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Term 4

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Tuesday 5th December
2.20pm - PRG Meeting

Thursday 7th December
Christmas Concert & BBQ

Friday 8th December
2.20pm - Whole School
Assembly
Reports Sent Home

Tuesday 12th December
9.30am - Thanksgiving Mass
Year 6 Day Out
Year 6 Farewell

Wednesday 13th December
Swimming Carnival

Friday 15th December
Students Last Day for 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A reflection for this Sunday, the start of Advent:

"Be watchful! Be alert!" Mark 13:33a

Advent begins with a call to vigilance as reflected in the passage above. There are numerous Scripture passages that call us to this vigilance and anticipation of the Lord's coming; these are only a few. Being vigilant means, also, that we are prepared. We are not caught off guard. Imagine if Christmas morning came and you woke up suddenly realising that you forgot to prepare! Imagine if you had no gifts, no food purchased and no plans were made. Of course you wouldn't allow that to happen, but we do sometimes allow it to happen spiritually speaking. We often are not prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ within our hearts.

The first week of Advent also offers the focus of the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus will return again, in all splendor and glory, to judge the living and the dead. We profess that fact every Sunday in our Creed. So, even though Advent is a time for the preparation of the celebration of the first coming of Jesus in the flesh, it is also a time to acknowledge that His first coming is ultimately fulfilled in His final glorious coming.

As Advent begins, reflect upon how ready you are for Jesus' coming. Are you preparing for it with the same fervor that you prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc? Are you looking forward to that day when He will return? Are you preparing for the spiritual celebration of His birth? Are you awake and attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to you on a daily basis?

If you find that you are not as prepared for His return in glory as you'd like to be, make this Advent a time when you get your heart ready. Commit to prayer, spiritual exercises, reflection and attentiveness to His gentle and glorious voice.

Lord, as Advent begins, help me to put my eyes on You. Help me to open my ears to Your voice. And help me to open my heart to Your glorious presence. May I be attentive to You in every way You desire to come to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

(Source - My Catholic Life!, <https://mycatholic.life/books/catholic-daily-reflections-series/advent-and-christmas-reflections/advent-week-one/>)

At Holy Family we are:

- Learners
- Safe
- Responsible
- Respectful

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

Mr Anthony McElhone

Principal

Sport Update

Swimming Carnival

The Holy Family Swimming Carnival will take place on **Wednesday 13th December 2017 (Week 10)** at **Glenbrook Swimming Pool**.

The carnival is a compulsory school event for all students in Stage Two and Three. Only those students in Stage One (turning 8 or older in 2018) that are confident swimmers who are capable of swimming 50m or more and wish to compete to progress through to the Nepean Zone Carnival are also invited to attend the day.

Students who are turning 8 to 13 years in 2018 and are strong swimmers are encouraged to enter competitive events, which will be timed for entry in the Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival in 2018. Various activities will be run throughout the day to ensure all the swimming abilities of the students will be catered for.

Please ensure completed permission notes (double sided) and the payment of \$5 is returned to the school office no later and 1st December 2017 to allow for organisation of the day.

2018 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sports Trials

REGISTRATION OPEN for Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 ONLY in 2018 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during 2018. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports of AFL, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Softball & Touch Football. To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed. This can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form". Each sport has a different registration criteria. This online form is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for the 2018 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials.

You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport and when completed, click SUBMIT. Please note that your online registration is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY and MUST be approved by your child's school. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience". Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date. \$5.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for after school trials & \$8.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for half day and full day trials. – This is to be paid to your school once your child has been approved and confirmed to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Trials. Please note that the full day trials will be for boys cricket, boys soccer, boys rugby league & boys rugby union. Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and girls netball a maximum of 2 children only are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of the 2 boys and girls will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Wednesday 13th December 2017- Swimming Carnival at Glenbrook Pools (Stage 2 & 3; Stage 1 – strong swimmers only)

