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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

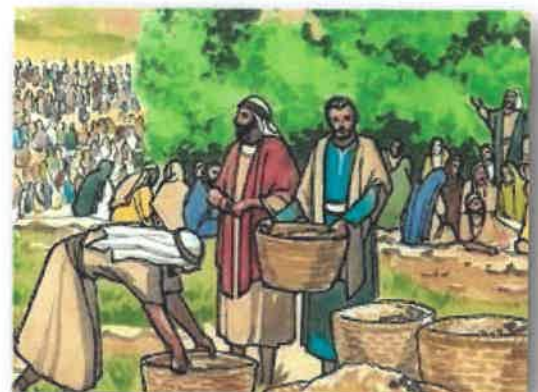
In the well known parable, The Feeding of the Five Thousand, Jesus and his disciples had decided to take some time for themselves, to rest from the demands of their mission. However, when they arrived at their destination, a large crowd met Jesus and his disciples. The crowd is described in Mark's Gospel as being 'like sheep without a shepherd'. So what was the response of Jesus and the disciples to this crowd? As we recall Jesus and the disciples didn't get their little vacation. Instead of taking their leave and heading for some time by themselves, Jesus and the disciples showed compassion and stayed with the crowd and tended to their needs. Jesus taught them and then, as the Gospel continues, he fed them with the loaves and fishes.

Social Justice work is an important and strong foundational mission of our Church and is expressed in a number of different ways. The social mission of the Church is found in Catholic Social Teaching principles. These principles provide a framework for viewing society, which ensures that the good of the individual and the common good of humanity are in harmony. Catholic Social Teaching covers all spheres of life – the economic, political, personal and spiritual, with a clear focus on human dignity at its core.

As you may be aware our Stage 3 students are completing a project that focuses on *Social Justice* and *Mission*. Each stage in Religious Education is also reflecting on how they can reach out to others in need through their *Social Justice* and *Mission* units. Consequently we have witnessed the enormous generosity of our community's continued support of the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Your support is greatly appreciated and typifies exactly what makes our community so special!

May we once again be ever thankful for our strengths as a community and the opportunities presented to us each day. It is through our faith and strength as a community that our students can continue to learn and grow to their full potential.

Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal



At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

Classes for 2022

As a school we are required to maintain our register of students so that it is accurate for the students who are enrolled at Holy Family School. As we approach the end of the year families make decisions about schooling for the coming school year. If there are families who are not returning to Holy Family School in 2022 it is important to inform the school, in writing, about your intention. This assists with the organisation of class groupings for next year. It also assists us with enrolment enquiries, which we are receiving for next year.



2022 Class Placements – we are starting the process of allocating teachers to classes and following that we will allocate children to class groups. Teachers use a very thorough and thoughtful process of discernment when forming new class groups for the following year. They use a range of information gathered throughout the year to place each student into the best possible environment for their learning. Whilst most parents are very happy to entrust teachers with the placement of children there are instances where specific educational or pastoral needs should be considered during this process. Mr McElhone invites parents who have such a specific consideration to inform him of your particular needs so that they can be included in discussions when classes are formed. All positive and constructive requests will be carefully considered. Requests for specific teachers without reason will not be considered. If you wish to provide feedback about your child’s placement, please complete the online form that has been added to Seesaw. Please note that each Stage group has a form unique to their group.

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>



At this stage the following end of year events can proceed with the likelihood there will be some restrictions in place.

1 December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
7 December	Thanksgiving Mass/Awards Ceremony
8 December	Swimming Carnival (Years 3 - 6)
10 December	End of Year Assembly
10 December	Year 6 Fun Day (after the assembly)

Start of 2022 Details

The school office will reopen on Friday, 28 January. The first day for students in Years 1-6 is Tuesday 1 February. Kindergarten will commence on Thursday, 3 February.





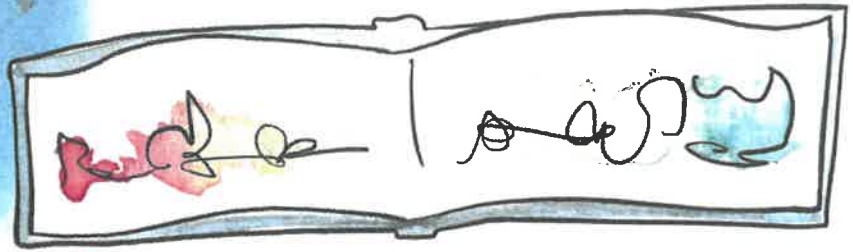
We would like to thank Austec Fabrications (Deanna & Alexander Agius Stage 3) for their donation of our beautiful laser-cut wooden depiction of the Holy Family displayed in our School Foyer.



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