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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 2

24th August 2017

Issue 13, Week 6

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

Tuesday 5th September

2.20pm - PRG Meeting

Friday 8th September

Year 6 Fundraiser:

Mufti Day

Sausage Sizzle

Movie Afternoon

Saturday 9th September

Parish Family Mass

Thursday 14th September

Year 6 Fundraiser:

Ice Cream Day

Friday 15th September

Stage 2 Touch Footy Gala Day

Friday 22nd September

Stage 3 Touch Footy Gala Day

Last Day of Term 3

Monday 9th October

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 10th October

First Day of Term 4

We are once again moving quickly through another busy term. Students with their teachers have been working hard to progress and participate in engaging learning opportunities. We have had many highlights this term with sporting achievements, professional learning for our teachers in Project Based Learning, Extending Mathematical Understanding and Multiplicative Thinking as well as our students' individual achievements in their own learning including positive results in Naplan. Over the next few weeks the highlights continue with sporting events, celebrations of First Sacraments, Voice of Youth, Father's Day and Book Week celebrations.

In the business of our lives, particularly during the term it is important for us all to consider the following; the importance of being punctual and modelling and teaching this to our children, seeing ourselves as life long learners with a growth mindset and valuing quality time with our loved ones. Although these three areas may seem unconnected they can be important stepping stones for our children developing into healthy, happy, well-adjusted contributing members of society.

We often can be running late – to school, to meetings, to classes, with projects – and the chaos of this on our lives can have an effect on our children's ability to learn. A calm, well-organised start to the day and successful time management help develop the habits that lead to good learning. Your child's best time for learning is in the morning. When we think it is only 10 minutes we are running late that is actually 50 minutes a week of learning time, nearly one and a half weeks per year and over 13 years of schooling that's nearly half a year of lost learning time. Effective time management leads to greater contentment. Satisfaction with how we use our time is an important predictor of happiness. Time is the basis on which we operate our lives and if we're happy with the way we manage time, we're happy with our lives.

One of the areas we have also been discussing with our students is having a growth mindset. A 'growth mindset', thrives on challenge and sees failure not as evidence of unintelligence but as a heartening springboard for growth and for stretching our existing abilities. This can impact on our behaviour, our relationship with success and failure in both professional and personal contexts, and ultimately our capacity for happiness. The following are some phrases we can use to encourage a Growth Mindset in our children. A simple change in the language we use can have a powerful effect and put our children on a path towards success, not only at school, but in life. Instead of 'I give up' - 'I'll try another strategy', 'This is too hard' - 'This may take some time', 'I'll never be that smart' - 'I can learn to do this' to state just a few.

Finally, with Father's Day coming up, the sad news we constantly hear and see in the media about our world, nothing can replace the quality moments we have with our families. Cherish every moment with each other, embrace the opportunities to engage with each other, grow with each other. Your children develop their values from you and those they are surrounded by. "Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more" (Tony Robbins). In accepting this gift we reflect on what God requires of us. God requires us to continue together doing justice, loving kindness and walking gently with our God. This is what Christians are called to do, together.

Let us walk this journey together and pray for those in need, together building a closer relationship to God. We also offer our prayers and deepest sympathies for Julian Cadman and his family. Julian was a student in our system and so we have offered our condolences to St Bernadette's, Lalor Park also.

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 every-one is:

- A learner
- Safe
- Responsible
- Respectful

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. The day will begin with Father's Day Prayer and breakfast. There will then be 'open classrooms' to celebrate our children's learnings followed by a sharing of favourite books by parents and carers. After morning tea, there will be a book parade where children can dress as their favourite book characters and a teacher performance.

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

The poster is titled 'every learner every day' with a green checkmark icon. It features a calendar header with days MON, TUE, WED, THU, and FRI. The main content includes:

- ABSENCES ADD UP!**: A diagram showing '2 DAYS A MONTH' (February) equals '4 WEEKS A YEAR' (November), which is equivalent to 'MISSING MORE THAN 1 YEAR OF LEARNING IN 12 YEARS'.
- DID YOU KNOW**: An icon of six children with '1 IN 6 PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!'.
- WHAT PARENTS CAN DO**: A checklist on a clipboard: 'BE FIRM. Send your child to school every day unless they are sick', 'Develop good sleep and morning routines', 'Schedule appointments after school', and 'Avoid taking holidays during term time'.
- EACH DAY MISSED:** A box listing: 'Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up', 'Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy', and 'Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections'.
- GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY**: An icon of children walking to school with the text 'Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life'.
- SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP**: An icon of a school building with the text 'If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.'

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 87%. We need to improve this and we can do it together. *Let's aim for a 3% 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.

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.

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.



Celebrating Book Week with your children

This week is Book Week and a great opportunity to enjoy some wonderful time reading with your children. Apart from being a wonderful experience for both parent and child it provides many benefits for children of all ages such as:

- * Helping them experience the joy of story.
- * Modelling fluent reading.
- * Exposing kids to new authors, texts and genres.
- * Building awareness and empathy.
- * Improving children's long term reading success.

This is equally important for primary aged children as it is for younger students.

What stories will you share with your children this week?



