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Term 3

21st August 2014

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Friday 22nd August

Whole School

Assembly - 2.20pm

Thursday 28th August

Special Food Day

Friday 29th August

Adidas Mini Olympics

Tuesday 2nd Sept

Captivate Performance

Wednesday 3rd Sept

PRG Meeting - 2.20pm

Thursday 4th Sept

Father's Day Breakfast

Father's Day Stall

Friday 5th September

Staff Development

Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week I had the privilege to spend 2 days with other principals from schools in the Parramatta Diocese. During this time we had the opportunity to share many diverse and wonderful things happening in our schools, including here at Holy Family School.

As part of this time we had opportunities in prayer to reflect on the momentous task it is to be a parent and teacher of young children. The importance of partnership between the home, school and parish is one that we continuously work to develop and improve.

As a staff we value the support of parents in all that we do and recognise your role as the first educators of your children. Whilst we might disagree at times, the one thing we always share is the well being and care of your children. Without your input and ongoing commitment to your child, the school and our community many of the great things we offer at Holy Family School would not exist.

We give thanks also, for Fr. Zvonimir, Carmel Fenton and the parish team for their ongoing commitment and support of the school, students, parents and staff.

Fr. Zvonimir is a regular visitor to our classrooms and is active in the faith development of the children. His presence makes an important and significant contribution to the day-to-day lives of the children.

Carmel also is a regular visitor to our school and supports in the preparation of liturgies, prayers and the sacramental programs.

We are very grateful to Fr. Zvonimir, Carmel and the whole parish team for their presence in our community and their contribution to the faith development of the children as well as their support for our wider community.

This reflection from Pope Francis about the challenge of educating children in the current day and the importance of all who work with young people is at the heart of all our efforts as a community.

Do not be disheartened in the face of the difficulties that the educational challenge presents! Educating is not a profession but an attitude, a way of being; in order to educate it is necessary to step out of ourselves and be among young people, to accompany them in the stages of their growth and to set ourselves beside them. Give them hope and optimism for their journey in the world. Teach them to see the beauty and goodness of creation and of man who always retains the Creator's hallmark. But above all with your life be witnesses of what you communicate. Educators pass on knowledge and values with their words; but their words will have an incisive effect on children and young people if they are accompanied by their witness, their consistent way of life. Without consistency it is impossible to educate! You are all educators, there are no delegates in this field.

At Holy Family

I Respect Myself

I Respect Others

I Respect the
Environment

It takes a village to raise a child and a community, we are blessed with such dedicated and committed people who provide an example of faith in the service of others to the children.

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.

Tim Vane-Tempest
Principal

From the Principal

Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Zone Athletics Carnival.

Cameron Gill - Zone age champion and Mia Gleeson & Ashleigh Gill - Zone runner up age champions.

Well done!

A special thank you to Lorraine Vial and Charmaine Tyler who were our place judges for the whole day.



Canberra Excursion Government Subsidy

Students from our school have recently undertaken an excursion of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.

The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Staff Development Day

Our staff Professional Learning Day for Term 3 will be on Friday 5th September. This will be a pupil free day and no supervision of children is provided. The staff are engaging in work related to our Religious Education work which is central to our work in a Catholic School.

Congratulations to the Maycock family (Claudia Stg1) on the arrival of a beautiful baby boy, Mason.

Best wishes to their family and the hope of restful nights in the future.



Captivate Choir

As mentioned in our last Branches 45 students from Holy Family School will be performing at the Primary Voices Choral Celebration at St. Dominic's Penrith, on the 2nd September. We would like to acknowledge all the students who have committed to being involved in this group for their hard work and dedication. As a community we celebrate one of our choir members in particular, Guedy Athum, who will be opening the night with a solo performance. Congratulations to Guedy and our thanks to Miss Bunting who has been working with this group of students along with some outside tutors each week to prepare for this event. We wish them every success for their upcoming performance.

From the Principal

Adidas School Fun-Run Mini Olympics

We will be holding an *adidas School Fun-Run* as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Friday 29th August 2014 within the school grounds.

