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Term 2

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Tuesday 29th May

School Photos

ICAS - Science

Wednesday 30th May

Netball Schools Cup

Friday 1st June

School Disco

Tuesday 5th June

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Friday 8th June

2.20pm - Whole School

Assembly

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Friday 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'.



At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

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

Mr Anthony McElhone

Principal

Tell Them From Me Survey

Not another survey you might say! Recently we have invited our parents to engage in two surveys, the *Enhancing Catholic Schools* survey and the *Tell Them From Me* survey. These surveys are not related but both will provide the school with important information that will inform our improvement agenda.

We only had a sound response to the *Enhancing Catholic Schools* survey so we are seeking a much stronger response to the *Tell Them From Me* survey.

It is vital we have a strong response to the survey as the information will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Holy Family.

Tell Them From Me survey runs from 21st May until 4th June and we have invited students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey.

The survey is anonymous and **will only take approximately 20 minutes to complete**. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/13420>

Your feedback is very much valued and assists the school in our work with your children, to identify our strengths and also areas in which we can focus our efforts for further improvement.

Condolences

Our condolences to the Maycock family (Claudia and Emilia) on the passing of their grandfather recently. Our prayers and thoughts are with their family.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.



School Photos

School photos are being held on Tuesday 29th May.

1. Please ensure all children are in full winter uniform, including ties.
2. No cash/cheque payments are to be sent in prior to the day of photography.
3. Sibling photos will be held from 8:40am in the school hall.

Winter Uniform

All children should now be wearing the Winter school uniform.

The uniform is:

Girls: Check pinafore

White blouse (Peter Pan Collar)

Tab tie - matching material of pinafore

Plain, short white socks or navy blue tights (socks not to be rolled down)

Black leather shoes

Boys: Blue shirt (long sleeved) and school tie

Navy long trousers (cargo pants are not permitted)

Short navy socks

Black leather shoes



Sport Uniforms will continue to be worn by every student on the same days as Term 1. Please check with the front office if you have any questions regarding the school uniform.

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.

- Friday 6th July (last day of Term 2)
- Monday 23rd July (first day of Term 3)



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 ASAP.



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%. Our goal is 90% so the following tips will assist us in reaching our 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.

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
25th May	Mrs Brennan, Mrs Stein	Religious Education Professional Learning
28th May	Mrs Steele, Mrs Hughes	Science & Technology K-6 - Orientation to new NSW K-6 syllabus
30th May	Mr McElhone, Mr McCauley	Priests/Principals/RECs Forum

Busways School Opal Tap Campaign Term 2

Term 2 will see Busways continuing to look to our school for support in their efforts to enforce the use of Opal cards on their buses.



This term will see Busways Inspectors checking to ensure students are using their Opal cards when boarding the school bus. Students that do not present a valid Opal card will be asked to pay a fare. Failure to produce a valid Opal card or bus fare will result in the Inspector recording the student's name.

Below is an example of the form our Inspectors will use.

Route Service/ School Bus No.	Date	Students Name	Grade	Comments
<i>Eg School bus 4620</i>	<i>25/5/18</i>	<i>John Smith</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Invalid School Opal card</i>

After the school inspection the names that were recorded will be emailed to our school, with a request for us to follow-up with the students and parents/guardians concerned.

All students need to produce a •School Opal card •Child/Youth Opal card •Or pay a fare to travel on buses.

An Opal card is important because it is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't have an Opal card to tap on and off the service will appear under-utilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

For students that currently do not have an Opal card please use the Opal website: www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/

Thank you for your continued support.