Sports Update

Zone Athletics

On Thursday 10th August, 32 students from Holy Family represented the school at the Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown. I was so proud to be associated with such a great bunch of students, as each of these students strived to achieve their personal best in the events they completed in and when they weren't competing, they were in the grandstand cheering on their peers.

Once again, our school did not disappoint in the sporting arena with 8 students from Holy Family now progressing through to the Diocesan Carnival on the 25th August 2017. To progress through, students needed to finish in the top 4 of their event at the Zone Carnival, which is an outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations and good luck to the following students who will be going to the Diocesan Carnival for the listed events:

Chloe G- 800m, 100m, 200m, Long Jump, Discus

Dom B – Discus, Long Jump

Daniel P – Discus

Marcus B – Discus

Austen P – 100m, 200m, Long Jump, Discus, High Jump

Saide M – 800m, Discus, High Jump

Josh M- Discus

Hayden G – 800m, Discus



Well done to Chloe Gill who was awarded Age Champion for the Senior Girls and Austen Pantazacos who was awarded Runner Up Age Champion for the 11 years Boys at the Zone Athletics Carnival. This is an exceptional achievement!

Finally, thank you to Mrs Mayer, Mrs Furfaro and Mrs Tillman who attended the carnival to cheer on the Holy Family Athletics team and assist with field events.

Netball Gala Day

A full report will be provided in the next newsletter.

Legends Shield Finals

A full report will be provided in the next newsletter.

Upcoming Sporting Events

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

Teacher Professional Learning

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

Date	Staff Member	Professional Learning
25, 29 August &	Mrs Miller	Technology One Finance System
8 September	Mrs Miller, Mrs Van As & Mr McElhone	Technology One Finance System
8 September	Mr McCauley	REC Formation Day
11 & 12 September	Mrs Downey & Miss Van Mullekom	2nd Year Beginning Teacher Retreat

Reminders for School Zones

There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with these common speeding and parking offences in School Zones.

	No Parking You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 meters of your vehicle.	Penalty \$180 + 2 demerit points
	No Stopping Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.	Penalty \$325 + 2 demerit points
	Bus Zone You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.	Penalty \$325 + 2 demerit points
	Mobile Phone Use Drive using a hand held mobile phone in a School Zone.	Penalty \$433 + 4 demerit points
	Speeding Offences There has been an increase to the monetary fine and number of demerit points applicable to Speeding Offences in School Zones.	Maximum Penalty \$3740 + 7 demerit points
Stop on path or nature strip		\$180 + 2 demerit points
Stop across driveway		\$180 + 2 demerit points

Fines current as of December 2016
Fines and demerit point are subject to change

At Holy Family the safety of every child is important to us, this includes the way we move around our car park and the use of Disabled Parking. Following the rules of our car park ensures our children arrive and leave school safely. The leadership team will be monitoring the car park over the next few weeks, please do not be offended if we have to speak to you in regards to following the rules.

Our Condolences

Our condolences to the Macri family (Sarah - Stage 2) on the passing of her grandfather recently and to the Cocksedge family (Issabella—Early Stage 1) on the passing of her grandfather. Our prayers and thoughts are with their family.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon her.

May her rest in peace. Amen.



Congratulations to the Falzon family (Marcus - Stage 1 White) on the arrival of a Beautiful baby boy.

Best wishes to their family and the hope of restful nights in the future.



We are excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From 26th July until 19th September 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. These cards can be picked up at Woolies, and we will have some copies in our school office. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back to school to be given to their class teacher.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.



Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2019.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.



Happy Birthday

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

Caleb Hodgetts, Brayth Moon, Taleah Eades, Marcus Falzon, Olivia Urschel, Annalise Searle, Austen Pantazacos, Talyse Pantazakos, Nakita Guedes, Elisabeth Franco, Joshua Wilson, Tiahna Scicluna, Elias Barikhan, Ella Gunther, Amelia Pelle, Hayden Gill, Emilia Maycock, Tyler Thornhill, Liam Vella, Nelson Lopreiato, Liana Corbo, Stefanie Krilich, Lachlan Urschel, Isabella Caceres, Chanel Awad-Duncombe, Isaac Hall, Diana Baric, Luke Rossetto, Max Azzopardi, Luke Cassar, Gabriella Timpano, Emily Woodhead, Jack O'Mahony, Olivia Payne, Mrs Surace, Mrs Steuart and Miss Van Mullekom.



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GATES OPEN FOR PUBLIC @ 10AM

GATES REOPEN FOR ENTRANTS TO LEAVE @ 3:30PM

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JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL



Monday 4th Sept

5-15 & 6-05pm

Under 6 Mixed

Under 8 Mixed

Under 10 Boys & Girls

Wednesday 6th Sept

5-15 & 6-05pm

Under 12 Boys & Girls

Under 14 Boys & Girls

Under 16 Boys & Girls

COST \$60 per player Teams Require Minimum 10 Players

For Registration Information visit

www.penrithtouch.com.au

- *Individual Registrations Accepted*
- *1 Free Penrith Touch Ball for all Teams*
- *Games at The Kingsway, St Marys*

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PLAY TOUCH

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Register a full team before
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