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Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1

18th February 2021
Issue 2, Week 4

FEBRUARY

Monday 15th—Friday 19th

Meet the Teacher Interviews

Friday 19th

9.30am - Opening School Mass

Tuesday 23rd

9.15am - PRG Meeting

March

Monday 1st

2.30pm - Whole School Assembly

Wednesday 10th

Diocesan Swimming

Monday 22nd

2.30pm - Whole School Assembly

Thursday 25th

5.00pm - Sacrament of First Reconciliation Session 1

7.00pm - Sacrament of First Reconciliation Session 2

Friday 26th

School Cross Country

Tuesday 30th

School Photos

April

Thursday 1st

Easter Raffle
Last Day of Term 1

Monday 19th

First Day of Term 2
Easter Hat Parade

The poster is titled 'every learner every day' with a checkmark icon. It features a calendar header for Monday to Friday. The main message is 'ABSENCES ADD UP!' with a visual showing that 2 days in February is equivalent to 4 weeks in a year, which is more than 1 year of learning in 12 years. It includes a 'DID YOU KNOW' section stating that 1 in 6 primary students are not attending school regularly. A 'WHAT PARENTS CAN DO' section lists: BE FIRM (send child to school unless sick), Develop good sleep and morning routines, Schedule appointments after school, and Avoid taking holidays during term time. It also has sections for 'EACH DAY MISSED' (listing impacts on learning and social connections), 'GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY' (stating good attendance starts in Kindergarten), and 'SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP' (encouraging parents to speak to the school about attendance issues).

every learner every day Australian Government

Australia has one of the very best education systems anywhere in the world. Each day, our young people are provided with opportunities to learn more about the world they live in through their experiences in and out of the classroom. Schools teach children about themselves, their relationships with others and about life beyond school. This includes preparing them for the workforce.

Regular attendance at school is critical to ensuring that every student has the kind of opportunities in life that he or she deserves. When students are not at school, they are missing out on so much. Without the knowledge, the skills or the support that schools are so good at providing, young people can get left behind and find themselves underprepared for a fast-paced and often very challenging world.

Again this year we will be lending our support to a campaign called 'Every Learner, Every Day', an

initiative designed to remind all students and parents why regular school attendance is so important. As part of this campaign, a range of resources and strategies will be made available to help parents, if help is needed. The information above explains simply the benefits of being at school regularly. I encourage you to think about the ideas suggested on the poster and to speak to your child about these messages.

I appreciate that this is not a matter that may impact on a large number of our families; however, if the 'Every Learner, Every Day' campaign can assist even just a few students to be at school more regularly, with all the benefits that come with that, it is a terrific outcome.

Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners



Student Leadership

On Friday we will formally welcome our new Kindergarten students and induct our student leaders at our Opening School Mass. Following are our 2021 Student Leadership groups.

Student Leader	PBS4L Leader	Environment Team	Servant Leader	Media Team
Diana Carla Tahlee Hayden Luke Justin	Boronia - Kobi Waratah - Sophie Acacia - Deanna Jacaranda - Alex	Jacob Isabella Gideon Georgia Indy Tahlia V Kiarna	Matilda Lili Satyana Aduang Leila Emilia Amelia P Daniela	Veronica Connor Talia Elisabeth

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/en/Our-Community/Events>



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.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2022

Application 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**.



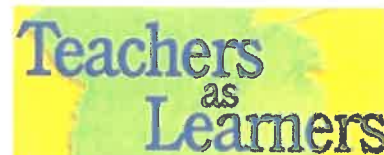
Parent Representative Group

Our Parent Representative Group is back! Our first meeting for this year will be on Tuesday, 23 February at 9:15am in the school hall. Parents/carers can submit items for the agenda by completing the form posted on Seesaw by this Friday. Please note that suggested agenda items that are not aligned to the purpose of the PRG (stated in the overview) will not be included on the agenda. The Principal or delegate will follow up the matter with the specific parent (s)/ carers(s).

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. The following staff have or will attend professional learning:

Date	Staff Members	Professional Learning
2 March	Mr McElhone	System Leaders Meeting



School Photos

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our School Photo day is Tuesday 30th March 2021. An envelope has been sent home with your child today for those who are unable to purchase online. The preferred method of ordering/payment is online. Should you require a Sibling Envelope, please email medwards3@parra.catholic.edu.au and one will be sent home to you.

Photo packages can be ordered and paid online via the secure online **advancedorder** web portal specifically set up for our school using our unique 9-digit online ordering code. Please note that this code can be found on your order envelopes.

Parents who place their order online do not need to return the order envelope.

Parents who do not place their order online will need to bring their envelope in on Photo Day with the correct money.



Pancake Day

What a great way to celebrate Pancake Day with our students raising \$365.90 which will go towards Caritas.

