

# BRANCHES

## Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 2

11th June 2015  
Issue 9, Week 8

**Friday 12th June**

25th Anniversary  
School Celebrations

**Saturday 13th June**

25th Anniversary Parish  
Celebrations

**Monday 15th - Friday  
19th June**

Stage 3 Parent/  
Teacher Interviews

**Monday 22nd -  
Wednesday 24th June**

Stage 3 Camp

**Monday 22nd - Friday  
26th June**

ES1, Stage 1, Stage 1/2  
and Stage 2 Parent/  
Teacher Interviews

**Thursday 25th June**

Stage 2 Boys Soccer  
Gala Day

**Friday 26th June**

Last day of Term 2

**Monday 13th July**

First day of Term 3

During last two weeks I have had the pleasure of interviewing families seeking enrolment for their children in Kindergarten for 2016. During our chats we have heard of the many aspects of Holy Family School that attract families to seek enrolment. Some of the responses included:

- *The emphasis on Catholic values and teachings*
- *Strong sense of family*
- *A school that supports the values taught at home*
- *A safe and caring place for my child to be educated*
- *The school's reputation in the local community*
- *The teachers are great and provide excellent learning opportunities for the children*
- *The support the school offers for children and families.*

In the interviews I have had the chance to learn a little about each of the children, their family stories and the hopes and dreams that parents have for their children. It has been a great privilege as a school leader to meet and welcome new members to our school community.

Continuing the community theme, tomorrow we celebrate 25 years of the School and Parish Centre. Events like this help to build our sense of community and belonging, as well as celebrate the achievements and story of our community. We hope that all those who are able to, will join us in celebrating the role our school and church have in the wider community. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the activities, performance and a shared lunch with their children throughout the afternoon. We are looking forward to a fabulous community event.

*In partnership let us continue to work to develop in the children strong minds and gentle hearts.*

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful fortnight ahead.

**At Holy Family**

I Respect Myself

I Respect Others

I Respect the  
Environment

Tim Vane-Tempest  
Principal

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

As outlined in the last Branches interviews will be held before the end of Term 2. Owing to Stage 3 attending their Hill End camp in the last week of term the reports were sent home on Tuesday this week, with interviews to be held in Week 9. All other Stages will receive their reports next week and hold their interviews in Week 10. Information for using the online booking service was shared in the last Branches. If you haven't as yet booked a time you are urged to do so as soon as possible to ensure your opportunity to discuss your child/ren's progress.

### **ANZAC Commemorative Poppies**

At the beginning of this term as a nation we commemorated the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the sacrifice made at Gallipoli by soldiers. In support of this commemoration, Holy Family have purchased poppies for each family and staff member. These will be presented during the Week 9 assembly.

### **Staffing Update**

Next term we welcome back Mrs Dyer from Maternity Leave. Mrs Dyer will return to Stage 1 on Monday and Tuesday. Miss Bunting will continue in Stage 1 on Wednesday to Friday. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Dyer back to our community.

### **Cuppa for Cancer**

Congratulations to all involved in the Cuppa For Cancer. On the day the event raised \$3,695. Over the year Artie & Jean Roots have raised \$42,565. This is a great result and a great tribute to Artie & Jean's hard work. A special mention and thank you to Sarah Nand, Rosemary Penza, Jo Reynolds, Amy Hosking and Sharon Roots for all their help on the day and in the lead up to the event.

### **Enrolling Now for 2016**

The enrolment period for Kindergarten 2016 is open. We have had strong interest so far for Kindergarten places for 2016. If you have not as yet submitted an enrolment application for a sibling you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available by contacting Mrs. Edwards or Mrs. Miller in our school office.

If you know of any family who is seeking enrolment for 2016 and are not yet connected with the Holy Family School please pass on this information.

We are continuing to accept applications for enrolment for Years 1-6 for 2016.

The school office can be contacted on 4773 4485 for an enrolment pack and will be happy to assist with enrolment.

### **In Sympathy**

Our sympathy to the Enman family (James S2, Alex ES1) on the passing of their grandfather, who passed away earlier this month.

Also to the Fagan family (Emily S3, Matilda S2) and the Park family (Madison S1) on the passing of their grandfather.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

### **Scarf & Beanie Day/School Disco – 24<sup>th</sup> July**

Our annual fundraiser for the St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will this year be coupled with our school disco. The date for these combined events will be Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Students are encouraged to wear a scarf and a beanie as part of their mufti dress. The cost for doing this is a gold coin donation that will go directly to our local St. Vincent de Paul Society, to support local families this Winter. Supporting this event is part of the range of events that we run to support Social Justice initiatives in the school. The gold coin donation should be brought to school on the day and will be collected in class by our Year 6 Servant Leaders.

