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Term 2

10th May 2018

Issue 6, Week 2

Friday 11th May

Mother's Day Prayer &
Breakfast

Tuesday 15th - Thursday 17th

May
Naplan

Friday 18th May

1.30pm - Family Picnic
2.20pm - Whole School
Assembly

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The well publicised NAPLAN assessment take place next week (details below). The purpose of NAPLAN (and its predecessor the Basic Skills Test) has long created debate regarding its usefulness to parents and schools. Some loathe the idea, others believe it is a key assessment tool that gives an accurate picture of a child's achievement in literacy and numeracy.

At Holy Family we believe it provides the key stakeholders (students, parents and teachers) with a **snapshot** of a child's learning in two key areas. NAPLAN data is only one piece of the learning puzzle. An over-emphasis on NAPLAN places unnecessary stress and pressure on children for a small educational gain. We cannot allow ourselves to fall into the trap of believing that a test score is a measure of our children's intelligence and potential! In light of that we have a duty to ensure we set up children for success and therefore give them the opportunities to develop 'test' literacy skills, that is, how to navigate forms of assessments such as NAPLAN whilst applying their knowledge and skills.

A pre-eminent academic and author Ken Robinson espouses that children need to be given the opportunities at home and school to find their "element".

Robinson suggests that a person's element is the intersection between what they are good at and what they love. It's finding that 'thing' where you will work hard and love every minute of it. It's when you're energised rather than drained by your work (or learning).

The end goal of education is to prepare children for employment so rather than obsessing about a test score, we should be thinking about schooling in terms of helping our children discover their 'element' - and how to pursue it.

Rather than narrowing their world and their focus to a score, we should be opening them up to all the possibilities and opportunities we can.

Learning the basics is absolutely vital. Literacy and numeracy are incredibly important and foundational to a whole range of life paths. However, we still need to be encouraging our children to try new things, to play, to dream, to be allowed to fail and learn from that failure.

Above all, we need to resist the notion that our parenting, our teachers and our schools should be judged on a tiny part of the curriculum at a particular moment in time!

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

Mr Anthony McElhone

Principal

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy

NAPLAN

Next week the students from Years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment of Literacy and Numeracy. The testing will occur on:

Tuesday 15th May - Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and **Writing**

Wednesday 16th May - Reading

Thursday 17th May - Numeracy (Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern; Chance and Data; Measurement and Space). In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors.

Friday 18th May - A 'catch up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a particular test day.

Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI)

Thank you to the families that completed the survey. The results of the survey will be available mid September. The draw for the iPod Touch for those that completed the survey will take place at assembly in Week 3.

Mother's Day Breakfast & Prayer

Tomorrow, we will be having a Mother's Day Breakfast in the hall at 8am, which will begin with a prayer celebration. We invite all mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers and carers to join us on the morning to give thanks for all that they do.



Winter Uniform

As we head into Term 2 students should make the change from Summer to Winter uniform. By the start of Week 3, Monday 14th May (after Mother's Day) it is expected that all children will be wearing the correct Winter uniform.

The uniform is:

Girls: Check pinafore

White blouse (Peter Pan Collar)

Tab tie - matching material of pinafore

Plain, short white socks or navy blue tights (socks not to be rolled down)

Black leather shoes

Boys: Blue shirt (long sleeved) and school tie

Navy long trousers (cargo pants are not permitted)

Short navy socks

Black leather shoes



Sport Uniforms will continue to be worn by every student on the same days as Term 1. Please check with the front office if you have any questions regarding the school uniform.

Staff Leave

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)



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 <http://www.hfluddenham.catholic.edu.au/Our-Community/Events>

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

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.



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%. This is a slight increase on this time last year! It is clear that our parents/carers are following these simple tips.

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
15 May	Mrs Downey	3.30-5.30pm PBS4L Professional Learning Community Meeting
18 May	Mr McCauley	REC Formation
23 May	Mrs Van As	Pilgrimage Formation Day

Sport Update

Diocesan Cross Country

On Tuesday 1st May the following students represented Holy Family at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek. For many of these students it was their first time making it to this level. It was a fantastic day with so many of our students achieving their personal best in their race. Our students are to be commended on being exemplary ambassadors for our schools and demonstrating positive sportsmanship both on and off the course.

