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Term 3

13th September 2018

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Friday 14th September

Drought Fundraiser

Friday 21st September

Stage 3 Touch Gala

Day

2:20pm - Whole School

Assembly

Monday 24th September

NSWCPS MacKillop

Athletics

Friday 28th September

Last Day of Term 3

Monday 15th October

First Day of Term 4

Dear Parents & Carers,

I'm sure you will agree that the Father's Day Prayer/BBQ and the Book Week celebrations were a wonderful community event! These days are made special by the level of engagement from our families. I'd like to thank the many families that supported the event this year. Check out our Facebook page for more photos!



Let us also keep in our prayers the children from Holy Family that have recently celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We pray that this celebration brings them into a closer relationship with our loving God.



At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

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

Mr Anthony McElhone

Principal



Enhancing Catholic School Identity

Earlier in the year we requested that our parents, staff and Stage 3 students complete a survey that provides our school with information about our Catholic identity. We have recently received the data from the survey and to support developing our understanding of the information in the report, Mr McElhone will participate in a study tour in Rome from 23 September until 5 October. Mr McElhone will commence his study leave on 19 September. Mrs Van As will be the Acting Principal during this time.



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

We are conducting a *Fry Up & Fiver for a Farmer* family picnic. We are requesting each family donate \$5 to support the 'Vinnies Drought Appeal'. Through your kind donation, Vinnies will be involved in the recovery of these communities, helping to keep the hard-working farms of central west NSW afloat as they care for their land, their livestock and crops, and most importantly their families, with financial aid and emotional support. The staff of Holy Family will support this event by donating all the food and drinks for our family picnic. An overview of the day is below.



Date: Friday, 14th September 2018

Time: 1:30pm

What: Family Picnic (sausage sizzle) and barn dance performance by the students

Cost: \$5 per family. Our goal is to raise at least \$1000 to support the Vinnies Drought Appeal

Uniform: Dress like a farmer!

2018 Letters of Offer for Early Stage 1



All letters regarding enrolment for 2018 Early Stage 1 were posted last term. Acceptance letters were due back to the school by Friday 17th August. If you have not received a letter please contact Mrs Edwards in the school office.

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.



Sport Update

Stage Two Touch Football Gala Day

On Friday 7th September, Holy Family had three teams represent the school at the Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day. All students had a great day, learning new skills whilst displaying commendable sportsmanship both on and off the field. Congratulations to the Boys Blue team and the Girls team who both finished the day undefeated and consequently winners in their division.

Thank you to Mr Platt and all the parents that not only assisted on the day but came down to support our teams. Thank you to Josh Lewin from St Dominic’s who assisted our school in refereeing. Well done to the following students on representing Holy Family:

Boys Blue	Boys Red	Girls
Hayden Gi Jacob H Josh M Lucas A Oscar Z Jacob F Jackson Z	Kobi W Hayden K Tyler O Hayden Gu Max A Jacob D Liam S Justin B	Ciara A Amelia H Amelia P Tiahna S Tahlee L Deanna A Liliana V Lelia A Talia E



Mackillop Athletics Trials

Austen P and Saide M of Stage 3 will be representing the Parramatta Diocese at the Mackillop Athletics Trials at Homebush on Monday 24th September. Both students will be competing in high jump. It is an outstanding personal achievement to make it to this level and we wish them both the best of luck.

Upcoming Sporting Events

- Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day - Friday 21st September

Christine Hall
Head of Sport

Student Banking

Please note that school banking has now moved from Tuesday to Wednesday.



School Attendance



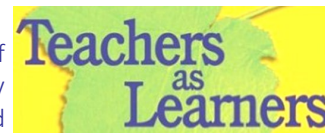
Every Learner, Every Day is a campaign designed to raise awareness about the importance of attendance for every student, on every school day and to promote a healthy attendance culture. As part of this initiative members of our Attendance Team, Mrs Marie Edwards, Mr Anthony McElhone and Sr Brenda Kennedy, 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 McElhone	Enhancing Catholic School Identity - Recontextualisation
20 September	Mrs Van As, Mrs Ryan	Collaborative Processes for Co-Learning/ Co-Leading
27 September	Mrs Steele, Mrs Hughes	Implementing the new Science & Technology K-6 syllabus

Use of School Opal Cards



We have been asked to remind our families and children the importance of tapping on and off the school buses with their Opal cards. The data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students do not tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due to lack of recorded patronage. We ask for your assistance is reminding your children to tap on and off at the beginning and end of each trip.

Thank you

A big 'THANK YOU' to Woolworths (Jordan Springs) for donating the bread, Coles (Penrith Nepean Square) for donating the bottles of water and to Trevor Roots of TW Roots Butcher (Luddenham) for discounting the sausages for our Fry Up and Fiver for our Farmers Fundraiser.



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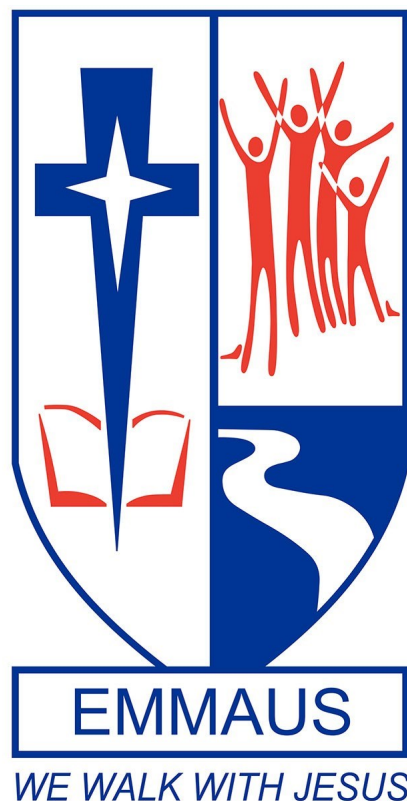
Every day is Open Day at Emmaus Catholic College

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 <http://www.emmauskempscreek.catholic.edu.au/>. 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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