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### Term 2

15th June 2017

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#### Friday 16th June

ICAS Writing

NSWCPS Cross Country

#### Thursday 22nd June

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

#### Friday 23rd June

Reports Sent Home

2:15pm - Whole School

Assembly

#### Saturday 24th June

Parish Family Mass

#### Monday 26th - Friday 30th June

Parent/Teacher Interviews

#### Tuesday 27th June

WSW Soccer Clinic (K - 6)

#### Wednesday 28th June

Razorback All School Finals -

Stage 2 Team

#### Thursday 29th June

Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer

Gala Day

#### Friday 30th June

Last Day for Term 2

#### Monday 17th July

Staff Development Day

#### Tuesday 18th July

First Day for Term 3

#### At Holy Family

I Respect Myself

I Respect Others

I Respect the  
Environment

I Respect Learning

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Sunday a number of young people from our school and the Parish were initiated into the Church in the Sacrament of Confirmation. The gift of the Spirit is called down on each of them to enable them to live lives in personal witness to Christ. You may wonder what that means? Essentially through their Baptism they were born into a Christian way of living. They have been instructed and supported in the development of their Catholic faith by their parents, grandparents, teachers and their Parish clergy.

In Confirmation the young people make a conscious decision to choose to live out what they have been taught through the Gospels. The very way they respond to and treat those who are most marginalised and rejected by others in society is a true indicator of their commitment and witness to Christ.

In the knowledge world, where we are all simply a click away from connecting to each other and have at our fingertips the answer or opinion to every question and thought we can pose, it is very easy to distance ourselves from what it means to be human.

My prayer for our students and those in the Parish who were confirmed, is that they become a voice for the weak, the poor, the rejected and that they will use their energy, knowledge and abundant skills to make the world a more positive and hope-filled place. As 10 or 11 year olds, it might be a little ambitious to think that they might have a hand in changing the world, but let's not forget, 'from little things big things grow'.

Our congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday.

Athum, Olivia A, Joshua B, Marcus B, Georgia C, Patrick C, Audrey C, Selina D, James E, Gloria G, Brayden H, Joshua H, Nicholas M, Marcus R, Amy S, Cameron V, Joshua W and Sofia Z.



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

Mr Anthony McElhone  
Principal



## Half Yearly Reports

On Friday, 23rd June the children's school reports will be sent home. Before you look over your child's report, we would like to highlight the grading scale that constitutes a part of our reporting. As you know, your child's achievement for each key learning area is reported using a five point scale (except for Early Stage 1).

- A – Excellent Achievement
- B – High Achievement
- C – Sound Achievement
- D – Basic Achievement
- E – Elementary Achievement



You may already have heard the phrase – “C is for Celebrate” - and that is certainly the case! Your child's progress is tracked by the teachers using various methods of assessment including informal observations, practical activities and specific assessment tasks. These are then matched to the expected outcomes for that particular stage. Students who are achieving as expected for their grade are then awarded the overall grade of “C”. This is indeed something to celebrate.

Of equal, if not more, importance is your child's effort. This is where your child's attitude to learning is shown. This may mean that you need to have a discussion with your child about the effort shown if the grade is not good. Not everyone can be the best in a subject but we can all try to the best of our ability.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

This is another opportunity for you to meet with your child's classroom teacher and it is an important part of the mid-year reporting process.

Parent/Teacher Interviews provide an important opportunity for teachers, students and parents to acknowledge student progress and achievement and discuss some clear steps forward for future growth.



## Parent-Teacher Interviews

The following are some tips offered by Michael Grose – Australia's leading parenting educator - to help make the interview a successful experience for everyone involved:

### 1. Prepare well

Before the meeting, list any questions that you want to raise. Writing information down in advance ensures that your point of view is expressed and that critical information is covered. You may also like to take notes during the meeting so that vital information isn't missed.

### 2. Stay solution-focused

When your child's learning challenges are discussed it can be difficult not to become defensive or sceptical however, it is important to stay open-minded. Try to view the information shared as an opportunity to discuss your child's strengths and needs as well as any further support required.

### 3. Trust the teacher

Teachers view your child through a different lens than you and their conclusions and solutions can seem at odds with your own views. It may be at these times that you need to trust the professionalism of your child's teacher who has more than likely experienced these same challenges before.

### 4. Ask what you can do

Show your commitment to supporting your child's progress by asking about ways you can best support your child at home.

Information on how to book online is attached to the newsletter and has been posted on Seesaw.



