

# BRANCHES

## Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham

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### Term 1

5th April 2018

Issue 5, Week 10

Friday 6th April

Cross Country

Monday 9th April

Wanderers Soccer Program  
(Early Stage 1 & Stage 1)

Tuesday 10th April

Penrith RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC  
Service - Students

Friday 13th April

Last Day of Term 1

Monday 30th April

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 1st May

First Day of Term 2

Tuesday 8th May

ICAS - Digital  
Kindergarten Excursion

Thursday 10th May

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 11th May

Mother's Day Prayer &  
Breakfast

Tuesday 15th - Thursday 17th

May

Naplan

Friday 18th May

2.20pm - Whole School  
Assembly

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What an amazing term it has been! The children at Holy Family are blessed to have many opportunities to engage in (or will engage in) learning experiences and co-curricular activities that enhance their development academically, physically, socially and spiritually! Here are just some of the fantastic events from this term!

Pancake Day, Ash Wednesday Liturgy, Caritas Market Stalls, Holy Week Liturgy, New Life Mass, Easter Hat Parade, Grandparents' Day, Luddenham Show Artworks, Dance Group, Choir, Zone & Diocesan Swimming Carnivals, Mark Taylor Shield Cricket, Razorback 7-a-side Rugby League Gala Day, Cross Country, Wanderers Soccer Program, Wests Tigers Varying Abilities Presentation, Penrith RSL Anzac Service, Stage 1 Excursion.



At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

To share and promote these opportunities, we have worked in partnership with Catholic Education - Diocese of Parramatta to create an 'official' Holy Family Luddenham Facebook page. We would encourage all families and friends who have access to Facebook to 'follow' this page. It is a great way to share the wonderful events at Holy Family with a wider audience. We will continue to use Seesaw to communicate with our existing families.



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

Mr Anthony McElhone

Principal

### Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI)

Two weeks ago information about the *Enhancing Catholic School Identity* project was disseminated to parents. The Catholic University in Leuven was commissioned to design a process and tools, based on sound research, to accomplish the goal of understanding our current Catholic identity and where the school community might like to see it in the future. This is an important project that the school is engaging in for the next five years.

To commence the project we collect survey data from all key stakeholders, i.e. students, parents and staff. This data will assist us in better understanding how our Catholic Identity is expressed in work and practice here at Holy Family.

We are inviting our students (Years 5 & 6), parents and staff to complete the survey online; it may take you up to an hour to do so. Try not to get caught up in the questions, simply respond intuitively.

To encourage parent participation in the survey we are conducting a prize draw with the first prize being an *iPod Touch*. To enter the draw simply email the school ([luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au)) when you have completed the survey. Please use the subject line ECSI. All the children from the family will be entered into the draw.

This is an important project that promises to provide the community with opportunities to further enhance our Catholic identity. Therefore it is vital that we have a strong response from our parent community to the survey.

### Staff Leave

Mrs Wendy Steuart will be taking leave for the remainder of the term and for the first two weeks of next term. Mrs Angela Furfaro will be working additional days to continue the support Mrs Steuart provides in Stage 1.

### Staff Development Days

Following are the dates for the remaining staff development days this year. A reminder that children do not attend school on these days.

- Monday 30th April (first day of Term 2)
- Friday 6th July (last day of Term 2)
- Monday 23rd July (first day of Term 3)
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### 2018 School Calendar

The key date of events and celebrations for 2018 can be viewed in our online school calendar. The calendar can be viewed on our school website <http://www.hfluddenham.catholic.edu.au/Our-Community/Events>

If you would like to sync the school calendar to the calendar on your device (e.g. iPad or iPhone ) click on the [subscribe](#) link at the bottom of the calendar and follow the instructions.

## Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019

Application forms are available for collection from the school office. When the application form has been fully completed it should be returned to the office with the required documentation by **the end of Term 1**.

## 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 92%. This is a positive increase on this time last year! It is clear that our parents/ carers are following these simple tips.

