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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3

20th August 2015

Issue 13, Week 6

Friday 21st August

Diocesan Athletics
2.20pm - Whole School
Assembly

Monday 24 August

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 25th August

Netball Gala Day

Wednesday 26th August

Year 6 Munch & Crunch

Friday 28th August

Stage 1/2 Excursion

Tuesday 1st September

Special Food Day

Wednesday 2nd September

2.20pm - PRG Meeting

Thursday 3rd September

Father's Day Stall

Friday 4th September

Father's Day Liturgy
and Breakfast

Monday 7th September

Captivate Concert

Saturday 12th September

Miracles Do Happen
Fundraiser

Reconciliation is at the heart of our Faith. Through the Gospels Jesus constantly calls people to change from their ways and be reconciled. When Jesus healed the man born blind, forgave the woman caught in adultery and through the many acts of healing the sick Jesus shows God the Father as forgiving. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, God is shown as the loving father who forgives and reconciles with his son, and this reconciliation brought great joy.

Forgiveness is the high point of Christian prayer. We see it in the Our Father, where Jesus teaches us that we are called to be forgiven and to forgive others. We are called by God to forgive those who have hurt us.

Reconciliation is our Faith in action. Reconciliation is not only the work of individuals, but it is the work of the whole faith community. As Catholic Christians, our faith calls us to reconcile with others and for us to be members of a reconciling community. We are called to forgive one another, to reconcile our differences. Reconciliation gives each of us a pathway back to our God, to each other and to our community.

Let us pray that we can be people and a community that models forgiveness to each other and especially our children.

Our Father, Who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against
us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful fortnight ahead.

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

Tim Vane-Tempest
Principal

At Holy Family

I Respect Myself

I Respect Others

I Respect the
Environment

Pupil Free Staff Development Day

Our staff Professional Learning Day for Term 3 will be on **Monday 24th August**. The theme for our day will be centred on the Positive Behaviour Support program we have implemented at HFS for a number of years, and our priority of keeping students safe in our school. The day will incorporate support from the Behaviour Team at Catholic Education Office in Parramatta to ensure that as a school we continue to provide the safest learning and social environment for all students. As all staff will be involved in this day there will be no supervision provided for students.

Team Colours Mufti Day

Friday 18th September will be a Team Colours Mufti Day. Support your team by wearing your colours and at the same time support those in need in our community.

A gold coin donation is the price of mufti with the funds raised being donated to the Miracles Do Happen event.

At all times the safety of each child is paramount regardless of the activity they are engaged in. This remains the case with mufti days as well.

For this reason it is important that all children wear:

- covered shoes which are flat so that they can safely move around the playground
- a shirt or top that has sleeves
- a hat

It is essential that children come appropriately dressed for the day so please consider the weather conditions and sun protection.



Voice of Youth

On Wednesday the 19th of September, Riley Aguis, Emily Vella and James Macri represented Holy Family School at Bethany Primary School for Voice of Youth. All of our Stage Three students went to enjoy the speeches. There were 9 other participants, from 3 other schools, but unfortunately none of our students received 1st, 2nd or Social Justice Awards. Riley spoke about Poverty, Emily spoke about Travelling in Australia and James spoke about Bullying. Overall it was a very fun day, and all students enjoyed it.

Emily Fagan and Ammaleah Astruc went to observe all the speakers and they commented that each speaker's experience was very different. "The speakers experience was very nerve racking!"



Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies to the Vella family (Haylee Stage 3), the Ford family (Jordan Stage 3, Elayna Stage 3 and Braden Stage 1) and the Baldacchino family (Jeremy Stage 3, Joshua Stage 2 and William Stage 1/2) on the passing of their great grandfather recently. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.



Asthma at School

A reminder to all parents with children who suffer from Asthma. All students with Asthma must carry their Ventolin in the school bag, labelled with their name. At recess and lunch students need to take out their Ventolin with them as the classrooms are locked. Thank you

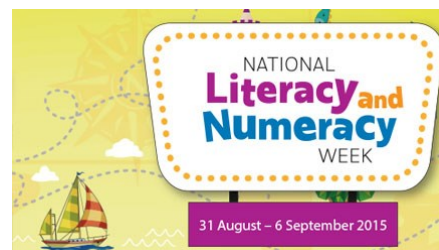
National Literacy & Numeracy Week

The National Literacy and Numeracy Week will be held during 31st August- 6th September. This is the 17th 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, as we all know, 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/>.

