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Term 2

7th June 2018

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**Friday 8th June**

2.20pm - Whole School  
Assembly

**Monday 11th June**

Queen's Birthday - Public  
Holiday

**Wednesday 13th June**

ICAS Spelling

**Thursday 14th June**

ICAS Writing

**Friday 22nd June**

Athletics Carnival

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week I read an interesting reflection about last Sunday's gospel, which was about the Holy Trinity. The reflection by H.D. Shively, called "The Egg and I", made a comparison between the three parts of the egg – shell, yolk and white – to the three parts of the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Following is an extract from the article that explains the analogy of the egg.

*I think the illustration that represents the "Trinity" most accurately is the egg example. The yolk represents God's "Person," His Being, and His Holiness which generates Light that no man can approach (I Timothy 6:16)*

*The egg white represents God's Spirit. Because God's Person is unapproachable, the Spirit "White" acts as insulation, for we know that it is through the Holy Spirit that God can communicate, speak through and interact with mankind. A good example would be an electrical cord. We can touch the cord, but not the power it is insulating.*

*The egg shell is the image of the yolk and the white. Jesus' Person is the image of God's Person (Hebrews 1:3), and the Invisible Spirit of the Father that is in Him - "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself" (II Corinthians 5:19). This is why Jesus said, "He who has seen Me, has seen the Father" (John 14:9).*

*The white of an egg is the connection between the yolk and the shell. Jesus' Person is joined to the Father by the Father's Holy Spirit, because God's Spirit is also Jesus' Spirit - "But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if any man has not the Spirit of Christ, he is not His" (Romans 8:9). – "I and My Father are One" (John 10:30). In Jesus "dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9)*

*In humans, our spirits are designed to operate with and be united to the soul which is the person of anyone and so it is with our Egg. The Spirit white is connected to Jesus' Person – "I will come to you" (John 14:18) and the Father's Person, "We will come to him and make our abode with him" (John 14:23).*

*It is the Father's desire to join His Spirit with all of us as well for He has said – "They shall be My sons and daughters" (II Corinthians 6:18). In order to accomplish this union with God and man, He allowed His Shell to be broken with the weight of our sins to cleanse our souls so His holiness can approach, for God cannot look upon sin (Habakkuk 1:13). Through the brokenness of the Shell, His Son, the Spirit white pours out into our beings through our faith in what was done and believers are joined with the yolk, for it is by One Spirit we have access to God the Father (Ephesians 2:18).*

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners



*Now God can be in you by His Spirit! You are an egg! - well, sort of. But you cannot be broken when your faith is in Jesus, for the Spirit of the Son that lives in us and gives us the voice through which we cry "Abba, Father," (Galatians 4:6,) this Spirit of the Father that dwells within you is there to strengthen, protect and guard your person. And when the time comes when death is allowed to crack your shell in its final hour and your believing soul is released; the Spirit of God that holds you will carry you in His arms to your heavenly home because –" In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John14:2, 3).*

*It is a miraculous invention, the egg. The little child cannot look at one without experiencing a profound sense of wonderment and awe.*

The full text is available at <http://www.cafelogos.org/eggandi.html>

### **Principal's Development Framework**

As part of my ongoing professional learning and development as a leader in Catholic education, I am undertaking a review of my role as Principal here at Holy Family. On Thursday 14th June, Mrs Christine Howe (Director School Performance – CEDP), Mrs Danuta Maka (Principal – St Michael's Baulkham Hills) and Mrs Louise O'Donnell (Principal, St Monica's Primary School North Parramatta) will be here to interview Fr Giovanni, the leadership team, staff, student leaders and parents. If you would like to meet with one of our visitors, in a small group of parents, from 11:30am -12:00pm, please complete the Google Form on Seesaw. Your support by way of giving feedback which will help me to lead this community in the most positive and constructive way possible would be appreciated.

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

Mr Anthony McElhone

Principal

### **Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass**

A reminder that we are gathering together for a Eucharistic celebration for the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday 8th June at 9:30am. There will also be a family Mass at Luddenham on Saturday 9th June at 6pm to celebrate this significant feast. We encourage all members of our faith and learning community to join us at one or both of these celebrations.



### **Tell Them From Me Survey**

Recently we invited our parents, students and staff to complete the *Tell Them From Me survey*. Thank you to those members of the Holy Family community that completed it. The survey data will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Holy Family. A summary of the data from the survey will be published in the newsletter early next term.



### **Baby News**

Congratulations to Mr Platt (Stage 2 teacher) and his wife, Natalie, on the safe arrival of Luke John Platt last weekend. He came a little earlier than expected but Natalie and Luke are doing well!!! Mr Platt will commence Paternity Leave on Tuesday 12th June for two weeks.

