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#### Term 2

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**Thursday 5th July** Last Day of Term 2

**Monday 23rd July** Staff Development Day

**Tuesday 24th July**First Day of Term 3 for
Students

Friday 27th July NSWPSSA Cross Country

Monday 30th July -Friday 3rd August Stage 2 Parent Teacher Interviews

**Tuesday 31st July** ICAS English

Friday 3rd August
School Census Day

Saturday 4th August Parish Dinner Dance Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we near the end of another very busy term, it is important to reflect on the many wonderful learning opportunities and events that have occured.

Over the past ten weeks we have had children working hard to prepare for the Captivate 10th Anniversary Showcase performance. Others have participated in a number of sporting gala days and competitions (athletics, rugby league, soccer and netball). We have had opportunities to gather together as a faith community to acknowledge special occasions including Anzac Day, Feast of the Sacred Heart, Pentecost and Mother's Day. A significant number of students from Stage 3 also received the Sacrament of Confirmation. This term I have also had the unique opportunity to meet with the children and families of our Kindergarten 2019 cohort.

With this in mind, I wish all our students and their families a safe and restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday, 24th July. I would also like to thank the parents of this community for the way they have assisted around the school during the term and hope that you will be able to continue your involvement throughout the remainder of the year. Along with the students I know that the teachers will take the opportunity to draw breath and recharge for next term, knowing full well that many will be busy planning and preparing lesson materials for the term ahead.

At the beginning of next term we are introducing improved afternoon dismissal procedures. We have made these improvements to ensure that afternoon dismissal is more safe and orderly. They will have minimal impact on parents/carers who pick up children from school. Following is a brief overview of our new dismissal procedures. Please note that it is important that the school is notified if the pick up arrangements for your child changes. This includes notifying us if other parents are picking up your child.

Afternoon Dismissal Procedures

- 1. Pack up bell sounds at 3.00pm. Students leave the learning spaces by no later than 3.10pm.
- 2. Students being picked up in the afternoon by parents/carers are to be seated in Stage lines in the waiters area on the top playground. Two teachers from each Stage walk students to these areas and make sure they are seated before 3.15pm.
- 3. Students catching the bus or going to After School Care are taken to the basketball court by a Stage teacher and seated in their lines.
- 4. Gates are opened for parents at 3.15pm by the teacher on Waiters Duty. Only authorised parents/carers are to collect students. Please be reminded that no student is permitted to leave the school grounds unless accompanied by an adult.
- 5. Students attending After School Care will move up to the waiters area with the teachers on bus duty at 3.25pm (if not picked up by that time) and will be seated in their line.
- 6. It is expected that all students will be picked up by 3.35pm. Those students that have not been picked up will be taken to the office.
- 7. All playgrounds are closed for play in the afternoons.
- 8. Children must remain with parents/carers whilst in the carpark.

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners



#### **WET WEATHER**

- During wet or extreme weather conditions, students are to be picked up from the Stage 3
  area. Students catching the bus will go directly to the hall accompanied by a teacher from
  their Stage. Students attending After School Care will also line up in the Stage 3 area. Gate
  is opened by office staff.
- 2. Parents/carers enter Stage 3 near the canteen and exit via the door near the garden.
- 3. In extreme weather conditions parents/carers may be able to pick up their child/ren early
- from the Stage 3 area to avoid congestion.



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

Mr Anthony McElhone

Principal

#### **Staff Development Days**

Following are the dates for the remaining staff development days this year. A reminder that children do not attend school on these days.

- Friday 6th July (last day of Term 2)
- Monday 23rd July (first day of Term 3)



# SCHOOL

#### 2018 School Calendar

The key date of events and celebrations for 2018 can be viewed in our online school calendar. The calendar can be viewed on our school website <a href="http://www.hfluddenham.catholic.edu.au/Our-Community/Events">http://www.hfluddenham.catholic.edu.au/Our-Community/Events</a>

If you would like to sync the school calendar to the calendar on your device (e.g. iPad or iPhone) click on the <u>subscribe</u> link at the bottom of the calendar and follow the instructions.

#### **Disabled Parking**

Parking in the three available disabled parking spaces are for vehicles displaying the special parking permit on their windscreen.

Please do not use these parking spaces as a "drop off", even if for a moment. Several parents/carers have been noted using the disabled parking and we ask this stop immediately.





#### **Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019**

Application forms are 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 ASAP.



