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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1

7th February 2019

Issue 1, Week 2

Monday 11th - Friday

15th February

Meet the Teacher
Interviews (Except Stage
1 Blue)

Monday 11th - Friday

22nd February

Meet the Teacher
Interviews (Stage 1 Blue)

Wednesday 13th February

Early Stage 1
Information Evening

Tuesday 19th February

Zone Swimming Carnival

Friday 22nd February

9.30am - Opening
School Mass

Friday 22nd March

Grandparents Day

It is with great joy that I welcome your children back to the new school year! It is also with great joy and energy that I am back to work after my accident at the end of last year. It is hoped that the children have experienced a restful break from the routines of school and arrive ready to be 'Hungry for Learning'. I especially welcome the new families to our school community. We know they will find Holy Family to be a place of friendship and hospitality. I came across this prayer for the new year during the holiday break. You may wish to share it with your family during the first weeks of term.

Prayer for the School Year

Lord of all things. We ask your blessings on our children's school of Holy Family.

Thank You Lord for the staff you have called to work in education.

Bless their hearts and minds with Your love, joy and peace.

May our children experience from them Your patience, kindness and goodness when they teach and respond to their learning needs.

As parents show us how to be cooperative and supportive when our children reach out to us.

Remind all of us to be patient with these precious gifts you have blessed us with – our children.

Help us to be examples of Christ's love at all times, with our teachers, students and school community.

Give us helpful and encouraging words especially when we speak of others.

Grant us the gift of hospitality. Let us be merciful to others in our thoughts, words and actions.

We give thanks for this new school year and ask your blessings for its success Dear Lord. Amen.

A student prayer:

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

New students to our school (Years 1 - 6)

Georgia S - Year 1

Rylee A - Year 1

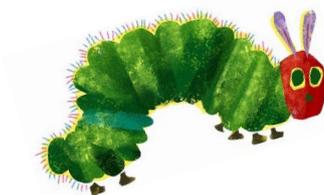
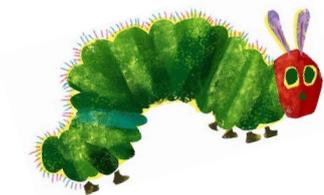
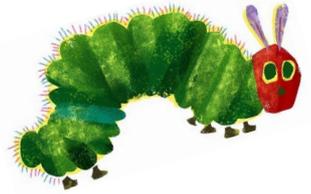
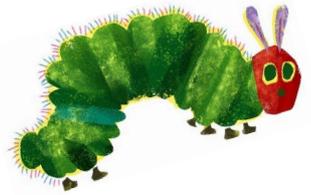
Thomas W - Year 2

Diezel - Year 1

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal



Grandparent's Day - Save the Date

Grandparent's Day will be on Friday, 22nd March. This is a day that all in the community look forward to and the teachers and students have already begun preparing for this day with great enthusiasm and energy.



Improvement Agenda

We are always striving to improve and transform our learning and teaching practices at Holy Family. Following are some key areas of focus for 2019.

- Increasing knowledge and understanding of our faith by enhancing the Catholic identity of our school.
- Enhancing student's writing with a focus on spelling.
- Developing efficient mathematical reasoning strategies and their application when solving multi-step mathematical problems.
- Using feedback (peer and teacher) to improve and progress student's learning.
- Positive Behaviour Support for Learning.

Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L)

In 2017 we commenced our implementation of PBS4L. This included reviewing our whole school expectations and developing a clear set of rules related to all non-classroom settings across the school. These expectations and rules are now clearly displayed around the school. This year we have commenced the implementation of PBS4L explicitly in the classroom and we will continue to share our PBS4L journey via Seesaw.

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>



Medical Forms & Medicare Number

Throughout the year there are occasions when students will attend excursions or represent the school at sporting or cultural events. Medical Notification Forms were sent home at the beginning of 2016 and are still current. If your child's medical condition has changed over the last year, please contact the office and a new form will be sent home. All students new to the school will receive a Medical Notification Form today. Could you please complete and return these to the school office by Friday 15th February.

