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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1

5th March 2020

Issue 3, Week 6

Monday 9th March

Wanderer's Clinic ES1,
S2 & S3.

Friday 20th March

Grandparent's Day

Monday 23rd March

2.30pm - Whole School
Assembly

Thursday 26th March

Group 6 Legends Day -
7 a side Rugby

Friday 27th March

Cross Country

Last week we started our Lenten journey together and my thoughts turned to the concept of fasting. It's a bit ironic.... we all love to eat and God loves to feed us. We place a special emphasis on meal times with our families, and even our worship is centred around sharing a meal. Yet, in Lent, we are called to this concept of fasting. It almost seems illogical that God would ask us to give up something so that we can draw closer to him. Fasting can be a blessing in many ways. It is important that from time to time we put aside abundance in favour of being filled with something even greater.

When we fast from comfort or pleasure, we are saying "Lord, I want to give up these things for a short time so that I can keep my mind focussed on what is really important in my life." We know that God wants us to enjoy all the wonderful things life has to offer, yet fasting reminds us that loving Him and serving Him are more important than our own comfort and pleasure.

Three of the four Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke – tell us that at the beginning of his ministry, Jesus went into the desert to pray and fast for forty days and nights. This was to prepare himself for his mission. He drew on the strength of the Holy Spirit to avoid temptations, and as hard as it was, Jesus was victorious. With the help of the Holy Spirit we too can find the inner strength to abstain from some pleasure, and we just might discover that our willpower is stronger than we thought possible.

So as we continue our journey through Lent, try to abstain from something, in order to draw closer to God. Pray for the strength to overcome temptation and to be filled with something even better. God will reward us whenever we give up something we value, in order to improve our relationship with Him.

Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal



Welcome

We welcome the Challicombe family (Alys Yr2) to our school community. We know your time at Holy Family will be a happy and positive experience.

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

Grandparent's Day - Save the Date

Grandparent's Day will be on Friday, 20th 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.

Following is an overview of the day.

- 9:00am Normal morning assembly (no prayer)
- 9:30-10:30am Mass
- 10:30-11:30am Brunch (in Stage 1 classrooms & top playground) for parents & families (no school aged children)
- 11:30am-1:00pm Staff & Students Performance
- Parade of Nations
- Dance Group
- Combined Choir
- Stage 3
- Stage 2
- Stage 1
- ES1
- Special Guest Performance
- Teacher Performance
- 1:00pm (approx) Dismissal for students leaving early from Stage 3 space



The book fair will be open in the library from 8:30am and then operate throughout the day.



2020 School Calendar

The key date of events and celebrations for 2020 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>

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2021

Application forms are available for collection from the school office from 2nd March. 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**.



Teacher Professional Learning

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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
5 March	Mrs Van As	Assistant Principals Network Meeting
10 March	Mr McElhone	System Leaders Meeting
10 March	Mr McCauley	Reading Recovery Training
16-18 March	Mrs Fowler, Mrs Steele, Mrs Whitton, Mrs Van As	Project Based Learning Foundations Training

Sport Update



Netball Team Trials

Well Done to Skye Bruni from Stage 3 who was selected to represent Parramatta Diocesan in Netball. She will now participate at the MacKillop Netball Trials that are to be held in Canberra on Friday 8th May 2020. We wish Skye the best of luck.



Celebrating Success of our Students

2020 NSW Touch Football State Cup

On the weekend of the 21st/22nd February, Marlie McCullan of Stage 1 represented Penrith in the Under 8 Girls Division at the JSC (Junior Southern Conference) 2020 NSW Touch Football State Cup, held at Wagga. Some of the teams/clubs Marlie played against included: Leeton, Balmain, Parramatta, Mudgee and Wagga. She walked away with some wins and some losses but most importantly had so much fun.

Marlie played exceptional (for her first ever Rep Season and playing a year up) and has grown so much in her love and skill for the game over the past five months of the 2020 Rep Season.

Congratulations to Marlie on this outstanding achievement!



NSW Oz-Tag State Cup

Congratulations to Skye Bruni, Sarah Powderly, Liliana Vella, Tahlee Lewin, Hayden Gunther, Jacob Hall, Levi Hall, Nicholas Franco and Reilly Vella who were selected to represent their respective teams at the NSW Oztag State Cup which was held at Bass Hill from 21-23 February. For seven of the students, this was their first season of Reps. They all played within the spirit of the game, displaying exceptional ball handling skills and knowledge of the game. Four of the six teams our students represented, made the finals. This is an outstanding achievement placing those teams in the top 8 in the state.

Well Done to each of these students on the way in which they represented their teams!



