

Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

An event we look forward to every year is our Mother's Day Prayer and Breakfast, so it is disappointing that we cannot gather together this year! I would like to offer a blessing for all the special women in our lives, especially those who are mothers, grandmothers and mother-like figures.

An Irish Blessing

*There is but one and only one,
Whose love will fail you never.
One who lives from sun to sun,
With constant fond endeavour.*

*There is but one and only one
On earth there is no other.
In heaven a noble work was done
When God gave us a Mother.*

Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal



At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

Update of School Events

The school calendar (<https://www.hfluddenham.catholic.edu.au/Our-Community/Events>) reflects changes to school events for this term. Following is a brief update regarding the status of planned events for this term.

Event	Planned Date	Status	Rescheduled Date (if applicable)
Mother's Day Prayer &	8 May	Cancelled	N/A
Whole School Assembly	11 May & 1 June	Cancelled	N/A
NAPLAN Online	12-15 May	Cancelled	N/A
Wests Tigers Varying Ability Clinics	Various dates in Term 2	Postponed	TBA
Western Sydney Wanderers Clinic (Stage 1)	18 May	Postponed	TBA
League Star Clinics	Various dates in Term 2	Postponed	TBA
Fundraising Event - Colour Explosion Fun Run	22 May	Postponed	14 August
ES1 Excursion	26 May	Postponed	TBA
NSW Netball Schools Cup	27 May	To Be Confirmed	
Grandparents' Day	5 June	Postponed	TBA - late Term 4
Athletics Carnival	12 June	Postponed	24 July

Transition Back to School

Last Monday we provided our detailed plan for the return to school for students. This plan was current at the time it was published. However, as we have become used to, advice changes quickly in these unprecedented times. As we receive updated advice from the NSW Government and Catholic Education - Diocese of Parramatta we will adjust our plans and communicate any changes as quickly as possible. I would like to assure all our parents/carers that our plan for Weeks 3 and 4 of this term was built on the advice currently available to us from both government authorities and Catholic Education - Diocese of Parramatta. This was to ensure that our plan is consistent with the philosophy adopted by other schools, supports the learning of students in these challenging times and adheres to all current health advice. Please note that we did not confirm the plan for Week 5 and beyond as we hope the restrictions will be lifted and we can significantly increase the number of days students are allocated to attend school for face-to-face teaching - dare I say it but get back to normal if possible! To assist parents and carers in navigating these changes, I have included answers to some *Frequently Asked Questions* you may have. If you would like any other information please contact the school office via: luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au

Frequently Asked Questions

When is my child's scheduled attendance day?

Please refer to the letter you received from the school on Monday, 4 May. Your child or children will be scheduled to attend one day each week based on their house colour. Acacia (Yellow) - Monday, Boronia (Green) - Tuesday, Jacaranda (Blue) - Wednesday, Waratah (Red) - Thursday.

Can I change the day my child is allocated to attend?

Requests will be considered based on the school being able to appropriately and safely manage the number of students in classrooms each day. Please email the school (luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au) if you wish to change your child's allocated day. We will require a minimum of 48 hours notice to change a child's allocated day. We do not need to be notified if your child is attending school on a non-allocated day.

Will some teachers continue to work remotely?

The school continues to have a responsibility to the wellbeing of both staff and students, therefore appropriate practices must be employed at schools, like other workplaces, to provide a safe working environment for school staff. The greatest risk of transmission in the school environment is between adults. To achieve a safe working environment, at this point in time, it is the responsibility of the school to provide the opportunity for some staff to work remotely, especially for the staff that fall into the 'high risk' category due to age and/or pre-existing medical conditions. By adopting this approach we are reducing the number of adults on site and providing a safe workplace for our staff.

Who will be teaching my child on their allocated day?

A teacher from their stage. Please note this may not be their homeroom teacher.

Will school still be open for children who need to attend school on their non-allocated day?

Absolutely! We are open to provide supervision for any child who needs to attend school.

What happens if my child attends school on a non-scheduled day?

