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Term 4

2nd November 2017

Issue 17, Week 4

Tuesday 7th November

2:20PM - PRG Meeting

Wednesday 8th November

Tiger Tag Gala Day

Thursday 9th November

Kindergarten 2018 Transition
Day 3

9:15am - Year 6 Farewell
Meeting

Tuesday 14th November

Coffee with a Cop

Friday 17th November

2.20pm - Whole School
Assembly

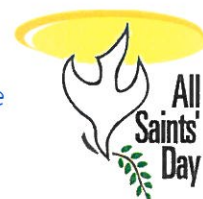
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints Day (1st November) and All Soul's Day (2nd November), in fact the entire month of November is devoted to remembering the Holy Souls, loyal servants of God who have gone before us to their eternal reward. Sanctity or Holiness is not a destination or an event it is a journey that starts from a point of service and self-sacrifice. Part of our school vision encourages us to make saints for the world, people of compassionate action, committed to serving others in the very small but kind gestures that are part of our everyday living. Here are a couple of resources that I found that might help you to reflect on the significance of these wonderful feast days.

All Saint's Day

Sanctity is not a competition to donate the most money to the Church, to write the most beautiful prayers, or to help the most people. It's about seeking to please the Lord. Pursuing sainthood is just that: a pursuit. Giving your best effort for God means just as much as whatever you "achieve".

The Feast of All Saints is about all the holy people who have gone before us – the hidden saints who are part of that great "cloud of witnesses" in heaven (Hebrews 12:1). It's also a good time to honour the people you have known who made serving the Lord their greatest desire. Maybe it's a religious education teacher who stayed up late working on lesson plans. It could be a parent who tried to get their child excited about special feast days like this one. Or perhaps it's a priest or religious sister who supported a new ministry at your parish. In each case, it is the person's desire and effort that sets them apart and places them on the road to sainthood. Never forget that great cloud of witnesses surrounding you. And never forget that you are part of it! There is no "us" and "them" when it comes to sanctity. By the grace of God, there is only "us".



All Soul's Day

Pope Francis speaks of feast days like All Saints and All Souls as "days of hope" and reminds us, "Hope is like leaven that expands our souls. There are difficult moments in life, but with hope the soul goes forward and looks ahead to what awaits us.....Our brothers and sisters are in the presence of God and we shall also be there.....if we walk along the way of Jesus" (Homily, 1 November 2013).

Saints and sinners alike, we place our hope in the mercy of God – the God who gave his Son for our salvation. As St Paul's tells us, "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). The love of God is stronger than death. It reaches across time to bind us together. It bridges heaven and earth. It convinces us that nothing can separate us from our heavenly Father. So as we reflect today on everyone who has gone before us, let's remember that our prayers can benefit one another. Whether we are praying for someone we know here and now or someone who has already died. God hears us. Surely it pleases him to see his children caring for one another!

"Father, thank you for the people you have put in my life, especially those who now sleep in faith. Together we place our hope in your promise of resurrection." (Word among us 2017)



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:

- Learners
- Safe
- Responsible
- Respectful

Sacramental Program

Please remember the students of Holy Family and the youth from our Parish who are busily preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We offer our prayers of support for all involved in their sacramental preparation.



Sympathy

We ask you keep the Gleeson family (Sarah - Stage 2) in your prayers on the passing of her Aunt recently.

May perpetual light shine upon her and may she rest in peace.

Classes for 2018

As a school we are required to maintain our register of students so that it is accurate for the students who are enrolled at Holy Family School. As we approach the end of the year families make decisions about schooling for the coming school year. If there are families who are not returning to Holy Family School in 2018 it is important to inform the school, in writing, about your intention. This assists with the organisation of class groupings for next year. It also assists us with enrolment enquiries, which we are receiving for 2018.

2018 Class Placements – We are starting the process of allocating teachers to classes and following that we will allocate children to class groups. Teachers use a very thorough and thoughtful process of discernment when forming new class groups for the following year. They use a range of information gathered throughout the year to place each student into the best possible environment for their learning. Whilst most parents are very happy to entrust teachers with the placement of children there are instances where specific educational or pastoral needs should be considered during this process. Mr McElhone invites parents who have such a specific consideration to inform him of your particular needs so that they can be included in discussions when classes are formed. All positive and constructive requests will be carefully considered. If you wish to provide feedback about your child's placement, please complete the online form that will be added to Seesaw this week. Please note that each Stage group will have a form unique to their group.