School Cross Country

Our School Cross Country is fast approaching on Friday 27th March 2020 (Week 9) at Sales Park, Luddenham. Notes were given to all students early this week. Please ensure your child/rens permission note is completed and returned to school no later than Wednesday 18th March 2020.

The students will run in the following order (not based on specific start times):

- ES1 FUN RUN with Year 6 Buddies
- 1km FUN RUN for Stage 1
- 11 year old CHAMPIONSHIP RUN – 3km
- 12 and 13 year old CHAMPIONSHIP RUN – 3km
- 1km FUN RUN for Stage 2 and 3
- 8 and 9 year old CHAMPIONSHIP RUN – 2km
- 10 year old CHAMPIONSHIP RUN – 2km

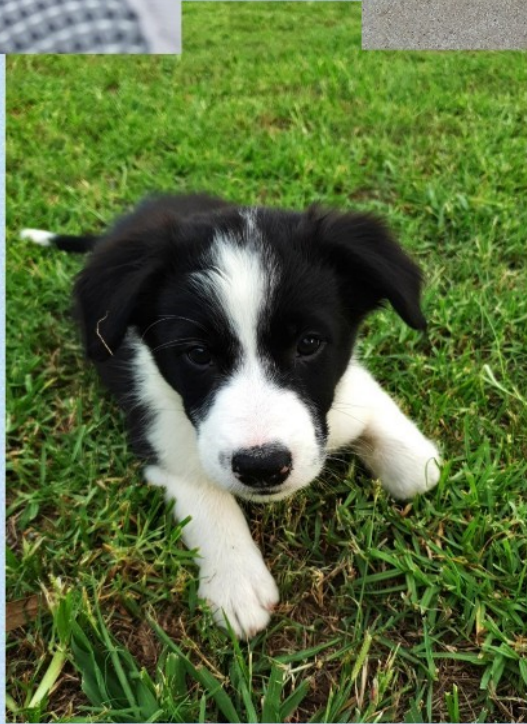


During Weeks 8 and 9 in your child/rens sport session, students will be taken across to Sales Park, Luddenham to be shown the cross country course and given the opportunity to practice running it.

Upcoming Sporting Events

- *Monday 9th March 2020- Wanderers Soccer Clinic- ES1, S2, S3 (S1 in Term 2)*
- *Thursday 26th March 2020- 7-a side Rugby League at Camden*
- *Friday 27th March 2020- School Cross Country at Sales Park, Luddenham*

Christine Hall
Head of Sport



Pure Bred Border Collies!

**All are Microchipped,
vaccinated, Vet Checked
and Wormed.**

READY TO GO!

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Term 1, Week 6

Safe - Respectful - Responsible - Learners

In Week 5, Holy Family have focused on the school expectations of being **Learners**.

In Week 6, Holy Family have focused on the school expectation of being **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 WARATAH. An update of Bundeluk totals will be shared at Assembly. The PBS4L draw winners for Weeks 4 & 5 are :



Academic Achievement Awards

Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Michael Massih
Charlotte Farrugia
Victoria Borg
Ava Fowler
Harper Miles
Matthew Ryan
Leona Bilotta
Monica Messina

Christian Lapa
Nicholas Causon
Taleah Eades
Kaitlin Azzopardi
Caitlin Woodhead
Edmond Cocks
Riley Vella
Evette Haddad

Satyana Guedes
Leila Andrews
Justin Buttigieg
Hayden Krone
Carla Dura
Alexander Enman

One Heart One Mind Awards

Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

Kara Stalling
Sofia Mammone
Mason Maycock
Sienna Wright
Brandon Shepherd
Marlie McCullan
Addison Moore
Jeremy Camilleri

