

# BRANCHES

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Term 1

7th March 2019

Issue 3, Week 6

#### Friday 8th March

3:00 - 3:30pm - Stage 3  
Open Afternoon for PBL

#### Thursday 21st March

Razorback Cup

#### Friday 22nd March

Grandparents Day

#### Friday 29th March

School Cross Country

This week we start our Lenten journey together and my thoughts turn to the concept of fasting. It's a bit ironic.... we all love to eat and God loves to feed us. We place a special emphasis on meal times with our families, and even our worship is centred around sharing a meal. Yet, in Lent, we are called to this concept of fasting. It almost seems illogical that God would ask us to give up something so that we can draw closer to him. Fasting can be a blessing in many ways. It is important that from time to time we put aside abundance in favour of being filled with something even greater.

When we fast from comfort or pleasure, we are saying "Lord, I want to give up these things for a short time so that I can keep my mind focussed on what is really important in my life." We know that God wants us to enjoy all the wonderful things life has to offer, yet fasting reminds us that loving Him and serving Him are more important than our own comfort and pleasure.

Three of the four Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke – tell us that at the beginning of his ministry, Jesus went into the desert to pray and fast for forty days and nights. This was to prepare himself for his mission. He drew on the strength of the Holy Spirit to avoid temptations, and as hard as it was, Jesus was victorious. With the help of the Holy Spirit we too can find the inner strength to abstain from some pleasure, and we just might discover that our willpower is stronger than we thought possible.

So as we continue our journey through Lent, try to abstain from something, in order to draw closer to God. Pray for the strength to overcome temptation and to be filled with something even better. God will reward us whenever we give up something we value, in order to improve our relationship with Him.

Mr Anthony McElhone  
Principal

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners



## Welcome

Welcome to our new families starting at Holy Family School. We know you will find Holy Family to be a place of friendship and hospitality:



Crafa (Mario, Stage 1)

Messina (Monica, Stage 1 & Zoey, ES1)

## Grandparent's Day - Save the Date

Grandparent's Day is almost here! This is a day that all in the community look forward to and the teachers and students are busy preparing for this day with great enthusiasm and energy. Following is an overview of the day.

- 9:30am Mass
- 10:30am Brunch
- 11:30am Student & Teacher Performances

*Running Order of Performance (this could be subject to change)*

1. Dance Group & Combined Choir
2. Stage 3
3. Stage 2
4. Stage 1
5. Early Stage 1
6. Teacher Item



- 12:30pm (approx.) Conclusion of the performances - parents/carers to collect children from Stage 3 if leaving early (allocated doors for each stage group - please refer to the signage). Children's bag to be left in the assembly area (weather permitting). All children leaving early can be signed out in the hall.

The book fair will be open from 8:30am and then operate throughout the day.



## 2019 School Calendar

The key date of events and celebrations for 2019 can be viewed in our online school calendar. The calendar can be viewed on our school website <http://www.hfluddenham.catholic.edu.au/en/Our-Community/Events>

## Enrolments for Kindergarten 2020

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 by **the end of Term 1**.



## Staff Leave

Mrs Stein will be taking long service leave from Friday, 29 March until Friday, 12 April. Mrs Stein will be replaced by Mrs Heidtmann and Miss McLaughlan during this time. In addition, Mrs Mclean will be taking long service leave from Monday, 1 April until Friday, 5 April. Mrs Mclean will be replaced by Mr Medlen.

### 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, 5 July (last day of Term 2)
- Tuesday, 17 December
- Wednesday, 18 December



Please note that the student's final day will be Monday, 16 December.

### 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%. Our goal is to reach at least 90%. We can achieve this by following a few 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
7 March	Mr McElhone, Mrs Van As	Instructional Leadership: Professional Growth Teams
12 March	Mr McCauley	Learning Technologies Support Teacher Professional Learning
15 March	Mr McCauley	REC Formation Day
18-20 March	Mrs Downey, Mrs Ohlsen, Mrs Furfaro, Mrs Van As	Project Based Learning Foundations Training

### School Fees

The first installment of school fees has been sent out this week. If you don't receive yours, please contact Monica Miller in the office.



## Sport Update

### **Celebrating Success of our Students**

#### **NSW Oz-Tag State Cup**

Congratulations to Liam P, Sarah P, Liliana V and Hayden G who were selected to represent their respective NSW Oztag State Cup teams which was held over the 22-24 February. All four teams made the finals which was a great achievement finishing in the top 8 teams in the state.

#### **Regional Athletics Championships**

Congratulations to Hayden G from Stage 3 who came 1st in Javelin and 2nd in 400m and 800m at the Regional Athletics Championships in February. He has now qualified for the State Track and Field Championships in two weeks. Hayden also achieved his personal bests in both his runs. We wish Hayden the best luck as he competes at State.

