

# BRANCHES

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3

12th September 2019

Issue 14, Week 8

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 by our families. I'd like to thank the many families that supported the event this year.

**Friday 13th September**

Stage 2 Touch Gala Day

**Monday 16th - Tuesday**

**17th September**

Year 6 Fundraiser - Lolly

Jar Guessing

Competition

**Tuesday 17th September**

ICAS English Online

9.15am - Year 6 Farewell

Meeting

**Thursday 19th**

**September**

ICAS Mathematics

Online

**Friday 20th September**

Jersey Day - Year 6

Fundraiser

2.20pm - Whole School

Assembly

**Friday 27th September**

Stage 3 Touch Gala Day

Last Day of Term 3



At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

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.



**Mr Anthony McElhone**  
Principal

### Long Service Leave - Term 3

Mr McElhone is taking two weeks long service leave from Monday, 16 September to Friday, 27 September. Mrs Van As will be Acting Principal and Mrs Ryan Acting Assistant Principal during this period of leave.

The following staffing are also taking long service leave for the remainder of the term:

Mrs Edwards  
Mrs Green

### Change into Summer Uniform

The students are able to transition to summer uniform after Father's Day. During the transition 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.



### 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.

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 [subscribe](#) 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 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.

## Sports Update

### NSWCPS MacKillop Track & Field Championships

The NSWCPS MacKillop Track & Field Championships are being held on Monday 16th September 2019 where Dioceses in Southern New South Wales compete at Sydney Olympic Park, Athletics Centre, Homebush.

Congratulations to Saide M (S3), Heidi L (S1) and Hayden G (S3) who will represent the Parramatta Diocese at these championships. Hayden will compete in the 800m; Heidi in the 100m ACME, 200m ACME, Standing Shot Put ACME, Standing Long Jump ACME and; Saide in the 800m, 1500m, 200m, Discus and High Jump.

This is a fantastic achievement for each of these students and we wish them all the very best in their individual events.



### Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day

On Friday the 13th September, Holy Family will be participating in the Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day at The Kingsway, St Marys. We wish the following students the best of luck at this event.

Xavier Eades	Marcus Falzon	Kobi Wandless	Leila Andrews	Deanna Agius
Leon Liu	Sammy Polistena	Jacob Davies	Tahlee Lewin	Sarah Powderly
Aiden Luppino	Nicholas Franco	Liam Stalling	Sharlay Pantazakos	Georgia Tyrrell
Zac Finianos	Max Azzopardi	Lachlan Moore	Talia Evans	Liliana Vella
Jesse Mahe	Hayden Gunther	Isaac Hall	Amelia Pelle	Elisabeth Franco

## NSW Netball Schools Cup

On Tuesday 24th September, the NSW Netball Schools Cup team will be competing in the State Finals at Genea Netball Centre, Sydney Olympic Park. This is such a phenomenal achievement for our small school to make it to this level and we wish them the best of luck at this tournament.



Team: Sarah G, Emily W, Saide M, Liam P, Ben S, Olivia V, Claudia M and Shiloh B.

Thank you to Mrs Van As for developing the skills of our students through her expertise in coaching and Miss Ohlsen for assisting with umpiring on the day.

### Importance of meeting deadlines with permission slips

At Holy Family our students are very fortunate to be given many opportunities to represent the school at sporting gala days. Due to the popularity of many of the gala days, we end up with a reserve list for many of these events. It is imperative for the organisation of these events that your child's permission note and money is returned by the due date stated on the note. Please be aware that if your child's permission note and money is not returned by the due date, your child's position in that team will be automatically offered to another student. We appreciate your support with this matter.

### Upcoming Sporting Events

- \* *Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day- Friday 13th September*
- \* *NSW Netball Schools Cup- Finals - Tuesday 24th September*
- \* *Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day - Friday 27th September*



*Christine Hall*

*Head of Sport*



### 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
10 September	Mr McElhone, Mrs Van As, Mrs Miller	2020 Budget Planning Meeting
12 September	Mrs Van As	Extending Mathematical Understanding
13 September	Mr McElhone, Mrs Van As, Mrs Ryan, Mr McCauley	Term 3 2019 Action Plan Cluster Meeting (8.30am-12.30pm)
18 September	Mrs Van As, Mr McCauley	System Leaders Meeting

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Term 3, Week 6

**Safe - Respectful - Responsible - Learners**

In Weeks 5 and 6, Holy Family have been focusing on the school expectation of **RESPECTFUL**. We have been doing this by *listening to and following the instructions of staff*.



We have given out many Bundeluk tokens to students for:

stopping to listen with their eyes and ears in the playground

acting promptly to teacher instructions

showing the 5's of learning in the classroom (look, listen, lips closed, legs crossed, hands in lap)

The house that is currently in the lead is **Jacaranda**. An update of Bundeluk totals was shared at Assembly in Term 3, Week 6.

*Let's*



In Week 2, Jacaranda and Waratah houses celebrated reaching their 600 Token Reward with a movie and popcorn afternoon in the hall. Both Boronia and Acacia were not far behind celebrating their achievement in Week 5.

**Well done Holy Family!!**

Term 3, Week 8

**Safe - Respectful - Responsible - Learners**

In Weeks 7 and 8, Holy Family have been focusing on the school expectation of **SAFE**. We have been doing this by *using safe hands and safe feet*.



