

# BRANCHES

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### Term 4

16th November 2017

Issue 18, Week 6

Friday 17th November

2.20pm - Whole School  
Assembly

Tuesday 21st November

Ice Cream Day - Year 6  
Fundraiser

Saturday 25th November

Carols at Warragamba

Wednesday 29th November -

Friday 1st December  
Stage 3 Camp

Thursday 30th November

9.15am - Year 6 Farewell  
Meeting

Tuesday 5th December

2.20pm - PRG Meeting

Thursday 7th December

Christmas Concert & BBQ

Friday 8th December

2.20pm - Whole School  
Assembly  
Reports Sent Home

Tuesday 12th December

9.30am - Thanksgiving Mass  
Year 6 Day Out  
Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 13th December

Swimming Carnival

Friday 15th December

Students Last Day for 2017

At Holy Family we are:

- Learners
- Safe
- Responsible
- Respectful

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In the well known parable, The Feeding of the Five Thousand, Jesus and his disciples had decided to take some time for themselves, to rest from the demands of their mission. However, when they arrived at their destination, a large crowd met Jesus and his disciples. The crowd is described in Mark's Gospel as being 'like sheep without a shepherd'. So what was the response of Jesus and the disciples to this crowd? As we recall Jesus and the disciples didn't get their little vacation. Instead of taking their leave and heading for some time by themselves, Jesus and the disciples showed compassion and stayed with the crowd and tended to their needs. Jesus taught them and then, as the Gospel continues, he fed them with the loaves and fishes.

Social Justice work is an important and strong foundational mission of our Church and is expressed in a number of different ways. The social mission of the Church is found in Catholic Social Teaching principles. These principles provide a framework for viewing society, which ensures that the good of the individual and the common good of humanity are in harmony. Catholic Social Teaching covers all spheres of life – the economic, political, personal and spiritual, with a clear focus on human dignity at its core.

Following on from a Stage 3 PBL project that focused on *Social Justice and Mission* we have launched a Mission fundraiser that is based on an initiative that came out of the project. This initiative is open to all members of the community and we would strongly encourage entries from students, parents and parishioners. Further details are attached.

### Sacramental Program

Please remember the students of Holy Family and the youth from our Parish who are busily preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We offer our prayers of support for all involved in their sacramental preparation.

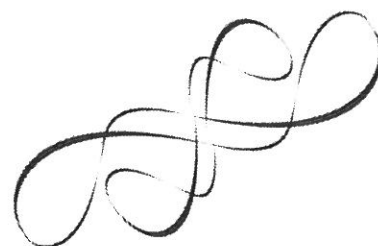


Reconciliation

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

Mr Anthony McElhone

Principal



## Classes for 2018

As a school we are required to maintain our register of students so that it is accurate for the students who are enrolled at Holy Family School. As we approach the end of the year families make decisions about schooling for the coming school year. If there are families who are not returning to Holy Family School in 2018 it is important to inform the school, in writing, about your intention. This assists with the organisation of class groupings for next year. It also assists us with enrolment enquiries, which we are receiving for 2018.



2018 Class Placements – We are starting the process of allocating teachers to classes and following that we will allocate children to class groups. Teachers use a very thorough and thoughtful process of discernment when forming new class groups for the following year. They use a range of information gathered throughout the year to place each student into the best possible environment for their learning. Whilst most parents are very happy to entrust teachers with the placement of children there are instances where specific educational or pastoral needs should be considered during this process. Mr McElhone invites parents who have such a specific consideration to inform him of your particular needs so that they can be included in discussions when classes are formed. All positive and constructive requests will be carefully considered. If you wish to provide feedback about your child's placement, please complete the online form that was added to Seesaw earlier in the term. Please note that each Stage group will have a form unique to their group.

## Staffing News

We can confirm that the following staff will be Stage 1 teachers in 2018:

### Stage 1

- Stage 1 Blue - Mrs Marina Downey
- Stage 1 Red - Mrs Annette Stein
- Stage 1 White - Mrs Melissa Whitton (Monday - Wednesday)/Mrs Angela Furfaro (Thursday/Friday).

Mrs Downey is currently a Stage 1 teacher. Mrs Stein is making the move from Early Stage 1 to Stage 1 and Mrs Furfaro is moving from Stage 3. We welcome back Mrs Whitton who has been on parental leave this year. Prior to taking parental leave, Mrs Whitton had extensive experience teaching Stage 1 at Holy Family.