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#### **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 86%. Our goal is 90% so the following tips will assist us in reaching our 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

#### **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
6th July	All Staff	Staff Development Day - Formation
23rd July	All Staff	Staff Development Day - Literacy
26th July	Mr McCauley, Mrs Van As	Religious Education Professional Learning Day with Dr Edward Sri
27th July	Mr McElhone	Religious Education Professional Learning Day with Dr Edward Sri

#### **School Banking**

If you are a student banker, don't forget to cash in your rewards. Once you have earned 10 tokens you can send them in for one of the great prizes offered by the Commonwealth Bank.



Unfortunately, the Secret Scratch Pad is no longer available. Thank you

# Academic Achievement Awards Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Grace Lopreiato	Ruby Nairne	Mariah Gauci
Elise Massih	Jacob Digiorgio	Marcus Reynolds
Adrian Azzopardi	Jack O'Mahony	Rhys McClafferty
Peter Medwin	Harry Gauci	Christian Miliambro
Lucas Ojeda	Gideon Moore	Antonio Papalia
Aiden Luppino	Diana Baric	
Lucas Denny	Emilia Maycock	
Leon Liu	Matthew Hodgetts	

# One Heart One Mind Awards Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

Ante Gurlica	Zac Rossetto	Domenic Lentini
Jack Bernoth	Sarah Powderly	Alyssa Gattellari
Hayley Vella	Taylor Hosking	Braden Ford
Harper Miles	Annalise Searle	Nathan Attard
Adriano Lau	Jackson Zammit	William Baldacchino
Ella Gunther	Jacob Hall	Anthony Giugovaz
Sammy Polistena	Jacob Davies	
Taleah Eades	Jacob Finianos	

#### Sport Update

#### **Athletics Carnival Report**

On Friday 22nd June, Holy Family had their annual Athletics Carnival at Warragamba Sportsground. All students had a great time competing in the track events (100m, 200m, 800m) as well as rotating through the field events (shot put, discus, long jump) and games (mini soccer, ultimate frisbee, netball and ball games). It was a great community event fostering our school spirit.

The day could not have been a great success without the amazing support from so many parents. Thank you to the Woodhead and Moore families as well as Mr. McElhone, Mr. Richard and Mrs. Tillman for turning up early Friday morning to assist with the setting up of the day. A special thank you to the following parents and siblings, who assisted with various roles throughout the day: Mrs. Woodhead, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Powderly, Mrs. Finianos, Mr. & Mrs. Haddad, Mrs. Lewtschenko, Mrs. Sheil, Mrs. Pantazakos, Mr. Urschel, Mrs. Lentini, Mrs. Zammit, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Giugovaz, Mrs. Azzopardi, Mrs. Gunther, Mrs. Massih, Mrs. Vella, Xavier Zammit and Dom Bruni (St Dominics College).

This event was also supported by a number of community organisations. A big thank you goes to Warragamba Wombats Rugby League Club for allowing us to use the clubhouse as our first aid room and their PA system; and Warradale Little Athletics who provided us with much of the sporting equipment we required to be able to run the carnival. Your support of our school event was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the teachers who helped the children enjoy the day and for supporting them with their activities. The winning house for the day was Boronia (772 points), 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Acacia (723 points), 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Waratah (719 points) and Jacaranda finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place (699 points). Well done to everyone that participated and contributed to earning points for their house.



Age Champions will be announced at the whole school assembly in Term 3, Week 3. The children representing Holy Family at the Zone Athletics Carnival (10<sup>th</sup> August at Blacktown International Sports Park) have already received their note.

Students wishing to qualify for High Jump at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival (High Jump will not be held at the Zone Carnival) can nominate direct to Mrs. Hall detailing their results from this years Little Athletics. Upon nominations all heights will be verified and submitted to the Primary Sport Teaching Educator who will then select the best 12 entries to compete.

#### Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

A huge thank you to Mrs. Lentini who is very knowledgeable in the sport of soccer and generously donated her time to train and coach the team. Thank you also to John Finianos of St Dominics College for coming down on the day to assist with refereeing for our school.

Liam V	Leo F	Anthony G	Harrison H	Athum A
Antonio P	Dom L	Billy F	Christian M	Joseph C
Patrick C	Andrew G	Liam O	Ben S	



#### Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day

Congratulations to the students from Stage 2 (listed below) that represented the school at the Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day. Every single one of these students should be congratulated on the way in which they represented our school. They wore their jerseys with pride and were outstanding ambassadors for our school - demonstrating fair play, being encouraging of one another and; showing respect to all both on and off the field.

