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## Term 3

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Friday 28th September Last Day of Term 3

Monday 15th October First Day of Term 4

Monday 22nd October -Wednesday 24th October

Year 6 Canberra/Snow Trip Camp

**Tuesday 30th October** Ice Cream on a Stick Day Year 6 Fundraiser Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This is the final newsletter for this term and as always in the business of our everyday lives it feels like just yesterday we were starting the term. Anthony is currently on a study tour in Rome as part of our professional learning in Enhancing Catholic School Identity - Recontextualisation (The Challenge for Authentic Transformation). I have also been invited on a pilgrimage to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, to pray, ponder and experience the face of Christ.

As I find myself counting down the days to my pilgrimage, panicking over the many jobs to be done before I leave, I can't stop wondering what this unique experience may bring me and my role at Holy Family, Luddenham. I know it will be transformative in my spiritual formation and in my relationship with God but I also wonder how this may benefit our school community, in what I offer as a leader and teacher in our uniquely Catholic school.

The scripture which our pilgrimage key focus is founded on is:

Along the way Jesus asked the disciples: "Who do you say I am?" Peter said to him in reply: "You are the Christ..." Mark 8, 27-35

In this gospel it "asks us if we are prepared to fall in behind Jesus. And if we say "yes" to that, then we really have to know the identity of the one we commit to following. We have to ask ourselves if we are following anyone other than ourselves, if we are following a Jesus we have modelled in our own likeness. The acid test is as simple as this: Does the faith we claim to profess reveal genuinely good news to the poor, the marginalised and the needy?" (written by Christian Brother Julian McDonald, Catholic Religious Australia website - Gospel Reflections 24th Sunday in Ordinary Times).

It is with this in mind that I will embrace each opportunity during the pilgrimage. I know Anthony during his study in Rome will also be pondering the business of the term, our Catholic Identity and the next steps to lead, teach and walk with our students in their own Faith development.

When listening to Dr Edward Sri this term on advice for the pilgrimage and Fr Chris D'Souza, we were asked as pilgrims to see each encounter as an opportunity to see God. Our encounters are our opportunities to assist the poor and needy and be a voice for the marginalised.

This call to action is evident in the many opportunities our students have participated in this term. The students who made their First Holy Communion, our whole school liturgy for the Feast of the Assumption and our Father's Day Prayer and Breakfast. It is also present in our community days and fundraisers like the Book Week Parade and Open Classrooms and more recently our Fry Up and Fiver for a Farmer fundraiser. Our students participating in events which demonstrate their many talents; Zone Athletics, Touch Football Gala Days, the Netball gala day, Captivate Showcase and Voice of Youth are also opportunities for encounties and wholistic formation.

May we be ever thankful for our strengths as a community and the opportunities presented to us each day. It is through our faith and strength as a community that I wish you and your families a safe and restful holiday. Just a reminder that at the start of next term while Anthony and I take some Long Service Leave to reflect on our experiences Donna McFadzean the Principal from St Finbar's will be here during Week 1 to assist our community as needed.

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

The full reflection by Christian Brother Julian McDonald can be found at https://

www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org.au/index.php/resources/gospel-reflections/item/2734-who-do-you-say-i-am

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

Mrs Jodie Van As

**Acting Principal** 



## Change into Summer Uniform

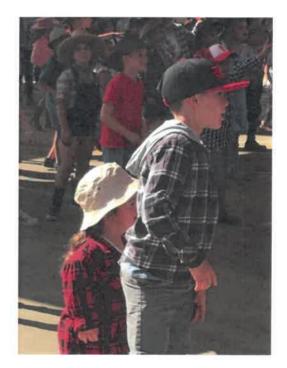
The students are able to transition to summer uniform after Father's Day to the beginning of Term 4. During this period the students can elect to wear either the summer or winter uniform, but not a combination of both. The transitional arrangements apply until the start of Term 4. Please ensure that your child complies with all aspects of our school uniform policy.