The disco will be held in the evening starting at 6pm and ending at 8pm. As is always the case parent assistance is needed to supervise at this event. More information will be shared in the near future.

### **PCC Junior Mayor**

As part of Local Government Week 2015 Penrith City Council are running their annual Junior Mayor competition. This year one of our student leaders, Jesse Penza has been selected as one of 15 children from whom the Junior Mayor will be selected. The remaining 14 children will form a junior council. Jesse has been selected from over 150 nominations to be part of the junior council, which in itself is a great achievement. The junior council will meet three times during the rest of this term and early Term 3. The idea is to give young local students experience in how local government operates. The council will sit at their own mock council meeting in early August. Congratulations Jesse.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Recently we held our school Athletics Carnival at Sales Park and it was a huge success. All the children had a great time rotating through the fun and sometimes challenging activities and the weather held off which helped contribute to the success of the day.

Thank you to the parents who helped time races, recorded the times, gave places to each race, helped run an activity or helped in the set up/pack up parts of the day. Special thanks to Julie Giugovaz, Michelle Gleeson, Cathy Ford, Allison Vella, Charmaine Tyler, Rebecca Bruni, Craig Wilson, Craig Lewin, Scott Enman, Rebecca Camilleri, Angela Finianos and Troy Krone (for the PA/music). Thank you also to Richard Calderwood for preparing the oval, it looked amazing.

Thank you to all the teachers who helped the children enjoy the day. The 1<sup>st</sup> House was Jacaranda, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Boronia, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Waratah and 4<sup>th</sup> place was Acacia. Well done to everyone who participated and contributed to earning points for your house colour.

The Age Champions will be announced at the whole school assembly in Week 9. The children representing Holy Family at the Zone Athletics will be notified shortly. All children who wish to qualify for Shot Put, Discus, High Jump and Long Jump will need to fill out a form (attached to this newsletter) detailing their results from this year's Little A's and return by the end of this term please.

### **NSWCPSCCC CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to Ashleigh Gill, Chloe Gill, Jordan Ford, Patrick Vial and Haylee Vella who are representing the Nepean Zone in the NSWCPSS Cross Country this Friday. We wish you all the best of luck.

### **STAGE 2 SOCCER GALA DAY**

Good Luck to our Stage 2 boys who are preparing for their gala day on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**. We are still waiting confirmation as to whether the girls will be attending this day. As soon as we know, the girls will be notified and a permission note will be sent home.



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

Daniela Finianos  
Georgia Railton  
Indyarna Cefai  
Seth Obereigner  
Kiesha McMahon  
Annalise Surace  
Luke Cassar

Lily Belle-Lewis  
Bruno Lopreiato  
Lucas Andrews  
Thomas Searle  
Jack O'Hara  
Cameron Rzepecki  
Gabrielle Gattellari

Isabella Caceres  
Luke Sant  
Mark Taylor  
Emily Obereigner  
Lachlan Bartak  
Jesse Favotto  
Ammaleah Astruc



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

Harrison O'Hara  
Jacob Davies  
Diana Baric  
Aduang Athum  
Mariah Gauci  
Marcus Bruni  
Julia Krilich

Zac Obereigner  
Mariska Matulovich  
Olivia Vella  
Amelia Hearne  
Evangelina Papalia  
Zouhair Barikhan  
Angela Baric

Jacqui Sheil  
Max Blackhurst  
Steven Borg  
Jake Matheson  
Shalisse Mifsud  
Christopher Cosic  
Sarah Vella



**Uniform Sale**

We have limited polo shirts, jumpers and jackets available from the school office at heavily reduced prices.

Sizes available:

*Polos - \$15*

Sizes 14 & 16

*Jumpers - \$20*

Sizes 4, 6, 10, 12, 14 & 16

*Jackets - \$30*

Sizes 4, 6, 8 & 16

## School Fees

School fees were due for payment on the 25th May. Thank you to the families who have commenced their Flexible Payment Plan arrangements. Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Principal or myself, fees are payable in accordance with the Diocesan School Fees Policy which states "all fees are due and payable within 30 days of the date the school account statement is issued." If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, I encourage you to contact me on 4773 4485 or mmiller@parra.catholic.edu.au to discuss payment options. The Catholic Education Office is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. Please be assured of complete confidentiality when discussing financial issues. The school fee collection process has commenced on overdue accounts that have not been addressed as above. School fees can be paid by Bpay, Postbillpay, Direct Debit, cash, EFTPOS Credit Card or cheque.