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



St. Marys Police Visit - Cyber Safety & Stranger Danger

Once again, Carol Jack from St. Mary's Police visited our school today and spoke to the students about Online Safety & Stranger Danger. These presentations are important to build positive relationships between children and the local police as well as helping to reinforce the 'safety at all times' message. We would like to acknowledge and thank St. Marys Police and in particular Carol Jack for the visit and supporting our school community. The St. Marys Police Facebook page has additional information and resources available to families. The address is <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysLAC>



STRANGER DANGER

Captivate Choir

Primary Voices Choral Celebration - On Monday 7th September a group of 30 students from Holy Family School will be performing at the Primary Voices Choral Celebration at St. Dominic's, Penrith. Thanks to Mrs Mayer and Miss Bunting who have been working with this group of students along with outside tutors each week to prepare for this performance. We wish them well as they continue to prepare for their big night.

CAPTIVATE
the spirit of expression

Tickets went on sale on Monday 17th August and are available from www.trybooking.com/IFFH \$15 adult, \$10 concession, \$40 family pass - 2 x adult & 2 x concession. We look forward to celebrating the creative talents of our students and the collaboration between CAPTIVATE and the Australian School of Performing Arts.

Jesse Penza- Junior Mayor

Congratulations to Jesse Penza, who Monday of last week ran the Penrith City Junior Council meeting as the Junior Mayor. Jesse, like all the junior counselors, worked with current Penrith councilors, including Penrith Mayor, Clr Ross Fowler OAM. The junior Council presented two debates - one debate was about increasing the number of parks and green spaces in the PCC area and the second was about the possibility of PCC merging with other neighbouring local councils. Jesse did an excellent job as the Junior Mayor and really enjoyed and learnt a lot from the experience. Well done Jesse.



Premier's Reading Challenge

A reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge closes midnight 21st August. Can you please ensure that all reading logs have to be entered by this date.



Netball News

During the last few weeks all of the 8 teams have been training for the St Nicholas Netball Gala Day, which will be held next Tuesday at Jamison Park (more details below).

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the coaches for their time during lunch or after school. Thanks goes to Julie Giugovaz, Chris Sheil, Margo Woodhead, Olivia Cefai and Amy Hosking.

Thank you also to the other volunteers who have offered to manage a team or score on the day; Lisa Blackhurst, Lorraine Vial, Sherone Cassar, Rebecca Bruni, Nicole Fagan, Angela Calderwood, Michelle Norris, Jo Ciber and Mel Ponting.

The children are all very excited to be playing netball and having a great day representing our school.

Best of luck to everyone.

Mrs Bray

Netball Gala Day

Date: **Tuesday 25th August**
Time: **8.00am – 3.00pm**
Venue: **Jamison Park Netball Complex**
Cnr Batt St & York Rd, Penrith
First Game: **8.30am sharp**

Students are to wear their full school sports uniform and are required to bring their school hat to wear throughout the day when they are not participating in a game.

Students will be responsible for making their own way to and from the venue.

We ask that you arrive NO LATER than 8.15am for names to be marked off and for warming up.

Please ensure your child has their name marked off by Mrs Bray on arrival. Students MUST report and stay with their team manager once their name has been marked off. The day should conclude at approximately 3.00pm. After having their name checked off by Mrs Bray at the conclusion of the day, students are free to go home. **Permission to leave the venue with another parent must be in writing.**

The canteen will be operational for hot and cold food and drink, however students are encouraged to bring plenty of water to drink during the day, in addition to their own recess and lunch.

Diocesan Athletics Carnival

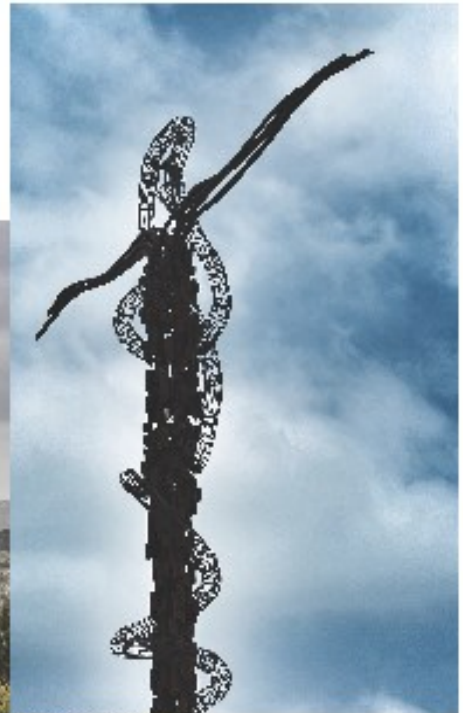
Congratulations and best wishes to our Diocesan representatives who will compete tomorrow at the Diocesan Carnival. We look forward to hearing about their efforts next week.