## 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. *Let's aim for a 5% 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.

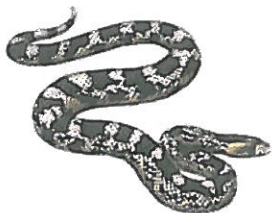
### School Contact Details - Updated again

Please note the school has another new phone number - 4773 7100. If you call the previous number (02 4773 4485) it 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.



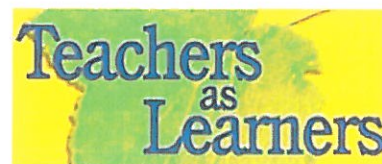
### Snake Warning

As the weather warms up there is an increased chance that snakes may be sighted along the boundary of the school and in the school grounds. It is timely to remind the children of safety around snakes. In the event of a snake being sighted in or near school buildings or the playground the school office must be notified and children who would be at risk will be moved to a safe area. With one adult watching the snake's movements another adult should close (but not lock) doors and windows to contain the snake to a defined area. At no time is any person from the school (students, staff, parent or visitor) to attempt to handle the snake.



### 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
16 November	Mrs Steuart, Mr McElhone	Leading a Primary whole school approach to diversity and Personalised Planning for students with additional needs
21 November	Mr McElhone	Mentor Coaches and Beginning Principals Meeting
24 November	Mr McElhone	Principal's Association Meeting

### Year 6 Farewell

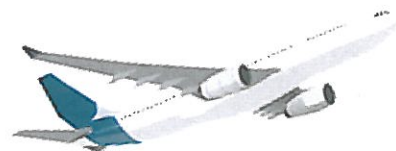
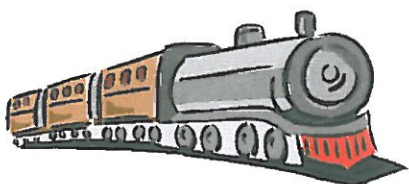
A reminder to all Year 6 parents that the \$35 fundraising levy is due no later than Friday 24th November. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### Family Holidays and Travel Outside of School Holiday Periods

When taking a family holiday or travelling outside of school holiday periods (for 5 days or more), an Application for Extended Leave Form can be requested from the office.

Mr McElhone will then need to approve the leave, and a copy of his approval needs to be taken with you on holidays/leave.

Thank you



## *Sport Update*

### NRL League Tag Gala Day

#### Stage 2 Blue Team

Last week, Holy Family Luddenham entered into an Oz Tag gala day at Camden. Our team played four games on the day and had a great outcome winning all of our games resulting in our team finishing top of our pool. Our team results were: 1<sup>st</sup> game 5-1, 2<sup>nd</sup> game 5-1, 3<sup>rd</sup> game 6-1 and last game during the pool rounds we won 4-1. The Stage 2 Blue Team were ranked 2nd overall out of the 31 Stage 2 teams. We made it all the way to the semi-finals and played Camden South but unfortunately lost 4-3. We all played to the best of our abilities showing great teamwork and sportsmanship skills in every game. We had an awesome day.

A very special thanks goes to Mr Woodhead and Mr Powderly for coaching us on the day and also to the parents coming to watch us play. A big thanks to Mrs Hall for organising such a fantastic day!!

By Zac O

#### Stage 2 Red Team

The Stage 2 Red team was made up of boys and girls from Years 3 and 4. We played three games during the rounds, winning two and losing one. With some coaching from Mrs Lentini throughout the day, our skills continued to develop as the day progressed. We all had a great day learning some new strategies on the field, whilst playing a fun game with our mates.

Thank you to Mrs Lentini and Mr Woodhead who assisted our team at different times throughout the day.

By Josh M and Dom L



### Stage 3 Red Team

On the 8th of November members of Stages 2 and 3 attended a NRL Oz Tag Gala Day.

The two Stage 3 teams were made up of both boys and girls who represented our school with pride. They demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the day. Whilst wearing their school uniform the few students that participated tried their hardest whilst having fun.

Firstly we all arrived and got our names checked off. We all headed out to have a kick of the football and practise our teamwork skills and strategies. When 9.40 came around the Stage 3 Red team went to support the blue team throughout their very first match of the day. After 15 minutes of cheering it was the red team's turn to shine. They headed off as a team to play their first match.

