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# BRANCHES

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
  - Responsible
- Learners

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we draw close to the end of Term 3 it is hard to believe that we have been in the remote learning mode for 10 weeks. Like many families, my own family has had its challenges with balancing the children learning remotely, the parents working both remotely and on-site and coping with the limitations imposed by the NSW Government lockdown restrictions. However, we have tried to make the best out of these difficult circumstances and it has given us more quality time together. We have had the opportunity to do things we don't usually 'have time' to do, like going on walks as a family, kicking the ball around at the local park, gardening, bike riding and sitting down for dinner all together nearly every night! I hope you too can take some time to look past the challenges that lockdown has brought and find a positive memory or experience that has strengthened your family relationships!

We do hope the upcoming school holiday break provides us all with some much needed rest and relaxation. We would like to thank everyone for staying as positive as possible during this time. Thankfully there is some light at the end of the tunnel, and we hope our school returns to some form of normality during Term 4 this year.

As we prepare for Term 4 there are some important dates to remember.

- Remote learning for all students recommences on Tuesday, 5 October.
- 25 October 2021 -Kindergarten and Year 1 will return to face-to-face learning with Level 3 COVID restrictions on school sites.
- 1 November 2021 Years 2 and Year 6 will return to face-to-face learning with Level 3 COVID restrictions on school sites.
- 8 November 2021 Years 3, 4 and 5 will return to face-to-face learning with Level 3 COVID restrictions on school sites.

As always, when we receive any further information, we will pass it onto our parent community. Having students and staff all return to school will be accompanied by Level 3 Covid restrictions. The NSW Health advice continues to stress the importance of vaccinations for all adults and also children 12 years and above. Bishop Vincent recently in his pastoral letter shared some information from Catholic Social Teachings.

The principle of the Common Good in Catholic Social Teaching emphasises that we are connected with other people. The Common Good is about the general welfare of the entire human family where the rights and duties of individuals and groups are harmonised into the achievement of the common good. Our collective commitment to remote learning, COVID-safe principles and vaccination is a practical expression of our concern for the common good of our community.

Pope Francis described getting vaccinated as a gesture of love: "Love for oneself, love for our families and friends and love for all peoples. Love is also social and political." He went on to say that social and political love is built up through "small individual gestures capable of transforming and improving societies".

So, if you have been vaccinated or you are getting vaccinated consider it a gesture of love, a simple way to care for one another and to support the common good.

Mr Anthony McElhone Principal



#### **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, 13 December
- Tuesday, 14 December
- Wednesday, 15 December

Please note that the student's final day will be Friday, 10 December.





#### 2021/22 School Calendar

The key date of events and celebrations for 2021 and 2022 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

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.

# Seesaw

#### **Enrolments for Kindergarten 2022**

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 by ASAP.





#### Principal's Medallions

Congratulations to the recipients of the Principal's Medallion for Term 3. Soleil Saliganan (Kindergarten), Presley Haddad (Year 1), Sienna Banovic (Year 2), Elise Massih (Year 3), Edmond Cocks (Year 4), Evette Haddad (Year 5) and Talia Evans (Year 6).





















### Academi

nic Achievement Awards		
Shepherd	Isaac Hall	

Nelson Lopreiato

Julian Vella	Georgia Shepherd	
Sabina Sant	Jayden Ryan	
Isla Agius	Ava Gunther	
Heidi Perkins	Mikayla Camilleri	

#### One Heart One Mind Awards

James Formosa	Cruz Hooton	Daniela Finianos
Leona Bilotta	Riley Vella	Elisabeth Franco
Marina Gurlica	Jacob Rowley	
Skylah Steele	Kiarna Kong	



# **Primary Sport Update - 17 July 2021**

Due to the current COVID-19
restrictions, all Term 3 Primary
Sport Gala Days
& Athletics carnivals
are POSTPONED



### Connections Counselling

**Building Bridges** 

Colleen Nicholas, Dip. Couns. MACA

## Individual, Couple & Family Therapist

Counselling For:

\*Personal Issues \*Grief & Loss

\*Relationship Problems \*Anxiety

\*Family & Parenting \*Depression

\*Transitional Life Changes

\*Stress Management

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