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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 4

24th October 2019

Issue 16, Week 2

**Wednesday 23rd -
Friday 25th October**
Stage 3 Camp

**Wednesday 23rd
October**
Arts Factor Dance
Festival 2019

Saturday 26th October
Parish Family Picnic

Monday 28th October
Hot Dog Lunch - Year 6
Fundraiser

**Wednesday 30th
October**
Stage 2 & 3 Basketball
Gala Day

Thursday 31st October
9 - 11am Kindergarten
2020 Transition Day 1

Friday 1st November
2.20pm Whole School
Assembly

Thursday 7th November
9 - 11am Kindergarten
2020 Transition Day 2

**Thursday 14th
November**
9 - 11am Kindergarten
2020 Transition Day 3

Recently we have had a professional learning opportunity about our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBS4L) framework with Dr Tim Lewis. As we continue to develop our school's unique framework it is important to remember three key messages for our parents and caregivers as this is an essential part of the framework's success in our school and the next steps in our journey.

The key messages are:

Adults matter

Adults matter when children are being asked to behave in a safe, consistent and respectful way. Your positive relationship with the school is an essential element of this message. Critical to the success of PBS4L is having everyone on board. As parent/carer you model the behaviour you expect from the children. Do not underestimate the importance of:

- Role modelling appropriate behaviour
- Supporting, by following the systems, procedures and processes of the school eg: arriving at school on time, supporting your child to be ready for learning, following personalised plans (academic and behavioural)
- Following the appropriate communication channels of the school
- Appropriate reactions to behaviour particularly when your child might 'get it wrong'
- Promoting a 'growth' mindset in your child – mistakes are an opportunity to grow and learn

Behaviour is learnt

Explicit teaching of expected behaviours is a key component of PBS4L. The school has developed a range of expected behaviours in non-classroom settings. This takes the form of a matrix that indicates simple and clear context specific behaviour expectations that are aligned to the school rules. The teaching of these behaviour expectations in a positive way allows for consistency across the school environment. As parent/carer you create the conditions for appropriate behaviour. Do not underestimate the importance of:

- Asking your child questions that will elicit a positive response regarding their day at school (see below)
- Being familiar with the expectations of the school and classroom
- Teaching your child your own expectations at home eg: appropriate manners, greetings etc.

Examples of Questions to ask your child about their school day:

- What was your favourite part about school today?
- Tell me one new thing you learned at school today and I'll tell you one thing I learned at work/home.
- Who or what made you laugh today?
- What's your favourite thing about your teacher?
- What project are you working on in Art/English/Mathematics?
- What skills are you working on in PE/Sport?
- What book(s) did you read today? Tell me a little bit about the characters.
- What does your teacher have planned this week/next week/tomorrow?
- What are you looking forward to at school tomorrow?
- What has been your most favourite activity this year (ask this at various points throughout the year)?

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

We cannot make the students behave.

Humans need systems to function in an orderly way. As adults, we interact and encounter many systems every day in order to function positively in society. A school environment is no different. Systems must be put in place consistently across the school environment for all students to experience success at school. So, effective and positive systems and environments matter. As parent/carer your modeling of adhering to systems and environmental expectations enables your child to interact positively within the school and classroom context. Do not underestimate the importance of:

- Following school procedures eg: adhering to parent/school communication procedure, regular reading of the school newsletter
- Not becoming involved in playground incidents but rather alerting a staff member to your concern.

May we once again be ever thankful for our strengths as a community and the opportunities presented to us each day. It is through our faith and strength as a community that our students can continue to learn and grow to their full potential.

Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal

Condolences

Our condolences to the Mr McCauley's family on the passing of his father. recently. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.



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.

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.

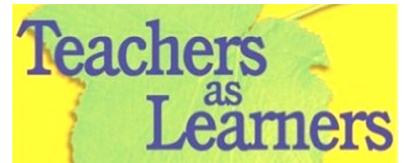


Our current attendance level is 82%. Our goal is 90% so the following tips will assist us in reaching our goal.

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
23rd -25th October	Mr McElhone	System Leaders Symposium
28th October	Mrs Surace, Mrs McLean, Mrs Van As, Mrs Ryan, Mr McElhone	Teaching oracy in the early years of school
30th October	Mr Platt	EMU Middle Years Intervention Specialist Teacher Training



Term 4, Week 1

Safe - Respectful - Responsible - Learners

In Weeks 1 and 2, Holy Family have been focusing on the school expectation of **RESPECTFUL**. We have been doing this by wearing our uniform with pride.

We have given out many Bundeluk tokens to students for:

- wearing hats when playing on the playground
- ensuring shirts are tucked in

The house that is currently in the lead is **Jacaranda**. An update of Bundeluk totals will be shared at Assembly in Term 4, Week 3.

Term 3, Week 10 winners



Thomas Wiblin
Ruby Nairne
Alexander Agius
Levi Hearne

Term 4, Week 1 winners



Julia Krilich
Saide Massih
Hayden Gill
Taylor Mensforth



Sport Update

Basketball Gala Day

On Wednesday the 30th October, Holy Family will be participating in the Basketball Gala Day at Penrith. We wish the following students the best of luck at this event.