When they arrived the players headed onto the field and stepped into their positions ready to play. Time passed quickly as at 2 minutes into the game the red team had scored their very first try. This was followed by 3 other tries. As the final buzzer rang the end score was 2-4. This was a great finish. We all high fived each other offering great support and compliments after shaking the opponents hands.

Time passed quickly and before we could believe it, it was time for our second match. The Red team headed anxiously over to field 8 for their 2nd match. Pumped and ready the Red team lined up with their subs cheering as loud as they could from the sidelines. This match was harder than the other ones but within 5 minutes the Red team had scored a girl try. This was worth 2 points. The Red team finished on top with a final score of 9-2.

We had successfully made it into the semi final to play against another hard team that had won their pool. The Stage 3 Red team were extremely nervous but knew they could make their school proud. They had stepped onto the field ready to play. The buzzer rang and they kicked off. The end score was 3-4, a tight match.

The Red team accomplished the goal of making it to the grand final. They played hard but unfortunately didn't win. A huge thank you to Mr Woodhead who was our coach on the day. He taught us some new skills and strategies that we could use throughout the games.

By Matilda Fagan and Talyse Pantazakos .

### Stage 3 Blue Team

On Wednesday the 8th of November 2017 we had the privilege to represent Holy Family at the Camden Tiger Tag gala day for 2017. There were four teams competing throughout the day, Stage 3 Blue, Stage 3 Red, Stage 2 Blue and Stage 2 Red. All teams represented the school with pride, and we all had great sportsmanship throughout the day. The Stage 3 Blue team were very successful throughout the day. On behalf of our team we would like to say a huge thankyou to Mr Powderly who coached our team the whole day.

Throughout the day the Stage 3 blue team played 3 games, we won the first, 10-1. The second game we lost 11-1. The final game we drew 3-3. We all tried our very best, and it was a huge achievement. With every single player contributing to the game we all worked very well together as a team.

For most of the players it was the last time representing Holy Family as we will be moving on into high school. Our experience was wonderful with many memories made along the way filled with laughter and fun!

We would also like to thank Mrs Hall for organising this amazing opportunity for us, without Mrs Hall we wouldn't have all these opportunities given. One last thank you goes to Mr McElhone for coming down on the day, supporting us all and helping out with all the teams.

By Chloe and Alessia



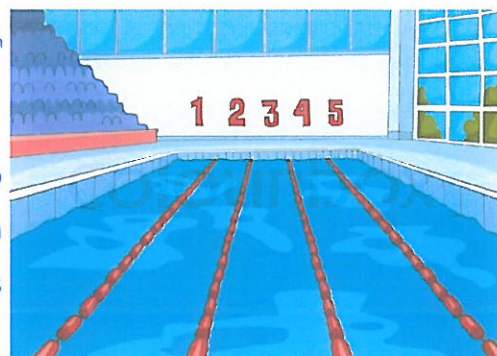
Congratulations to the following students on a very successful day:

<i>Hayden G</i>	<i>Liam P</i>	<i>Dom B</i>	<i>Audrey C</i>	<i>Jack V</i>
<i>Joshua M</i>	<i>Jacob H</i>	<i>Nathan V</i>	<i>Jacqui S</i>	<i>Matthew V</i>
<i>Jackson Z</i>	<i>Braden F</i>	<i>Nicholas V</i>	<i>Melissa G</i>	<i>Josh O</i>
<i>Dom L</i>	<i>Leo F</i>	<i>Ryan Wo</i>	<i>Concetta C</i>	<i>Evangelina P</i>
<i>Antonio P</i>	<i>Saide M</i>	<i>Josh B</i>	<i>Kyrillos B</i>	<i>Chloe G</i>
<i>Harrison H</i>	<i>Emily W</i>	<i>Marcus B</i>	<i>Daniel P</i>	<i>Liana C</i>
<i>Ayssa G</i>	<i>Mariah G</i>	<i>Talyse P</i>	<i>Ryan Wil</i>	<i>Alicia M</i>
<i>Sarah M</i>	<i>Sarah G</i>	<i>Matilda F</i>	<i>Alyse P</i>	<i>Alessia T</i>
<i>Olivia V</i>	<i>Skye B</i>	<i>Luke C</i>	<i>Zac O</i>	

### Swimming Carnival

The Holy Family Swimming Carnival will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Glenbrook Swimming Pool.