Staffing News

We warmly welcome Mr Graham Platt, in a permanent capacity, to the teaching staff at Holy Family in 2018 and beyond. We seconded Mr Platt to Holy Family for this year and we are pleased that we can make this arrangement permanent.

Mr Bullock has resigned from his permanent full time position and will take up a two day per week position in 2018. His main role will be providing release from face to face teaching (RFF) for other classroom teachers. The focus of this work will be digital technologies.

We can also confirm that Mrs Christine Hall will continue in her role as our PE teacher and sports coordinator.

Mrs Shenelle Dyer will continue her leave in 2018. In very exciting news for Mr & Mrs Dyer they are expecting their second child early next year. Miss Van Mullekom has been appointed as Mrs Dyer's replacement on staff in 2018.

Mrs Karen Ryan will continue in her role as our Instructional Coach (Literacy) in 2018. Mrs Marina Downey has been appointed as Mrs Ryan's replacement on staff in 2018.

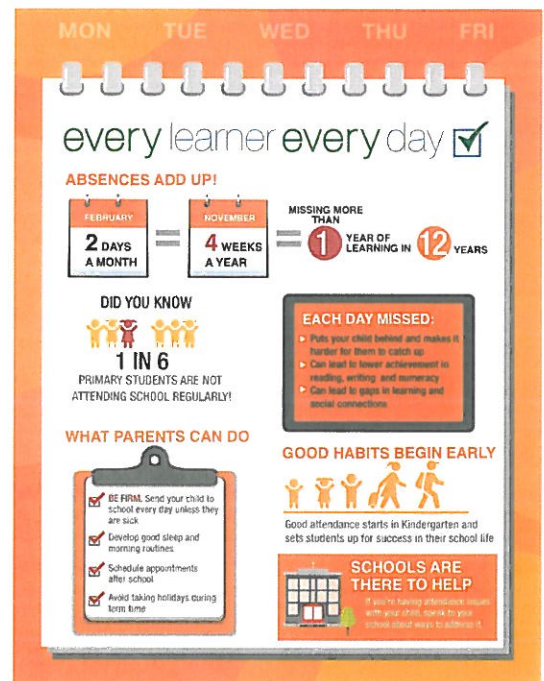
We are very blessed to have both Miss Van Mullekom and Mrs Downey continue to work with the students at Holy Family.

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 84%. We need to improve this and we can do it together. *Let's aim for a 6% 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.



every learner every day 

School Contact Details - Updated again

Please note the school has **another** 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.

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
3rd November	Miss Bilotta	Early Career Teacher Professional Learning
3rd November	Mr McElhone, Mrs Van As, Mr McCauley, Mrs Ryan	Walker Learning Approach (more details below)
6th November	Mr McElhone, Mrs Van As, Mrs Ryan	Professional Learning to Support Implementation of Learning Progressions
7th November	Mr McElhone	Principal's Network Meeting
16th November	Mrs Steuart, Mr McElhone	Leading a Primary whole school approach to diversity and Personalised Planning for students with additional needs

As mentioned above the school leadership team are visiting a school in Canberra on Friday to learn more about the Walker Learning Approach. Walker Learning is a holistic approach to teaching to the whole of a child and committed to developing children who can think for themselves and for others, can create and imagine, who are strong in their literacy and numeracy, and who can navigate the challenges of the world with intrinsic motivation and a strength of character made of a strong sense of self and resilience. Mrs Helen Boyer (Principal - Holy Trinity, Granville) will be 'in the chair' to support the staff and students on Friday. I am sure you will make Mrs Boyer feel welcome.

Sports Update

Basketball Gala Day

On Monday 23rd of October, Holy Family attended the Parramatta Diocese Basketball Gala Day at Penrith Sports Stadium. Holy Family had four teams that represented the school on this day. The Stage 2 and Stage 3 boys tried their hardest and learnt many new skills on the day but unfortunately finished the day with no wins. The Stage 2 and 3 girls had some very competitive games ending the day with a few wins each.

It was a fun and enjoyable day for all students with Holy Family demonstrating great sportsmanship and teamwork on and off the court. A special thanks goes to Miss Van Mullekom and Mr Bullock for being there and helping the teams on the day. Also a massive thankyou to Mr Astruc who coached the Stage 3 girls team as well as taught them lots of tricks and how to work together on the court.

