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Term 2

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**Friday 7th June** 2.20pm - Whole School Assembly

**Monday 10th June**Public Holiday

**Wednesday 12th June**Netball NSW Cup

Friday 14th June 6:00pm - Sacrament of Confirmation

Friday 21st June
Athletics Carnival

Dear Parents and Caregivers.

On Friday, 14th June a number of young people from our school and the Parish will be initiated into the Church in the Sacrament of Confirmation. The gift of the Spirit is called down on each of them to enable them to live lives in personal witness to Christ. You may wonder what that means? Essentially through their Baptism they were born into a Christian way of living. They have been instructed and supported in the development of their Catholic faith by their parents, grandparents, teachers and their Parish clergy.

In Confirmation the young people make a conscious decision to choose to live out what they have been taught through the Gospels. The very way they respond to and treat those who are most marginalised and rejected by others in society is a true indicator of their commitment and witness to Christ.

In the knowledge world, where we are all simply a click away from connecting to each other and have at our fingertips the answer or opinion to every question and thought we can pose, it is very easy to distance ourselves from what it means to be human.

My prayer for our students and those in the Parish who will be confirmed, is that they become a voice for the weak, the poor, the rejected and that they will use their energy, knowledge and abundant skills to make the world a more positive and hope-filled place. As 10 or 11 year olds, it might be a little ambitious to think that they might have a hand in changing the world, but let's not forget, 'from little things big things grow'.

Mr Anthony McElhone Principal



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#### Tell Them from Me

Over the next two weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite parents/carers to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Holy Family.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

### https://www.tellthemfromme.com/13420

Your feedback is very much valued and assists the school in our work with your children, to identify our strengths and also areas in which we can focus our efforts for further improvement.

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

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



### 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/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.

### **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 ASAP.



### **School Fees**

Term 2 School Fees were due yesterday, 5th June. Thank you to those families who have already paid or have a payment plan in place. If you are experiencing any difficulties in paying your fees, please contact Mrs Monica Miller in the school office on 4773 7100.

Thank you

### **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
7th June	Mrs Ryan	Instructional Leaders Professional Learning
12th June	Mr McElhone	System Leaders Meeting - Term 2
	Stage 2 Teachers (9am-12pm) ES1 Teachers (12-3:15pm)	Positive Behaviour Support for Learning Professional Learning (at school)

### Academic Achievement Awards Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Baxter Ristau	l Michael Mammone	I Jackson Zammit
Amellia Keating	Lucas Ojeda	Shiloh Brown
Elias Gligorevic	Talia Evans	Nicholas Cosic
Leo Falzon	Oliver Hodgetts	Amelia Hearn
Elias Estphan	Lachlan Moore	Saide Massih
Joshua Xerri	Jake McClafferty	Claudia Maycock
Addison Moore	Connor O'Mahony	
Ruby Nairne	Nelson Loprieato	

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

Brianna Hosking	Taylah Hosking	
Isabella Cocksedge	Vincent Grima	
Alexander Agius	James Gunther	
Liliana Vella	Emily Woodhead	
Tahlee Lewin	Dominic Finianos	
Satyana Guedes	Olivia Vella	
Natasha Gattellari		
Sammy Polistena		
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### Sport Update

### Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

On a freezing cold windy day the crowds roared as Stage 3 girls played in a soccer gala day. We pushed hard, tried our best and worked as a team. Although we didn't win overall, we were brilliant. We only had 3 goals scored against us all day and were great in defence and attack. We showed persistence and were rewarded with a win in game 5 and 3 draws. We cheered, laughed, had fun and learned so many new things.

Thank you to Mrs Hughes for taking us on this gala day and for being an awesome supporter on the sideline. Thank you also to Evangelina Papalia from Caroline Chisholm who assisted in refereeing for our school and to all the parents that braved the cold weather to come down and cheer us on.

By Mariah G & Sarah G



### **NSWCPS** Cross Country

On Friday 14th 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.

### **Athletics Carnival**

The school Athletics Carnival is fast approaching on Friday 21st June at Warragamba Sportsground. Permission notes were all due back on Wednesday 5th June. If you haven't already done so, can you please ensure the completed note is returned no later than Friday 7th 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 2019 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 2011 or earlier) you must enter into the events via the google form posted on seesaw no later than Friday 7th June. Late entries on the day of the carnival will not be accepted.

At this event, families will have the opportunity to have a sausage sizzle for lunch which will be run by the Warragamba Wombats Junior Rugby League Club. This will be organised via pre-order, with notes going out this week with further details. The canteen will also be operational on the day for parents offering a variety of hot foods including hot dogs, hot chicken rolls, meat pies and sausage rolls. There will also be a selection of drinks, chips, jelly cups and banana muffins available for purchase.



### **Upcoming Sporting Events**

- Netball Schools Cup @ Penrith Wednesday 12th June 2019
- NSWCPS Cross Country @ Eastern Creek- Friday 14th June 2019
- School Athletics Carnival @ Warragamba Friday 21st June 2019
- Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day @ Penrith Wednesday 26th June 2019
- Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day @ Penrith Wednesday 3rd July 2019
- Group 6 Primary All Schools Rugby League Gala Day@ Elderslie- Thursday 4th July 2019

Christine Hall Head of Sport

### Safe - Respectful - Responsible - Learners

In weeks 5 & 6, Holy Family have been focusing on the school expectation of **SAFE** by being in the Right Place at the Right Time. We have given out many Bundeluk tokens to students for:



- being in assembly lines by the end of the school bell
- asking for permission to enter the classroom without a teacher present.

The house that is currently in the lead is **Jacaranda.** An update of Bundeluk totals will be shared at Assembly in Term 2, Week 6.

Our PBS4L winners are:

Term 2, Week 4 Gwenevere Sparagis Lachlan Moore Olivia Vella Antonio Papalia Term 2, Week 5
Marcus Zamprogno
Yolla Estphan
Nicholas Franco
Tyler Orphin







### **Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant**

Our new vegie garden is up and running. Mr Richard has prepared all the garden beds and we will be purchasing seedlings to plant next week.

Bunnings, Penrith have kindly donated a lemon, lime and mandarin tree which will be planted in the same area.



**Silverdale Sand & Soil** have donated all the soil and sand for our garden.







The final free tickets for our Q&A with our Executive Director, Greg Whitby, are now available!

Come along for some light refreshments and an opportunity to raise your questions around learning in today's world!

Register your place here by Monday, June 3: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/59149834748/

### LIBRARY NEWS



I would kindly like to thank the wonderful parents of Holy Family for giving up their precious time in assisting me with the covering of our brand new books for our library. The students are really enjoying reading their new books.



The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is well underway for 2019, with students across the school delving into some wonderful new books.

Congratulations to those students who have eagerly commenced the 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge.
For PRC rules and booklists please go to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website
<a href="https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html">https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html</a>

Students who have completed the PRC in previous years can log in using the same username and password as last year.

Happy Reading! Mrs Liepa



The Warragamba Hobby Hut has lots of homemade crafts for sale, so

if you are looking for that perfect gift, we have a lovely range to choose from.

Pop in on a Friday from 10am to 12pm for morning tea day. Cost is a gold coin

We are located at 13 Third Street, Warragamba, next to the Sacred Hearts

Parish Church.

Our opening times are:

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9am to 2pm Saturdays 10am-2pm.

Contact Mary on 0424 159 018 for any enquiries



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