The carnival is a compulsory school event for all students in Stage Two and Stage Three. Students in Stage One who are turning 8 or older in 2018 who are confident swimmers and wish to compete to progress through to the Nepean Zone Carnival are also invited to attend the day.



Students who are turning 8 to 13 years in 2018 and are strong swimmers are encouraged to enter competitive events, which will be timed for entry in Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival in 2018. Various activities will be run throughout the day to ensure all the swimming abilities of the students will be catered for.

A permission note outlining further details of the day will be provided to students in the coming days.

### Upcoming Sporting Events

*Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017- Swimming Carnival at Glenbrook Pools (Stage 2 & 3; Stage 1 Invitational)*

*Christine Hall*

*Head of Sport*



# ASKME 4

Commercial &  
Residential  
General Maintenance

- Lawn & Garden Care
- Gutter Cleaning
- Rubbish Removal
- Pressure Cleaning  
(Driveways & Paths)
- Fertilising
- Hedges
- Yard Clean Ups

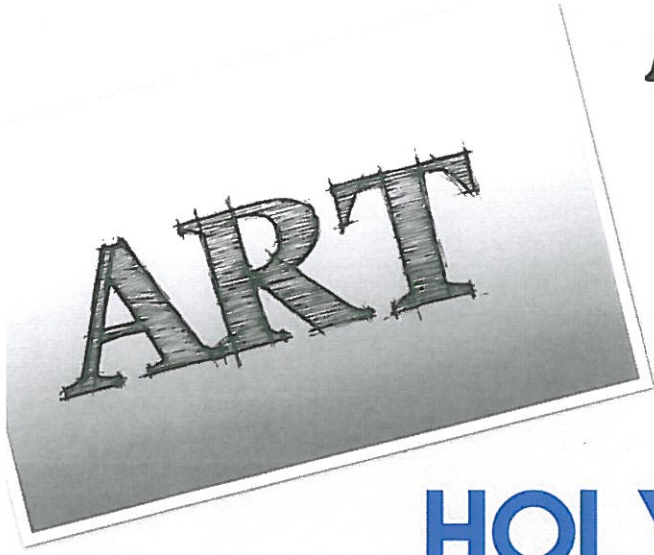
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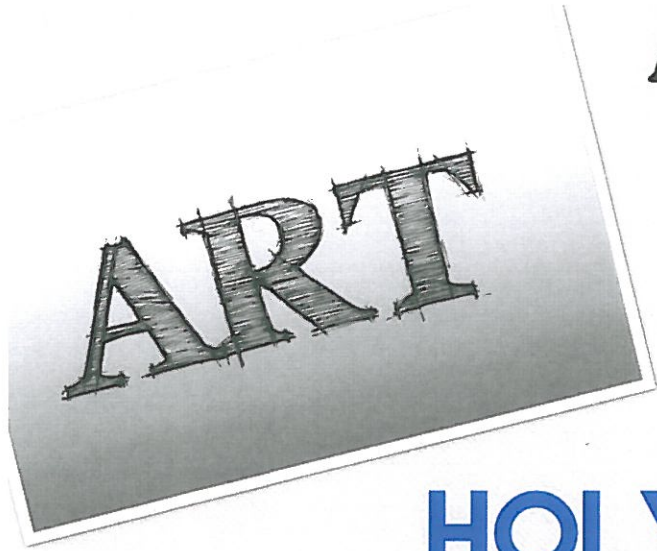
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# STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DAY LIVERPOOL

**Friday 1  
December 2017  
11am – 2pm**

**Macquarie Mall,  
Liverpool**

*(Elizabeth Street end)*

Help us put an end to domestic violence.

Join us in Macquarie Mall, Liverpool, and show your support for this important cause.

There will be entertainment by **Wests Tigers**, **Liverpool Girls High School** and **Georges Hall Public School**.

Free activities including

- face painting
- petting zoo, and
- pony rides

An initiative of the Liverpool Domestic Violence Liaison Committee.  
For details contact **Maria Zappala** or **Danielle Pineiro** on **9601 6988**.



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