The *adidas School Fun-Run Mini Olympics* is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to improve technology resources as well as upgrade the inside playground where the play equipment has been removed.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just \$10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the *adidas School Fun-Run* event day at the school on Friday 29th August 2014 to help cheer on the students.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Zone Athletics

We would like to congratulate the following students who have made it through to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival to be held this Friday. They are Ashleigh Gill, Cameron Gill, Mia Gleeson, Daniel Kraljevic, Harry Mason, Austen Pantazacos, Leyton Pantazacos, Taylse Pantazacos, Jesse Penza, Harrison Tyler, Nicholas Vella and Patrick Vial.



Congratulations and good luck!

VIGIL MASS
SAT. 30TH AUGUST 2014
6pm Holy Family Church
Luddenham

Vigil Mass Saturday 30th August 2014

A BIG thank you goes out to the families that have volunteered to be part of our Vigil Mass next week. This is the best response we have had for a school organised Vigil Mass with 17 of our 162 families coming together with the parish community to celebrate the Eucharist.

We would love to have as many of our families as possible present at this once a term celebration and are still in need of further volunteers, especially in Early Stage 1, Stage 1/2 and Stage 3. Please return your notes as soon as possible so that we can finalise the roles the students will take. If you have misplaced the original note a simple letter stating the name of your child and the Stage to which they belong is fine..

Looking forward to hearing from you and celebrating together at the Mass.

Ray McCauley
Religious Education Coordinator

From the Principal

National Literacy & Numeracy Week

The National Literacy and Numeracy Week will be held during 25-31 August. This is the 16th NLNW and is an exciting week to celebrate learning with students, parents and teachers.

Parents are encouraged to get involved and participate in the week because positive parental engagement and involvement influences good student learning outcomes.

The NLNW website is frequently updated with new information and can be found at <http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/>.

Next week there will be a number of Literacy and Numeracy activities specifically targeted at this year's writing theme of A Poem in Your Pocket and numeracy theme of Reach for the Stars. On Friday 29th August we will join schools all around the country in reading this year's book *Sunday Chutney* by Aaron Blabey. A number of Literacy and Numeracy activities will also be included in the homework this week to connect the learning from class to home.

As parents you can also sign up to our newsletter at <http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/#subscribe> which will provide you with all latest news and information.

Stage 3 began their work for NLNW by writing 'I' poems. Below we share with you the poem written by Jordan Ford:

I Am A Bird

I feel free but I am not

I cry every time I see bars

I wish I was free and could spread my wings

I say to myself I will get out of here

I hear other birds

I smell freedom

I wonder if I will ever get out of here

I worry, will this always be my life

I dream that I will fly in the high sky

I am now awake

Now is my chance

I take the risk

I don't look back not for a single second...

BY JORDAN FORD

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08 August 2014

On this the feast day of
St Mary of the Cross (McKillop)
and on behalf of the Warragamba
Conference of the Society of
St Vincent de Paul I would
like to thank the children and
Staff from Holy Family School
for their kind donation of \$352-

Yours faithfully
Anthony P Suberras
for and on behalf
of the Conference Members
as the Administrator 2014

From the Office

Signing-In

School Policy states that any person volunteering in the school, on any level, are required to report to the office and sign the visitors book.

In the case of an evacuation or lock-down, all people on site must be accounted for.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Gardens

You may have noticed that Mr Richard and men from the Parish have put in a lot of time and effort rejuvenating our front gardens.

It has been brought to our attention that children are running through these garden beds and we would ask that your children refrain from this.

Once again, thank you for your cooperation.

Car Park Protocol

Arrows marked in the car-park are there for safety. It would be appreciated if all parents adhered to following the directions of these arrows. Our main concern is the safety of your children.

School fees

School fees for Term 3 are now due. If you have not yet received your statement, please contact me on 4773 4485 to arrange for a copy to be sent home.

Thank you to the families who are honouring their school fee commitment.

The Catholic Education Office is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, you are encouraged to contact the school office to arrange an appointment with either myself or Mr Vane-Tempest to discuss payment options. Your situation will be treated with care and confidentiality and an appropriate payment arrangement will be made for you. Please note that as part of this process you may be required to complete a Statement of Financial Position so that the school is aware of your current financial situation.

Please be assured of complete confidentiality with regards to any information you are asked to provide.

