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Term 1

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Issue 1, Week 2

FEBRUARY

Monday 10th - Friday 14th

Meet the Teacher
Interviews
2.30pm - Whole School
Assembly

Tuesday 11th

West Tigers Blitz

Friday 14th

9.30am - Opening
School Mass

Tuesday 18th

Nepean Zone Swimming
Carnival - Glenbrook

Wednesday 19th

6.30pm - Early Stage 1
Information Evening

Thursday 20th

Diocesan Swimming
Carnival - Blacktown

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is with great joy that I welcome your children back to the new school year! It is hoped that they have experienced a restful break from the routines of school and arrive ready to be 'curious' learners. I especially welcome the new families to our school community. We know they will find Holy Family to be a place of friendship and hospitality. I came across this prayer for the new year during the holiday break. You may wish to share it with your family during the first weeks of term.

Prayer for the School Year

Lord of all things. We ask your blessings on our children's school of Holy Family.

Thank You Lord for the staff you have called to work in education.

Bless their hearts and minds with Your love, joy and peace.

May our children experience from them Your patience, kindness and goodness when they teach and respond to their learning needs.

As parents show us how to be cooperative and supportive when our children reach out to us.

Remind all of us to be patient with these precious gifts you have blessed us with – our children.

Help us to be examples of Christ's love at all times, with our teachers, students and school community.

Give us helpful and encouraging words especially when we speak of others.

Grant us the gift of hospitality. Let us be merciful to others in our thoughts, words and actions.

*We give thanks for this new school year and ask your blessings for its success
Dear Lord. Amen.*

A student prayer:

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

New student to our school (Years 1 - 6)
Isabella Mc - Year 5

Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners



Condolences

Our condolences to Miss Archer on the passing of her grandfather last week. Please keep Miss Archer and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Baby News!

Congratulations to the Guedes family (Nakita Stage 3, Satyana Stage 3, Aaliyah Stage 1 and Amelia Early Stage 1) on the arrival of a beautiful baby boy, Moses.

Best wishes for restful nights in the coming months!

Grandparent's Day - Save the Date

Grandparent's Day will be on Friday, 20th March. This is a day that all in the community look forward to and the teachers and students have already begun preparing for this day with great enthusiasm and energy.



Meet the Teacher (MTT) Interviews (Years 1-6)

Next week the teachers will have the opportunity to meet the parents of the students they are teaching, to obtain an insight into how best to cater for the students in their class. These meetings provide an opportunity for teachers and parents/carers to commence a professional relationship with the aim of jointly supporting the students with their learning and development. It is

vital all parents/carers meet with their child's teacher as it provides a solid foundation for the year ahead. The online booking instructions have been added to Seesaw. Please contact the office if you are having difficulty booking an appointment.

Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L)

In 2017 we commenced our implementation of PBS4L at Holy Family. This included reviewing our whole school expectations and developing a clear set of rules related to all non-classroom settings across the school. In 2019 we expanded this into the classroom. These expectations and rules are now clearly displayed around the school. This year we will continue to evaluate and improve PBS4L and we will continue to share our PBS4L journey via Seesaw.



2020 School Calendar

The key date of events and celebrations for 2020 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>



Assembly - Change of Day

Due to our commitment to staff professional learning on Fridays this year we have moved our Whole School Assembly to Mondays at 2:30pm. They will still be scheduled in Weeks 3, 6 & 9. If your child is receiving an award you will be notified via Seesaw.