Academic Achievement Awards
Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Ante Gurlica
 Adriana Isaia
 Taylor Mensforth
 Nicholas Causon
 Jacob Xerri
 Sienna Cross
 Leta-May Munday
 Heidi Lewtschenko

Xavier Zammit
 Xavier Eades
 Georgia Railton
 Jack O'Mahony
 Elisabeth Franco
 Sophie Auld
 Jacob Finianos
 Kobi Wandless

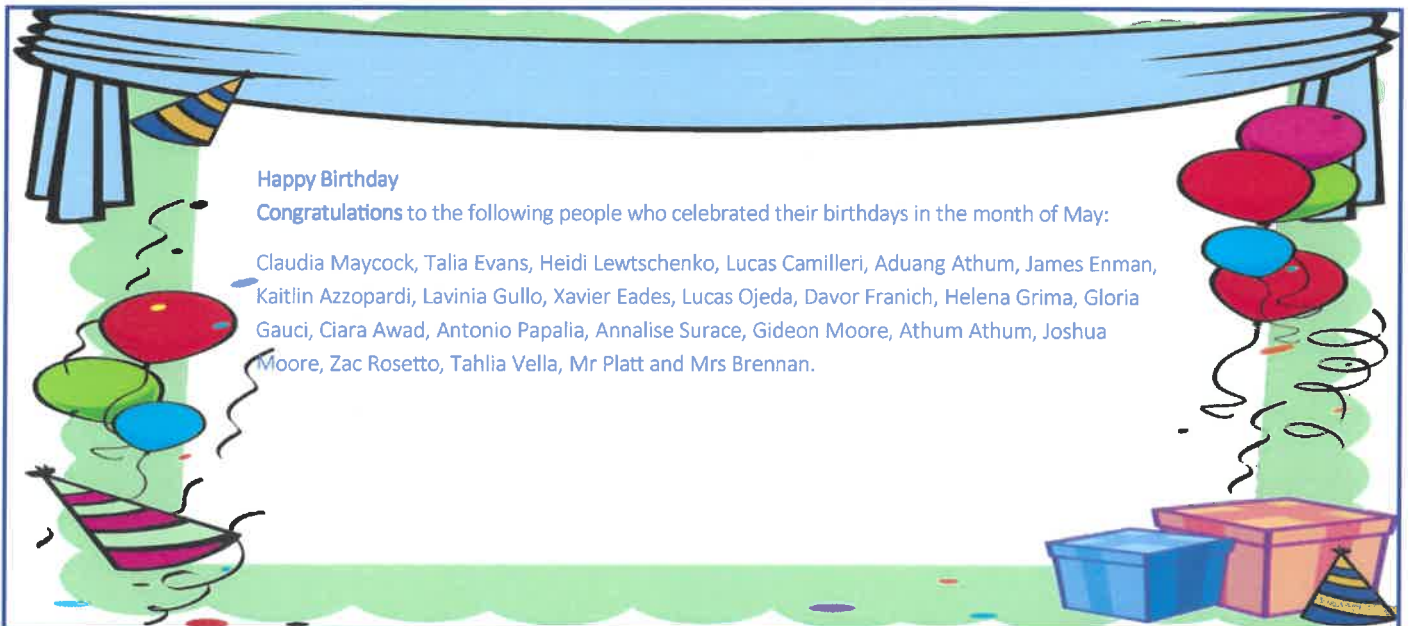
Athum Athum
 Liam Vella
 Amy Sant
 Brianna Parkinson
 Davor Franich
 Olivia Payne

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

Baylen Wandless
 Paris Gligorevic
 Elias Estphan
 Olivia Tyrrell
 Chanel Awad
 Shiloh Wiggins
 Christian Lentini
 Helena Grima

Sofia Corbo
 Hayden Moore
 Veronica Tadros
 Oscar Zamprogno
 Deanna Agius
 Carla Dura
 Lucas Andrews
 Matthew Urschel

Matilda Vella
 Natasha Milanovic
 James Gunther
 Cameron Vella
 Claudia Mammone
 Harrison Haddad



Library News



We are so excited with our fantastic new books from our book fair rewards. The students of Holy Family are thoroughly enjoying these new valuable resources.

A huge congratulations to Luke Rossetto in Stage 2 Red for already completing the Premier Reading Challenge. Well done Luke!

I would especially like to thank Michelle Penna, Kelly Muscat, Chris Sheil, Lauren Andrews, Veronica Sparagis, Luisa Franco and Kate Scott for giving up their time to assist in the covering of these exciting new books.

Could we please continue to encourage all students to participate in this year's Premier Reading Challenge. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Happy Reading!
Mrs Liepa

Below are some photos of our lunch time fun and creations.



Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day 



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