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Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1

4th February 2021
Issue 1, Week 2

FEBRUARY

Monday 8th

2.30pm—Whole School
Assembly

Thursday 11th

9.15am & 7.00pm
Sacramental Program
Parent Information Ses-
sions

Monday 15th—Friday 19th

Meet the Teacher
Interviews

Monday 15th

Nepean Zone Swimming

Tuesday 16th

6.30pm - Early Stage 1
Parent Information Even-
ing

Wednesday 17th

11.30am - Ash Wednes-
day Liturgy

Friday 19th

9.30am - Opening
School Mass

It is with great joy that I welcome your children back to the new school year! It is hoped that they have experienced a restful break from the routines of school and arrive ready to experience the 'magic of learning'. I especially welcome the new families to our school community. We know they will find Holy Family to be a place of friendship and hospitality. I came across this prayer for the new year during the holiday break. You may wish to share it with your family during the first weeks of term.

Prayer for the School Year

Lord of all things. We ask your blessings on our children's school of Holy Family.

Thank You Lord for the staff you have called to work in education.

Bless their hearts and minds with Your love, joy and peace.

May our children experience from them Your patience, kindness and goodness when they teach and respond to their learning needs.

As parents show us how to be cooperative and supportive when our children reach out to us.

Remind all of us to be patient with these precious gifts you have blessed us with – our children.

Help us to be examples of Christ's love at all times, with our teachers, students and school community.

Give us helpful and encouraging words especially when we speak of others.

Grant us the gift of hospitality. Let us be merciful to others in our thoughts, words and actions.

We give thanks for this new school year and ask your blessings for its success Dear Lord. Amen.

A student prayer:

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

New students to our school (Years 1 - 6)

Reginald S - Year 1

Sharni P - Year 1

Kiarna K - Year 6

Mr Anthony McElhone

Principal

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners



Baby News!

Congratulations to the Cutajar family (Maddison Stage 1 & Indiana Early Stage 1) on the arrival of a beautiful baby boy, Emmanuel and to the Perkins family (Heidi Stage 1 and Sharni Stage 1) on the arrival of another beautiful baby boy, Joseph. Both boys were born on the 21st December 2020.

Also, congratulations to the Massih family (Elise Stage 2 & Michael Stage 1) on the arrival of a beautiful baby girl, Lylah born on the 15th January 2021.

Best wishes for restful nights in the coming months!



Grandparent's Day - Save the Date

Grandparent's Day will be on Friday, 30 July. 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.

Meet the Teacher (MTT) Interviews (Years 1-6)

In Week 4 (week commencing 15 February) the teachers will have the opportunity to meet the parents of the students they are teaching, to obtain an insight into how best to cater for the students in their class. These meetings provide an opportunity for teachers and parents/carers to commence a professional relationship with the aim of jointly supporting the students with their learning and development. It is vital all parents/carers meet with their child's teacher as it provides a solid foundation for the year ahead. The online booking instructions have been added to Seesaw and the newsletter. Please contact the office if you are having difficulty booking an appointment.



Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L)



In 2017 we commenced our implementation of PBS4L at Holy Family. This included reviewing our whole school expectations and developing a clear set of rules related to all non-classroom settings across the school. In 2019 we expanded this into the classroom. These expectations and rules are now clearly displayed around the school. This year we will continue to evaluate and improve PBS4L and we will continue to share our PBS4L journey via Seesaw.

2021 School Calendar

The key date of events and celebrations for 2021 can be viewed in our online school calendar.

The calendar can be viewed on our school website:

<http://www.hfluddenham.catholic.edu.au/Our-Community/Events>



2021 Staff Listing

School Leadership Team

Parish Priest	Fr Giovanni Presica
Principal	Mr Anthony McElhone
Assistant Principal	Mrs Jodie Van As
Religious Education Coordinator	Mr Ray McCauley
Leader of Learning (Literacy/Numeracy)	Mrs Karen Ryan
Leader of Learning (Creative Arts)	Mrs Julie McLean
Leader of Learning (PBS4L)	Mrs Rosa Surace

Teachers

Early Stage 1 Blue	Mrs Julie McLean (M-F) & Mrs Annette Stein (M-W)
Stage 1 Blue	Miss Sarah Archer
Stage 1 Red	Mrs Sarah Brennan
Stage 1 White	Mrs Rosa Surace
Stage 2 Blue	Mrs Jessica Fowler
Stage 2 Red	Mrs Stefanie Steele, Miss Chloe McLaughlan (Wednesdays, Term 1 Weeks 1-5)
Stage 2 White	Mrs Melissa Whitton
Stage 3 Blue	Mrs Donnalee Hughes
Stage 3 Red	Mr Graham Platt
Stage 3 White	Ms Yvonne Terweeme

Specialist Teachers

Diversity Support	Mrs Wendy Steuart, Mrs Jodie Van As, Mr Ray McCauley, Mrs Tracy Heidtmann
Physical Education/Sports Coordinator	Mrs Christine Hall
Japanese	Mrs Angela Franich
Digital Technologies & Learning Technologies Support Teacher	Mr David Bullock
School Counsellor	Ms Alison Docanto

School Support Staff

Office	Mrs Rasha Azar, Mrs Marie Edwards, Mrs Despina Azzopardi
Classroom	Mrs Amanda Dewhurst, Mrs Leanne Green, Mrs Rhonda Medlen, Mrs Annette Tillman
Library	Mrs Roseanne Liepa
Maintenance	Mr Richard Ackroyd-Broadbere
IT Trainee	Mr Thomas Nguyen

We would like to offer a special welcome to Ms Yvonne Terweeme who has joined the Holy Family 'family' this year.