## Staff Development Days (SDD)- Terms 3 & 4

Following are the dates for the Staff Development Days in Terms 3 and 4:

- Monday, 17th July (Term 3)
- Monday, 9th October (Term 4)
- Monday, 18th December & Tuesday, 19th December (Term 4)

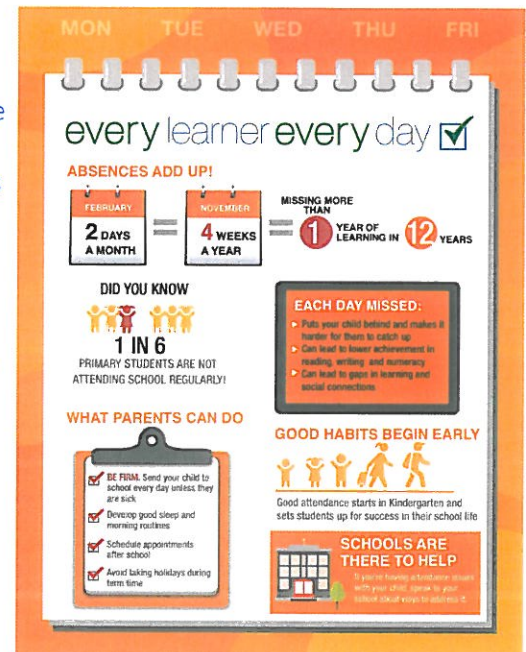
The student's final day for Term 4 is Friday, 15th December.

## 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 88%. We need to improve this and we can do it together. Parents and carers can do a few simple things!

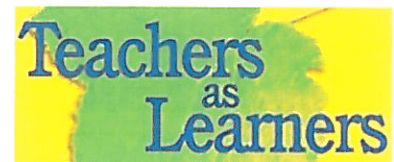
1. Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
2. Develop good sleep and morning routines
3. Schedule appointments outside of school hours
4. Avoid taking holidays during the school term



every learner every day

## 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:



| Date      | Staff Members                                  | Professional Learning                           |
|-----------|--|---|
| 15th June | Mr McElhone                                    | Principal's Breakfast Meeting                   |
| 19th June | Mr McCauley, Mr McElhone, Mrs Ryan, Mrs Van As | School Learning Goals Term 2 Review Meeting     |
| 26th June | Mrs Beamish                                    | Reframing Readers Resourcefully (R3)            |
| 27th June | Mr McElhone                                    | Mentor Coaches and Beginning Principals Program |

## Our Condolences

Our condolences to the Parkinson family (Brianna) on the passing of her grandmother recently. Our prayers and thoughts are with her family.

Our condolences also to the Krone family (Hayden) on the passing of his great-grandmother recently. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family.

Our condolences also to the Macri family (Sarah) on the passing of her great uncle. Our prayers and thoughts are with her family.



*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.*

*And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## Academic Achievement Awards

### Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Xavier Curmi<br>Hunter Moore<br>Marcus Zamprogno<br>Shiloh Wiggins<br>Sharlay Pantazakos<br>Georgia Railton<br>Sophia-Rose Penna<br>Jack Talbot | Satyana Guedes<br>Zac Finianos<br>Saide Massih<br>Hayden Gill<br>Olivia Vella<br>Zac Obereigner<br>Oscar Zamprogno<br>Nicholas Cosic | Christian Miliambro<br>Brayden Hodgetts<br>Jack Vella<br>John Finianos<br>James Enman<br>Joshua Hodgetts |
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## One Heart One Mind Awards

### Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

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| Lavinia Gullo<br>Sienna Cross<br>Lacey Andrews<br>Edyn Vella<br>Connor O'Mahony<br>Mariah Dos Santos<br>Lily Muscat<br>Oliver Hodgetts | Indyarna Cefai<br>Jacob Xerri<br>Dominic Finianos<br>Hayden Krone<br>Annalise Surace<br>Matthew Hodgetts<br>Elise Fenech<br>Anthony Giugovaz | Brianna Parkinson<br>Dominic Bruni<br>Patrick Camilleri<br>Mariam Tadros<br>Amy Sant<br>Jacqueline Sheil |
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## Sports Update

### Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Wishing the following boys the best of luck for next Thursday when they compete in the soccer gala day at Jamison Park, Penrith. A full report of the day will be provided in the next newsletter.

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|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <i>Josh H</i>     | <i>Alex G</i>      | <i>Patrick C</i> |
| <i>Corey M</i>    | <i>Josh W</i>      | <i>Brayden H</i> |
| <i>Andrew G</i>   | <i>Cameron V</i>   | <i>John F</i>    |
| <i>Nicholas M</i> | <i>Christian M</i> | <i>Jarvis B</i>  |
| <i>Josh O</i>     | <i>Jack V</i>      |                  |

### NSWCPS Cross Country

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of June the following seven students will be representing the Parramatta Diocesan at the New South Wales Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country at Eastern Creek. This is an outstanding achievement for our small school to have this many students progress through to this level. As a school, we are so proud of each of these individual students and wish them the best of luck for their race.

