## **BRANCHES**

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#### Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham

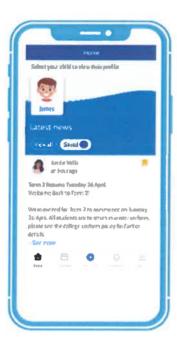
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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Friday, 24 June the student's half yearly school reports will be distributed using the Compass Parent Portal for the first time. A hard copy will not be provided.

To access the report:

1. Click into your child's profile picture in the Compass app



2. The semester reports can be accessed and downloaded from here.



Your child's achievement for each key learning area is reported using a five point scale (*Requires Support, Developing, At Level, Extensive, Outstanding*).

The five point scale lets teachers report student academic achievements at any point in time using clear standards. The teachers have made a professional on-balance judgement to decide which grade best matches the standards your child has achieved, based on assessment information they have collected. An on-balance judgement does not just focus on a single piece of work.

The standards have two important components. These can be thought of in terms of **what** students are expected to learn and **how well** they have achieved.

The outcomes in the NSW syllabuses state **what** students at each stage are expected to learn. The five point scale describes **how well** students achieve.

#### What is the five point scale?

The five point scale summarises the standard (or quality) of achievement associated with each scale. The scale describes:

- the depth of knowledge and understanding and
- the range of skills that students working at that standard typically show.

Your child will get the achievement scale that best matches the standard of their achievement. Teachers are **not** limited to set numbers of each scale within their class or school.

Scales are one aspect of school reporting to parents. Other important tools include:

- teacher comments and feedback
- parent-teacher interviews
- information about student effort and application
- the work samples and
- the scale descriptors

#### Making Progress During a Stage

If a student receives the same scale for two consecutive reports they have made progress. For example, if a student receives an 'At Level' in the middle of the year and again at the end of the year they will be making progress. Between the two reporting periods the student will have learned new knowledge and skills of a more advanced nature. In order to receive an 'At Level' on the second occasion the student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills in relation to this new and more challenging material.

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

This is another opportunity for you to meet with your child's classroom teacher and it is an important part of the half yearly reporting process.

Parent/Teacher Interviews provide an important opportunity for teachers, students and parents to acknowledge student progress and achievement and discuss some clear steps forward for future growth.

Following are some tips offered by Michael Grose – Australia's leading parenting educator - to help make the interview a successful experience for everyone involved:



#### 1. Prepare well

Before the meeting, list any questions that you want to raise. Writing information down in advance ensures that your point of view is expressed and that critical information is covered. You may also like to take notes during the meeting so that vital information isn't missed.

#### 2. Stay solution-focused

When your child's learning challenges are discussed it can be difficult not to become defensive or sceptical however, it is important to stay open-minded. Try to view the information shared as an opportunity to discuss your child's strengths and needs as well as any further support required.

#### 3. Trust the teacher

Teachers view your child through a different lens than you and their conclusions and solutions can seem at odds with your own views. At these times you need to trust the professionalism of your child's teacher who has more than likely experienced these same challenges before.

#### 4. Ask what you can do

Show your commitment to supporting your child's progress by asking about ways you can best support your child at home.

Information on how to book your appointment online has been posted on Compass.

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 (first day of Term 4)
- 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.

#### Hot Dog Day

A big thank you to our parents who were able to help with our Hot Dog Day, hats, tutu's and all! It's great to have you back on board.





**Motiv8sports** are excited to announce they will be coming to Holy Family Luddenham in Term 3 for their 8 Week After School Sports Clinic

When: Monday afternoons - 8 weeks starting Monday 25th July

Time: 3.00pm - 4.30pm (pickup)

Where: Held on school grounds exclusively for Holy Family Luddenham students

Cost: \$100 for 8 weeks or FREE if you use your ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

\*\*\*\* If you would like to book/secure your spot using your upcoming 2nd Active Kids Voucher please put 5444 4444 4444 in the Active Kids section when booking and we will get the new voucher off you come July 1st \*\*\*\*

For more event information and to book please see the link below.

#### Spots are limited to 60

#### **BOOK HERE!**

https://motiv8sports.com.au/m8\_event/2022-07-25-term-3-2022-monday-holy-family-luddenham-8-week-after-school-sports-clinic-25-7-12-9/

# PCYC ACTIVITIES

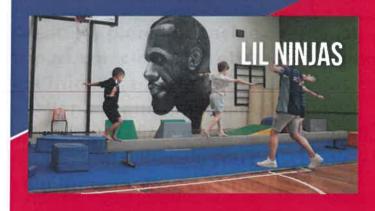




Gymnastics is for everyone! With a range of programs for ALL ages it is devised to help develop incredible skills for fitness, performance, competition or just to challenge yourself.



We offer a range of boxing & Judo. these programs revolve around fun, fitness and friends and caters for beginners to advanced levels.



Create, explore and tackle a range of Ninja obstacles. Each obstacle ranging in difficulty, to keep the little ninjas challenged and entertained huge selection of Ninja obstacles. Above all, it's fun and will have you mastering your inner ninja in no time



The perfect classes to learn how to play sport. These classes will help children develop the fundamentals and skills of the sport. These classes are designed for young people that have never played a sport before and would prefer to ease their way into it.

# PCYC ACTIVITIES





Our Art & craft class is for young people that enjoy being hands-on and creative. Arts and crafts is a great way for kids to unleash their creativity, and make something that they're proud of. Our Arts & Craft class will involve drawing, painting & making some cool craft projects!



Our NEW Dance program is a fun, energised class for beginners. This is the perfect program for those kids who just love to dance and are full of energy. This program runs by the term and will allow your child to really enjoy this upbeat program



Our NEW Birthday Parties at PCYC! Looking for something different for you celebration? Our fun, safe and exciting parties are perfect!

## SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOK:

\*PCYC membership required before booking can be completed\*









2022 ACTIVE & CREATIVE VOUCHERS

CAN BE USED FOR SOME PROGRAMS











**Plaster Painting Packs!** 





Trinket Boxes!



Party Favours!



Holiday FUN!



Variety of Designs



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