Hayden G	Marcus F	Talyse P	Oscar Z	Kyrillos B	Saide M	Marcus B
Jackson Z	Amelia H	Elise F	Anthony G	Braden F	Matilda V	Austen P
Xavier R	Mikayla C	Hayden G	Tyler O	Luke C	Emily W	Nicholas M
Lachlan M	Skye B	Joshua M	Jessica G	Harrison H	Sarah G	Patrick C
Jacob H	Ella G	Liam P	Billy F	Mariah G		

For being a small school we once again came away with some exceptional results. To move onto the next level, students needed to place in the top 8 of their age group. Congratulations to the following students who will be progressing through to the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Championships in June:

- *Hayden G who finished 4th in the 10 year boys*
- *Josh M who finished 5th in the 10 year boys*
- *Saide M who finished 2nd in the 11 year girls*
- *Amelia H who finished 5th in the 8/9 year girls*

Parramatta Diocese Netball

On Friday 11th May, Talyse of Stage 3 will be travelling to Canberra to represent the Parramatta Diocese in Netball. Talyse will play 4 games on this day and at the same time will be trailing for the MacKillop Netball Team. Good Luck Talyse!



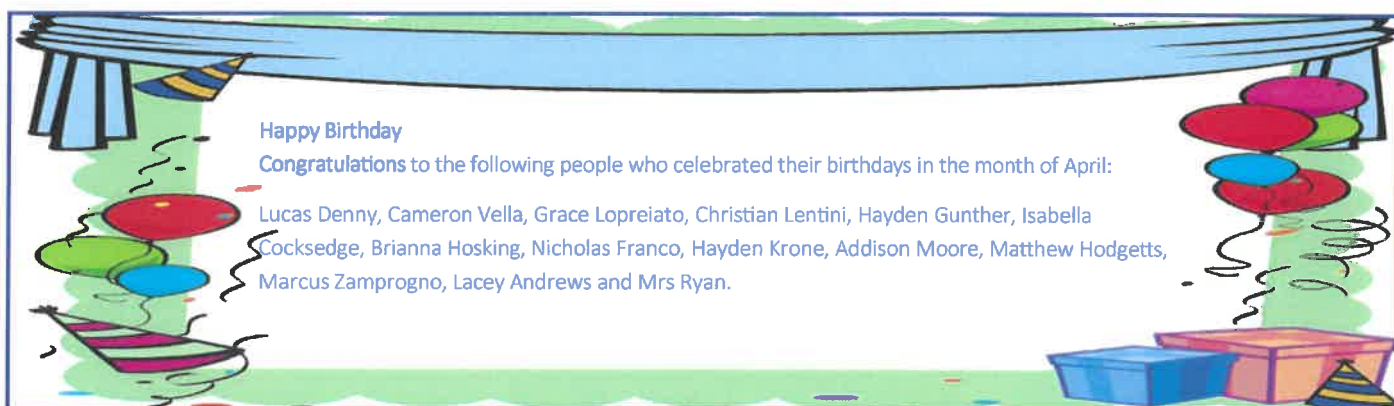
Important Change of Date

The School Athletics Carnival has changed dates and will now be on **Friday 22nd June 2018**. More information to follow.

Upcoming Sporting Events

- *Netball Schools Cup- Wednesday 30th May 2018 at Penrith.*
- *Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day- Tuesday 5th June 2018 at Penrith.*
- *Holy Family Athletics Carnival- Friday 22nd June 2018 at Warragamba.*
- *Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day- Tuesday 26th June 2018 at Penrith.*

Christine Hall Head of Sport



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STUDENTS & FAMILIES**



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Trades/Vocations Include but are not limited to:

- Automotive
- Metals and Engineering
- Carpentry
- Hospitality
- Electrotechnology
- Hairdressing
- Bricklaying
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Plumbing
- Shopfitting

**2019
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EVENING**

6PM WED 30 MAY



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Did you know

1 in 6 primary students are not attending school regularly.


Schools are here to help.

If you are having attendance issues with your child please contact us so we can support you to address them.

every learner
every day



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