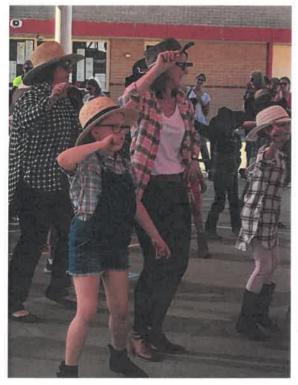
## Drought Fundraiser - Fry Up & Fiver for a Farmer

On Friday 14th September our school community participated in Fry Up & Fiver for a Farmer. This was a wonderful community event with a sausage sizzle, family picnic and school bush dance. Students and teachers dressed up as farmers and together we raised over \$1,600. Donations of bread from Woolworths, water from Coles and discounts from our local butcher - Trevor Roots ensured costs were low and donations high.

The connection of this event with our students and our local farmers was evident in the beautiful ES1 letters to the farmers and Harry, Justin, Liam and Luke's wonderful and clever video for the farmers from Stage 2. These were shared at the Whole School Assembly last week. The video was posted on Seesaw should anyone wish to view it again. The donations have been passed onto St Vincent De Paul so they can continue to support our farmers most in need.









## Principal's Medallions

Congratulations to the Principal's Medallion recipients for Term 3 - Matthew Ryan (Kindergarten), Riley Vella (Year 1), Ashlee Jones (Year 2), Elisabeth Franco (Year 3), Alicia Buttigieg (Year 4), Ben Sheil (Year 5) and Joshua Baldacchino (Year 6).



## 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:

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 <u>subscribe</u> link at the bottom of the calendar and follow the instructions.

## 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 almost 84%. 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 Member	Professional Learning
23 September - 5 October	Mr Anthony McElhone	Enhancing Catholic School Identity - Recontextualisation (The Challenge for Authentic Transformation)
27 September	Mrs Stefanie Steele & Mrs Donnalee Hughes	Implementing Science and Technology K - 6
28 September - 16 October	Mrs Jodie Van As	Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Rome and Assisi
22 October	Mr Anthony McElhone & Mrs Rosa Surace	System Leaders Day - Tim Lewis PBS4L
23 October	Mrs Jodie Van As & Mrs Rosa Surace	PBS4L Professional Learning

## Academic Achievement Awards Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Zara Isaia Elisa Camilleri Vincent Grima Liam Urschel Sofia Corbo Joseph Camilleri Hayley Vella Tahlia Vella James Gunther Ava Gunther Oliver Hodgetts Cameron Vella Kaitlin Azzopardi Bruno Lopreiato Liam Ojeda Chanel Awad-Duncombe Jackson Zammit Ashanti Guedes Christian Lentini Justin Buttigleg Hayleigh Garousse Matthew Urschel

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

Joshua Xerri Mikayla Camilleri Elise Massih Connor O'Mahony Levi Hearne Hayden Gill Zac Gullo Amelia Hearne **Edmond Cocks** Amelia Pelle Riley Vella Adison Jones Marcus Falzon Elise Fenech Leta-May Munday Indvarna Cefai

Selina Dura Marcus Bruni Liam Powderly Brianna Parkinson Luke Lambert Olivia Azzopardi

Congratulations to the Sciberras family (Lincoln - Stage 1 Blue) on the arrival of a beautiful baby boy, Jayden, on the 19th September. Best wishes to their family and the hope of restful nights in the future.





# Damfest Swap Meet Warragamba Sunday 21st October 2018

Set up from 2.00 pm, Saturday 20th. Swap sites \$20.00, free entry for spectators

As this area is residential area, please keep noise to a minimum, and all lights off and activity must cease at 10.00 pm.

For further information, please call 0417 292 613 or 02 4684 3345

Hot Rod, Car and Bike show from 10.00 am till 4.00 pm on Sunday.

