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Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham

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Term 4

14th December 2017

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Friday 15th December 2017
Students Last Day for 2017

Monday 29th January 2018
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 30th January
First Day for Students in
Years 1 - 6
Best Start Interviews for
Kindergarten

Wednesday 31st January
Best Start Interviews for
Kindergarten

Thursday 1st February
First Day for Kindergarten

Wednesday 7th February
6.30 - 7.30pm
Early Stage 1 Information
Meeting

Friday 16th February
Opening School Mass

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we come to the final newsletter for 2017, I take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who work in partnership to ensure that Holy Family remains a highly effective school.

Throughout 2017, I have witnessed first-hand the extraordinary growth of the teaching staff throughout the year. The work of our teaching and support staff in meeting the various needs of individual students and groups of students has been outstanding. Time and time again I have witnessed the commitment of staff to go way beyond what would be expected to reach out to the students in their care. We are blessed to have a great team of teachers, assistants and support staff. I would like to acknowledge the staff who are leaving this year – Mrs Sneesby, Miss Bilotta, Mrs Beamish and Mrs Medlen. We thank them for their contributions to our school and we ask God to continue to guide them as they move to new ways of serving Him.

Thank you to Father Giovanni and the Sacred Heart Parish Team. The constant care, guidance and support we receive is a great source of encouragement for all the staff in the work that we do. Our school exists to support the parish in its mission of bringing Christ to His people.

In any school, its effectiveness is reflected in the quality partnerships that exist between school and home. I thank all those who have supported their child in their learning, making sure that your child arrives to school ready to learn, placing emphasis on the importance of attendance, speaking encouragingly to your child about your child's teachers and supporting the school when your child's behaviours for learning miss the mark. In this way the school is in the best position to ensure student growth in behaviour and learning. The support of families in so many aspects of school life is valued and appreciated, but your support for the work of our teachers and staff is by far the greatest contribution you can make to your child's learning and the overall effectiveness of the school.

The many and varied individuals who walk through our gates each day have worked hard throughout the 2017 school year to achieve strong academic growth. I constantly hear teachers who are celebrating student growth and success.

We commend the students for their engagement and application to learning throughout the year and wish them a very well deserved rest during the summer holidays. We trust that they come back to school at the end of January refreshed and ready to accept the challenges that await.

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

Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners





Start of 2018 Details

The school office will reopen on Monday, 29th January. The first day for students in Years 1-6 is Tuesday, 30th January. Kindergarten will commence on Thursday, 1st February.

2017 School Leaders

The following Year 5 students have been selected by students and teachers as the leaders for 2018. This follows a thorough selection process.

Congratulations to our school student leaders for 2018.

Georgia Calderwood, Matilda Fagan, Talyse Pantazakos, Joshua Baldacchino, Marcus Bruni and Patrick Camilleri



Our leaders will be formally inducted to their roles at our first school mass on 16th February 2018.

Staffing News

Parish Priest

Fr Giovanni Presica

Leadership Team

Mr Anthony McElhone (Principal), Mrs Jodie Van As (Assistant Principal), Mr Ray McCauley (Religious Education Coordinator), Mrs Karen Ryan (Leader of Learning/Instructional Coach)

Early Stage 1

Mrs Julie McLean, Mrs Rosa Surace

Stage 1

Mrs Marina Downey, Mrs Annette Stein, Mrs Melissa Whitton/Mrs Angela Furfaro

Stage 2

Mr Ray McCauley/Mrs Angela Franich, Mr Graham Platt, Mrs Stefanie Steele

Stage 3

Mrs Sarah Brennan, Mrs Donnalee Hughes, Miss Racquel Van Mullekom

Specialist Teachers

Mrs Christine Hall (PE), Mrs Angela Franich (Japanese), Mr David Bullock (Digital Technologies), Mrs Wendy Steuart (Diversity Team), Mrs Jodie Van As (Diversity Team), TBA (Diversity Team)

School Support Officers

Administration - Mrs Monica Miller, Mrs Marie Edwards, Mrs Despina Azzopardi

Learning - Mrs Leanne Green, Mrs Annette Tillman, Mrs Roseanne Liepa (library)

Grounds & Maintenance

Mr Richard Ackroyd-Broadbere



Early Stage 1	Wednesday/Friday
Stage 1	Wednesday/Friday
Stage 2	Thursday/Friday
Stage 3	Wednesday/Friday



every learner
every day

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 86%. We need to improve this and we can do it together. *Let's aim for a 4% improvement! Parents and carers can do a few simple things to achieve this goal!*

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.

School Contact Details - Updated again

Please note the school has new phone number - 4773 7100. If you call the previous number (02 4773 4485) it will divert to the new number, but only until the end of this year. Our school email address remains unchanged luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au.



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Preparations for 2018

The dates for all important school and community events in 2018 can be located on the school's website. The following link will take you directly to the school calendar - <http://www.hfluddenham.catholic.edu.au/en/Our-Community/Events>

Promotions Day to 2017 classes

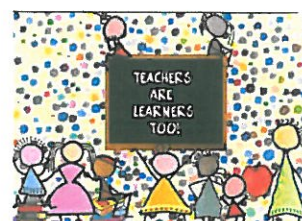
The day set aside for meeting the teachers for 2017 was Monday, 12 December. During this visit the students had the chance to become familiar with their new learning spaces, meet their teachers and the students they will be working with during the year. These visits are an important part of easing the worries that some students experience when changing classes and teachers from year to year.

