

# BRANCHES

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Term 4

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#### Friday 23rd November

2.20pm - Whole School Assembly

#### Thursday 6th December

Christmas Concert

#### Wed 12th December

Swimming Carnival

#### Thurs 13th December

9.30am - Thanksgiving Mass/Farewell

11am - Parent Thank You Morning Tea

6pm - Year 6 Farewell

#### Friday 14th December

Year 6 Fun Day  
Reports Sent Home

#### Wed 19th December

Students Final Day

In the well known parable, The feeding of the Five Thousand, Jesus and his disciples had decided to take some time for themselves, to rest from the demands of their mission. However, when they arrived at their destination, a large crowd met Jesus and his disciples. The crowd is described in Mark's Gospel as being 'like sheep without a shepherd'. So what was the response of Jesus and the disciples to this crowd? As we recall Jesus and the disciples didn't get their little vacation. Instead of taking their leave and heading for some time by themselves, Jesus and the disciples showed compassion and stayed with the crowd and tended to their needs. Jesus taught them and then, as the Gospel continues, he fed them with the loaves and fishes.

Social Justice work is an important and strong foundational mission of our Church and is expressed in a number of different ways. The social mission of the Church is found in Catholic Social Teaching principles. These principles provide a framework for viewing society, which ensures that the good of the individual and the common good of humanity are in harmony. Catholic Social Teaching covers all spheres of life – the economic, political, personal and spiritual, with a clear focus on human dignity at its core.

Our Stage 3 students are completing a project that focuses on *Social Justice and Mission*. Each stage in *Religious Education* is also reflecting on how they can reach out to others in need through their *Social Justice and Mission units*. We ask for the community's continued support in this. Please see information below:



### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

It's that time of year again!!! This year our Stage 3 students have taken on the Christmas Hampers as part of their Mission Unit in R.E. A Group of Stage 3 students are in charge of a particular Homeroom. They have already given a short presentation to their students and donations have already started rolling in. This is a great initiative from Stage 3 and a fantastic way for our students to live the message of Mission - reaching out and helping others in need. Here is an overview of what each Stage has been asked to donate.

ES1 - tinned food

Stage 1 - desserts and Christmas decorations

Stage 2 - snacks and drinks

Stage 3 - food to support their homeroom hamper and/or reusable shopping bags (Christmas theme if available)

Donations will be accepted up until the end of week 6, 23rd November. Please make sure that these donations are made through the classroom, not the office.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

Mrs Julie McLean, as our Acting religious Coordinator while Mr Ray McCauley is on leave, is also preparing our school community in their Witness to Jesus' Mission through the preparation of an Advent Prayer to mark the beginning of the Season of Advent on Friday 30th November, 2018 at 9.15am in the hall.



We also ask as a community to please remember the students of Holy Family and the youth from our Parish who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We offer our prayers of support for those who participated in their first Sacrament of Reconciliation.

May we once again be ever thankful for our strengths as a community and the opportunities presented to us each day. It is through our faith and strength as a community that our students can continue to learn and grow to their full potential.

Mrs Jodie Van As  
Acting Principal

### Classes for 2019

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 2019 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 2019.

# 2019

2019 Class Placements – Just a reminder about the google form regarding special considerations. 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 has been added to Seesaw. Please note that each Stage group has a form unique to their group. This is confidential and is only viewed by Mr McElhone and Mrs Van As.

### Staffing News

We can confirm that the following staff will be Early Stage 1 teachers in 2019:

- \* Early Stage 1 Blue - Mrs Julie McLean
- \* Early Stage 1 Red - Mrs Rosa Surace

We would also like to congratulate Miss Racquel Van Mullekom who has obtained employment at Holy Spirit, St Clair in 2019.

### Thank You

St Vincent de Paul Society have sent their thanks for our school community for supporting the NSW Drought Appeal. Through our donation, Vinnies will be involved in the recovery of these communities, helping to keep the hard-working farmers of the NSW regional area afloat as they care for their land, their livestock and crops, and most importantly their families, with financial aid and emotional support.