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



## 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   |
|------------|--------------------|---|
| 30th April | All Teaching Staff | Staff Development Day - Numeracy (at Trinity Primary School, Kemps Creek) |
| 7th May    | Mr Platt           | EMU Intervention Professional Learning                                    |

## Principal's Medallions

Congratulations to the Principal's Medallion recipients for Term 1 - Haylee Vella (Early Stage 1), Lavinia Gullo (Year 1), Peter Medwin (Year 2), Matilda Calderwood (Year 3), Bruno Lopreiato (Year 4), Davor Franich (Year 5) and Olivia Payne (Year 6).



**Congratulations** to the Wandless family (Kobi & Baylen) on the arrival of a beautiful baby boy, Cooper on the 23rd March.

Best wishes to their family and the hope of restful nights in the future.



## Sport Update

### Diocesan Cross Country

Diocesan Cross Country is on Tuesday 1st May 2018 which is the students first day back at school for Term 2. With the school cross country tomorrow, those finishing in the top 6 and meeting the qualifying time for their event, will be given a Diocesan Cross Country permission note. It is imperative that this permission and payment of \$5 is returned to the school office by the due date of: Thursday 12th April, to allow for organisation of this event.



### Western Sydney Soccer in Schools Clinic

On Monday 9th April (Week 11), Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will be involved in a soccer clinic during school hours. Students are to wear their sport uniform to school on this day to allow for participation in the clinic.

### Sporting Schools Program

Holy Family has been privileged to receive a grant for Term Two which will enable us to access the expertise from a different sporting organisation. This term Holy Family is partnering with NSW Waratahs (Rugby Union) to conduct a five week program during school hours for each year group within the school.



### Thank you to Panthers, Penrith

Holy Family was fortunate enough to receive a very generous donation this year from Panthers, Penrith to put towards purchasing a new marquee that will feature the Holy Family logo, that can be used at both school and sporting events. We are very grateful to Panthers, Penrith for their support and generosity.

### Bringelly Netball Club

Thank you to Sherone Cassar from Bringelly Netball Club for kindly donating a number of netballs to Holy Family for our students to use during play time and sport lessons. We are very appreciative of your generous donation, Sherone.

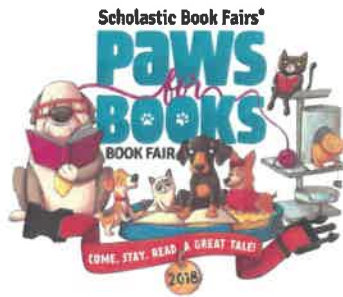


### Upcoming Sporting Events

- *Friday 6th April - School Cross Country*
- *Tuesday 1st May - Diocesan Cross Country (Term Two- Week One)*

*Christine Hall  
Head of Sport*

## Library News



**Thank you to all of our wonderful students, parents, grandparents and teachers that helped make our Scholastic Book Fair a big success! The profit from your purchases bought new and engaging non-fiction books for our school library .**

**Happy Reading!**

**Roseanne Liepa**

### Car Seat Checks

Now is a great time to ensure your car seats are fitted correctly, just in time for the school holidays.

Blacktown Council is going to be at The Ponds Shopping Centre on Tuesday 10th April from 8:30am - 1:30pm offering Car Seat Checks.

No booking is required.



**Academic Achievement Awards**  
**Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients**

Aaliyah Guedes  
 Jack Bernoth  
 Levi Hearne  
 Olivia Franco  
 Caitlin Woodhead  
 Sophia-Rose Penna  
 Marcus Zamprogno  
 Hunter Moore

Mikayla Camilleri  
 Daniel Dura  
 Hayden Gill  
 Darbbey Vella  
 Tiahna Scidna  
 Charlene Camilleri  
 Elise Fenech  
 Emilia Maycock