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|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Hayden G</i> | <i>Josh M</i>  | <i>Liam P</i>   |
| <i>Saide M</i>  | <i>Marco K</i> | <i>Talyse P</i> |
| <i>Chloe G</i>  |                |                 |

### Razorback All Schools Gala Day

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June Holy Family had two teams represent the school at the Razorback All Schools Rugby League Gala Day at Kirkham Park, Elderslie.

The Stage 3 team was in a strong Pool, coming up against some very tough opposition. Under the direction of their coach Mr. Woodhead and his assistants, Mr. Powderly and Mr. Moon they finished the day with two wins and two losses. These boys demonstrated great skill and talent on the field and should be very proud of themselves.

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|------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Ryan Wo</i>   | <i>Daniel P</i>  | <i>Dom B</i>   | <i>Marcus B</i>   | <i>Nicholas V</i> |
| <i>Cameron R</i> | <i>Austen P</i>  | <i>Josh B</i>  | <i>Matthew V</i>  | <i>Lachlan U</i>  |
| <i>Ryan Wi</i>   | <i>Zouhair B</i> | <i>Owen Mc</i> | <i>Nicholas M</i> | <i>Brayth M</i>   |
| <i>Marcus R</i>  |                  |                |                   |                   |

The Stage 2 team was made up of many boys that had never played competitive Rugby League before. Guided by their coach Mr. Powderly and his assistant, Mr. Cassar this team finished undefeated on the day with three great wins against tough opposition. This team now progresses through to the Razorback All Schools Final later this term and we wish them the best of luck for this game.

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| <i>Liam P</i>  | <i>Jacob H</i>   | <i>Luke C</i>    | <i>Zac O</i>    | <i>Hayden Gu</i> |
| <i>Josh M</i>  | <i>Hayden Gi</i> | <i>Claudio M</i> | <i>Jacob F</i>  | <i>Leo F</i>     |
| <i>Riley T</i> | <i>Jack O</i>    | <i>Marco K</i>   | <i>James Gu</i> |                  |

A big vote of thanks goes to the above mentioned parents for their assistance with coaching the sides; to all the other parents that assisted with setting up and packing away on the day; to the parents and family members who supported the students' participation and finally, to the students for their outstanding sportsmanship on the day.

## Athletics Carnival

Last Friday the weather held out and we were able to hold our school Athletics Carnival at Warragamba Sportsground. All students had a great time competing in the track events (100m, 200m, 800m) as well as rotating through the field events (shot put, discus, long jump) and some fun games (mini soccer, ultimate frisbee, netball and ball games). It was a great community event fostering our school spirit.

The day could not have been a great success without the amazing support of so many parents. Thank you to the Woodhead, Moore and Baldacchino families as well as Mr. McElhone, Mr. Richard and Mrs. Tillman for turning up early Friday morning to assist with the setting up of the day. Thank you to the parents and siblings, who helped time races, recorded times, gave places and helped run activities. Special thanks to Mrs. Woodhead, Mrs. Bruni, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Giugovaz, Mrs. Azzopardi, Mrs. Zammit, Mrs. Footit, Mrs. Camilleri, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Sheil, Mrs. Finianos, Mrs. Attard, Mrs. Hodgetts, Mrs. Lopreiato, Mrs. Gunther, Mrs. Powderly, Mrs. Pantazakos, Mia Gleeseon and Tommy Mandarano.

This event was also supported by a number of community organisations. A big thank you goes to Warragamba Wombats Rugby League Club for allowing us to use the clubhouse as our first aid room and their PA system; Warradale Little Athletics who provided us with much of the sporting equipment we needed for the carnival and to Pietros who came down to the carnival on the day and donated pizzas for all the students. Your support of our school event was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the teachers who helped the children enjoy the day and for supporting them with their activities. The winning house for the day was Boronia (602 points), 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Acacia (584 points), 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Waratah (561 points) and Jacaranda finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place (521 points). Well done to everyone that participated and contributed to earning points for their house.

The Age Champions will be announced at the whole school assembly in Week 9. The children representing Holy Family at the Zone Athletics Carnival (10<sup>th</sup> August at Blacktown International Sports Park) will be notified shortly. Students wishing to qualify for High Jump at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival (High Jump will not be held at the Zone Carnival) can nominate direct to Mrs. Hall detailing their results from this years Little Athletics. Upon nominations all heights will be verified and submitted to the Primary Sport Teaching Educator who will then select the best 12 entries to compete.

## Upcoming Sporting Events

*Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – NSWGPS Cross Country Eastern Creek*

*Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017- Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day*

*Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017- Western Sydney Wanderers Soccer in Schools Program @ Holy Family*

*Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day*

*Christine Hall*

*Head of Sport*













THE EASY WAY TO BOOK  
**SCHOOL  
INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents,

Kindergarten to Year 6 Meet Parent/Teacher interviews for Semester 1, 2017 will be held from 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June (Week 10).

Bookings will close Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 3pm.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.  
Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

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