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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

From time to time we hold social justice events (e.g. Market Day) to raise awareness and funds for Catholic organisations such as Caritas, Catholic Mission and Catholic Care. Our community always generously supports these types of events. So it was no surprise that once again our community strongly supported our school fundraiser, the Slime Spectacular Fun Run. This fundraising event is significant as it enables us to continue to ensure that Holy Family has excellent learning resources and facilities. This year we were able to raise over \$18,000 which will enable us to purchase the stage for the hall. We initially planned to use the funds from the Slime Spectacular fundraiser along with income from a proposed 2023 fundraiser to purchase the stage. However, such was the response from our community we have been able to place the order for the stage after one fundraising event and it will arrive in time for Grandparents' Day.



Whilst community events, like the Slime Spectacular, are fun and raise money for the school, they also bring great joy for all in our Holy Family 'family'. So far this year we have had a number of opportunities to come together as a community and we plan to have many more. Make sure you check out our school calendar on the website or in the Compass app for the dates of these events.

Also over the last two weeks, I have had the pleasure to interview parents and their child for Kindergarten 2023. New parents are asked why they have chosen Holy Family for their family. Something we hear time and again is the wonderful and welcoming Holy Family community spirit that makes this school so special. It is quite obvious that our school is held in high regard across the community. This is a result of the relationship between home and school and the support we have for each other.



Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal

Tell Them from Me

From Monday 30 May to Friday 24 June we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.



Tell Them From Me

We would like to invite parents/carers to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Holy Family.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/13420>

Your feedback is very much valued and assists the school in our work with your children, to identify our strengths and also areas in which we can focus our efforts for further improvement.

School Attendance - It's Now More Important than Ever!

Considering the disruptions caused by COVID-19 it is more important than ever that every child's attendance at school is maximised. The following tips are key reminders to help support regular attendance at school.

1. Send your child to school every day unless they are sick.
2. Develop good sleep and morning routines.
3. Schedule appointments outside of school hours.
4. Avoid taking holidays during the school term.



Enrolments for Kindergarten 2023

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 **ASAP**. Kindergarten 2023 interviews have commenced and interest is strong.



Grandparent's Day - Save the Date

Grandparent's Day will be on Friday, 29 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.



2022 School Calendar

The key date of events and celebrations for 2022 can be viewed in our online school calendar. The calendar can be viewed on our school website or on the Compass app.

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 10 October
- Thursday 15 December
- Friday 16 December
- Monday 19 December



Please note that the student's final day will be Wednesday, 14 December.



School Fees

Thank you to the many families who are up to date with their school fee payment.

Term 2 School Fees were due for payment by 2 June, 2022. It is still not too late to make an arrangement where payment of school fees can be made weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

If you have not received an invoice or statement or should you be experiencing financial hardship, please contact Rasha Azar, Finance Officer on 4773-7100 for a confidential discussion.

Thank you for your continued support.

Leaving Families

A term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment, that is, the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance.





**PRG Meeting – Agenda
Term 2 Week 5 2022**

Present: Anthony McElhone, Marie Edwards, Angela Finianos.

Principal's Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground Update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Line marking 2. Capital Works <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Toilets (share plans) 3. Compass Parent Portal - Half Yearly Reports 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The marking should have been done over the Christmas holidays. They will hopefully be done mid-June, weather permitting. 2. Going to tender. Hoping to start Term 3. 3. Reports will be sent through Compass via the Parent Portal.
Community Events/Fundraisers	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Major fundraiser (for new stage) - Slime Spectacular - outcome of fundraising 2. Grandparents' Day 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Over \$18,000 raised. New stage was ordered and has been set up in hall! 2. Grandparent's Day is 29 July. All processes are under way.
Parent's Agenda	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed strike action by IEU on 27 May 2022 2. Transition to cashless - feedback on Qkr app 3. Special Food Day 4. Fun Day 5. Bundaluks 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There will be skeleton staff to supervise on Friday 27 May due to industrial action. 2. Positive feedback. Still getting used to it. 3. Will start with Hot Dog Day on 8 June 22. Will then have one a month of different food choices: 2 minute noodles, hot chocolate & cookie, pie/sausage roll. 4. Our next fundraiser, eg. colour run or slime fest, could we have a full day? Start with open classrooms, then a picnic lunch and then slime. 5. Can we have handball competitions at lunch time? Team vs Team x 2. Then finals against teachers.



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