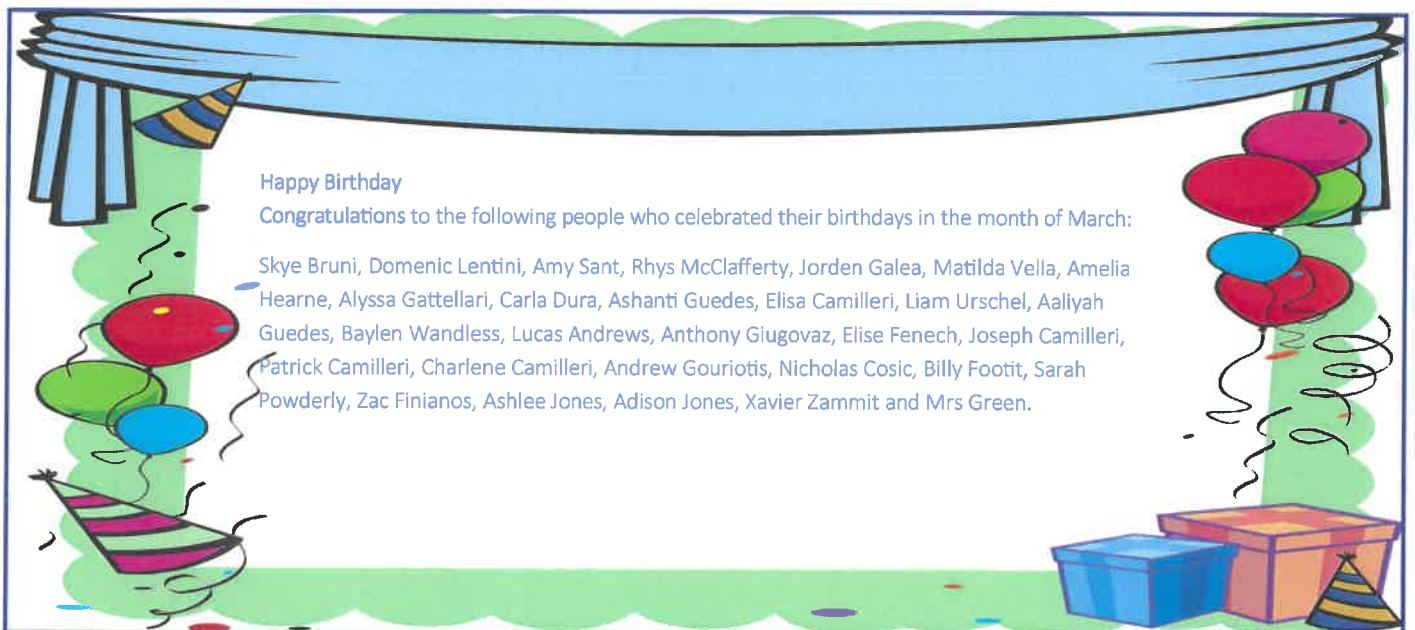
Maia Rzepecki  
 Nicholas Moore  
 Liam Powderly  
 Nathan Attard  
 Tyler Thornhill  
 Talyse Pantazakos

**One Heart One Mind Awards**  
**Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients**

Addison Moore  
 Zara Isaia  
 Gwenevere Sparagis  
 Nash Lewtschenko  
 Jacob Rowley  
 Lincoln Sciberras  
 Lacey Andrews  
 Rose Estphan

Elisa Camilleri  
 Natasha Gattellari  
 Alexander Enman  
 Jacob Digiorgio  
 Hayden Gunther  
 Elisabeth Franco  
 Dominic Finianos  
 Justin Buttigieg

Mariah Gauci  
 Marcus Bruni  
 Sarah Gleeson  
 Georgia Calderwood  
 Kyrillos Barikhan  
 Liam Ojeda



every learner  
every day

# When is sick too sick for school



## Send me to school if ...

- ✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever
- ✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)
- ✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan
- ✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours




If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

## Keep me home if ...

- ✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees
- ✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea
- ✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)
- ✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches
- ✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health - A-Z of infectious diseases for more information





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