2020 Staff Listing

School Leadership Team

Parish Priest	Fr Giovanni Presica
Principal	Mr Anthony McElhone
Assistant Principal	Mrs Jodie Van As
Religious Education Coordinator	Mr Ray McCauley
Leader of Learning (Literacy/Numeracy)	Mrs Karen Ryan
Leader of Learning (PBL, Science, HSIE)	Mrs Stefanie Steele
Leader of Learning (Creative Arts)	Mrs Julie McLean
Leader of Learning (PBS4L)	Mrs Rosa Surace

Classroom Teachers

Early Stage 1 Blue	Mrs Julie Mclean
Early Stage 1 Red	Mrs Rosa Surace
Stage 1 Blue	Miss Sarah Archer
Stage 1 Red	Mrs Sarah Brennan
Stage 1 White	Mrs Annette Stein
Stage 2 Blue	Mrs Jessica Fowler
Stage 2 Red	Mrs Stefanie Steele
Stage 2 White	Mrs Melissa Whitton (Monday-Thursday), Miss Chloe McLaughlan (Friday Term 1), Mrs Paris Mayer (Friday Terms 2-4)
Stage 3 Blue	Mrs Donnalee Hughes
Stage 3 Red	Miss Katherine Ohlsen
Stage 3 White	Mr Graham Platt



Specialist Teachers

Diversity Support	Mrs Wendy Steuart, Mrs Jodie Van As, Mr Ray McCauley, Mrs Tracy Heidtmann
Physical Education/Sports Coordinator	Mrs Christine Hall
Japanese	Mrs Angela Franich
Digital Technologies	Mr David Bullock
Learning Technologies Support Teacher	Mr Ray McCauley
School Counsellor	Ms Alison Docanto

School Support Staff

Office	Mrs Monica Miller, Mrs Marie Edwards, Mrs Despina Azzopardi
Classroom	Mrs Amanda Dewhurst, Mrs Leanne Green, Mrs Rhonda Medlen, Mrs Annette Tillman
Library	Mrs Roseanne Liepa
Maintenance	Mr Richard Ackroyd-Broadbere
IT Trainee	Mr Thomas Nguyen

We would like to offer a special welcome to Miss Sarah Archer, Mrs Jessica Fowler, Ms Alison Docanto and Mr Thomas Nguyen who have all joined the Holy Family 'family' this year.

Hair Styles/Uniform

During the holiday period some children take the opportunity to have exotic cuts and/or highlights put in their hair. Unfortunately this is not an accepted part of the uniform policy. Therefore we request that arrangements be made for either a haircut or re-colouring by the beginning of next week. Such styles can be the cause of conflict within the family home when parents who comply with the school uniform policy are being pressured by their children to have highlights placed in their hair because their friend's parents may be ignoring the school uniform policy.

The policy requires that:

- Long hair be tied back using appropriately coloured bands or ribbons (blue, red or white).
- Hair to be neat and tidy at all times.
- Hair should be its natural colour.
- Hair styles should be moderate with no extremes such as to draw the attention of others.

Seesaw

Seesaw is up and running! It is important that you check this regularly as it is our main channel of information. If you are having trouble with the app, please email Mrs Edwards on medwards3@parra.catholic.edu.au to request the QR code to be sent home. If you are new to the school, the code was sent home last week.



Canteen

Canteen will be open for Recess and Lunch on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Online orders can be made at www.quickcliq.com.au or by placing a written order in the box outside the canteen by 9.30am.

Anaphylaxis Awareness

Some children in our school suffer the life threatening condition of anaphylaxis. Essentially anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that can occur within minutes of exposure to something you are allergic to such as peanuts or bee stings. At Holy Family we have a number of children in the school who suffer anaphylactic reactions when exposed to nut products. In order to respond to this situation and provide safe, fair and responsible procedures for all in the school community we have taken advice from the Anaphylaxis Association and our own Diocesan Workplace Safety Officers.

The following practices will be in place this year.

1. There will be no **peanut butter** sandwiches or nut-based products available in the school canteen.
2. Parents must not send in peanut or nut based products as part of their child's lunch. If anyone has any concerns over this, please do not hesitate to speak with Mr McElhone.



Enrolments for Kindergarten 2021

Application forms are available for collection from the school office from 2nd March. 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**.

