc.com/38860/invitation-to-migrant-and-refugee-sunday-launch-27-th-august>

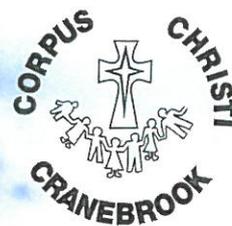
**"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in."
(Matthew 25:35)**

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Vincent Long Van Nguyen".

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL
Bishop of Parramatta**

Corpus Christi Primary School Market Day



Saturday 16th September 2017 - 10AM to 2PM

Stalls include:

Licensed kids' clothes

Candles

Children's Craft

Fresh produce

Small gifts

Beauty Products

Jewellery

Plants

Sock monkeys

Family Fun:

Face Painting Magician

Plaster painting

Spray tattoos

Jumping castle

Corpus Christi Primary School,
90 Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook

RAIN, HAIL OR
SHINE



For information on stall availability
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