

**Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham**

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we come to the final newsletter for 2020, I take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who work in partnership to ensure that Holy Family remains a highly effective school.

Throughout 2020, I have witnessed first-hand the extraordinary growth of the teaching staff throughout the year. The work of our teaching and support staff in meeting the various needs of individual students and groups of students has been outstanding. Time and time again I have witnessed the commitment of staff to go way beyond what would be expected to reach out to the students in their care. We are blessed to have a great team of teachers, assistants and support staff. I would like to acknowledge our staff member leaving this year – Miss Ohlsen. We thank Miss Ohlsen for her contribution to our school and we ask God to continue to guide her as she moves to new ways of serving Him.

Thank you to Father Giovanni and the Sacred Heart Parish Team. The constant care, guidance and support we receive is a great source of encouragement for all the staff in the work that we do. Our school exists to support the parish in its mission of bringing Christ to His people.

In any school, its effectiveness is reflected in the quality partnerships that exist between school and home. I thank all those who have supported their child in their learning, making sure that your child arrives to school ready to learn, placing emphasis on the importance of attendance, speaking encouragingly to your child about your child's teachers and supporting the school when your child's behaviours for learning miss the mark. In this way the school is in the best position to ensure student growth in behaviour and learning. The support of families in so many aspects of school life is valued and appreciated, but your support for the work of our teachers and staff is by far the greatest contribution you can make to your child's learning and the overall effectiveness of the school.

The many and varied individuals who walk through our gates each day have worked hard throughout the 2020 school year to achieve strong academic growth. I constantly hear teachers who are celebrating student growth and success.

We commend the students for their engagement and application to learning throughout the year and wish them a very well deserved rest during the summer holidays. We trust that they will come back to school at the end of January refreshed and ready to accept the challenges that await.

Anthony McElhone  
Principal

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

## Class Placements 2021

Throughout this term, the teachers have been working on the class lists for 2021, they do this in collaboration with other teachers, specialist teachers and leadership. They do this with the knowledge of the students in their classes. A small percentage of parents sent requests for their children and while some reasons can be accommodated, not all can or will be. I trust that the staff are best suited to create the new classes as they know your child best in the school setting. However, the practice of allowing parents/carers to make these requests is a way to work in partnership to support this process. The class lists have been completed and there will be no further changes made. Children will be notified of their class and class teacher for 2021 during our Promotions Day on Thursday, 10 December.

## 2021 Staffing News



**Important  
Information**

Welcome Ms Yvonne Terweeme to the Holy Family 'family'. Ms Terweeme joins Holy Family after spending over 20 years at Bethany, Glenmore Park. Recently Ms Terweeme also spent time working at St Therese's Community Parish School Wilcannia. I am sure you will make Ms Terweeme feel welcome.

Best wishes to Mrs Paris Mayer who will be taking parental leave in 2021. The new edition to the Mayer family is due in February!

## 2021 Staffing Overview

### Parish Priest

Fr Giovanni Presica

### Leadership Team

Mr Anthony McElhone (Principal), Mrs Jodie Van As (Assistant Principal), Mr Ray McCauley (Religious Education Coordinator), Mrs Karen Ryan (Leader of Learning/Instructional Coach)

### Early Stage 1

Mrs Julie McLean, Mrs Annette Stein

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Miss Sarah Archer, Mrs Sarah Brennan, Mrs Rosa Surace

### Stage 2

Mrs Jessica Fowler, Mrs Stefanie Steele, Mrs Melissa Whitton

### Stage 3

Mrs Donnalee Hughes, MsYvonne Terweeme, Mr Graham Platt

### Specialist Teachers

Mrs Christine Hall (PE), Mrs Angela Franich (Japanese), Mr David Bullock (Digital Technologies), Mrs Wendy Steuart (Diversity Team), Mrs Jodie Van As (Diversity Team), Mrs Tracy Heidtmann (Diversity Team), Mr Ray McCauley (Reading Recovery)

### School Support Officers

Administration - Mrs Rasha Azar, Mrs Marie Edwards, Mrs Despina Azzopardi

Learning - Mrs Amanda Dewhurst, Mrs Leanne Green, Mrs Roseanne Liepa (library), Mrs Rhonda Medlen, Mrs Annette Tillman

### Grounds & Maintenance

Mr Richard Ackroyd-Broadbere

## Christmas Mass Times

### Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Vigil Mass 8.30pm

Holy Family Church, Luddenham

11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Holy Family Church, Luddenham

### Christmas Morning

8.00am – Holy Family Church, Luddenham

10.00am – Holy Family Church, Luddenham



**PARISHIONERS MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE on 4773 4321 TO REGISTER TO ATTEND ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES. If you book to attend a Mass and then decide not to come, please notify the parish office so that someone else can have your place. Please note that, due to Covid restrictions, there will not be a Christmas Mass at Warragamba Church.**

## 2021 School Fees Information

The breakdown for school fees for 2021 can be accessed through our school website and will be available at the beginning of 2021.



### *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.

- Monday, 14 December
- Tuesday, 15 December
- Wednesday, 16 December

Please note that the student's final day will be Friday, 11 December.

## 2020/21 School Calendar

The key date of events and celebrations for 2020/21 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>



### *Start of 2021 Details*

The school office will reopen on Wednesday, 27 January. The first day for students in Years 1-6 is Thursday 28 January. Kindergarten will commence on Monday, 1 February.

Save the Date!

Congratulations to the following students for participating in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge 2019/2020:

Jacob Rowley  
Matilda Calderwood  
Talia Evans  
Aduang Athum



### Condolences

Our condolences to the Agius family (Deanna, Stage 3 and Alexander, Stage 2) on the passing of their Great Grandmother recently. Our prayers and thoughts are with their family.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.*

*And let perpetual light shine upon her.*

*May she rest in peace.*

*Amen.*







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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S

# Summer Reading Challenge

POOL PARTY



# 2021

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

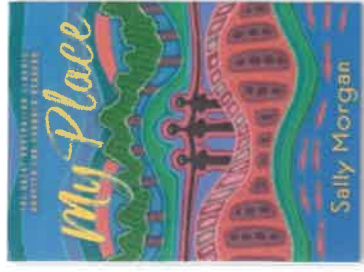
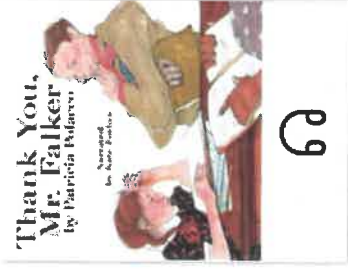
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## Mix personal training

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.

Michael Ireland

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