

# BRANCHES

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was with great excitement that I welcomed your children back to the new school year! It is hoped that they experienced a restful break from the routines of school and they are ready to 'Bee a Learner'. I especially welcome the new families to our school community. We know they will find Holy Family to be a place of friendship and hospitality. I came across this prayer for the new year during the holiday break. You may wish to share it with your family during the first weeks of term.

### *Prayer for the School Year*

*Lord of all things. We ask your blessings on our children's school of Holy Family.  
Thank You Lord for the staff you have called to work in education.  
Bless their hearts and minds with Your love, joy and peace.  
May our children experience from them Your patience, kindness and goodness when they teach and respond to their learning needs.  
As parents show us how to be cooperative and supportive when our children reach out to us.  
Remind all of us to be patient with these precious gifts you have blessed us with – our children.  
Help us to be examples of Christ's love at all times, with our teachers, students and school community.  
Give us helpful and encouraging words especially when we speak of others.  
Grant us the gift of hospitality. Let us be merciful to others in our thoughts, words and actions.  
We give thanks for this new school year and ask your blessings for its success Dear Lord. Amen.*

*A student prayer:*

*Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.  
Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.  
Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.  
Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!*



### **New students to our school (Years 1 - 6)**

Charlise - Stage 1 Blue  
Dominic - Stage 1 White  
Isaiah - Stage 1 White  
Jasmine - Stage 2 Blue  
Giselle - Stage 2 White



At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

Mr Anthony McElhone  
Principal

## Baby News

Congratulations to the Voulistiotis family (Izzy Stage 2) on the arrival of a beautiful baby boy, Hamish.

Best wishes for restful nights in the coming months!



## 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:

<http://www.hfluddenham.catholic.edu.au/Our-Community/Events>



## 2022 Staffing Overview

### Parish Priest

Fr Giovanni Presica

### Leadership Team

Mr Anthony McElhone (Principal), Miss Amanda Cassar (Assistant Principal), Mr Ray McCauley (Religious Education Coordinator), Mrs Karen Ryan (Leader of Learning/Instructional Coach)

### Early Stage 1

Mrs Julie McLean, Ms Natalie Boggian

### Stage 1

Mrs Sarah Brennan, Mrs Rosa Surace, Ms Yvonne Terweeme

### Stage 2

Miss Sarah Archer, Mrs Jessica Fowler, Mrs Melissa Whitton

### Stage 3

Mrs Donnalee Hughes, Mr Graham Platt, Mrs Stefanie Steele

### Specialist Teachers

Mrs Christine Hall (PE), Mrs Angela Franich (Japanese), Mr David Bullock (Digital Technologies), Mrs Wendy Steuart (Diversity Team), Miss Amanda Cassar (Diversity Team), Mrs Tracy Heidtmann (Diversity Team), Mrs Annette Stein (Diversity Team), Mr Ray McCauley (Reading Recovery/Diversity Team), Mrs Paris Mayer (Diversity Team)

### School Support Officers

Senior Finance Officer - Mrs Rasha Azar

Administration - Mrs Marie Edwards, Mrs Despina Azzopardi

Learning - Mrs Amanda Dewhurst, Mrs Leanne Green, Mrs Rhonda Medlen, Mrs Annette Tillman, Mrs Kim Wennerbom (library)

### Grounds & Maintenance

Mr Richard Ackroyd-Broadbere



We would like to offer a special welcome to Miss Natalie Boggian (ES1 Teacher) and Miss Amanda Cassar (Assistant Principal) who have joined the Holy Family 'family' this year.

### Hair Styles/Uniform

During the holiday period some children take the opportunity to have exotic cuts and or highlights put in their hair. Unfortunately this is not an accepted part of the uniform policy. Therefore we request that arrangements be made for either a haircut or re-colouring by the beginning of next week. Such styles can be the cause of conflict within the family home when parents who comply with the school uniform policy are being pressured by their children to have highlights placed in their hair because their friend's parents may be ignoring the school uniform policy.

The policy requires that:

- Long hair be tied back using appropriately coloured bands or ribbons (blue, red or white).
- Hair to be neat and tidy at all times.
- Hair should be its natural colour.
- Hair styles should be moderate with no extremes such as to draw the attention of others.



### Seesaw/Compass

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 or you are new to the school and haven't received your code, please email Mrs Edwards at [medwards3@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:medwards3@parra.catholic.edu.au) to request the QR code to be sent home.



### Compass Parent Portal

The Compass Parent Portal is now available to parents with an email being sent 2 weeks ago. If you have not received this email please check your Junk Mail first, then contact Mrs Edwards at [medwards3@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:medwards3@parra.catholic.edu.au). It is important to advise the school if you

have changed your email/address/phone number so information can be relayed efficiently.