The school will provide supervision for children whose parents/carers need to send them to school. Supervision of students provided on site is rigorous. It includes assisting students to access technology and online resources, thorough explanation of tasks (as required), supporting and monitoring the completion of tasks, ensuring regular 'screen time' breaks and providing alternate activities if tasks are completed. All students will continue their learning through their remote learning platform.

What uniform should my child wear?

For the week starting May 11, students are required to change over from summer to winter uniform. Students are required to wear the sports uniform on their allocated day and normal winter uniform if they attend on a non allocated day. Students have been requested to wear their sports uniform on their allocated day as it is the most appropriate clothing for the Creative Arts activity they will be participating in.

What should my child bring to school?

Students will need to bring recess and lunch to school each day as well as a water bottle and school hat. Students should also bring their remote learning resources if they have received anything from their teachers. Note: Bubbles are not in use.

Is the canteen open?

The canteen will not open at this stage in accordance with diocesan direction.

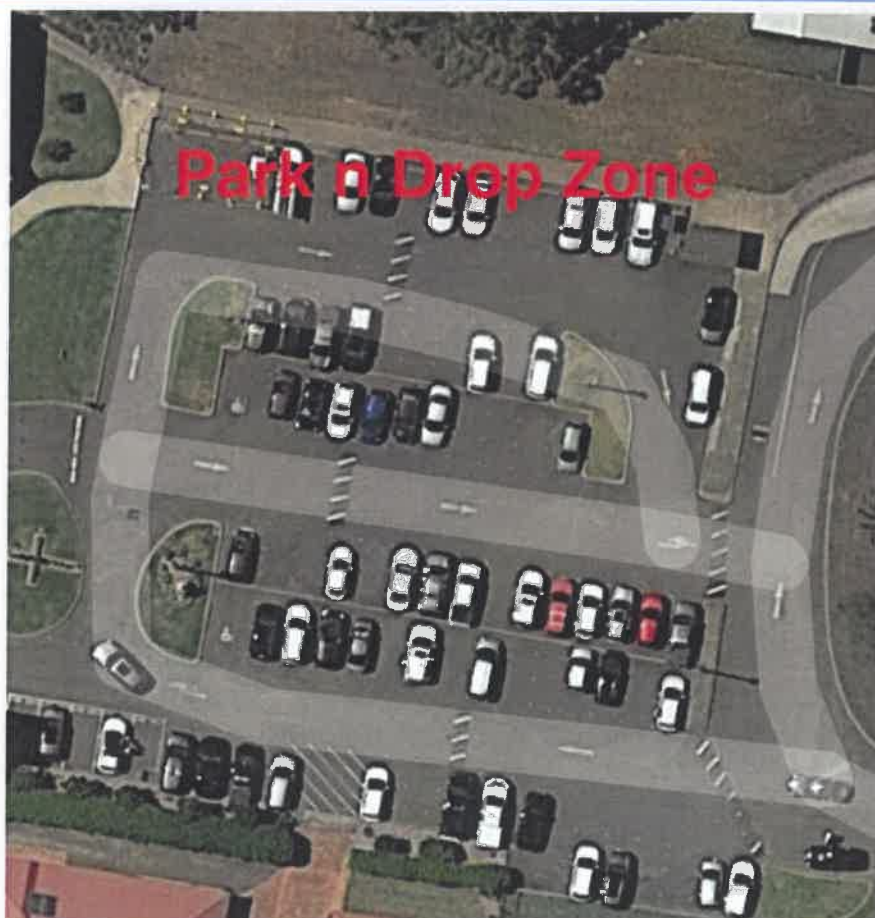
How do I contact my child's teacher?

You can continue to contact your child's teacher through Seesaw or email. Staff emails were shared on SeeSaw last term. If you cannot locate this post, please contact the office.

What are the drop off and pick up procedures?

Entry to the school site will be limited to staff and students only. We request that parents do not come on to the school site (except for emergencies).

