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Term 2  
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**Thursday 9th May**  
7.30am - Mother's Day Prayer and Breakfast  
Stage 1/2 Excursion

**Tuesday 13th - Thursday 15th May**  
Naplan

**Thursday 22nd May**  
Cuppa for Cancer

**Friday 23rd May**  
School Disco

**Monday 26th May**  
School Photos

**Friday 6th June**  
Athletics Carnival

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In the past few weeks two significant events have occurred and another is just around the corner. These events are of course the Easter Resurrection of Jesus, the celebration of ANZAC Day and the upcoming celebrations for Mother's Day.

These three events share a common theme – that of sacrifice for others. We know that Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice of love by giving His life for us. We are now called to live in His love in the way we treat others. The death and resurrection of Jesus is present in all aspects of our life.

ANZAC Day is a national celebration, commemorating the sacrifices made by our service men and women. Like Jesus, they too have given their lives for others; born out of a deep love and commitment to the care and safety of all.

This Sunday, we celebrate Mother's Day. We all know that mothers sacrifice many things in choosing to give life to another. The role of mother never ends - always caring, worrying, sometimes nagging and yet always loving! As my mother use to say often to me - "I may not like what you do but I will always love you."

So this week let us give thanks for those who give sacrifice everyday. It is not only in the big moments - it is also in the everyday activities of life. In giving of ourselves in this way we are indeed living the message of Jesus and making our mothers proud!

### **A Mother's Day Prayer**

*We thank you for our mothers. We thank you that they gave us life and nurtured us all those years. They gave us our faith, helping us to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. They taught us how to love and how to sacrifice for others. They taught us that we should always tell the truth.*

*Bless our mothers with the graces they need. Help them to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that we love them.*

*Bless her this day with your love.*

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful two weeks ahead,

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

Peace and Best Wishes.

Tim Vane-Tempest  
Principal

### **School Photos**

School Photos will be taken on Monday 26th May. Envelopes have been sent home today for individual photos. Family photo envelopes for students attending Holy Family can be picked up at the office. Please send in your envelope/s with correct payment with your child/ren by Thursday 22nd May. No envelopes will be accepted on the day.

### **NAPLAN (Date Correction)**

Apologies to families for the incorrect dates in last week's newsletter for NAPLAN. The correct dates are 13-15<sup>th</sup> May for our Year 3 & 5 children to participate in the annual NAPLAN assessments. Teachers and students are continuing to work on their preparations for these assessments. We wish them the best of luck and trust that their results reflect their level of preparation and effort.

### **At Holy Family**

I Respect Myself

I Respect Others

I Respect the Environment

# From the Principal

## **New Families**

We welcome Alisha Whitaker (ES1) as well as Harrison Stubbs (S3) to the Holy Family School community.

## **Enrolling Now for 2015**

The enrolment period for Kindergarten 2015 is open. If your child turns 5 before the 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 and you would like them to start at Holy Family please contact the school office to pick up or have an enrolment pack sent to you. If you know of any families who are seeking enrolment for 2015 and are not yet connected with the Holy Family School please pass on this information. We look forward to welcoming you to Holy Family School in the near future.

## **PRG News**

### *Biggest Morning Tea*

For the past few years the PRG have supported the local Cuppa for Cancer held at the Luddenham Progress Hall. We will again be sponsoring this event which will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, starting at 9.30am with morning tea being served at approximately 10.30am.

The organisers have asked if there are any families able to donate cakes, biscuits etc. for this community event it would greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about this event please contact Sarah Nand on 0422 415 277.

## **Winter Uniform**

Over the next week students should make the change from Summer to Winter uniform. By the start of Week 3, 12<sup>th</sup> May it is expected that all children will be wearing the correct Winter uniform.

The uniform is:

Girls: Check pinafore

White blouse (Peter Pan Collar)

Tab tie - matching material of pinafore

Plain, short white socks or navy blue tights

Black shoes (those which can be polished – no joggers or skate shoes)

Boys: Blue shirt (long sleeved) and school tie

Navy long trousers (cargo pants are not permitted)

Short navy socks

Black shoes (those which can be polished – no joggers or skate shoes)

**Sport Uniforms will continue to be worn by every student on the same days as Term 1.**

Please check with the front office if you have any questions regarding the school uniform.

# Religious Education

## **Mother's Day**

Just a reminder that our MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER AND BREAKFAST is on tomorrow 7.30am in the Hall. Looking forward to seeing you there. A big thank you goes out to Mrs Stein, Mrs Surace and Mrs Edwards for their planning of the celebration.

