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Term 2

4th May 2017

Issue 6, Week 2

Tuesday 9th May - Thursday

11th May

Naplan

Thursday 11th May

9 - 11am Mother's Day Stall

9.15am—Year 6 Farewell

Meeting

2pm - Kaleidoscope Science

Show (Stage 3)

Friday 12th May

8 - 9am - Mother's Day

Breakfast

2:20pm - Whole School

Assembly

Monday 15th May

Special Food Day

Tuesday 23rd May

ICAS Digital Technologies

Thursday 25th May

Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

Friday 26th May

School Disco

Tuesday 30th May

ICAS Science

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

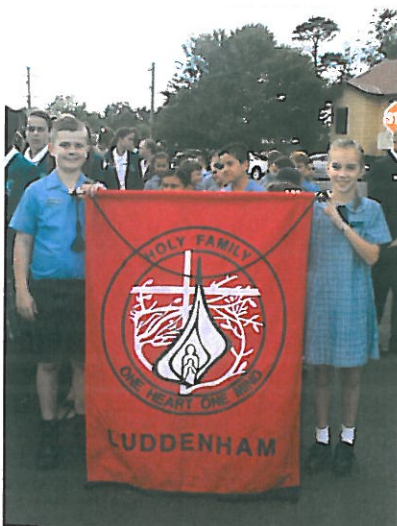
Welcome back to the new school term, it is hoped that you all enjoyed a joy filled Easter surrounded by family and loved ones. For the 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost the Church celebrates the joyful season of Easter.

Holy Week Liturgy

On the final day of Term 1, our students guided us in understanding the events of Holy Week and the way that our Church celebrates Holy Week through the various liturgies that are held in this important week. Thank you to Mrs McLean for her role in coordinating the liturgy. Thanks also to the teachers for their work in preparing the students for their roles within the liturgy and to our students for their exemplary and respectful manner in which they participated. It was very pleasing to see a large number of parents in attendance. It certainly was a wonderful way to conclude the term and help connect people to this important week in the Church's year.

ANZAC Day

Last Tuesday large numbers of people assembled in towns and cities throughout the nation to commemorate and pay respect to those who have sacrificed their lives in service of this great nation. There were over fifty students from Holy Family who honoured their ancestors by marching in the Warragamba ANZAC day parade and paid their respects at the commemorative service dedicated to their memory. Having attended such ceremonies for the best part of 30 years, I find it particularly encouraging to see so many people gathering to pay their respects on this significant national day. Thank you to the families of Holy Family for your role in demonstrating to your children the importance of acknowledging the sacrifices those brave men and women have made in the defence of freedoms we enjoy in our country today.



At Holy Family

I Respect Myself

I Respect Others

I Respect the
Environment

I Respect Learning

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

Mr Anthony McElhone

Principal



NAPLAN

Next week the students from Years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment of Literacy and Numeracy. The testing will occur on:

Tuesday 9th May - Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and **Writing**

Wednesday 10th May - Reading

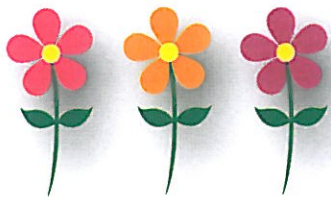
Thursday 11th May - Numeracy (Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern; Chance and Data; Measurement and Space). In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors.

Friday 12th May - A 'catch up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a particular test day.



Kindergarten 2018 interviews

Kindergarten 2018 interviews will commence at the end of this month. Applications for enrolment are still being accepted.



Mother's Day Stall & Prayer

Our *Mother's Day Stall* will be held next Thursday 11th May. There will be presents, gift bags and cards available for purchase from \$1 through to \$10.

We will also have a Grandmother's Table!

Please send your child with a plastic bag to minimise damage to presents when bringing them home.

There will also be a Mother's Day Raffle. The tickets will be sold at school the week prior, during lunch time.

Our *Mother's Day Prayer & Breakfast* will be held on Friday 12th May at 8am. The morning will begin with a prayer celebration. We invite all mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers and carers to join us on the morning to give thanks for all that they do.

Staff Development Days (SDD)- Terms 3 & 4

Following are the dates for the Staff Development Days in Terms 2 and 3:

- Monday, 17th July (Term 3)
- Monday, 18th December & Tuesday, 19th December (Term 4)

The student's final day for Term 4 is Friday, 15th December.



School Attendance

Every Learner, Every Day is a campaign designed to raise awareness about the importance of attendance for every student, on every school day and to promote a healthy attendance culture. As part of this initiative members of our Attendance Team, Mrs Marie Edwards, Mr Anthony McElhone and Sr Brenda Kennedy, will be regularly following up students with attendance levels that are concerning. In addition we will be promoting positive attendance patterns by acknowledging classes and individuals with excellent attendance.

Our current attendance level is 85%. We need to improve this and we can do it together. Parents and carers can do a few simple things!

1. Send your child to school every day unless they are sick.
2. Develop good sleep and morning routines.
3. Schedule appointments outside of school hours.
4. Avoid taking holidays during the school term.