Monica Miller - Finance Officer

### Happy Birthday

**Congratulations** to the following people who celebrated their birthdays the last fortnight:

Cameron Rzepecki, Destiny Demirjian, Daniela Finianos, Kyrillos Barikhan, Emily Fagan, Jacob Digiorgio, Joshua Lewin, Zac Obereigner, Matthew Azzopardi, Alexandria Pelle, Mrs Sneesby and Mr Vane-Tempest.



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

**College Open  
Morning Tour  
Monday  
June 15, 2015**

### OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on June 15, 2015.

Discover how our rich tradition and cutting edge approach makes a Mercy Education at OLMC Parramatta treasured for life. Tour the College and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2016 and 2017.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

*Holy Family Primary School,  
Luddenham*

*25th Anniversary*

*Mass & Morning Tea*

*Friday 12th June*

*9.15am in the Church*

*Followed by Morning Tea in the School Hall*

*RSVP - 22nd May to*

*Marie, Monica or Despina in the School Office*

*For further information contact the*

*School Office on 4773 4485*

*Email - [Luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au)*

### Miracles do Happen - Fundraiser

The night is set for Saturday, September 12, 2015 at Penrith Rugby Leagues Club, in 'The Chairman's Lounge', Pepper Stadium. For this night to be a success we are asking for your support. If you can help in the form of sponsorship, donations or entertainment of any kind we would love to hear from you.

Any company or persons who contributes to this evening will be recognised and promoted throughout the night.

Kind regards,

Lisa Blackhurst, Monica Macri and Melinda Mandarano.

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### Seminar - Dealing With The Legal System

CCSS Solo Parent Services is holding an Information night for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers to minimize your legal fees, protecting your rights regarding family assets and other topics. This night will be held on Wednesday 24th June from 7.30pm-9.30pm at CCSS, 2A Villiers St, Parramatta. Registration essential: Eileen or Rita Ph.9933 0205 email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au) See Flyer on Notice Board

### YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

CCSS Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The Support group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. **Next gathering:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Eileen or Rita Ph. 9933 0205 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

11<sup>th</sup> National eConference: 23 June

Presented by The Broken Bay Institute in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The eConference will be live streamlined live – all are welcome to participate at no charge.

**The eConference will tap into interfaith issues surrounding the three Abrahamic traditions:**

**Christianity, Judaism and Islam.**

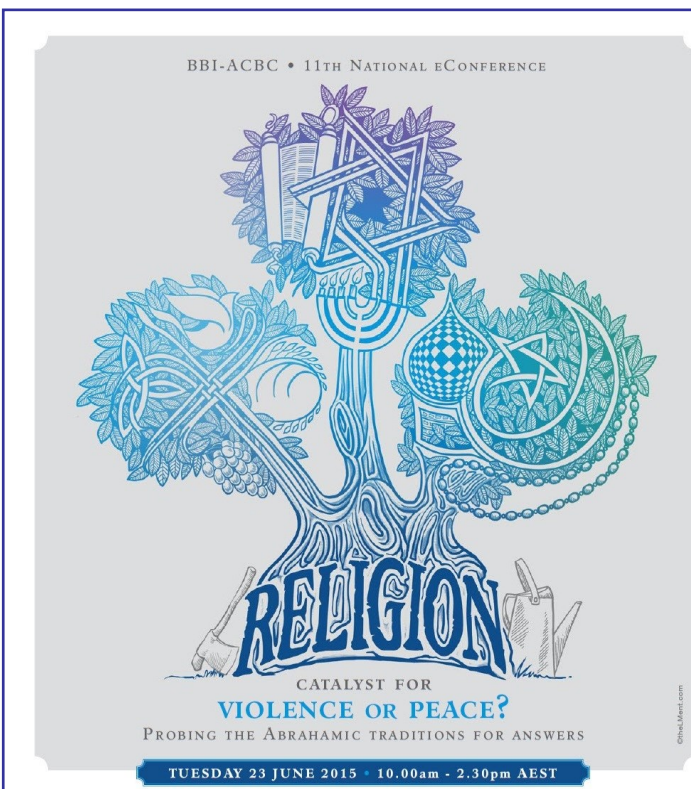
The aim is to explore the potential for these traditions to cultivate peace in a world that associates Religion with violence.

**Holy Family Church will be hosting the e-Conference.**

Time: 10am-3pm.

Please contact the parish office to register your attendance: tel 4773 4321 or email [admin@warragambaparish.org.au](mailto:admin@warragambaparish.org.au)

**Morning Tea provided. BYO lunch.**







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