## **CARITAS Update**

Our current school total for Project Compassion is \$1,339.90. Well done! Please return Project Compassion boxes to the school or the Church so that we can get them counted and forward the money raised to Caritas.

Date for your diary – School Vigil Mass 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm. Participation note to follow.

Thank you

Ray McCauley – Religious Education Co-ordinator

# From the Principal

## **Car Park Safety**

I have included the following section from the parent handbook that outlines the procedures for safe use of this space. It is important all car park users follow these guidelines for the safety of themselves and others.

Everyone is asked to take extra care in the Car Park. Please drive slowly at all times and ensure your children are supervised while in the Car Park.

1. Please abide by the Speed Limit of 10 KPH.
2. Please follow the arrows when entering and exiting. Do not cut across the Parking Bays.
3. Please drop your children off in the Kiss and Drop or on the northern side of the Car Park to use the pathway provided. **NO CHILD SHOULD BE WALKING THROUGH THE CARPARK WITHOUT AN ADULT.**
4. Keep the grassed areas or bus bay turning circle clear at all times.
5. Please only park in designated car spaces.

The disabled parking spaces are for vehicles that are displaying a valid Disabled Parking Permit.

## **Kiss & Drop Area**

**The Kiss & Drop area is located in the drive through at the front of the courtyard. It has been established to assist with traffic flow in the car park and for parents who wish to drop off children without parking.**

**The important guidelines for using the Kiss & Drop zone are:**

***Kiss & Drop operates between 8.35am and 9.00am***

***Cars will follow in single file through the drop zone***

***Drivers should move as far as possible into the zone before stopping to allow children to get out***

***Children need to exit the car on the left-hand side so they are not walking behind or between cars using the zone***

***No overtaking of vehicles in the Kiss & Drop zone***

***Drivers need to stay in their car at all times – no parking is permitted in the Kiss & Drop***

# Sports

***When leaving the Kiss & Drop zone be aware of other drivers and pedestrians using the car park***

## **Cross Country**

We were blessed with a truly beautiful day. Not only was the weather divine but the way our competitors represented our school was perfect. All children ran competitively on the day with many achieving personal best results. Five of our children will be going on to the next level to represent Holy Family at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and good luck to : Chloe Gill (Stage2) 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Ashleigh Gill (Stage 2) 1<sup>st</sup> place, Patrick Vial (Stage 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Jordan Ford (Stage 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Cameron Gill (Stage 3) 1<sup>st</sup> place.

A very special thank you must be made to Mrs Veronica Vella and Mrs Melanie Ponting who were our parent helpers on the track and also to Mrs Cassandra Pantazakos and Mrs Angela Furfaro who helped out in the stand. Finally thank you all the parents who gave up their time to bring their children to the event and support them throughout the day. The day ran very smoothly due to your ongoing commitment that made the day a great day.

## **Netball**

Congratulations to Mia Gleeson who has been selected to represent at the MacKillop trials for netball this Friday. Mia will travel to Canberra to represent Parramatta Diocese at the trials. We wish Mia the best of luck in her efforts.

## **School Athletics Carnival**

The school Athletics Carnival date has been moved to the 6<sup>th</sup> June, in place of the planned Staff Development Day. This is necessary to avoid a conflict with the Confirmation preparation day. The carnival will be held at Sales Park starting at 9.30am. All students should travel to school via their usual transport and then walk across to Sales Park for the carnival.

# From the Office

## School Fees

The school fee statements for Term 2, 2014 have been mailed out. If you have not received your statement by next Friday please contact me on 4773 4485 to arrange for a copy to be sent home.

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 4th June, 2014. 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](mailto:mmiller@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Monica Miller, Finance Officer

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## Mother's Day Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners - Luke Velcich (Angelic Hair Basket), Patrick Camilleri (Joliv Hair Studios Voucher), Mackenzie Beukers (Enzos Voucher), Nicholas Refalo (Enzos Voucher), Leo Finianos (St Johns Park Bowling Club Voucher), Emily Vella (St Johns Park Bowling Club Voucher), Jesse Favotto (Posh Beauty Voucher), Lachlan Price (Ellys Flowers Voucher), Lachlan Conneally (Posh Beauty Voucher), Caterina Furfaro (Gift Basket), Emily Obereigner (Gift Basket) and Hayden Auld (Gift Basket).

## Cooking Class

June/July School Holidays

There will be a cooking session for kids in the next school holidays in our school hall. More details to follow.



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