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis Awareness

Some children in our school suffer the life threatening condition of anaphylaxis . Essentially anaphylaxis is an allergic reaction which is caused as a result of an intolerance to nut or peanut-based food products. As well as this we do have a number of children in the school who suffer anaphylactic reactions when exposed to peanuts, eggs, seafood and sesame seeds. In order to respond to this situation and provide safe, fair and responsible procedures for all in the school community we have taken advice from the Anaphylaxis Association and our own Diocesan Workplace Safety Officers.

The following practices will be in place this year.

1. Please DO NOT order **peanut butter** sandwiches or nut-based products when ordering online.
2. Parents must not send in peanut or nut based products as part of their child's lunch. If anyone has any concerns over this, please do not hesitate to speak with Mr McElhone.



Enrolments for Kindergarten 2022

Enrolment forms are available for collection from the school office from 1 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**.

Hair Styles/Uniform

During the holiday period some children take the opportunity to have exotic cuts and or highlights put in their hair. Unfortunately this is not an accepted part of the uniform policy. Therefore we request that arrangements be made for either a haircut or re-colouring by the beginning of next week. Such styles can be the cause of conflict within the family home when parents who comply with the school uniform policy are being pressured by their children to have highlights placed in their hair because their friend's parents may be ignoring the school uniform policy.

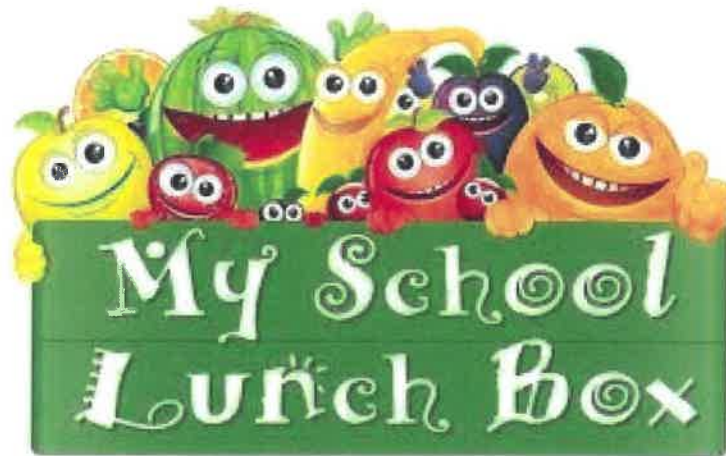
The policy requires that:

- Long hair be tied back using appropriately coloured bands or ribbons (blue, red or white).
- Hair to be neat and tidy at all times.
- Hair should be its natural colour.
- Hair styles should be moderate with no extremes such as to draw the attention of others.

Seesaw

Seesaw is up and running! It is important that you check this regularly as it is our main channel of information. If you are having trouble with the app, please email Mrs Edwards on medwards3@parra.catholic.edu.au to request the QR code to be sent home. If you are new to the school, the code was sent home last week.





This year our canteen will be operating differently. As of this Wednesday, 3 February we will be trialling online lunch orders only (recess is unavailable) through the 'My School Lunch Box' website. At this stage, Wednesday will be the ***only*** day that lunch orders will be available.

The website is myschoollunchbox.com.au. You will need to create your own account. Please familiarise yourself with the 'How It Works' tab for further information in regards to cut off times, payment options etc.

As all orders are prepared offsite; if you miss the cut off or are concerned that your payment might not have gone through please contact My School Lunch Box directly on 0425 346 704 (no emails please!) to ensure your child gets their lunch.





THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
**SCHOOL
INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Meet the Teacher Interviews for Stages 1, 2 & 3 will be held from Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2021 (Week 4).

These 10 minute meetings provide parents with the opportunity to share personal information about their child with their child's teacher to help the teacher build a profile of your child and assist them in supporting your child in their learning.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the teacher



Select the appointment time that suits your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – **check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly.**

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your booking. Just re-visit the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and use the same code, name and email address you used when you made your original booking.



Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following people who celebrated their birthdays in the months of December 2020 and January 2021:

Makayla Causon, Justin Buttigieg, Leon Liu, Satyana Guedes, Veronica Tadros, Jack Bernoth, Sienna Wright, Giovanna Tabone, Bassam Barikhan, Julian Vella, Isaac Buttigieg, Daniel, Mason Micalizzi, Maddison Cutajar, Aurelia Tabone, Sharlay Pantazakos, Amelia Vella, Zara Isaia, Adriana Isaia, Liliana Vella, Ruby Nairne, Riley Vella, Courtney Norrie, Lillian Zammit, Harper Miles, Gemma Gauci, Ava Gunther, Matthew Attard, Mrs Steele, Mrs Leipa, Mrs Van As, Mrs Franich, Mrs Fowler, Mrs Hughes, Mr Richard and Mrs Dewhurst.

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