Morning Drop Off Procedures	Afternoon Pick Up Procedures
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Kiss 'n' Drop• A section in the car park will be designated for Park 'n' Drop (see appendix two for a map). Parents/carers are to remain in their car and students are to disembark onto the footpath and walk immediately into the school grounds (this will be supervised by a teacher)• Parents/carers wishing to walk their child to the school gate need to park in other sections of the carpark and accompany their child to the front gate• No parents/carers are to enter the school grounds• Playground supervision will be provided from 8:35am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students attending after school care or catching a bus will gather in the hall• Parents/carers picking up students are to line up along the path outside the church and observe the social distancing markers on the path. Students will be called by a staff member to meet the parent/carer and then exit via the path outside the office• Students can be picked up between 3:00-3:35pm. After 3:35pm children will wait in the office



Health & Safety

During this time it is important that we maintain the regulations required in terms of reporting any incidents of COVID-19. It is vital that you inform our school if your child has been tested for COVID-19, or is in isolation due to being a close contact of someone being tested.

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. When the application form has been fully completed it should be returned to the office with the required documentation at your earliest possible convenience.

Teacher Professional Learning

At Holy Family the staff has an ongoing commitment to professional learning. The staff benefits from attending in-services, in curriculum areas, that assist them in providing quality learning opportunities for the students in their class. However at this time no staff will attend professional learning off site.

Principal's Medallians

Congratulations to the Principal's Medallion recipients for Term 1: Charlotte Farrugia (Kindergarten), Anthony Pantazakos (Year 1), Adrian Azzopardi (Year 2), Lucas Camilleri (Year 3), Xavier Eades (Year 4), Satyana Guedes (Year 5) and Hayden Gill (Year 6).

Sport Update

Fitness and physical activity make an important contribution to student wellbeing. They are also important components of the curriculum. With students gradually returning to school in coming weeks, due caution will be taken in selecting fitness/PDHPE activities that do not encourage physical contact or excessive proximity between students.

Cross Country will NOT proceed at any pathway levels in 2020 and all gala days are suspended until further notice.

Our School Athletics carnival has been rescheduled to **Friday 24th July (Week 1, Term 3)** at Warragamba Sportsground, subject to meeting applicable government regulations in respect of COVID-19 at this time.

Christine Hall
Head of Sport

Message from Commonwealth Bank

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

Start Smart: these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills, and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.

The Beanstalk: offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.



Library News!

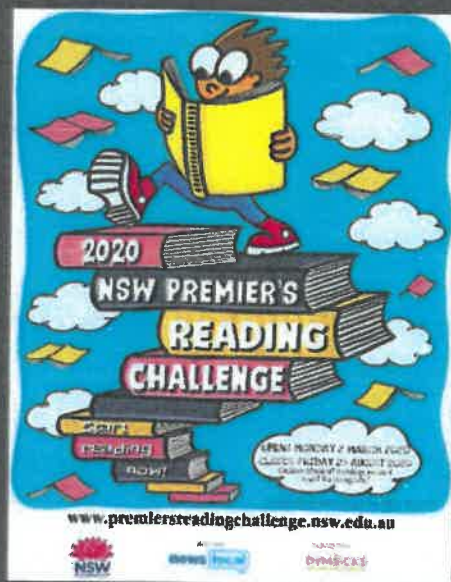
2020 Premier Reading Challenge Changes

2020 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Opens 2 March 2020
Closes 28 August 2020

Students on all Challenge levels are able to read 10 choice books.

Students on all Challenge levels will be able to include books on their reading records that they read collaboratively as a class, in person or online with their teacher or at home with their parents/carers.



Our Holy Family Library is coming to you!



Have you checked out our Holy Family eLibrary lately?

We have so many fantastic books that you can borrow online and all for FREE.

Here you can find links to so many fun and exciting resources, such as:

Student Ebooks

ABC Education...

Premier's Reading Challenge...