Congratulations to Year 4 for having the best attendance level in Term 1.

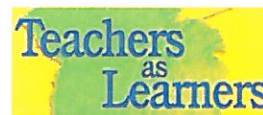


School Contact Details

Please note the school has a new phone number - 8856 8300. If you call the previous number (02 4773 4485) it will divert to the new number. Our school email address remains unchanged luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Teacher Professional Learning

At Holy Family the staff has an ongoing commitment to professional learning. The staff benefits from attending inservices, 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:



1st-9th May	Mrs Steele	PBL Immersion Experience
3rd May & 17th May	Mrs Beamish	Reframing Readers Resourcefully
3rd May	Mr McCauley, Mrs Van Mullekom	Chromebook Project Workshop
17th May	Mrs Van As	EMU Middle Years Training

Winter Uniform

As we head into Term 2 students should make the change from Summer to Winter uniform. By the start of Week 4, Monday 15th May (after Mother's Day) 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 leather shoes

Boys: Blue shirt (long sleeved) and school tie

Navy long trousers (cargo pants are not permitted)

Short navy socks

Black leather 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.

School & Diocesan Cross Country

Congratulations to all those students that participated in the School Cross Country on Monday 3rd April. It rained for most of the morning, making it a tougher track for the students, yet they still all performed very well and produced some exceptional results.

On Tuesday 2nd May the following students represented Holy Family at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek. For many of these students it was there first time making it to this level. It was a fantastic day with so many of our students achieving their personal best in their race. I was proud of how each of the students conducted themselves throughout the entirety of the day and the sportsmanship each student displayed.

Joshua M	Jessica G	Andrew G	Marcus B	Matthew V
Hayden G	Claudia M	Saide M	Brayden H	Cameron R
Liam P	Adison J	Matilda V	Corey M	Dominic B
Hayden G	Marco K	Georgia C	Nicholas M	Josh O
Jackson Z	Luke C	Mariah G	Taylse P	Ryan W
Jacob H	Zac O	Gabriella T	Alicia M	Chloe G
Skye B	Braden F	Gloria G	Harrison H	

For being a small school we came away with some exceptional results. To move onto the next level, students needed to place in the top 8 of their age group. Congratulations to the following students who will be progressing through to the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Championships in June:

Hayden G who finished 1st in the 8/9 years boys

Liam P who finished 5th in the 8/9 years boys

Josh M who finished 7th in the 8/9 years boys

Marco K who finished 6th in the 10 year boys

Saide M who finished 3rd in the 10 year girls

Talyse P who finished 5th in the 11 year girls

Chloe G who finished 1st in the 12/13 years girls

In addition to these individual results, Holy Family was awarded the winning team for the 8/9 years boys. This group included: Hayden G, Liam P, Josh M, Hayden G, Jackson Z and Jacob H. Congratulations to these boys!



Western Sydney Wanderers Schools Cup

On Tuesday 2nd May, Holy Family had two teams (a boys team and a mixed team) from Stage 3 represent the school in a Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park. This was the first year that Holy Family has taken part in the Western Sydney Wanderers School Cup and it was a great experience for all. We came up against some very strong competition on the day but as the games went on our skills continued to improve. Both teams showed great sportsmanship on and off the field and demonstrated great teamwork. On the day both teams had some wins and losses, finishing in 3rd and 4th place. It was a fun day filled with blood, sweat and tears and one that we will remember.

Thank you to Miss Van Mullekom for coming along and taking care of us. We hope you enjoyed your first gala day.

By Evangelina Papalia and Alex Gouriotis

Congratulations to the following students on representing Holy Family at the WSW Schools Cup.

<i>John F</i>	<i>Joshua H</i>	<i>Lachlan U</i>	<i>Alessia T</i>	<i>Isabella C</i>
<i>Jarvis B</i>	<i>Athum A</i>	<i>Jack V</i>	<i>Achala A</i>	<i>Liana C</i>
<i>Kyrillos B</i>	<i>Owen M</i>	<i>Alex G</i>	<i>Caprice A</i>	<i>Evangelina P</i>
<i>Christian M</i>	<i>Ryan A</i>	<i>Josh W</i>	<i>Alyse P</i>	
<i>Cameron V</i>	<i>Zouhair B</i>	<i>Melissa G</i>	<i>Jacqui S</i>	

New Rugby League Jerseys

On Monday 3rd of April, Holy Family was privileged to have Mr. Adam Przybyla, who is the Football Manager at St Marys Rugby League Club visit and generously donate two brand new sets of Rugby League Jerseys to the school for our teams to use at their competitions. St Mary's is a major supporter of community events and schools within the local area and we cannot thank them enough for their support of our School. Thank you Adam and the club.

Workers Hubertus Country Club

Holy Family was fortunate enough to receive a generous donation this year from Workers Hubertus Country Club, Luddenham to spend on new sporting uniforms. The money has been spent on two new sets of soccer jerseys and sporting singlets that our students can wear with pride when representing the school. Thank you to Brad Woodhead and Brett Lane from Workers Hubertus Country Club for supporting our school. We are very grateful for your generosity.