Christine Hall

Head of Sport

Academic Achievement Awards

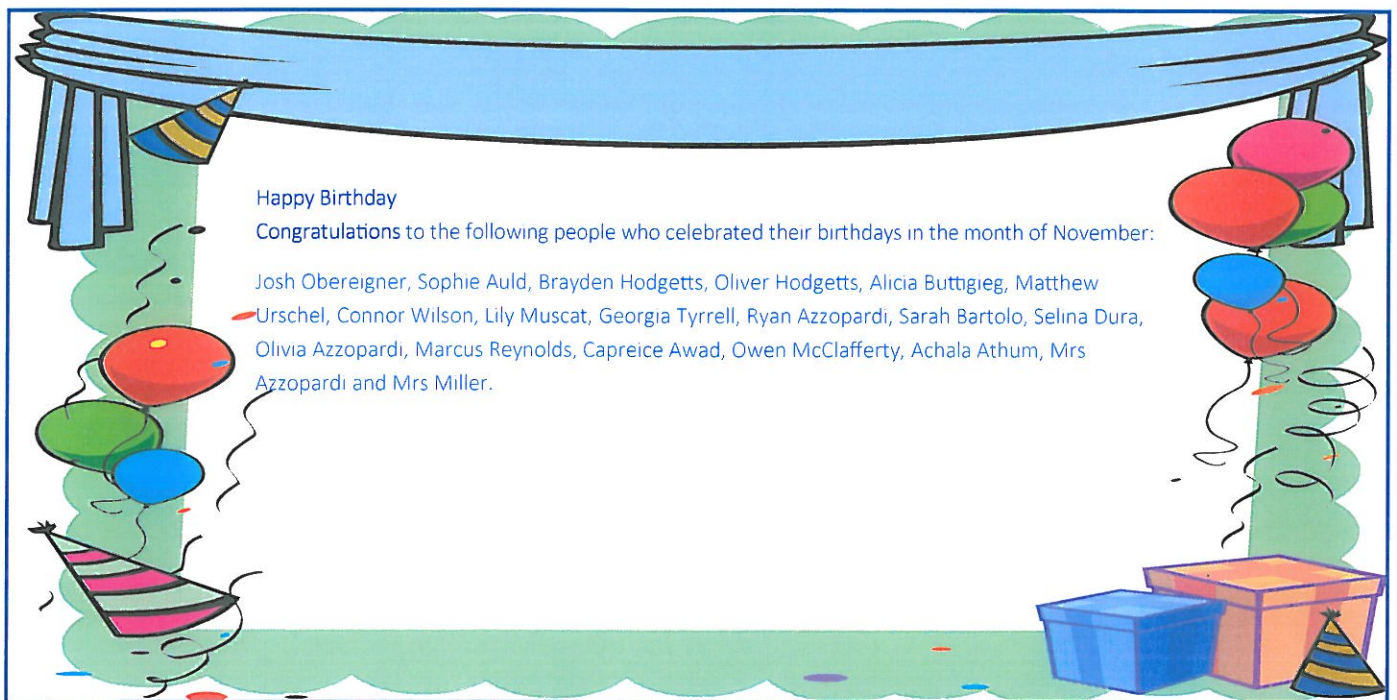
Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Leta-May Munday Harrison Riddell Jacob Rowley Lucas Camilleri Deanna Agius Olivia Urschel Lily Muscat Oliver Hodgetts	Jacob Xerri Kaitlin Azzopardi Jackson Zammit Domenic Lentini Jacob Finianos Claudio Mandarano Lucas Andrews Jack O'Mahony	Natasha Milanovic Dominic Bruni Mariam Tadros Achala Athum Jacqui Sheil Amy Sant
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One Heart One Mind Awards

Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

Edmond Cocks Isabella Cocksedge Shiloh Wiggins Sofia Corbo Sharlay Pantazakos Georgia Railton Elisabeth Franco Connor Wilson	Natasha Gattellari Xavier Ring Matthew Azzopardi Hayden Gill Joshua Moore Antonio Papalia Jacob Digiorgio Oscar Zamprogno	Corey Moore Cameron Vella Olivia Payne Jack Vella Stefanie Krilich Alexander Gouriots
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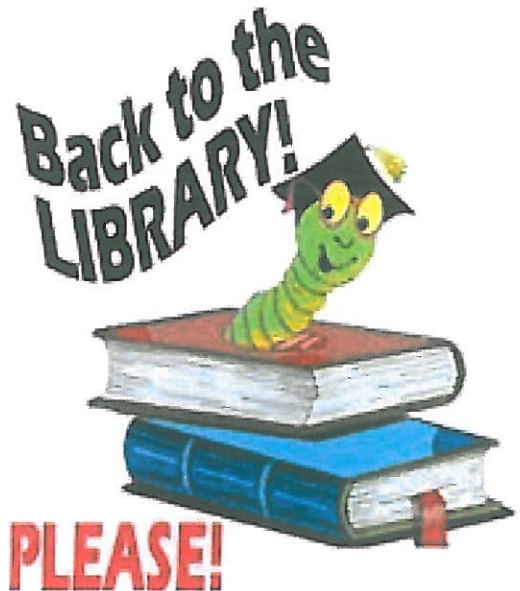


It's that time of year! Start looking for those missing Library books and Class Readers.

Check under the bed, in the car, maybe at Grandmas or on your bookshelf or they could still be in your school bag.

Please return to school ASAP. These books are expensive to replace!

Mrs Sneesby



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Bold Jack Country Music Festival 2017

Date: Saturday 9th December 2017 at Warragamba Town Hall, Warragamba NSW 2752

The Warragamba Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre Inc. is a not for profit community organisation whose philosophy involves community engagement, development and support for the local community. A sub-committee from the neighbourhood centre is DamFest who have created a new committee "Bold Jack Country Music Festival" to assist the local ANZAC committee in raising funds for the ANZAC Digger statue, which we hope will be achieved in time for next years 100th Anniversary of Remembrance Day celebrations. Joining local country heritage with a country music festival, we hope to also support our local businesses by bringing people to our township. Warragamba community survives today with a solid background of the original Dam builders and the truly distinctive community spirit that evolved from the 37 different nationalities that arrived here to start a new life in the temporary township. They came as individuals and families for a better life and together, they built the largest concrete structure of it's kind in the Southern Hemisphere to house water for the ever-growing needs of Sydney's Metropolitan area. There is a unique sense of community spirit that is still apparent with the many festivals and special events that continue to be a success and bring people into the township.

We are hoping to see as many people as possible turn out for our first country music festival. We will be starting the day at 12pm with an outdoor stage featuring live music and other entertainment like pony rides, mechanical bull, jumping castle, market stalls and food vendors. Don't forget to visit all our local businesses and see what a fantastic range of shops and restaurants we have before we have the main concert in the town hall starting at 6:30pm with Country Artists Drew McAlister, Tori Darke, Ingrid Mae, Kora Naughton and Lochlann Bond. Don't miss out on being a part of the day. Go to www.countryrocks.com.au/tickets to purchase your tickets. For more information go to our Facebook Page; Bold Jack Country Music Festival or visit Warragamba Neighbourhood Centre Inc Facebook page.