<i>Hayden Gunther</i>	<i>Matilda Calderwood</i>	<i>James Gunther</i>	<i>Mariah Gauci</i>
<i>Orlando Lepre</i>	<i>Ella Gunther</i>	<i>William Baldacchino</i>	<i>Gabbi Timpano</i>
<i>Alexander Agius</i>	<i>Liliana Vella</i>	<i>Jack O'Mahony</i>	<i>Saide Massih</i>
<i>Max Azzopardi</i>	<i>Sharlay Pantazakos</i>	<i>Rhys McClafferty</i>	<i>Sarah Gleeson</i>
<i>Nicholas Franco</i>	<i>Deanna Agius</i>	<i>Nicholas Cosic</i>	<i>Julia Krilich</i>
<i>Sammy Polistena</i>	<i>Sophia-Rose Penna</i>	<i>Joseph Camilleri</i>	<i>Claudia Maycock</i>
<i>Marcus Falzon</i>	<i>Amelia Pelle</i>	<i>Ben Lepre</i>	<i>Claudia Mammone</i>
<i>Jacob Davies</i>	<i>Sarah Powderly</i>	<i>Benjamin Sheil</i>	<i>Olivia Vella</i>
<i>Kobi Wandless</i>	<i>Natasha Gattellari</i>	<i>Anthony Giugovaz</i>	<i>Annalise Surace</i>
<i>Liam Stalling</i>	<i>Lily Muscat</i>	<i>Elias Barikhan</i>	<i>Alyssa Gattellari</i>
<i>Emily Woodhead</i>			

Celebrating Success

On Friday 18th - Sunday 20th October, Liam and Sarah Powderly travelled to Coffs Harbour to compete in the Junior Australian Oz tag Championships. Liam and Sarah were selected as members of the Under 11 Boys and Under 9 Girls South Western Wolverines team.

These teams were made up of boys/girls that were selected from their respective State Cups teams to represent South West Sydney at the Australian Championships. Both teams were successful with Liam's team finishing 6th and Sarah's team 4th overall.

Participating in this tournament was a wonderful experience for both Liam and Sarah and we congratulate them on their selection and efforts.



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.

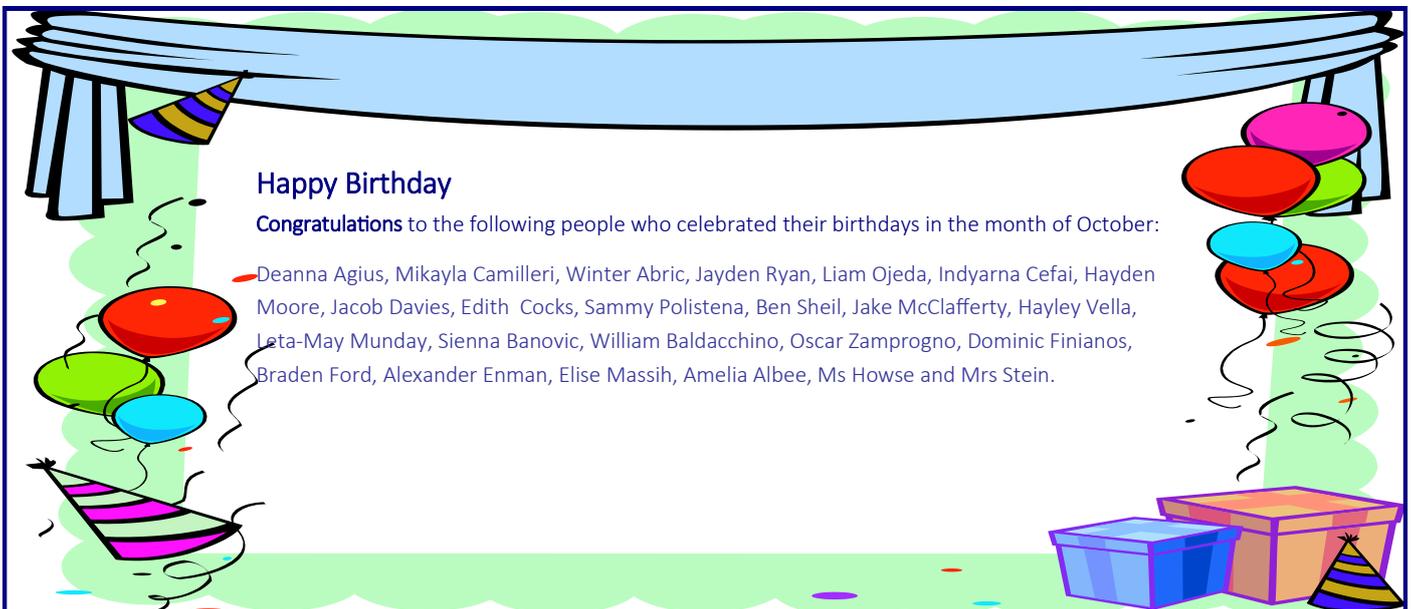
Upcoming Sporting Events

- *Basketball Gala Day - Wednesday 30th October 2019*
- *League Tag - Monday 25th November 2019 @ Camden (Please Note: Date Change)*
- *School Swimming Carnival - Years 3-6 - Wednesday 11th December 2019*

Christine Hall
Head of Sport

Scholastic Book Club

The Scholastic Book Club order forms were sent home last week and are due back on Wednesday 30th October. For every purchase you make our school earns points which allows us to order free books and other resources for our library. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



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