### 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/Mrs Jodie Van As 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 almost 88% - we are very close! 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

### Snake Warning

As the weather warms up there is an increased chance that snakes may be sighted along the boundary of the school and in the school grounds. It is timely to remind the children of safety around snakes. In the event of a snake being sighted in or near school buildings or the playground the school office must be notified and children who would be at risk will be moved to a safe area. With one adult watching the snake's movements another adult should close (but not lock) doors and windows to contain the snake to a defined area. At no time is any person from the school (students, staff, parent or visitor) to attempt to handle the snake.



### 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
21 November 28 November	All Teaching Staff	Naplan Analysis and School Goal Evaluation and Planning Meetings
26, 27, 28 & 29 November	Mrs Annette Stein Mrs Melissa Whitton Mrs Marina Downey Mrs Angela Furfaro	Intensive Numeracy Block learning with Teaching Educator - Geraldine Caleta, in class during Mathematics

## Sport Update

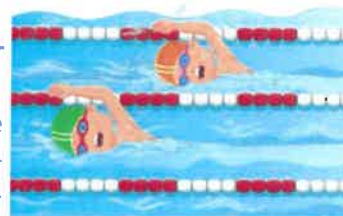
### Swimming Carnival

The Holy Family Swimming Carnival will take place on **Wednesday 12th December 2018** at Glenbrook Swimming Pool.

The carnival is a compulsory school event for all students in Stage Two and Stage Three. Students in Stage One who are turning 8 or older in 2019 who are strong, confident swimmers 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 2019 and are strong swimmers are encouraged to enter competitive events, which will be timed for entry in Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival in 2019. Various activities will be run throughout the day to ensure all the swimming abilities of the students will be catered for.

The permission note and payment of \$5.00 is due back to school no later than **Wednesday 28th November 2018** to allow for appropriate organisation of the day. *Please note, permission notes will not be accepted without the \$5.00 payment.*



### Oz Tag Gala Day

Wishing the following students the best of luck at the Oz Tag Gala Day at Onslow Oval, Camden this week.

Amelia H	Lelia A	Antonio P	Christian M	Nicholas M
Alex P	Amelia P	Liam P	Cameron V	Austen P
Skye B	Deanna A	Ben S	Tyler T	Josh B
Tahlee L	Talia E	Luke C	Brayth M	Marcus B
Ciara A	Liliana V	Liam O	Athum A	Ashanti Gu
Hayden Gi	Connor W	Braden F	Nicholas C	William B
Jacob H	Gideon M	Emily W	Brianna P	Talyse P
Jacob F	Jacob D	Sarah G	Amy S	Audrey C
Lucas A	Max A	Saide M	Olivia A	Matilda V
Josh M	Hayden Gu	Mariam T	Olivia P	Matilda F
Oscar Z	Mariah G	Alyssa G	Selina Dura	Georgia C
				Gloria G

### Upcoming Sporting Events

- *School Swimming Carnival (Stage 2 & 3) - Wednesday 12th December @ Glenbrook Pools*

*Christine Hall  
Head of Sport*



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18 October 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We will be having a Children's Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm.

Children of school age are invited to participate in this Mass. We have a supply of costumes and special parts for children who wish to participate. They will be required to attend a few practice sessions which will take place after school generally at 3.30pm.

Our first meeting will be Friday, 16 November at 3.30pm at Holy Family Centre, Luddenham. This meeting will determine your interest and children will be measured for costumes. We will also discuss future practice times.

There are around 40 costumes to be fitted and the policy will be first come, first served.

Anyone unable to attend this meeting but would like their children to participate please ring me, Janet Borg, on 0433 091 788.

Come make this a meaningful and joyous Christmas for your children.

On behalf of Fr Giovanni and the Parish Community, I wish you a Blessed and Peace-filled Christmas.

God Bless you and your families.

*J. Borg*

Janet Borg



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# Carols by Glow Sticks

**When:** Friday 7th December, gates open 5:30pm, carols 7pm.

**Available:** Food trucks will be selling delicious food! Drinks, lollies and glow products available for purchase.

P & C will be holding a raffle.

**Bring:** A rug and enjoy a picnic dinner.

**Entry:** By donation.

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