We have given out many Bundeluk tokens to students for:

- keeping their hands and feet to themselves when walking in a group
- resting their hands in their lap, and keeping their legs crossed while sitting on the floor
- using words to solve difficult social situations

The house that is currently in the lead is **Jacaranda**. An update of Bundeluk totals will be shared at Assembly in Term 3, Week 9.

Week 6 Winners

- Nash Lewtschenko
- Leon Liu
- Emily Woodhead
- Oscar Zamprogno

Week 7 Winners

- Tahlee Lewin
- Veronica Tadros
- Xavier Eades
- Alicia Buttigieg



## Lolly Jar Guessing Competition

Our Year 6 students will be holding a Lolly Jar Guessing competition to raise money for their Farewell Dinner/Dance. Students will be able to have a guess at how many lollies are in the jar for 50 cents per guess during recess and lunch on **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th of September**. The winner will be announced at the whole school assembly on Friday 20th September.

Can you guess how many lollies are in the jar?



## Jersey Day Mufti

We will be having a Jersey Day Mufti on Friday 20th September. Support your favourite sporting team by wearing a jersey (or team colours) to school for the cost of a gold coin donation. Funds raised will go towards our Year 6 Farewell Dinner/Dance.



## School Fees

Term 3 School Fees are now overdue. If you have already paid your fees, thank you. All outstanding school fees should now be paid or under an arrangement.

If you are having difficulties in paying your school fees please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Monica Miller on 4773 7100. Our School Office hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm. All payments and enquiries can be made during these times.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPay, Post BillPay or by Credit Card. Details are located on the bottom of your statement. When paying by BPay please use the current statement. Please be advised that we are unable to process EFTPOS payments after 3:30pm.



## Condolences

Our condolences to the Cocks family (Edmond, Stage 1, and Edith, Early Stage 1) on the passing of their Great Grandmother recently. Our prayers and thoughts are with their family.

*Eternal rest grant unto **him** O Lord.*

*And let perpetual light shine upon **him**.*

*May **he** rest in peace. Amen.*



### Academic Achievement Awards

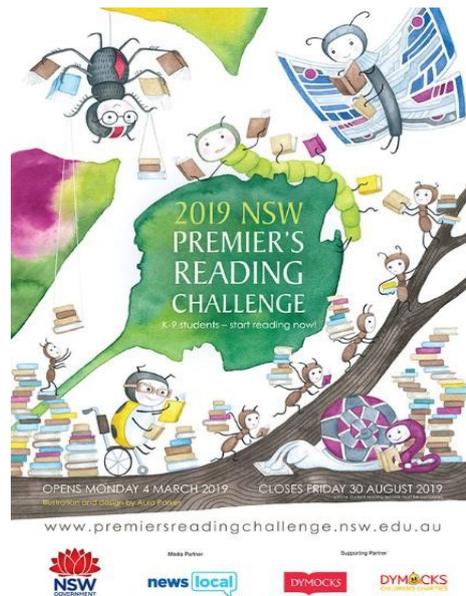
#### Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Levi Agland Marlie McCullan Skylah Steele Courtney Craig Edmond Cocks Olivia Franco Jacob Rowley Hayleigh Garousse	Brianna Hosking Caitlin Woodhead Zac Finianos Marcus Falzon Isaac Hall Xavier Eades Luke Rossetto Liam Stalling	Luke Lambert Liam Ojeda Julia Krilich Annalise Surace Leo Finianos Alyssa Gattellari
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### One Heart One Mind Awards

#### Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

Potter Wanthawong Sienna Banovic Denilson Silva Gemma Gauci Adrian Azzopardi Elise Massih Zac Gullo Ava Gunther	Anthony Finianos Diezel Fell Kobi Wandless Jacob Xerri Ella Gunther Georgia Rialton Hayden Gunther Nelson Lopriato	Alicia Buttigieg Thomas Searle Luke Cassar Rhys McClafferty Elias Barikhan Davor Franich
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# Congratulations!

On Friday, 30th August the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2019 came to an end. We are thrilled to announce that 162 students have completed the challenge. This means an amazing 4,860 books were read this year to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done Holy Family!

Certificates will be distributed at the end of Term 4.  
Congratulations to all and remember ...

The **MORE** that you  
**READ**, the more things  
you will **KNOW**.  
The **MORE** that you  
**Learn**, the more places  
you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss Creating Reading Love

Mrs Liepa  
Library Technician

## First Reconciliation

Information Sessions for the **Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation)** will be held at **Holy Family Church, Luddenham** on:



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

at 9.30am and 7.00pm

at Holy Family Church, Luddenham

You only need to attend ONE meeting



Please note that this meeting is for parents only.

If you are not able to attend one of the meetings, please contact Carmel at the parish office. Please note that it will not be possible to collect an enrolment form prior to the meeting.

To be eligible for First Reconciliation, your child must be in Year 3 or above and be baptised.

### *Connections Counselling*

#### *Building Bridges*

*Colleen Nicholas, Dip.Couns. MACA*

**Individual, Couple & Family Therapist**

#### *Counselling For:*

- \*Personal Issues*      *\*Grief & Loss*
- \*Relationship Problems*      *\*Anxiety*
- \*Family & Parenting*      *\*Depression*
- \*Transitional Life Changes*
- \*Stress Management*

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2019 Melbourne Cup Luncheon  
Date: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November



Holy Family Luddenham School Hall

RSVP: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Payment Due: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (Cost \$50)



Contact Rose Gauci on 0419 416 980