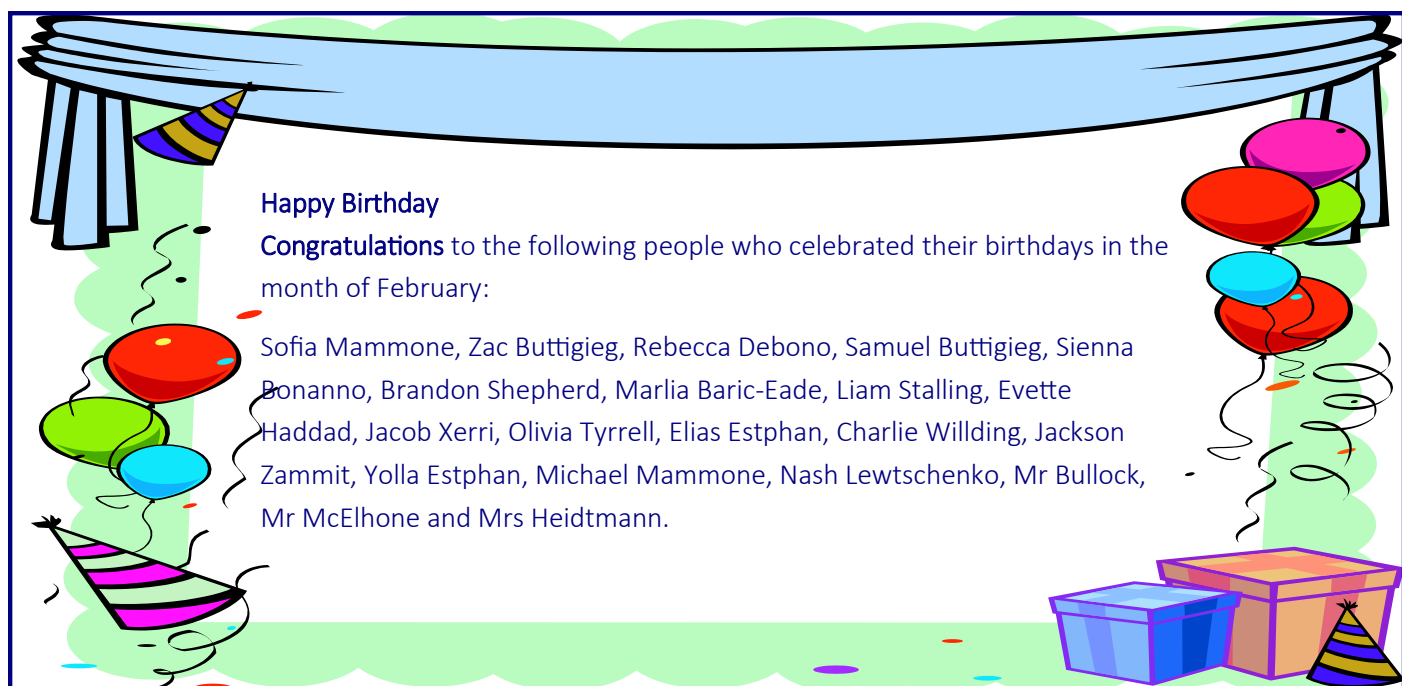
Adrian Azzopardi
Alessandra Penna
Ava Rymills
Jacob Rowley
Mikayla Camilleri
Olivia Urschel
Alexander Agius
Shiloh Wiggins

Alicia Buttigieg
Tiahna Scicluna
Elias Barikhan
Jacob Digiorgio
Harry Gauci
Shiloh Brown

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following people who celebrated their birthdays in the month of February:

Sofia Mammone, Zac Buttigieg, Rebecca Debono, Samuel Buttigieg, Sienna Bonanno, Brandon Shepherd, Marlia Baric-Eade, Liam Stalling, Evette Haddad, Jacob Xerri, Olivia Tyrrell, Elias Estphan, Charlie Willding, Jackson Zammit, Yolla Estphan, Michael Mammone, Nash Lewtschenko, Mr Bullock, Mr McElhone and Mrs Heidtmann.



Book Fair is coming to Holy Family



Friday, 20 March, 2020



In week 8 of this term, we will be holding an event that has been long anticipated by the children of Holy Family... A Scholastic Book Fair. As you know, at Holy Family we are committed to providing our children with quality books and fostering a love of reading. The Book Fair gives us a chance to do this on two levels.

Firstly, by giving you an opportunity to purchase quality books for your child/ren at reasonable prices.

Secondly, we are able to purchase new books for our library collection with the commission we receive from your purchases.

Shortly, students will receive a brochure showing some examples of books that will be available. They will also have a chance to visit the Book Fair to peruse the books before the Book Fair.

If you are unable to attend the Book Fair and would like your child to buy a book, simply send some money in an envelope marked 'Book Fair' and one of our dedicated volunteers will help your child to select a book.

I thank you in advance for your support in such a fun and exciting day!

Happy Reading!

Mrs Liepa

Mix personal training

Are you wanting to challenge yourself and meet new people in a friendly environment?

Come and join my **Mix Personal Training** class on a Tuesday night at 6:30pm at the Holy Family School Hall.

The classes are designed for everyone whether you are just starting out or a bit more advanced in the fitness area.

I cater for people with injury and other illnesses.

The classes are moderate intensity however you can make it more intense as I run cardio boxing and weight training.

Ladies and gentlemen come and join the fun class on a Tuesday night.

All are welcome over the age of 18.

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