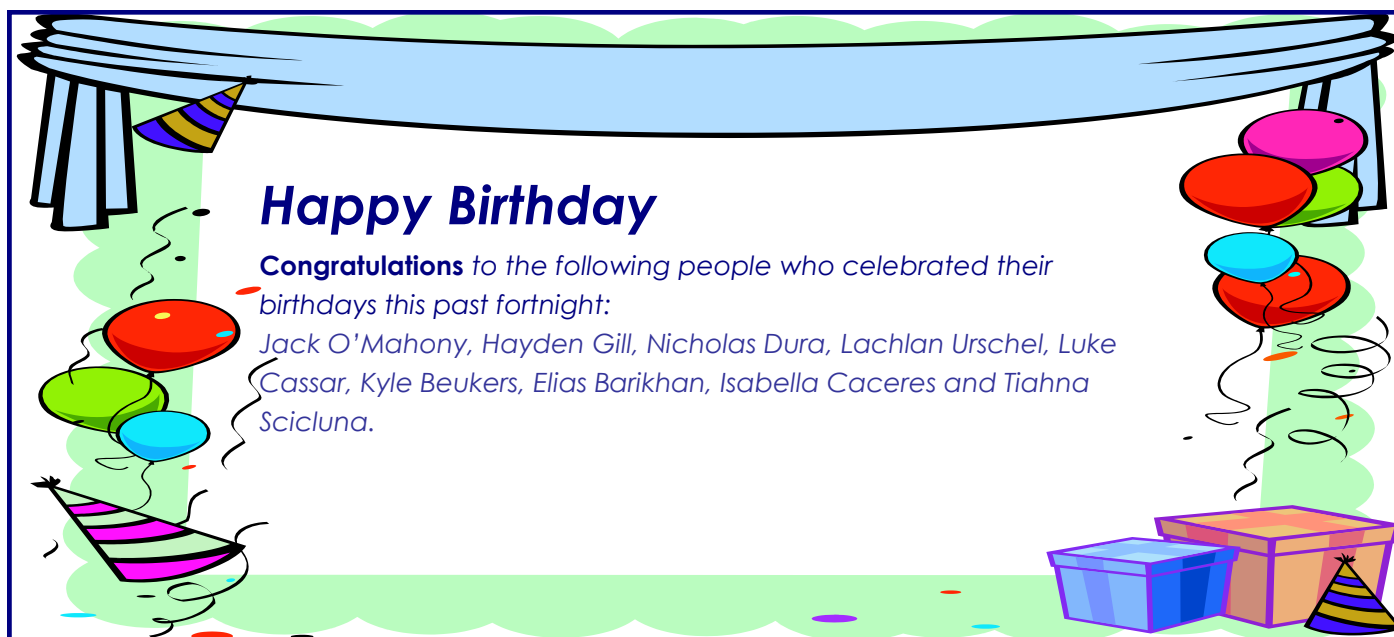
Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made regarding the payment of your account it will be assumed that full payment will be made on or before the due date. Fees are payable in accordance with the Diocesan School Fees Policy which states "all fees are due and payable within 30 days of the date the school account statement is issued". Outstanding accounts will be forwarded to the Catholic Education Office for actioning.

If you need to discuss any issues regarding the school fees, please contact me by phone on 4773 4485 or by email mmiller@parra.catholic.edu.au

School fees can be paid by Bpay, Postbillpay, cash, EFTPOS, credit card or cheque.

Monica Miller

From the Office



Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following people who celebrated their birthdays this past fortnight:

Jack O'Mahony, Hayden Gill, Nicholas Dura, Lachlan Urschel, Luke Cassar, Kyle Beukers, Elias Barikhan, Isabella Caceres and Tiahna Scicluna.



Warradale Little Athletics.

Family, Fun & Fitness for children of all abilities aged 3yrs to U/ 17's.

Registration Days for 2014/15 Season: Fridays 22nd August & 5th September 2014.

Warragamba Sporting Oval. Warradale Rd, Warragamba at 6.00pm - 7.30pm.

On-Line Registration preferred via LANSW website (select Warradale in drop down box) with payment via credit card or submit application only and pay at club. All manual registrations via cash or cheque only.