## 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

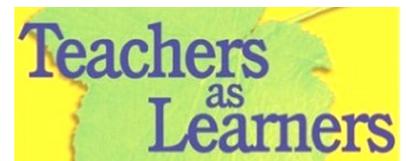
Every Learner, Every Day is a campaign designed to raise awareness about the importance of attendance for every student, on every school day and to promote a healthy attendance culture. As part of this initiative members of our Attendance Team, Mrs Marie Edwards, Mr Anthony McElhone and Sr Brenda Kennedy, 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 83%. 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
13th June	Mr McElhone	Principals' Coaching, Mentoring and Reconnector Program
15th June	Mrs Steuart	Reading Recovery Ongoing Professional Learning
18th June	Mr McCauley	Where Pastoral Meets Professional Standards - Safeguarding Workshop
19th June	Mr McElhone	Principals Breakfast Meeting
20th June	Mrs Van As	Multiplicative Thinking Reconnector

## Sport Update

### NSWCPS Cross Country

On Friday 15th June, Saide M, Amelia H, Hayden G and Josh M will be representing the Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCPS Cross Country. This is a fantastic achievement for these individual students to make it to this level and we wish them all the best of luck.



### Razorback All Schools Rugby League Gala Day

On Thursday 24th May, Holy Family were involved in the All Schools Rugby League Gala Day at Camden. The Under 10's team (Stage 2) were very impressive out on the field throughout all four of their pool games. They finished winners in their pool, remaining undefeated, which is an outstanding achievement. Following the pool games they made it to the finals, where they went down to a very strong and talented Camden South team. The Under 12's 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. Congratulations to all the players 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 Gill, Mr Vella, Mrs Vella and Mrs Gunther who all assisted with coaching and training the teams on the day. Finally, thank you to all the parents that came down to support the students as they represented our school.

<i>Jacob H</i>	<i>Isaac H</i>	<i>Hayden Gi</i>	<i>Josh M</i>	<i>Lachlan M</i>
<i>Hayden Gu</i>	<i>Max A</i>	<i>Jack O</i>	<i>Elias B</i>	<i>Jacob F</i>
<i>Matthew U</i>	<i>Liam S</i>	<i>Jacob D</i>	<i>Liam P</i>	<i>Marcus B</i>
<i>Josh B</i>	<i>William B</i>	<i>James G</i>	<i>Rhys M</i>	<i>Marcus R</i>
<i>Austen P</i>	<i>Brayth M</i>	<i>Matilda V</i>	<i>Leo F</i>	<i>Kyrillos B</i>
<i>Luke L</i>	<i>Luke C</i>			

### NSW Netball Schools Cup

On Wednesday the 30th May, Holy Family entered the NSW Netball Schools Cup local day at Jamison Park, Penrith. We all had to trial to make the school team and have been training hard with Mrs Sheil and Mrs Woodhead during our lunchtimes.

We played seven hard games on the day, winning each of these and completing the day undefeated.

Our team displayed great sportsmanship and teamwork amongst ourselves as well as with the opposition. As we finished the winners of the Penrith local day we now move onto Regionals in August where we will play at the Genea Netball Centre at Sydney Olympic Park.

There are many people that contributed to our success. We would like to thank Mrs Woodhead and Mrs Sheil for volunteering their time to come and train us at school; Emily Mortimer of McCarthy Catholic College for umpiring our games and Mrs Van As for coaching and supporting us on the day and; finally to all our lovely parents who came down for the day to cheer us on to victory.



By Sarah G and Saide M

<i>Sarah G</i>	<i>Saide M</i>	<i>Emily W</i>	<i>Liam P</i>	<i>Marcus B</i>
<i>Matilda F</i>	<i>Georgia C</i>	<i>Olivia P</i>	<i>Talyse P</i>	<i>Ben S</i>

## Athletics Carnival

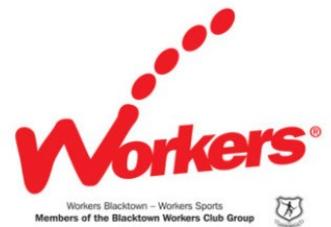
The school Athletics Carnival is fast approaching on Friday 22nd June at Warragamba Sportsground. All permission notes together with the \$5 payment were due back by Wednesday 6th June. If you haven't already done so, can you please ensure that both the note and payment is made to the front office by Friday 8th June, to allow for organisation of this event.



At the upcoming Athletics Carnival ALL students will have the opportunity to participate in both track and field events. However, only those that are turning 8 or older in 2018 will be eligible to progress to the next level (Zone). If your child is wanting to compete competitively (aiming to progress to Zone and born in 2010 or earlier) you must enter into the events via the google form posted on Seesaw no later than Friday 8th June.

## Grant received from Blacktown Workers Club

Earlier this year, Holy Family applied for a Clubsgrant through Blacktown Workers Club for new sporting equipment and a school marquee. We are excited to announce that our application was successful. Thank you to Blacktown Workers as the purchases made from this grant, will further improve the opportunities we can provide our students at Holy Family.



[www.workersclub.com.au](http://www.workersclub.com.au)

## Upcoming Sporting Events

- *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*



## **Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning**

9.15 – 11am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### **Enrolments for Year 7 2020**

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7, 2020. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7, 2020 applicants, but open to any year group. This is the last school tour until November.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.

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