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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

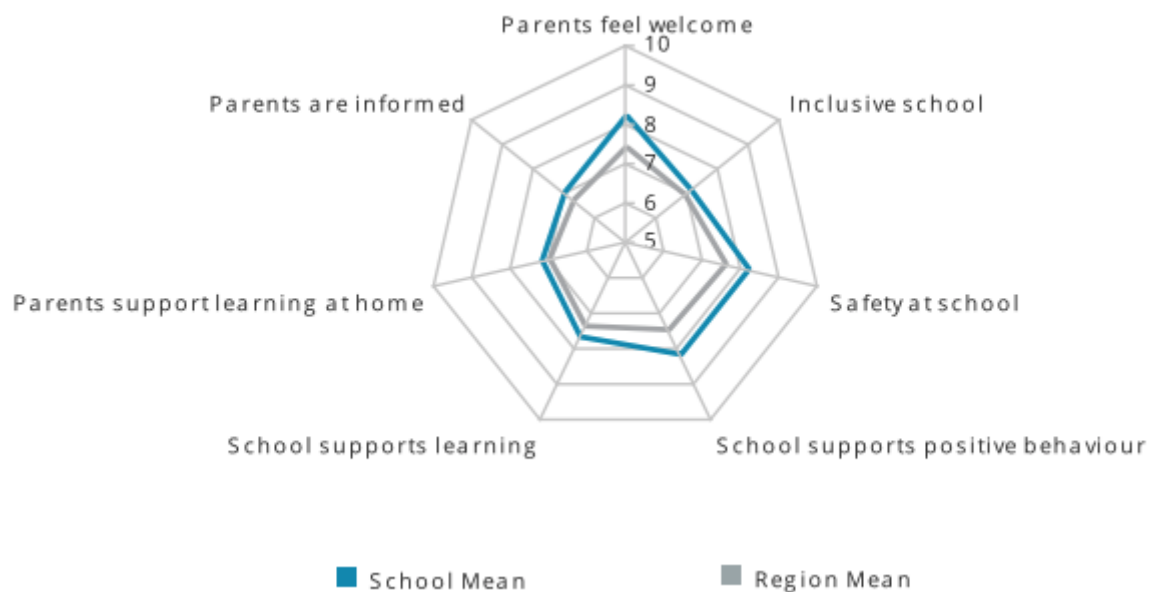
Last term we asked all our parents and/or carers to complete the *Tell Them From Me* survey. The 'Partners in Learning' Parent Survey was based on a comprehensive questionnaire covering several aspects of parents' perceptions of their children's experiences at home and school. The survey provides feedback to schools about the extent to which parents feel the school supports learning and positive behaviour and promotes a safe and inclusive environment.

The survey included seven separate measures, which were scored on a ten-point scale. The scores for the Likert-format questions (i.e., strongly agree to strongly disagree) have been converted to a 10-point scale, then averaged and reported by question and by topic. A score of 0 indicates strong disagreement; 10 indicates strong agreement; 5 is a neutral position (neither agree nor disagree).

The results are based on data from 56 respondents in this school who completed the Parent Survey between 10 August 2020 and 27 August 2020.

The spider diagram below gives a summary of these results and a comparison of our results with the 'region'. The region is the mean or average score of all schools in Catholic Education - Diocese of Parramatta.

This information is vital as it has affirmed some of our current practices and processes. However, it will also be used to assist with planning our improvement agenda for 2021 and beyond.



Anthony McElhone
Principal

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

Updated Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education now available online

For several years now, our Catholic community has been working together to update the way we share our faith with children and young people. An updated version of the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education with references to the relevant sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website together with a guide to help community members learn more.

The Draft New Curriculum remains faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition while ensuring that the way that the learning and teaching happens is kept up-to-date. When it is launched in late 2021 the Draft New Curriculum will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for more than 20 years.



'Come Dressed as a Grandparent' Day - 27 November

As we have had to cancel Grandparent's Day this year, we are having a 'Come Dressed as a Grandparent' Day for students and staff. The day will also incorporate students participating in games from the past. More information will be distributed via Seesaw next week.

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>



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.

NSW Governor's Visit

On Wednesday 14 October Her Excellency, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales visited our Stage 3 students. This is what two of our students had to say:

Stage 3 waited anxiously as she strolled down with her rose red heels. She turned around the corner and stepped foot in the room. A warm smile greeted Stage 3 as the buttons on her jacket glistened under the lights. Mr McElhone presented her. "Good Morning Your Excellency," Stage 3 pronounced as we took a bow of our head. Her Excellency The Honorable Margaret Beazley AC QC was in our class.

On Wednesday the 14th of October, Her Excellency Margaret Beazley visited Holy Family Primary School. She spent over an hour with us. Stage 3 had an excellent time with her and we are going to remember this experience for a long time.

Firstly, Her Excellency looked at all of the children's projects that they created recently about what they thought Western Sydney would look like after the new airport was up and running. The Governor loved talking to the children and asked them many questions about where the Aboriginal aspects were represented. She then began to say how she knew how to say hello and welcome in Aboriginal which was very cool. After this the children also got to ask questions. One of the questions was- Have you met the Queen before? Unfortunately, the Governor informed us that she had yet to meet Her Majesty but she was supposed to meet her in May, but she had met Prince Charles.

"Remembering the First Nations people are very important!" announced Her Excellency. The Governor is very proud that her state was the first in Australia to recognise the First Nations people in their state constitution. Remembering our past will help us to be better in our future.

By Elise Year 6

As her beautiful rose red shoes stepped into Stage Three, my heart raced. Her presence was magnetic. Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC was standing right in front of me. I wanted to cry, squeal and scream at the same time but I kept my cool. Her smile could brighten the darkest city and warm the coldest heart. She graciously walked to an angle in the room where she could view everyone. Mr McElhone, our amazing principal, presented Her Excellency to us. The Governor was so bright and happy I could tell this would be a great day.

All of Stage Three rose to their feet. We all bowed and said "Good morning, Your Excellency and may God bless you." The room went silent and then The Governor presented herself and her husband, Mr Wilson. One of the first things she said was that our classroom looked so professional as we had it set up as The House of Representatives for a mock Parliament.

The Governor's visit was so inspiring. She taught us many things about Parliament and her role but most importantly about her life. We all assumed she had come from a rich family of lawyers, but we were surprised to hear that she came from humble beginnings. Her father was a milkman and her mother was not educated past Year Six. The message she gave, one I will remember all of my life, is that we can be whoever we want and do whatever we want, regardless of our background.

By Tahlee Year 5



Sports Update

Celebrating Sporting Success

Congratulations to Ella Gunter, Sarah Powderly and Skye Bruni who all trialled and were selected for the 2021 Penrith District Netball Representative Squads.

This is a fantastic opportunity for all girls and we wish them all the best with the season ahead.



Upcoming Sporting Events:

- *Group 6 Legends Rugby League Day- Thursday 19th November*
- *School Swimming Carnival- Wednesday 9th December*

*Christine Hall
Head of Sport*

School Canteen Licence
Holy Family Primary School Luddenham

Tenders are called for the School Canteen Licence commencing Term 1, 2021 for a term of one year (option to renew for a further 1 year). The school is a Year K to 6 co-ed primary school of 232 students and 30 staff.

Please register and download the tender from Tenderlink available from 22 October 2020. The Tenderlink address is provided below.

<https://portal.tenderlink.com/parracatholic>

A tender site visit is planned for Thursday, 29 October at 3:00 – 3:30pm. Please contact the school to reserve a position.



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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