#### **AFL Team Trials**

Congratulations to Liam O from Stage 3 who was selected to represent the Parramatta Diocesan in AFL. He will now participate at the NSW CPS MacKillop Trial held in Wagga Wagga on Friday 5th April 2019. We wish Liam the best of luck!



#### **2019 State Squad for Netball**

Congratulations to Emily W on being selected for the 12 years State Age Team and to Sarah G for being selected in the 12 years Development Squad. This is a brilliant achievement for both girls and a testament to the dedication they both have for this sport. We wish both Emily and Sarah the best of luck!

#### **Indoor Soccer**

I have been coaching the following boys in indoor soccer since last September. Not only were they undefeated through out the whole season but on Tuesday night they won their grand final in the Penrith Indoor Sports U10's draw. These boys have conducted themselves respectfully and have shown great sportsmanship and dedication and I have often had parents and coaches of opposing teams comment on how much of a wonderful team that they are which has made me as a coach extremely proud not only because they won the competition in their age group but because of the respect they have gained from others and how hard they worked throughout the entire season. All six of these boys are Holy Family students and their school community should be proud .

#### *Students involved:*

Domenic Lentini  
Joshua Moore  
Lucas Andrews  
Anthony Guigovaz  
Jackson Zammit  
Oscar Zamprogno



### Mark Taylor Shield

On Tuesday 5th March, Holy Family competed in the first round of the Mark Taylor Shield at Sales Park, Luddenham. Unfortunately we were slightly outclassed on the day by a very competitive St Mary MacKillop team. Thank you to Mr Woodhead for assisting with scoring on the day and to Mr Platt for coaching the team both on the day and prior to the event.

Congratulations to the following students for representing the school: *Emily W, Liam P, Luke C, Harrison H, Jacob H, Hayden G, Josh M, Hayden K, Gideon M and Liam S.*



**Register online today**

**Warragamba Wombats J.R.L.F.C.**

All children receive playing socks and playing shorts with registration payment.

NSW Government will provide Active Kids Rebate, which is a \$100 voucher for each eligible school-enrolled child towards the cost of registration.



**We are seeking Under 9's (born in 2010)  
special discounts apply for these age groups.**

Register online: [www.playnrl.com](http://www.playnrl.com)

**Contact: Dwayne Hayes - President 0400 581 217 or  
Jayne Parsons - Secretary 0405 329 295**

### Upcoming Sporting Events

- Thursday 21st March - Razorback Legends (7 a-side) at Kirkham
- Friday 29th March - School Cross Country @ Sales Park, Luddenham

*Christine Hall  
Head of Sport*

# PBS4L

## TERM 1 WEEK 6

### PBS4L Update Safe - Responsible - Respectful - Learners

In weeks 4 and 5 Holy Family have been focusing on the school expectation **SAFE** and in particular, being in the Right Place at the Right Time. We have given out many Bundeluk tokens to students for:

- recognising the school bell as a signal and moving to the assembly area in a timely and safe manner
- using toilet areas solely for their purpose
- staying in the assigned area in class, i.e. with group, at desk



The house that is currently in the lead is Jacaranda. An update of Bundeluk totals will be shared at Assembly tomorrow.

Our PBS4L winners for weeks 4 and 5 are:

#### Weeks 4

Maia Rzepecki  
Christian Lentini  
Oscar Zamprogno  
Anthony Giugovaz

#### Weeks 5

Lucas Camilleri  
Levi Hall  
Alex Enman  
Anthony Giugovaz





Book Fair is coming to Holy Family  
Friday 22nd March 2019



We are so excited about the wonderful new books available for purchase at our Book Fair.  
Especially my favourite, A Stack of Alpacas written by Matt Cosgrove.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Happy Reading!  
Mrs Liepa

## Parish News

Alicia Buttigieg and Harry Gauci were installed as alter servers at the Saturday vigil mass last weekend.





## Sacred Heart Parish Warragamba-Luddenham St Patrick's Day

Dear Kinder students and families,

The Luddenham Parish hope that you have settled into your first year of school and you are happy and excited to join the Holy Family community.

On behalf of Father Giovanni, we would like to warmly invite you to the St Patrick's celebrations that will be taking place at the Holy Family School Hall. We will be celebrating St Patrick's Day with a children's Mass on the 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. At the conclusion of Mass, we will share a meal together in the hall. During the night, there will be number of green activities for the children (no additional cost). Parishioners of all ages are invited to wear an item of green as we celebrate St Patrick's Feast day as a community.

Please extend this invite to family and friends and be a part of our green festivities.