Thank you to our lovely helpers who made this day a success:

Angela Finianos, Luisa Franco, Tracey Haddad, Janelle Formosa & Nichole Zammit.



Sport Update

Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the students listed below that represented Holy Family at the Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival on Monday. It was a great start to the sporting year and once again our students were a credit to our school demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship and respectful behaviour throughout the entirety of the day. Many of our students finished the day achieving personal bests in the events in which they competed in.

Sophie Auld	Hayleigh Garousse	Ollie Lepre	Sharlay Pantazakos
Elisa Camilleri	Ava Gunther	Elise Massih	Sarah Powderly
Mikayla Camilleri	Ella Gunther	Gideon Moore	Skylah Steele
Talia Evans	Hayden Gunther	Hayden Moore	Caitlin Woodhead
Marcus Falzon	Levi Hall	Lachlan Moore	Marcus Zamprogno

Well Done to the following students who placed in the top 4 of their events and will be competing at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival in early March. We wish them all the best for this event.

Hayden Gunther	Talia Evans
Sophie Auld	Sharlay Pantazakos
Ella Gunther	Sarah Powderly



Sport

Representative sport at Holy Family is an important extra-curricular activity. Engagement in these events are designed to build school spirit and pride, acknowledge skills of children in these areas and to enhance the sense of 'community' in the school.

Children in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in a range of team sports throughout the year that are organised and run by Catholic Education - Diocese of Parramatta and other sporting organisations. The sports may include:

- Soccer
- Rugby League
- Netball
- Touch Football
- Oztag
- Basketball
- Cricket



When selecting teams to represent Holy Family, all of the following is considered equally:

- Skills and abilities in the selected sport
- Experience in the selected sport (i.e. participates in a team outside of school)
- Number of sports the student has represented the school in the current year
- Suitability to represent the school in a safe, respectful and responsible manner
- Parental support

Let's Celebrate Success

The students of Holy Family are continually achieving success in the sporting arena not only at school but outside of school. If your child has any sporting success outside of the school (e.g. representative teams, represented at state or national levels etc) throughout the year, please feel free to let us know via email luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au so we can acknowledge these achievements.



Importance of meeting deadlines

This year there will be many sporting opportunities for the students of Holy Family Primary School. Due to the popularity of many of the gala days, we end up with a reserve list of students for many of the sports. It is for this reason that it is imperative for the organisation of these events that both your child's permission note and payment are returned by the due date stated on the note. Unfortunately, if your child's permission note and payment are not returned by the due date, your child's position in that team will be automatically offered to another student. We appreciate your support with this matter.

Upcoming Sporting Events

- *Friday 26th March 2021- School Cross Country at Sales Park, Luddenham*

*Christine Hall
Sport Co-ordinator*

Library News

We at Holy Family are very proud of our library, which is well stocked with a wonderful selection of books for our readers. All students have the opportunity to borrow a number of books from the library each week. Students have the opportunity to borrow at lunch times each Thursday and Friday. Students visit the library weekly with their class teacher on the following days:

ES1 - Thursday
Stage 3 - Thursday
Stage 1 - Friday
Stage 2 - Friday

Library borrowing is an important part of the school week, this time allows students to engage with a diverse range of books to extend their imagination and develop a lifelong love of reading.

All children are encouraged to borrow books to read both at school and at home. The children, with the help of parents, need to remember to bring along their library bag so they can borrow books for the week.

With the encouragement of parents and teachers, children have the best chance to foster a love of literature and reading.

Happy Reading!
Mrs Liepa

Library Fun Snaps





Academic Achievement Awards
Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Luca Noro Indiana Cutajar Aurelia Tabone Marlie McCullen Nicholas Sparagis Ava Fowler Ruben Inzitari Skylah Steele	Lavinia Gullo Marcus Zamprogno Taleah Eades Riley Vella Shiloh Wiggins Yolla Estphan Alexander Agius Jake McClafferty	Jacob Davies Aiden Luppino Marcus Falzon Ollie Lepre
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One Heart One Mind Awards
Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

Alyssa Gidaro Isaac Buttigieg Natalia Gauci Anthony Pantazakos Reggie Schipp Sharni Perkins-Aitken Jeremy Camilleri Annalise McGarry	Jack Bernoth Grace Lopreiato Mario Crafa Jayden Ryan Brianna Hosking Nicholas Causon Talia Evans Daniel Dura	Veronica Tadros Sammy Polistena Sophie Auld Georgia Railton
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Term 1, Week 4 2021

Safe - Respectful - Responsible - Learners

In Week 3, Holy Family have focused on the school expectations of being **Responsible**.
In Week 4, Holy Family have focused on the school expectation of being **Learners**.

We have given out many Bundeluk tokens to students for following all of our School Expectations.

The PBS4L draw winners for Weeks 2 & 3 are:



Week 2

Week 3



We look forward to updating the Team House colour Tokens and the School total at Assembly in Week 6.



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