NEW CLASSES

Teachers As Learners

At Holy Family the staff have an ongoing commitment to professional learning. The staff benefits from attending inservices, in curriculum areas, that assists them in providing quality learning opportunities for the students in their class. The following staff have or will attend professional learning:

18th December 2017	Staff Development Day - First Aid Training	All Staff
29th January 2018	Staff Development Day	All Staff



Principal's Medallions

Congratulations to the Principal's Medallion recipients for Term 4 - Elisa Camilleri (Early Stage 1), Isaac Hall (Year 1), Tahlee Lewin (Year 2), Adison Jones (Year 3), Emily Woodhead (Year 4), Matilda Fagan (Year 5) and Sofia Zamprogno (Year 6).



Academic Achievement Awards

Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Eleanor Gauci
Lavinia Gullo
Christian Lentini
Caitlin Woodhead
Antonino Coletta
Mariah Dos Santos
Helena Grima
Jacob Davies

Veronica Tadros
Alexander Enman
Hayden Krone
Mady Glover
Skye Bruni
Jessica Gattellari
Liam Vella
Taylah Hosking

Matthew Vial
Caprice Awad
Savannah Jeffrey
Gypsy Lewis
Matilda Vella
Ryan Woodhead

One Heart One Mind Awards

Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

Sienna Cross
Hunter Moore
Luka Krilich
Xavier Zammit
Aduang Athum
Xavier Eades
Sophia-Rose Penna
Sophie Auld

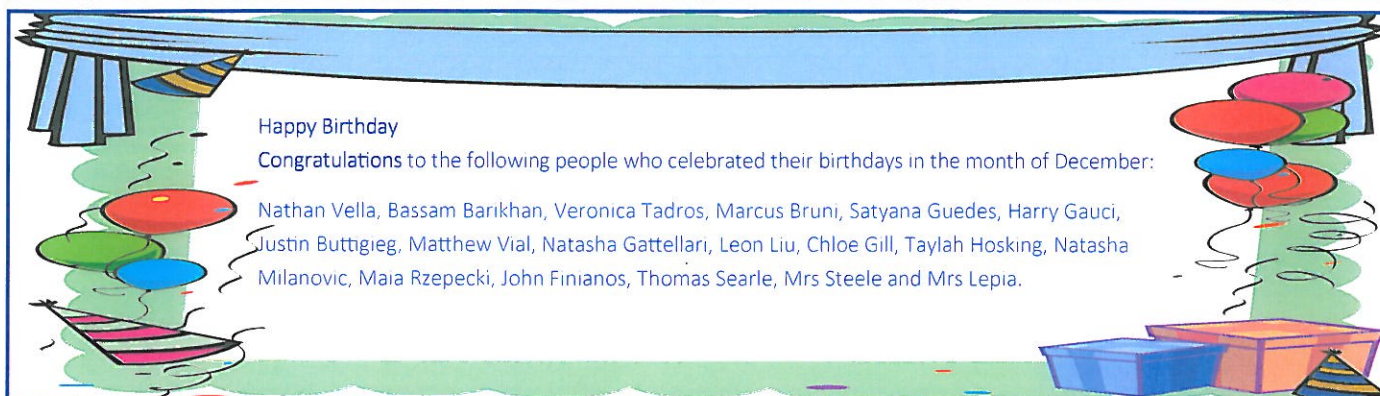
Ashlee Jones
Evette Haddad
Billy Footit
Alicia Buttigieg
Thomas Searle
Matthew Urschel
Nicholas Cosic
William Baldacchino

Alessian Tassone
Ryan Wilson
Gabby Gattellari
Ayden Nutley
Brayth Moon
James Enman

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following people who celebrated their birthdays in the month of December:

Nathan Vella, Bassam Barikhan, Veronica Tadros, Marcus Bruni, Satyana Guedes, Harry Gauci, Justin Buttigieg, Matthew Vial, Natasha Gattellari, Leon Liu, Chloe Gill, Taylah Hosking, Natasha Milanovic, Maia Rzepecki, John Finianos, Thomas Searle, Mrs Steele and Mrs Lepia.



PARISH NEWS

RECONCILIATION

Thursday 21st December, 7pm
At Holy Family Church, Luddenham

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Vigil Family Mass
Sunday 24th December, 6.00pm
At Holy Family Church,
Luddenham

Carols
Sunday 24th December, 11.30pm
At Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Midnight Mass,
Monday 25th December, 12.00am
At Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Christmas Day Masses
Monday 25th December
8.00 am at Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba
9.30am at Holy Family Church, Luddenham



ASKME 4

Commercial &
Residential
General Maintenance

- Lawn & Garden Care
- Gutter Cleaning
- Rubbish Removal
- Pressure Cleaning
(Driveways & Paths)
- Fertilising
- Hedges
- Yard Clean Ups

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HOSTING *Christmas??*

Wouldn't it be neat to have something **SWEET?**

GIFTS INCLUDE:

Mudcakes, Italian Tortes, Fruit Flans, Pavlovas, Assorted Packs, Cannoli Trays, Strudels, Ricotta Cheesecakes, Italian Biscotti, Panettone, Gingerbread House's, Chocolate Houses etc..

We have all your *Christmas gifts!*



Take the fuss out of
Christmas with our
**FAMILY
PLATTERS...**



**FAMILY PLATTERS ALTERED TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS INCLUDING:
GOURMET ANTIPASTO, CHEESE & FRUIT, WRAPS, SANDWICHES, SALADS,
FOCCACIA'S, CANNOLI, SWEETS & CAKES! ASK US ABOUT CORPORATE CATERING**

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