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Term 2

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Monday 8th

Public Holiday

Tuesday 23rd

School Photos

Friday 26th

Half Yearly Reports

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Friday 3rd

Last Day of Term 2

Monday 20th

First Day of Term 3

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In response to changes to the learning and teaching environment during COVID-19, all schools have needed to adjust their assessment and reporting processes. While this report will look different, it will still provide you with valuable information about your child's learning, while complying with government requirements.

This 2020 first semester report recognises and reflects each student's learning. The COVID-19 pandemic has required a combination of learning at school and learning at home. Therefore your child's teacher has not been able to fully assess your child's learning and has made a judgement based on assessments and work completed during face-to-face teaching and observations made during the learning from home phase. In the report your child's teacher will provide information about their learning in three key learning areas (English, Mathematics and Religious Education). The teacher will also report on their effort, learning behaviours and their personal and social development. It is very important to recognise your child's success and progress in both their effort and achievement. The 2020 second semester report will return to documenting progress in all seven key learning areas.

Of course, a written report never surpasses the richness of the learning conversations parents and carers can have with their child's teacher. We understand that you will have many insights to share about your child's current needs too. The Parent/Teacher/Student meetings are scheduled for Week 10 of Term 2. These meetings will be either face-to-face or via Zoom. It will include the parent/carer, the teacher and the child. Our dedicated teachers are looking forward to the conversations about your child's learning and wellbeing at these meetings.

The following are some tips for parents/carers offered by Michael Grose – Australia's leading parenting educator - to help make the meeting a successful experience for everyone involved:

1. Prepare well

Before the meeting, list any questions that you want to raise. Writing information down in advance ensures that your point of view is expressed and that critical information is covered. You may also like to take notes during the meeting so that vital information isn't missed.

2. Stay solution-focused

When your child's learning challenges are discussed it can be difficult not to become defensive or sceptical however, it is important to stay open-minded. Try to view the information shared as an opportunity to discuss your child's strengths and needs as well as any further support required.

3. Trust the teacher

Teachers view your child through a different lens than you and their conclusions and solutions can seem at odds with your own views. It may be at these times that you need to trust the professionalism of your child's teacher who has more than likely experienced these same challenges before.

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

4. Ask what you can do

Show your commitment to supporting your child's progress by asking about ways you can best support your child at home.

Information on how to book your appointment online will be posted on Seesaw in coming weeks.

Anthony McElhone
Principal

School Attendance - It's Now More Important than Ever!

Considering the disruptions caused by COVID-19 it is more important than ever that every child's attendance at school is maximised. The following tips are key reminders to help support regular attendance at school.

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



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 inservices, 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.



School Photos

Our School Photos will be held on Tuesday 23rd June. Envelopes will be sent home and more information will be posted on Seesaw shortly.

Can you please ensure your child has a tie/tab tie on the day and is dressed in full winter uniform.

Thank you



Academic Achievement Awards

Jacob Hall Rose Estphan Sophia-Rose Penna Ella Gunther	Connor Wilson Matthew Attard Edith Cocks Levi Agland	Austin Harvey Samuel Buttigieg Indyarna Cefai
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One Heart One Mind Awards

Dominic Finianos Christian Lentini Orlando Lepre Marcus Falzon	Adison Jones Sienna Bonanno Gwenevere Sparagis Michael Mammone	Rebecca Debono Annalise McGarry Jack O'Mahony
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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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Modifications made to comply with current restrictions.

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