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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 4

8th November 2018

Issue 17, Week 4

Thurs 15th November

9:00 - 11:00am

Kindergarten 2019

Transition (Session 2)

Thurs 22nd November

9:00 - 11:00am

Kindergarten 2019

Transition (Session 3)

Friday 23rd November

2.20pm - Whole School

Assembly

Thursday 6th December

Christmas Concert

Wed 12th December

Swimming Carnival

Thurs 13th December

9.30am - Thanksgiving

Mass/Farewell

11am - Parent Thank

You Morning Tea

6pm - Year 6 Farewell

Friday 14th December

Year 6 Fun Day

Reports Sent Home

Wed 19th December

Students Final Day

Last week the Church celebrated the Feast of All Saints Day (1st November) and All Soul's Day (2nd November), in fact the entire month of November is devoted to remembering the Holy Souls, loyal servants of God who have gone before us to their eternal reward. Sanctity or Holiness is not a destination or an event it is a journey that starts from a point of service and self-sacrifice. Part of our school vision encourages us to make saints for the world, people of compassionate action, committed to serving others in the very small but kind gestures that are part of our everyday living.

Bishop Vincent's compelling vision for Catholic Education is grounded in a Gospel vision of radical inclusion. Every school is called to personify Christ through care for the outsider. In looking for direction in our Church we are sending information home about the 2020 Plenary. This is an opportunity where between now and 6th March 2019, the Catholic Bishops of Australia are asking everyone to share their voices. Something like this hasn't happened for over eighty years. In fact, it is the highest form of official gathering that a church in a particular country can have. It is called a Plenary, and as this meeting will take place in 2020, the process is being called Plenary 2020. Bishop Vincent Long, the Bishop of Parramatta, particularly wants to hear from us. He is asking us to forward submissions to the national church, but he is also asking us to let him know what we think. He doesn't want to wait till 2021 for the Plenary Council to conclude. We, as a diocese will start acting in 2019 based on what is shared. So... speak boldly and with passion!



We also ask as a community to please remember the students of Holy Family and the youth from our Parish who are busily preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We offer our prayers of support for all involved in their sacramental preparation.

May we once again 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 our students can continue to learn and grow to their full potential.

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

Mrs Jodie Van As

Acting Principal

Classes for 2019

As a school we are required to maintain our register of students so that it is accurate for the students who are enrolled at Holy Family School. As we approach the end of the year families make decisions about schooling for the coming school year. If there are families who are not returning to Holy Family School in 2019 it is important to inform the school, in writing, about your intention. This assists with the organisation of class groupings for next year. It also assists us with enrolment enquiries, which we are receiving for 2019.

2019

2019 Class Placements – Just a reminder about the google form regarding special considerations. We are starting the process of allocating teachers to classes and following that we will allocate children to class groups. Teachers use a very thorough and thoughtful process of discernment when forming new class groups for the following year. They use a range of information gathered throughout the year to place each student into the best possible environment for their learning. Whilst most parents are very happy to entrust teachers with the placement of children there are instances where specific educational or pastoral needs should be considered during this process. Mr McElhone invites parents who have such a specific consideration to inform him of your particular needs so that they can be included in discussions when classes are formed. All positive and constructive requests will be carefully considered. If you wish to provide feedback about your child's placement, please complete the online form that has been added to Seesaw. Please note that each Stage group has a form unique to their group.



School Attendance

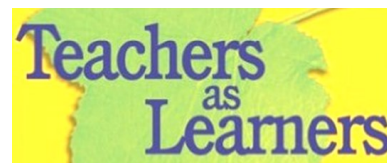
Every Learner, Every Day is a campaign designed to raise awareness about the importance of attendance for every student, on every school day and to promote a healthy attendance culture. As part of this initiative members of our Attendance Team, Mrs Marie Edwards, Mr Anthony McElhone and Sr Brenda Kennedy, 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 86.7%. 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
7th November	Mrs Karen Ryan	Instructional Leader's Day
14th, 15th & 16th-November	Mrs Donnalee Hughes Mrs Stefanie Steele	Contemporary Learning Frameworks
15th November	Mrs Roseanne Liepa	Library Assistants' meeting
19th November	Mrs Jodie Van As Mrs Sarah Brennan Mr Graham Platt	EMU Analysis Day

Thank You

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Wallacia-Mulgoa Valley Inc. for their donation of \$150.

This will be used for our end of year celebrations.



Stage 3 Trip to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains

By Rhys and Vincent

On Monday the 22nd of October, Stage 3 went on a 3 day excursion to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains.

Our first destination was The Australian War Memorial. We did a tour and it was very moving, we learnt about the tomb of the unknown soldier and the eternal flame. We then went to Old Parliament House and learned all about our democracy and how to vote. It was then time to make our way to the Snowy Mountains Motor Inn where we would spend the next two nights.

On Tuesday 23rd of October, we woke up very excited for our trip to the snow! We got our snow gear and headed off to Mount Kosciuszko National Park. It was a wonderful day and we even saw snow at the top of the mountain at Thredbo.