Canteen

Our canteen is open for recess and lunch Wednesday - Friday. If you would like to order online, please use the following address:

[www://quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)

Orders can also be placed in the box outside the canteen.

An updated menu will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

2019 Staff Listing

School Leadership Team

Parish Priest	Fr Giovanni Presica
Principal	Mr Anthony McElhone
Assistant Principal	Mrs Jodie Van As
Religious Education Coordinator	Mr Ray McCauley
Leader of Learning (Literacy/Numeracy)	Mrs Karen Ryan
Leader of Learning (PBL, Science, HSIE)	Mrs Stefanie Steele
Leader of Learning (Creative Arts)	Mrs Julie Mclean

Class Teachers

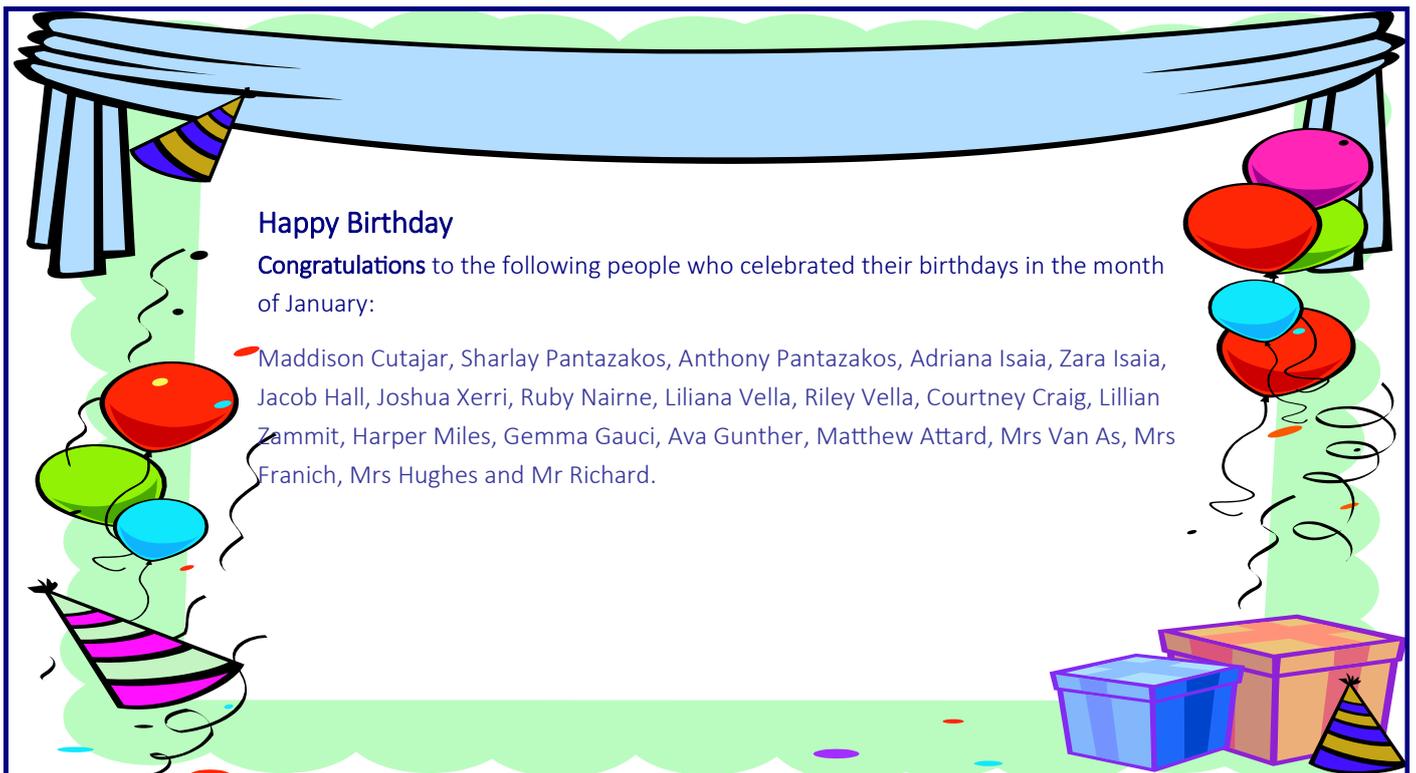
Early Stage 1 Blue	Mrs Julie Mclean
Early Stage 1 Red	Mrs Rosa Surace
Stage 1 Blue	Mrs Sarah Brennan
Stage 1 Red	Mrs Annette Stein
Stage 1 White	Mrs Melissa Whitton (Monday-Wednesday), Mrs Angela Furfaro (Thursday-Friday)
Stage 2 Blue	Mrs Marina Downey
Stage 2 Red	Mr Graham Platt
Stage 2 White	Mrs Stefanie Steele
Stage 3 Blue	Mrs Angela Furfaro
Stage 3 Red	Mrs Donnalee Hughes
Stage 3 White	Miss Katherine Ohlsen

