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Term 4

29th August 2019

Issue 13, Week 6

Friday 30th August

8am - Father's Day

Prayer & Breakfast

9am - Whole School

Assembly

10am - Open

Classrooms

11am - Morning Tea &

Cake Stall

11.30am - Book Week

Parade

12.30pm - Dance Group

& Teacher Performance

Monday 2nd September

Stage 2 Excursion

(Big Dig)

Friday 6th September

Student Leaders Visit to

NSW Parliament House

Sunday 8th September

First Holy Communion

Thursday

12th September

ICAS Spelling Bee Online

Friday 13th September

Stage 2 Touch Gala Day

Dear Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles & Friends,

When we reflect on our lives we have many roles and responsibilities. I am an educator, a son, a cousin, a friend, a brother and, most importantly, a husband and father to three amazing children (Luke, Adam & Maeve). Every year I am asked what I would like as a Father's Day gift. My response is always simple, time! Time with my family. We all live hectic lives and seem to be short on this thing we call 'time'. Whilst we enjoy getting socks, handkerchiefs, coffee mugs and alike, let's give ourselves the gift of time with our loved ones this Father's Day.

A Father's Day Prayer

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support.

Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step-children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners



Let us also keep in our prayers the children from Holy Family that have recently (last weekend) or who will soon be celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We pray that this celebration brings them into a closer relationship with our loving God.

Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal



Father's Day Breakfast & Book Week Celebration

Once again this year we are having a wonderful community event to celebrate Father's Day and Book Week on Friday, 30th August! Following is a brief overview of the day.

8:00am - 9:00am Father's Day Prayer and Breakfast

9:00am - 10:00am Whole School Assembly

10:00am - 11:00am Open Classrooms

11:00am - 11:45am Morning Tea/Cake Stall (for parents and carers only)

11:45am - 12:15pm Book Week Parade

12:15pm - 1:00pm Creative Arts Group Performances (including Teacher Performance)



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.



Lolly Jar Guessing Competition

Year 6 will be holding a Lolly Jar Guessing Competition on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th September to raise money for their Farewell Dinner/Dance. The cost of each guess will be 50 cents and can be made during recess and lunch on both days. The lucky winner will take home the jar filled with a variety of wrapped lollies. The winner will be announced at the Whole School Assembly on Friday 20th September. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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 80%. 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
28th August	Mr McElhone	Developing Wellbeing Course
5th September	Mr McElhone	Principals Association Meeting

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

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!!



Our Term 3 PBS4L Winners are....

Term 2, Week 10

Grace Lopreiato
Anthony Finianos
Liam Ojeda
Thomas Searle

Term 3, Week 1

Justin Buttigieg
Jake McClafferty
Leon Lui
Daniel Dura

Week 2

Elisa Camilleri
Grace Lopreiato
Levi Hall
Adriana Isaia

Week 3

Brianna Hosking
Elisa Camilleri
Peter Medwin
Tahlia Vella



Week 4

Georgia Shepherd
Daniel Dura
Adison Jones
Elias Barikhan

Week 5

Zac Gullo
Liam Stalling
Jordan Galea
Antonio Papalia



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*

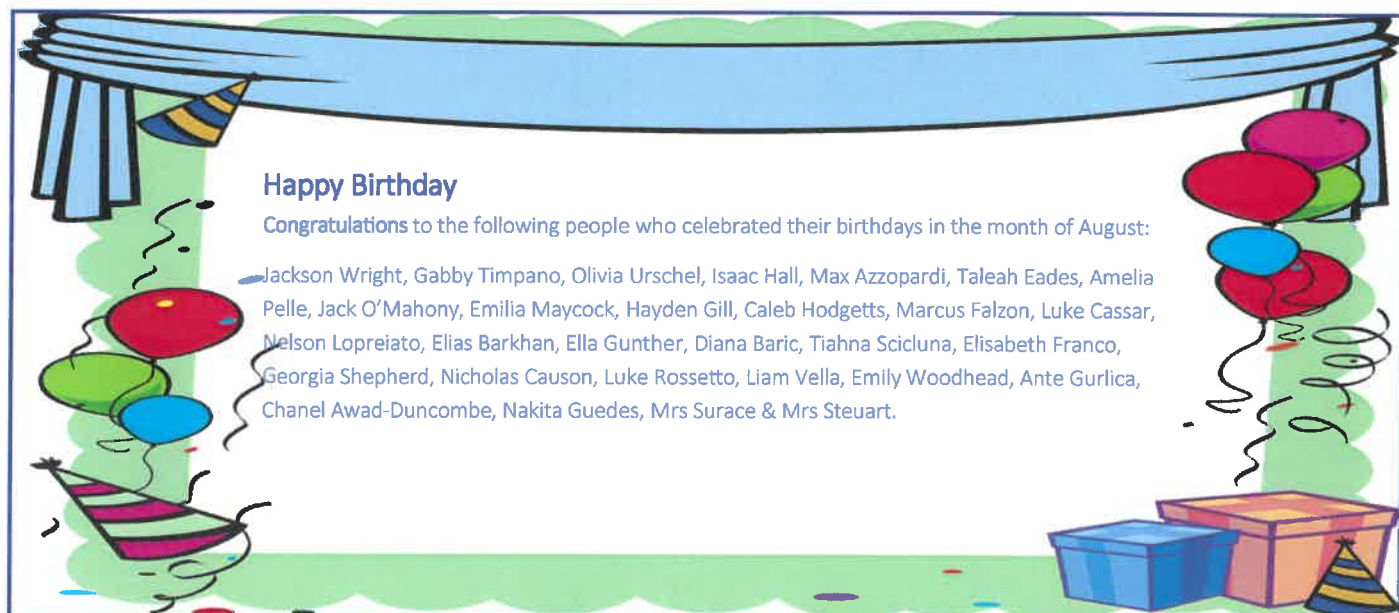
Christine Hall

Head of Sport

School Fees

School Fees are due today, Thursday 29th August. If you are having difficulties with payment, please contact Mrs Monica Miller in the school office to discuss options.

Thank you



First Reconciliation

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

Wednesday 25th September and Thursday 26th 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.

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