Sporting Schools Program

Holy Family was privileged to receive another grant this term, which will enable us to access the expertise from a different sporting organisation. This term Holy Family is partnering with Netball NSW to conduct a four week program. The program will run during school hours.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Thursday 25th May 2017 – Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

Thursday 1st June 2017- Razorback All Schools Gala Day (Rugby League)

Friday 9th June 2017 – School Athletics Carnival

Friday 16th June 2017 – NSWCPSS Cross Country Eastern Creek

Thursday 22nd June 2017- Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Thursday 29th June 2017 - Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day

Christine Hall

Head of Sport

\$1,000 Free Kids Dental* with the Child Dental Benefits Schedule!

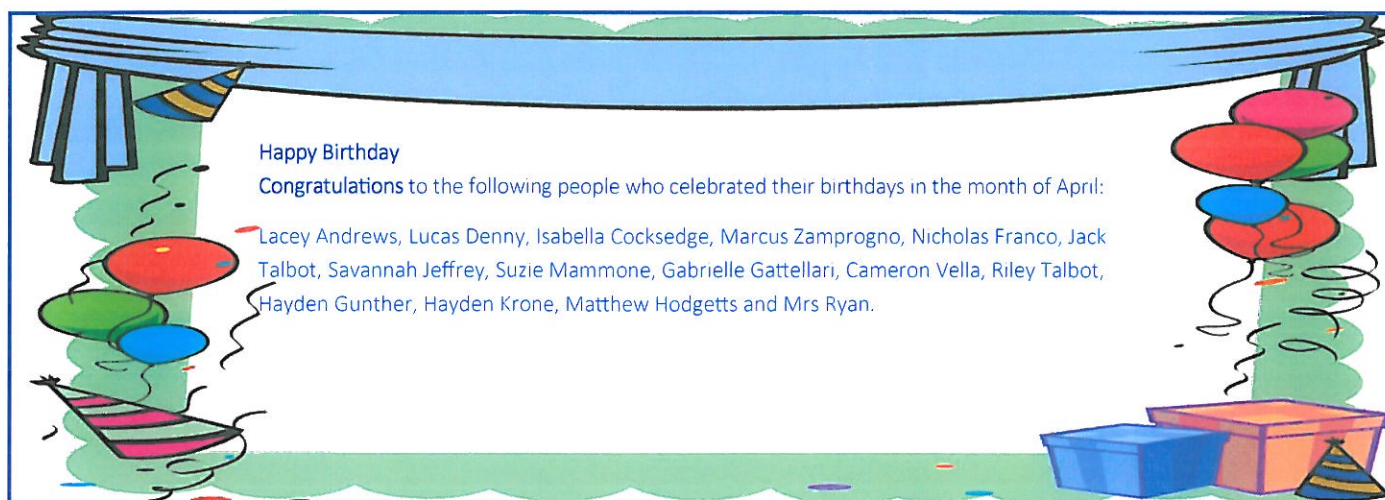
Great news, the Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2017! The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provides eligible children with a \$1,000 free kids dental benefit* on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period.

In previous years many families were surprised that they were eligible for the free \$1,000 benefit*. To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

Not sure if your kids are eligible? Contact your local Pacific Smiles Dental Centre, have your Medicare card ready and they can easily check to see if your kids are eligible.

Information provided by Pacific Smiles Dental: visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au for further information.

*Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating dentists for treatments provided to eligible patients.





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Cub Scouts : 7 ½ to 11 | Scouts : 10 ½ to 15 | Venturers 14 ½ - 18

Scouting is the biggest youth organisation in the world with over 28 million members in over 216 countries and territories.

We provide varied and exciting programs throughout the school term for Cubs (Tuesday night), Scouts (Friday night) and the older Venturers (Wednesday night) - each targeted to their needs and goals. #YouthLedAdultSupported

CANOEING | CAMPING | HIKING | GEOCACHING | ABSEILING | CLIMBING | ALPINE | GAMES | COOKING

We offer a free 4 week trial to see if it suits you and your child. Come along to 1st South Penrith Scout Group and give us a go. [Please make contact 1st as we are not always at the hall]. If our section nights don't match your needs try out some of the other groups in the area at the website <http://www.penrithcityscouts.com.au/>



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ADVENTURE.**



Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolments for Year 7 2019

There are three Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2019 enrolments to be held on:

**Tuesday 16th May, Wednesday 18th October and
Monday 6th November 2017**
9.15 – 11am

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2019.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on one of our upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2019 applicants but open to any year group.

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.

McCarthy Catholic College
75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains



Trade Training Centre

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11, 2018:

Date: Wednesday 24 May 2017

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

*Start your trade and complete your HSC with **no** external examinations*

Trades offered:

Automotive Bricklaying Carpentry Childcare Electrotechnology
Hairdressing Hospitality Plumbing Metal Fabrication

Enrolment Enquiries:

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