By Jacqui and Savannah

Congratulations to the following students on a very enjoyable day:

<i>Tyler Thornhill</i>	<i>Brayth Moon</i>	<i>Liana Corbo</i>	<i>Claudia Maycock</i>	<i>Skye Bruni</i>	<i>Hayden Krone</i>
<i>Ayden Nutley</i>	<i>Athum Athum</i>	<i>Savannah Jeffrey</i>	<i>Charlene Camilleri</i>	<i>Joseph Camilleri</i>	<i>Nathan Attard</i>
<i>Corey Moore</i>	<i>Christian Milambro</i>	<i>Suzie Mammone</i>	<i>Saide Massih</i>	<i>Elias Barikhan</i>	<i>Claudio Mandarano</i>
<i>Jarvis Bone</i>	<i>Alyse Penza</i>	<i>Achala Athum</i>	<i>Julia Krilich</i>	<i>Matthew Hodgetts</i>	<i>Ben Sheil</i>
<i>Cameron Vella</i>	<i>Jacqui Sheil</i>	<i>Montayah Astruc</i>	<i>Gabriella Timpano</i>	<i>James Gunther</i>	<i>Tyler Orphin</i>



Gymnastics Clinic

Stage Three, One and Early Stage One will all take part in the gymnastics clinic during their normal sport lesson in Weeks 6, 7, and 9 of Term 4. This clinic has been funded from the grant received from Sporting Schools Australia this term.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Wednesday 8th November 2017 – League Tag (Camden)

Wednesday 13th December 2017- Swimming Carnival (more information will be provided in the coming weeks)

Christine Hall

Head of Sport

Canteen

Please note that canteen will no longer be open on Mondays or Tuesdays. It will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for recess and lunch.



Academic Achievement Awards

Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Elisa Camilleri Caleb Hodgetts Hayden Moore Edyn Vella Alexander Agius Gideon Moore Isaac Hall Darbbey Vella	Indyarna Cefai Sammy Polistena Joseph Camilleri Dominic Finianos Harrison Haddad Annalise Surace Anthony Giugovaz Leo Finianos	Georgia Calderwood Evangelina Papalia Kyrillos Barikhan Jarvis Bone Liana Corbo Gloria Gauci
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One Heart One Mind Awards

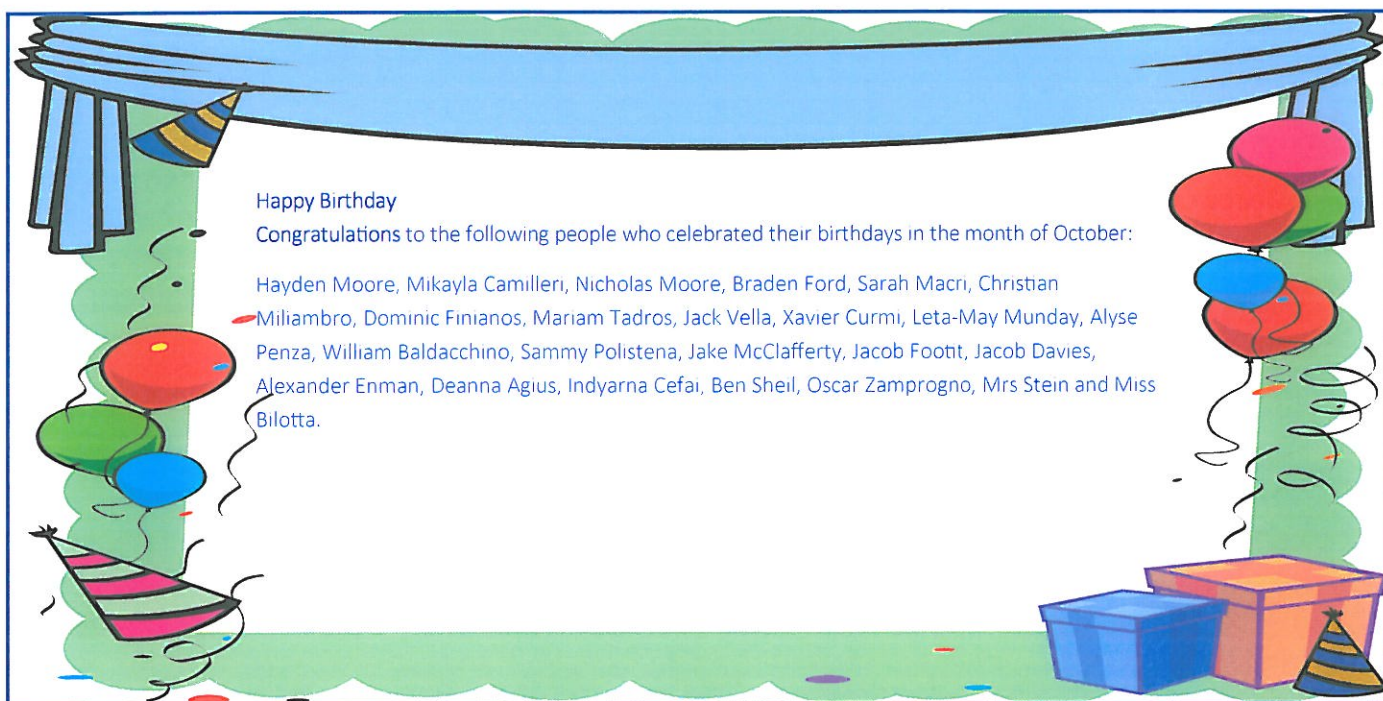
Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