Entry forms available from WSNC, DAMFEST P.O. Box 44 Warragamba 2752.
For further information on car show, please contact 4774 2373, or email community@wsnc.org.au





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# SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER

WARRAGAMBA RECREATION RESERVE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Warragamba Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre Ph: (02) 4774 1273 | Email: community@vsnc.org.au https://www.facebook.com/damfest/ | www.damfest.org.au

- © \$18/24 SWAPMEET GATES OPEN GAM
  - CO CAR & BIKE SHOW GATES OPEN 8AM
- C LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FROM 10AM

BAND - JAKE RATTLE & ROLL ROCK N ROLL DANCERS

- O FAMILY FUN ALL DAY O WOODCHOPPING O EMERGENCY SERVICES DISPLAYS CO HELICOPTER RIDES
  - C AMUSEMENTS & RADES C MARKET STALLS
    - CO SHEEP SHEARING & WORKING DOG SHOW

## FREE ENTRY











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## **INSTORE & ONLINE - THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER**

\* Excludes gift cards & all suit packages. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only.

Styles and colours may vary from store to store.

No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Offer ends midnight (AEDT) 11/10/18. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

## Corpus Christi Primary School



Saturday 27th October 2018 • 10AM to 2PM

## Stalls include:

Licensed kids' clothes
Candles
Children's Craft

Small gifts Fresh flowers Nutrimetics Handmade garments
Jewellery
Scrapbook



## Face Painting Magician Cricket Australia AFL Giants

**Family Fun:** 

Games

## Corpus Christi Primary School 90 Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook

For information on stall availability please email corpuschristi@parra.catholic.edu.au with subject "Spring Market Question"

## Food vendors:

Sausage sizzle
Doughnuts
Gözleme
Ice cream
Cakes/slices/scones
Tea/coffee

## **Emmaus Catholic College**

Every day is Open Day at Emmaus Catholic College

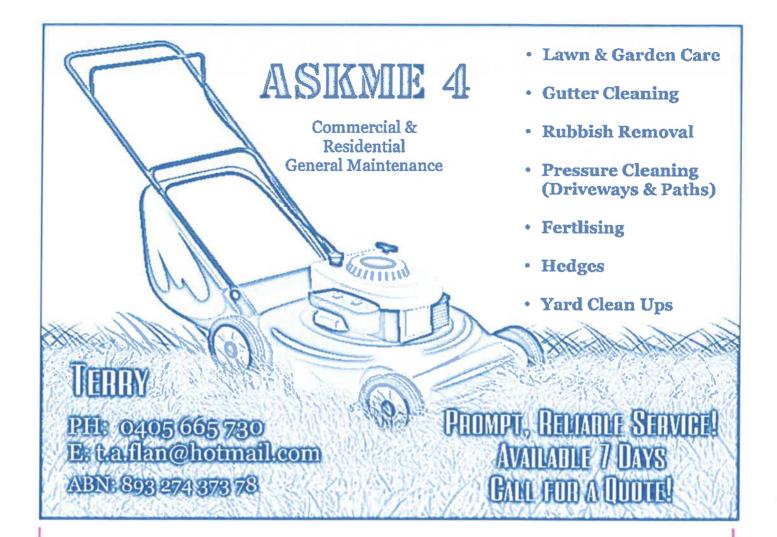
Enrolment Applications for Years 7 – 11, 2019
are available at the College Reception Desk
87-109 Bakers Lane, Kemps Creek, our office hours are 8.00am – 4.00pm.

or

Applications can be printed online at <a href="http://www.emmauskempscreek.catholic.edu.au/">http://www.emmauskempscreek.catholic.edu.au/</a>. Once on our website click on Enrol, How to Enrol. Print off the checklist in Step 2 and the Enrolment Application. You will also need Forms A, B and D in Step 3.

If you would like a tour of the College prior to lodging an application, our Enrolment officers will be happy to arrange this for you. Please contact the enrolment office on 9670 8300 (Option 4)





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