Thank you to both Mrs. Lentini and Mrs. Aguis who generously volunteered their time to coach and provide guidance to each of these teams. Thank you also to Evangelina Papalia of Caroline Chisholm for assisting with refereeing for our school.

Hayden Kr	Oscar Z	Dom F	Amelia H	Leila A	Elise F
Hayden Gi	Connor W	Kobi W	Alex P	Ameila P	Tiahna S
Jackson Z	Gideon M	Josh M	Ciara A-D	Matilda C	
Harry G	Lucas A	Justin B	Deanna A	Lilian V	

#### Well Done Girls

Congratulations to Emily W, Sarah G, Saide M and Georgia C of Stage 3 who were selected in the Penrith Representative Under 11 Years Netball Development Squad earlier this year. They participated in seven carnivals across Sydney over the past few months and trained each Thursday night down at Jamison Park, Penrith. Involvement at this level has allowed these girls to further develop their knowledge and skills within the games, whilst gaining new friendships along the way.





#### **Coles Vouchers**

Thank you to the many families that supported our school with the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers earlier this term. This has allowed the school to purchase more athletics equipment (shot puts and discus), balls, rugby league kicking tees, soccer goalie jerseys and goalie gloves.

#### **Upcoming Sporting Events**

- •Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival Friday 10th August
- •NSW Netball Schools Cup- Regionals Tuesday 14th August
- •Diocesan Athletics Carnival Thursday 23rd August
- •Western Sydney Wanderers Soccer in Schools Program (S2/3)- Friday 24th August
- •St Nicholas Netball Gala Day Tuesday 28th August
- •Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day- Friday 14th September
- •Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day Friday 21st September

Christine Hall Head of Sport





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# SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE **YOU** RISKING?\*



Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



# No Parking

No waiting. You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

PENALTIES FROM \$ 183

+ 2 DEMERIT

PENALTIES FROM

NO STOPPING

## No Stopping

You must not stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign. The first 10m from an intersection is a no stopping zone. Yellow kerb lines are also No Stopping zones.



### **Bus Zone**

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.

PENALTIES FROM \$330 + 2 DEMERIT



## **Mobile Phones**

Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM \$439 + 4 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to Double Demerits

# **Speeding Offences**

SCHOOL ZONE 8 - 930 230 - 4PM SCHOOL DAYS 40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones. PENALTIES FROM
\$ 192
+ 2 DEMERIT POINTS

May be subject to Double Demerits

# **Pedestrian Crossings**

1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing.

PENALTIES FROM \$439

+ 2 DEMERIT

2. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at

in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.

# Driveways & Footpaths

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.

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Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines. PENALTIES FROM
\$ 330
+ 3 DEMERIT POINTS

**\$330** 

## **Double Parking**

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.

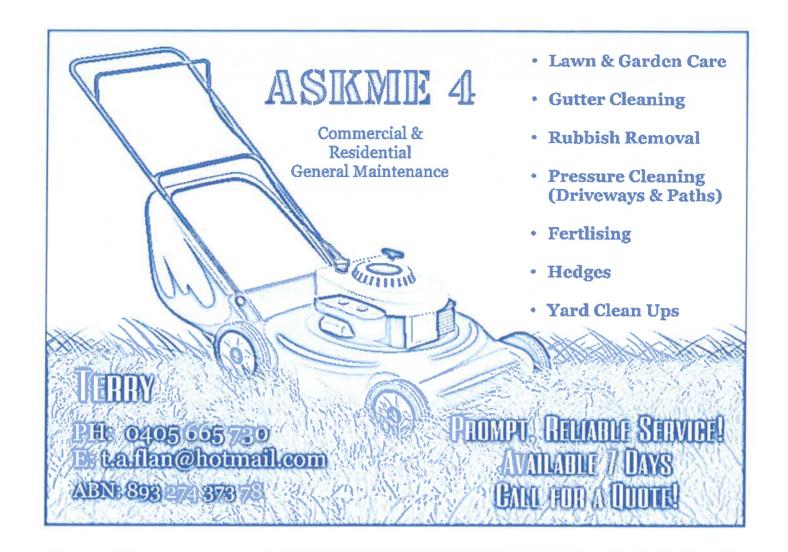
PENALTIES FROM \$330 + 2 DEMERIT

**POINTS** 

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\*Fines current as of March 2018. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.



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