Xavier Curmi Lucas Denny Ruby Nairne Lincoln Sciberras Justin Buttigieg Kobi Wandless Matilda Calderwood Ella Gunther	Marcus Falzon Max Azzopardi Jacob Hall Saide Massih Harry Gauci Zac Obereigner Davor Franich Amelia Hearne	Matilda Fagan Marcus Reynolds Olivia Azzopardi John Finianos Joshua Hodgetts Marcus Bruni
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Happy Birthday

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

Hayden Moore, Mikayla Camilleri, Nicholas Moore, Braden Ford, Sarah Macri, Christian Miliambro, Dominic Finianos, Mariam Tadros, Jack Vella, Xavier Curmi, Leta-May Munday, Alyse Penza, William Baldacchino, Sammy Polistena, Jake McClafferty, Jacob Footit, Jacob Davies, Alexander Enman, Deanna Agius, Indyarna Cefai, Ben Sheil, Oscar Zamprogno, Mrs Stein and Miss Bilotta.



October 2017

Night work on Park Road, Luddenham, from Tuesday 28 November

The NSW Government is funding this essential maintenance work under its \$1.5 billion program to maintain and improve the 18,028 kilometre state road network.

Roads and Maritime Services will be removing and replacing asphalt on Park Road, between The Northern Road and William Street. We have included a map to show the location of the work.

Our maintenance work aims to prevent or minimise damage to roads from weather and wear and tear to make them safer, provide consistent driving conditions and reduce maintenance costs in the long term.

Our work schedule

We will be on site for **22 night shifts** between **Tuesday 28 November** and **Thursday 25 January**, excluding public holidays, weather permitting. Our work hours will be between **9pm** and **5am** from **Sunday to Friday**.

If you have any questions or concerns about the night work schedule, please send your comments to our delivery partner by **Tuesday 14 November** at enquiries_nsw@dmroads.com.au or:

DM Roads - Park Road, Luddenham
PO Box 6465
North Ryde, NSW, 2113

How will the work affect you?

Our work may be noisy at times but we will do everything we can to minimise its impact, including completing noisier tasks by **11pm**.

Access to some homes may be affected during shift hours but traffic controllers will be on hand to make sure you can enter and leave as required.

Traffic changes

There will be temporary traffic changes during our work hours to ensure the work zone is safe.