Specialist Teachers

Diversity Support	Mrs Wendy Steuart, Mrs Jodie Van As, Mr Ray McCauley
Physical Education/Sports Coordinator	Mrs Christine Hall
Japanese	Mrs Angela Franich
Digital Technologies	Mr David Bullock
Learning Technologies Support Teacher	Mr Ray McCauley
School Counsellor	Ms Annabelle Howse

School Support Staff

Office	Mrs Monica Miller, Mrs Marie Edwards, Mrs Despina Azzopardi
Classroom	Mrs Leanne Green, Mrs Rhonda Medlen, Mrs Annette Tillman
Library	Mrs Roseanne Liepa
Maintenance	Mr Richard Ackroyd-Broadbere
IT Trainee	Mr Griffin Reynolds



Hair Styles/Uniform

During the holiday period some children take the opportunity to have exotic cuts and or highlights put in their hair. Unfortunately this is not an accepted part of the uniform policy. Therefore we request that arrangements be made for either a haircut or re-colouring by the beginning of next week. Such styles can be the cause of conflict within the family home when parents who comply with the school uniform policy are being pressured by their children to have highlights placed in their hair because their friend's parents may be ignoring the school uniform policy.

The policy requires that:

- Long hair to be tied back using appropriately coloured bands or ribbons (blue, red or white).
- Hair to be neat and tidy at all times.
- Hair should be its natural colour.
- Hair styles should be moderate with no extremes such as to draw the attention of others.

'Meet the Teacher' Meetings

Next week the teachers will have the opportunity to meet the parents/carers of the students they are teaching, to obtain an insight into how best to cater for the students in their class. These 10 minute meetings provide an opportunity for teachers and parents to commence a professional relationship with the aim of jointly supporting the students in their learning and development. It is vital all parents/carers meet with their child's teacher as it provides a solid foundation for the year ahead. A flyer will be sent home today providing details on how to book your appointment online.



Seesaw

Seesaw is up and running! It is important that you check this regularly as it is our main channel of information. If you are having trouble with the app, please email Mrs Edwards on medwards3@parra.catholic.edu.au to request the QR code to be sent home. If you are new to the school, the code was sent home last week.

Anaphylaxis Awareness

Some children in our school suffer the life threatening condition of anaphylaxis . Essentially anaphylaxis is an allergic reaction which is caused as a result of an intolerance to nut or peanut-based food products. As well as this we do have a number of children in the school who suffer anaphylactic reactions when exposed to peanuts, eggs, seafood and sesame seeds. In order to respond to this situation and provide safe, fair and responsible procedures for all in the school community we have taken advice from the Anaphylaxis Association and our own Diocesan Workplace Safety Officers.

The following practices will be in place this year.

1. There will be no **peanut butter** sandwiches or nut-based products available in the school canteen.
2. Parents must not send in peanut or nut based products as part of their child's lunch. If anyone has any concerns over this, please do not hesitate to speak with Mr McElhone.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2020

Application forms are available for collection from the school office from 25th February. 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**.



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