# ANZAC SCHOOL INITIATIVES

Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as Anzacs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

## STORY WRITING

### Open to Students Years 3-6

*Subject:*

*"Why is ANZAC Day special to me?"*

#### GREAT PRIZES



MINI HI FI'S



DVD PLAYERS



BIKE AND HELMET



100S OF PASSES TO SEE MARVELS "AVENGERS 4 - INFINITY"

\*\*Entry must be typed and on A4 Paper. Entries will be judged on quality, meaning and creativity. Please ensure the name grade and class are clearly included on both your story and on the official ANZAC Day Initiatives entry form.

#### A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



PROUDLY PROMOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF ANZAC DAY AND PARTNER BY YOUR LOCAL CLUB

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**All Competitions:** Entries must be received at the coordination centre no later than close of business on 17th April 2019 at ANZAC School Initiatives - GPO Box 454, Sydney NSW 2001. Winners will be notified through principals and presentations will take place at school assemblies with local Mayor, Local Club representatives, Elders and other dignitaries.



# COLOURING-IN COMPETITION

Open to Students in Years K-2

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

## GREAT PRIZES



MP3 PLAYERS



DVD PLAYERS



100S OF PASSES TO SEE DISNEY PIXARS "TOY STORY 4"

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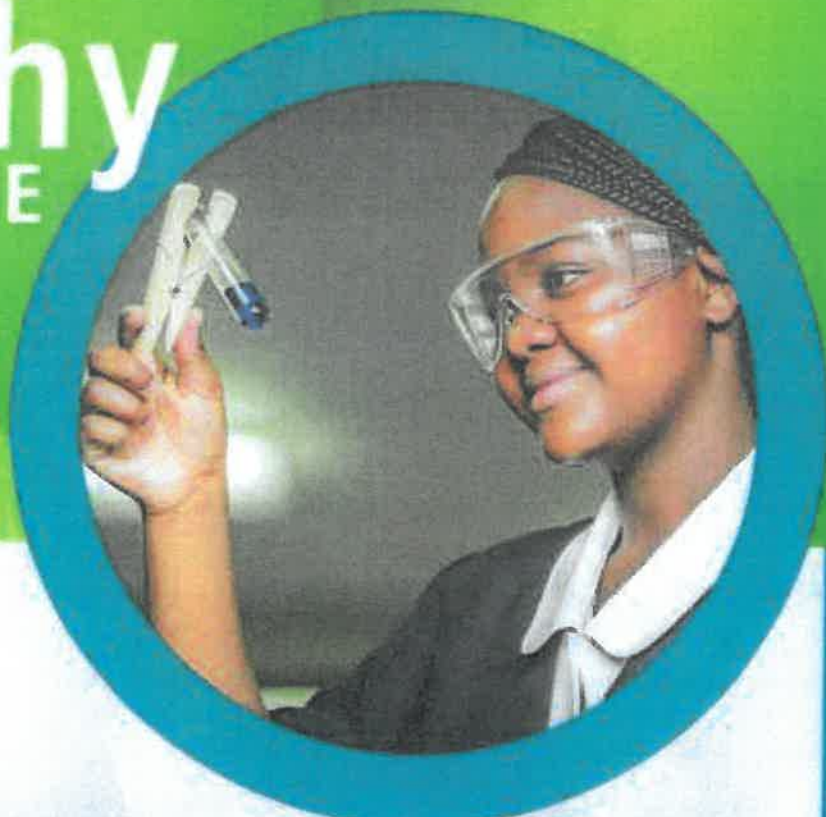
## OPEN DAY

Tuesday 19 March 2019

5:00-8:00pm

Principal presentation sessions at: 5.15pm 6.00pm 6.45pm

# NOW ENROLLING FOR YEAR 7 TO 12



### 2020 ENROLMENTS

FOR GIRLS YEARS 7-12

Open Night: Monday 11th March 2019

5:30pm - 7:30pm

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so happy to learn at Caroline Chisholm College.  
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**Tours of the college: 5:30 - 7:30pm**

**Principal's information sessions:  
6pm & 7pm**

Further information can be obtained on our  
website and Facebook pages.

[www.cccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au)

**90-98 The Lakes Drive Glenmore Park**

Enrolment packages can be obtained by  
contacting the college on:

**4737 5500**

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# OPEN DAY 2019

## Sunday 10 March

10am – 2pm

You are invited to join us for **Open Day** at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta in 2019, our 130th anniversary year.

[www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au)

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### Enrolling now for 2020

Open Evening: Tuesday 19 March 2019

Time: 5.00pm to 8.00pm

Meet the Principal, staff and student leaders

Tours of the College facilities

Enrolment packages available

Presentations at 5.15pm, 6.00pm and 6.45pm

Enquiries: 4728 8100

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Website: [www.mccarthyemuplains.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mccarthyemuplains.catholic.edu.au)

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