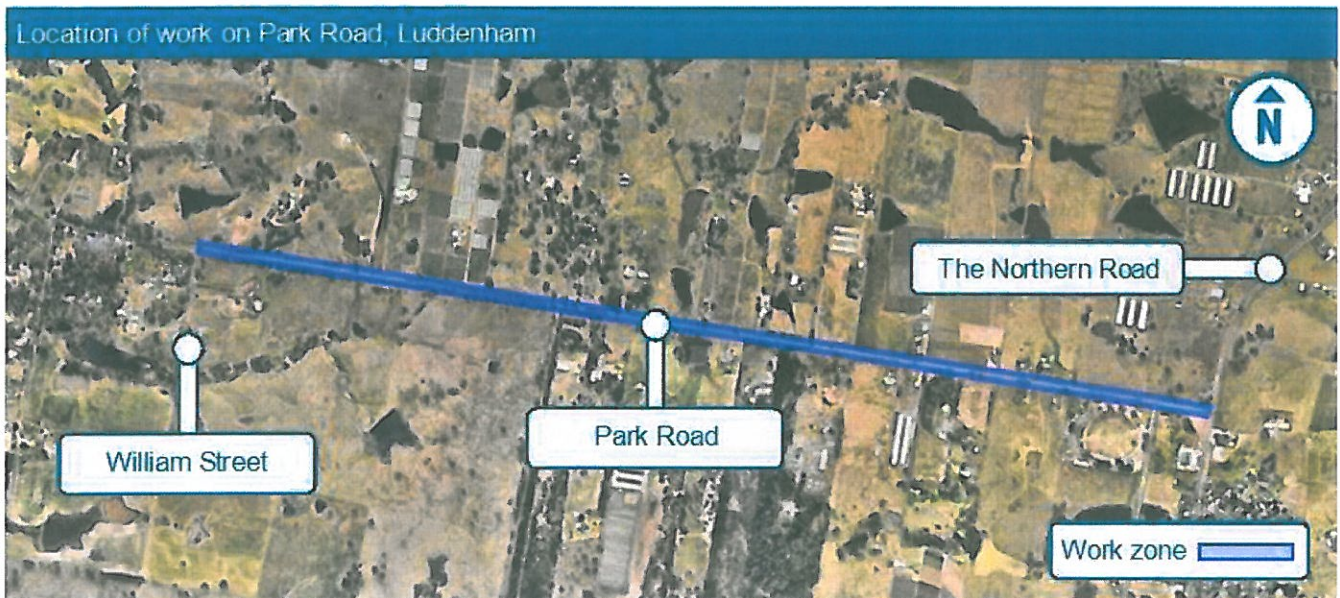
Lane closures will be in place and may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limits and follow signs and traffic controllers' directions. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our delivery partner, DM Roads, on 1800 332 660 or enquiries_nsw@dmroads.com.au.

For more information on our projects, visit rms.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.



Translating and Interpreting Service

If you need an interpreter, please call TIS National on **131 450** and ask them to call DM Roads on **1800 332 660**.

Arabic

إذا كنتم بحاجة إلى مترجم، الرجاء الاتصال بخدمة الترجمة الخطية والشفوية (TIS National) على الرقم **131 450**، و الطلب منهم الاتصال بوكالتكم DM Roads على الرقم **1800 332 660**.

Cantonese

若你需要口譯員，請致電 **131 450** 聯絡翻譯和口譯服務署 (TIS National)，要求他們 致電 **1800 332 660** 聯絡 DM Roads。

Mandarin

如果你需要口译员，请致电 **131 450** 联系翻译和口译服务署 (TIS National)，要求他们 致电 **1800 332 660** 联系 DM Roads。

Greek

Αν χρειάζεστε διερμηνέα, παρακαλείστε να τηλεφωνήσετε στην Υπηρεσία Μετάφρασης και Διερμηνείας (Εθνική Υπηρεσία TIS) στο **131 450** και ζητήστε να τηλεφωνήσουν DM Roads στο **1800 332 660**.

Russian

Если вам нужен переводчик, то позвоните в Службу письменного и устного перевода (TIS National) по номеру **131 450** и скажите переводчику, что вам нужно позвонить в DM Roads по номеру **1800 332 660**.

Korean

통역사가 필요하시면 번역통역서비스 (TIS National) 에 **131 450** 로 연락하여 이들에게 **1800 332 660** 번 ☎로 DM Roads 에 전화 하도록 요청하십시오.

Vietnamese

Nếu cần thông ngôn viên, xin quý vị gọi cho Dịch Vụ Thông Phiên Dịch (TIS Toàn Quốc) qua số **131 450** và nhờ họ gọi cho DM Roads qua số **1800 332 660**.



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Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolments for Year 7 2019

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2019. The closing date for Year 7 2019 applications 1st round offers is Friday, 6th April 2018.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2019 applicants, but open to any year group.

Wednesday 18th October and Monday 6th November 2017

9.15 – 11am

These mornings will provide parents and students with 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.

Please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100
to book a place on a school tour.

Save The Date – The Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Afternoon will be held from 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday 13th March 2018.



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