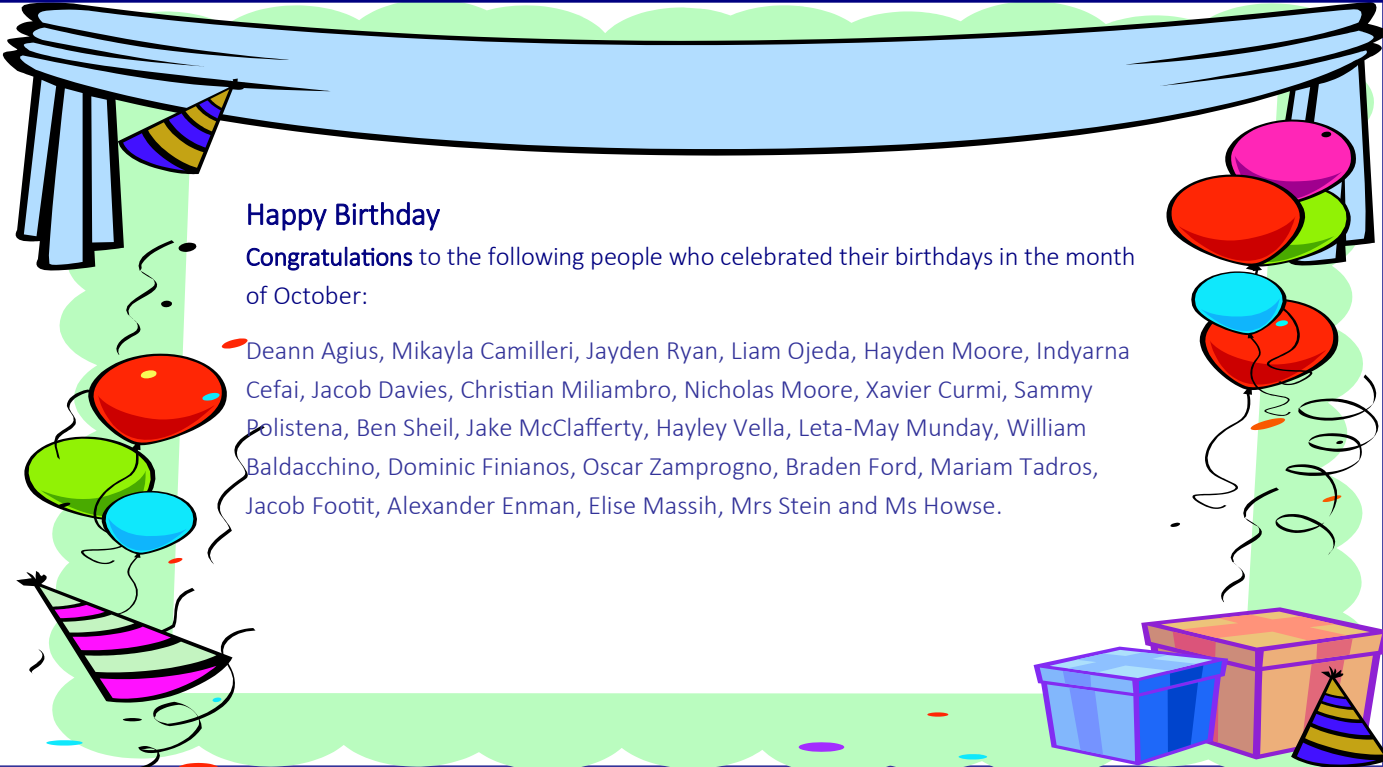
Our final day in the ACT was Wednesday 24th of October. We packed our bags for the bus and left for our trip back into Canberra and Parliament House. We had photos taken outside and then went in for our tour. It was an exciting visit because Parliament was meeting in the House of Representatives and it was also the unveiling of Julia Gillard's portrait, from when she was Prime Minister.

After we stopped at the park for lunch, we went to our last venue - Questacon. We got to do lots of experiments and the giant drop! It was sadly time to leave our great excursion and head home.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this important program through the 'Parliament and Civics Education Rebate' which provides funds towards travel expenses incurred by our parents.

It was the best excursion ever!



	Academic Achievement Awards Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients		
Cruz Hooton Aaliyah Guedes Adrian Azzopardi Taylor Mensforth Adriano Lau Ava Rymills Sharlay Pantazakos Lacey Andrews	Hayden Moore Jake McClafferty Veronica Tadros Hayden Krone Carla Dura Hayden Gunther Lucas Andrews Nakita Guedes	Leo Finianos Domenic Lentini Rhys McClafferty Marcus Reynolds Kyrillos Barikhan Olivia Vella	
	One Heart One Mind Awards Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients		
Paris Gligorevic Baylen Wandless Gwenevere Sparagis Sienna Bonanno Peter Medwin Sophia-Rose Penna Caleb Hodgetts Heidi Lewtschenko	Georgia Tyrrell Xavier Zammit Shiloh Brown Amelia Hearne Tiahna Scicluna Charlene Camilleri Thomas Searle Dominic Finianos	Nicholas Moore Liam Vella Matthew Azzopardi Braden Ford Davor Franich Christian Miliambro	
<p>Congratulations to the Gligorevic family (Paris - Early Stage 1) on the arrival of a beautiful baby boy, Stefan.</p> <p>Best wishes to their family and the hope of restful nights in the future.</p>			
			
<div> <div>  </div> <div> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Congratulations to the following people who celebrated their birthdays in the month of October:</p> <p>Deann Agius, Mikayla Camilleri, Jayden Ryan, Liam Ojeda, Hayden Moore, Indyarna Cefai, Jacob Davies, Christian Miliambro, Nicholas Moore, Xavier Curmi, Sammy Polistena, Ben Sheil, Jake McClafferty, Hayley Vella, Leta-May Munday, William Baldacchino, Dominic Finianos, Oscar Zamprogno, Braden Ford, Mariam Tadros, Jacob Footit, Alexander Enman, Elise Massih, Mrs Stein and Ms Howse.</p> </div> </div>			



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