BTW News

DK Online

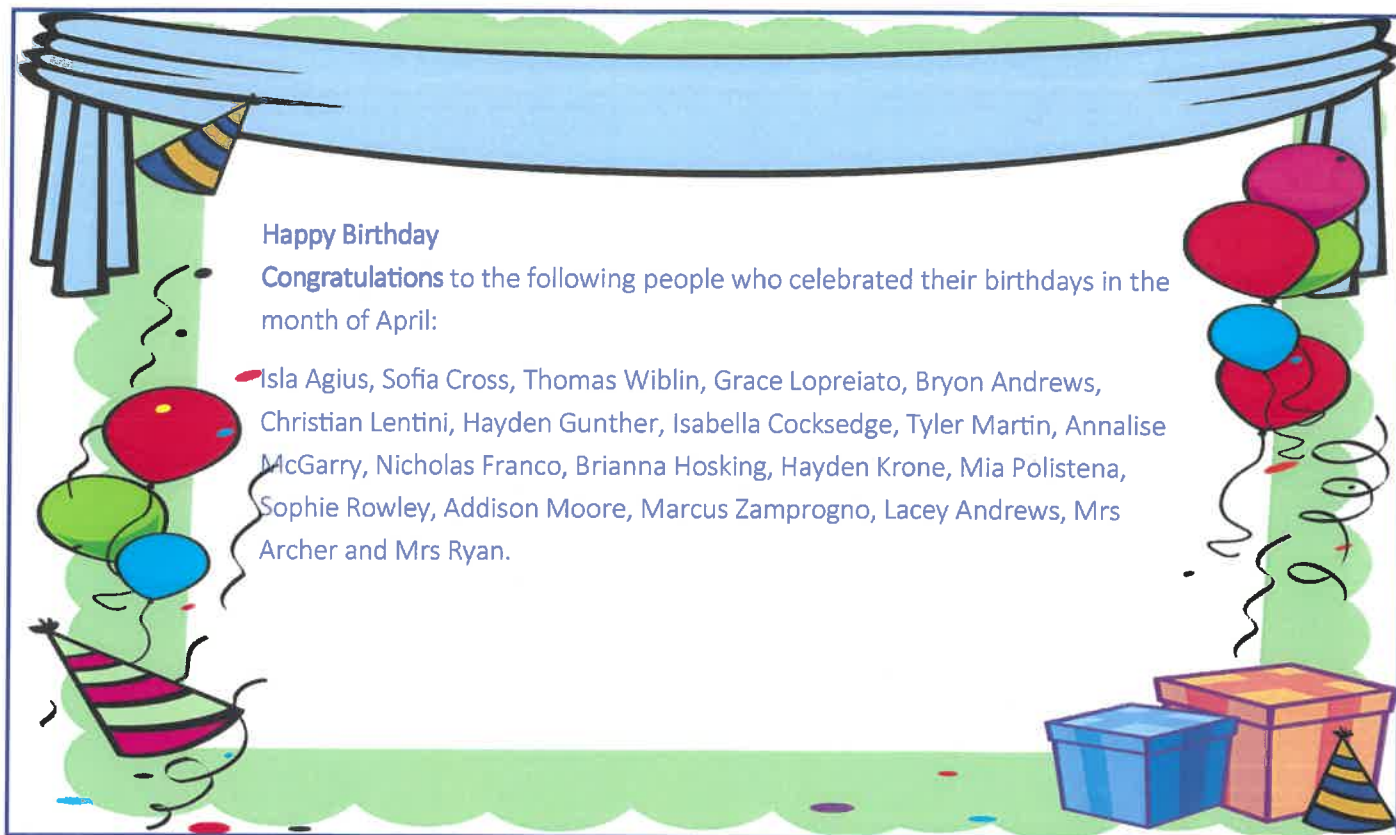
Storyline Online

Follow this link to take you to our very own [elibrary](#).

I can't wait to share with you all our **new** and exciting books!

Happy Reading!

Mrs Liepa



Happy Birthday

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

Isla Agius, Sofia Cross, Thomas Wiblin, Grace Lopreiato, Bryon Andrews, Christian Lentini, Hayden Gunther, Isabella Cocksedge, Tyler Martin, Annalise McGarry, Nicholas Franco, Brianna Hosking, Hayden Krone, Mia Polistena, Sophie Rowley, Addison Moore, Marcus Zamprogno, Lacey Andrews, Mrs Archer and Mrs Ryan.

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