If you need any help please contact Mrs Edwards in the school office.

### Parent Representative Group

Our Parent Representative Group is back! Our first meeting for this year will be on Tuesday, 15 March at 9:15am in the school hall (delayed due to COVID-19 guidelines). Parents/carers can submit items for the agenda by completing the form that will be posted on Seesaw prior to the meeting. Please note that suggested agenda items that are not aligned to the purpose of the PRG will not be included on the agenda. The Principal or delegate will follow up the matter with the specific parent(s)/ carers(s).



### Anaphylaxis Awareness

Some children in our school suffer the life threatening condition of anaphylaxis. Essentially anaphylaxis is an allergic reaction which is caused as a result of an intolerance to nut or peanut-based food products. As well as this we do have a number of children in the school who suffer anaphylactic reactions when exposed to peanuts, eggs, seafood and sesame seeds. In order to respond to this situation and provide safe, fair and responsible procedures for all in the school community we have taken advice from the Anaphylaxis Association and our own Diocesan Workplace Safety Officers. We specifically request that parents/carers must not send in peanut or nut based products as part of their child's lunch. If anyone has any concerns over this, please do not hesitate to speak with Mr McElhone.

# Anaphylaxis Awareness



### Student Leadership

On Friday, 4 March we will formally welcome our new Kindergarten students and induct our student leaders at our Opening School Mass. Following are our 2022 Student Leadership groups.

Student Leader	PBS4L Leader	Environment Team	Servant Leader	Media Team
Mikayla C Sharlay P Sarah P Marcus F Issac H Peter M	Daniel D Helena G Ella G Kaitlin A	Zac F Nicholas F Jake M	Evette H Olivia U Aiden L Connor O Rose E Alex A Sophia-Rose P Lily M	Lachlan M Ollie L Georgia T Sammy P Leon L Nelson L



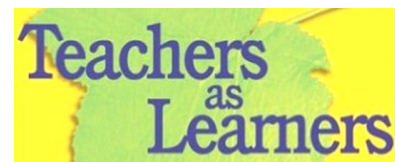
### Enrolments for Kindergarten 2023

Application forms are available for collection from the school office from 7 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**.

### Teacher Professional Learning

Date	Staff Members	Professional Learning
24 February	K-2 Numeracy Sequences	K-2 Teachers, Mrs Ryan, Miss Cassar
25 February	Setting Diversity Leaders Up for Success	Miss Cassar
2 March	Diabetes in Schools Level 2 Group	Mrs Azzopardi, Mrs Edwards
3 March	EMU Early Years Intervention Specialist Teacher Course	Mrs McLean
4 March	REC Meeting	Mr McCauley

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:



## Sports News

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 are 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



**Academic Achievement Awards**  
**Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients**

Cooper Farrelly  
Orlando Daniel  
Luciella Tabone  
Adriana Palombit  
Isaac Buttigieg  
Charlise D'Avoine  
Reggie Schipp  
Cailin Franke

Daniel Lepre  
Mia Norrie  
Ava Gunther  
Marlie McCullan  
Alys Challicombe  
Zac Gullo  
Levi Agland  
Byron Andrews

Sharlay Pantazakos  
Olivia Urschel  
Alexander Agius  
Sammy Polistena  
Daniel Dura  
Elisa Camilleri

**One Heart One Mind Awards**  
**Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients**

Noah Banovic  
Ava Walker  
Wiley Ristau  
Isla McKendry  
Sophia Demanuele  
Presley Haddad  
Amelia Guedes  
Dean Vella

Jack Scriven  
Huxton McCullan  
Michael Mammone  
Jasmine D'Avoine  
Leo Falzon  
Courtney Norrie  
Marlia Baric-Eade  
Elias Estphan

Marcus Falzon  
Marcus Zamprogno  
Nelson Lopreiato  
Aiden Luppino  
Orlando Lepre  
Georgia Tyrrell

**Happy Birthday**

**Congratulations** to the following people who celebrated their birthdays in the month of January:

Matthew Attard, Maddison Cutajar, Orlando Daniel, Cooper Farrelly, Gemma Gauci, Ava Gunther, Adriana Isaia, Zara Isaia, Mason Micalizzi, Harper Miles, Ruby Nairne, Courtney Norrie, Anthony Pantazakos, Sharlay Pantazakos, Aurelia Tabone, Amelia Vella, Miss Cassar, Mrs Franich, Mrs Fowler, Mrs Hughes, Mr Richard and Mrs Dewhurst.





# YOU'RE INVITED

CAROLINE  
CHISHOLM  
COLLEGE

## 2023 ENROLMENTS FOR GIRLS YEARS 7-12

Open Night Tours: Monday 7th  
to Wednesday 9th March 2021

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