Jordan Ford, 12 Years 800 metres, Ashleigh Gill, 11 Years 800 metres & Long Jump, Chloe Gill, 10 Years 800 metres & 200 metres, Austen Pantazacos, 9 Years 100 metres, Long Jump & Discus, Anique Pantazakos, 10 Years 100 metres & 200 metres as well as Patrick Vial - 11 Years 800 metres.



Pilgrim's Progress

Ray McCauley – Religious
Education Coordinator



Mt Nebo – Jordan
The burial site of Moses.
Also the site where the
Israelites first viewed the
Promised Land.

The Dead Sea - Jordan



School Fees

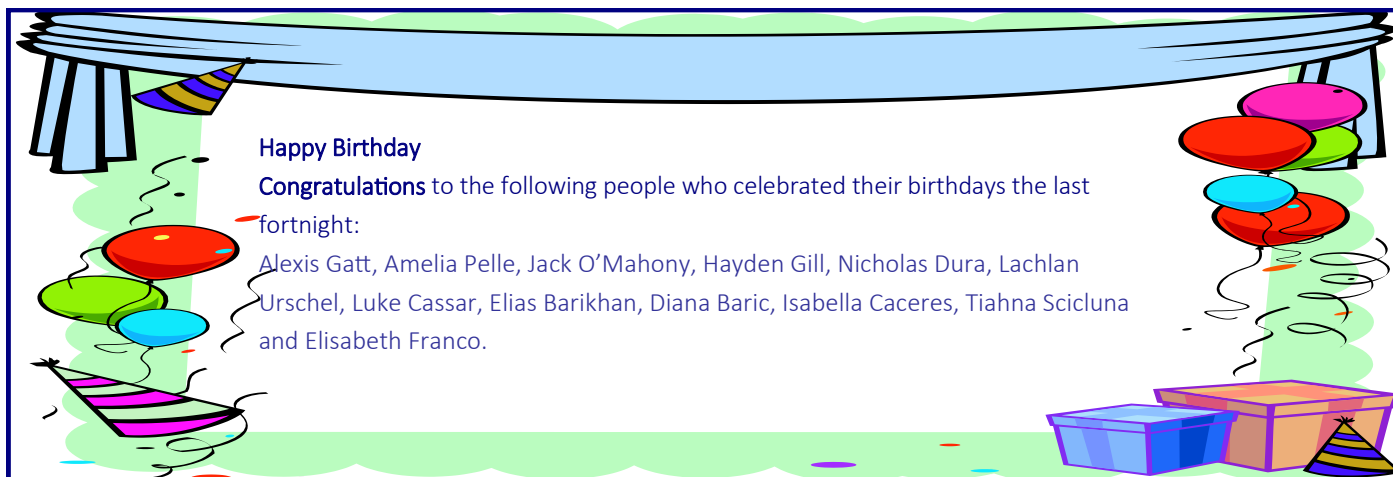
The school fee statements for Term 3, 2015 have been posted out. The due date for payment was Monday 17th August 2015. If you have not received your statement please contact me on 4773 4485 to arrange for a copy to be sent home. Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made, fees 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 so that we can discuss payment options. The Catholic Education Office is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. All outstanding fees will be forwarded to the Catholic Education Office for their attention. School fees can be paid by Bpay, Postbillpay, cash, EFTPOS or cheque.

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Monica Miller

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update

Please Read Concerns have been raised regarding the 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program. Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any 'Cosmic Light Beam Torches' their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.



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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Warradale Little Athletics.

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

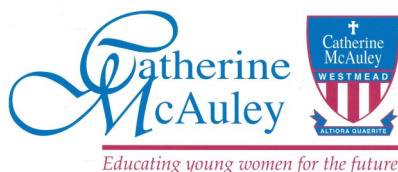
Registration Days for 2015/16 Season: Friday 21st & 28th August 2015 ~ Warragamba Sporting Oval. Warradale Road, Warragamba from 6.00pm - 7.30pm. On-Line Registration is preferred via LANSW website (<http://www.lansw.com.au>). Select "Warradale" in the drop down box - payment is via credit card or choose Submit Application Only and pay at the clubhouse.

All manual registrations are via CASH or CHEQUE only. Season starts Friday Sept 11th at 6.00pm.

New registrations welcome ~ Proof of age required i.e. Birth Cert, Hospital Blue Book or Passport.

Two week trials available only to new athletes.

For more information: Contact Annette via email: tillman@bigpond.net.au



Catherine McAuley Westmead

School Open Morning

9.15 - 11am

Thursday 3rd September and Tuesday 3rd November 2015

Enrolments for Year 7 2017

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2017.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on either of our two upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2017 applicants but open to any year group.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.