Parish News

LENTEN CONCERT - 'ASHES TO EASTER' with Peter Kearney. **Saturday 29th February, 7.00-8.00pm** in Holy Family Church, Luddenham. The concert will be after our Vigil Mass, which commences at 6pm. Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter/singer and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes'. His 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. Mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy. **Entry fee is by donation.**



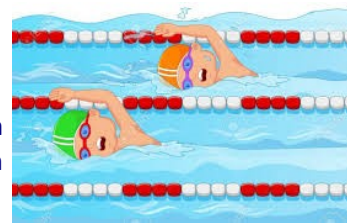
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Sport Update

Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Twilight Swimming Carnival on Thursday 30th January 2020 and to all the staff / parents / siblings that assisted with various roles on the night to ensure the success of the carnival.

Congratulations to the students listed below that have qualified to represent Holy Family at the Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 18th February at Glenbrook Swimming Pool. We wish them all the very best of luck.



<i>Max Azzopardi</i>	<i>Hayleigh Garousse</i>	<i>Emilia Maycock</i>	<i>Lachlan Moore</i>	<i>Marcus Zamprogno</i>
<i>Elisa Camilleri</i>	<i>Ella Gunther</i>	<i>Gideon Moore</i>	<i>Sharlay Pantazakos</i>	<i>Oscar Zamprogno</i>
<i>Talia Evans</i>	<i>Hayden Gunther</i>	<i>Hayden Moore</i>	<i>Sarah Powderly</i>	
<i>Marcus Falzon</i>	<i>Taylah Hosking</i>	<i>Joshua Moore</i>	<i>Zac Rossetto</i>	



Let's Celebrate Success

The students of Holy Family are continually achieving success in the sporting arena not only at school but outside of school. If your child has any sporting success outside of the school (e.g. representative teams, represented at state or national levels etc) throughout the year, please feel free to let us know via email luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au so we can acknowledge these achievements.

Importance of meeting deadlines

This year there will be many sporting opportunities for the students of Holy Family Primary School. Due to the popularity of many of the gala days, we end up with a reserve list of students for many of the sports. It is for this reason that it is imperative for the organisation of these events that both your child's permission note and payment are returned by the due date stated on the note. Unfortunately, if your child's permission note and payment are not returned by the due date, your child's position in that team will be automatically offered to another student. We appreciate your support with this matter.



Upcoming Sporting Events

- *Tuesday 11th February 2020- West Tigers Community Blitz 11:30am*
- *Tuesday 18th February 2020- Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival at Glenbrook Pools*
- *Monday 9th March 2020- Wanderers Soccer Clinic- ES1, S2, S3 (S1 in Term 2)*
- *Friday 27th March 2020- School Cross Country at Sales Park, Luddenham*

Christine Hall
Head of Sport

Holy Family's 'Code of Conduct' for Sporting Events

In line with our HFS PBS4L expectations a 'Code of Conduct' has been established for sporting events. Each student representing Holy Family as well as their parent/ carer will be asked to sign the 'Code of Conduct' (one per year) and return to the school. The following is the established expectations for both players and parents.

At Holy Family Players will . . .

Safe	Respectful
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play by the rules at all times.• Use all equipment appropriately.• Wear school hat.• Be in the right place at the right time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Never argue with an official.• Control my temper. Will not abuse officials or sledge other players.• Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by my team or the opposition.• Treat all participants in the sport as I would like to be treated.• Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, abilities, cultural background or religion.• Show quality sportsmanship by thanking officials and opposing team members at the end of games.• Cooperate with the coach, my team-mates and opponents.
Responsible	Learner
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Look after my own, others and school belongings.• Maintain a clean environment.• Report any incidents/ issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work hard for themselves and their team.

At Holy Family Parents will . . .

- Remember that children participate in sport for enjoyment, not yours.
- Respect officials' decision and teach children to do likewise.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than the final score.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle agreements without resorting to hostility and violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Show appreciation for volunteers and employed coaches, officials and administrators.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skillful play by ALL participants.
- Support all competition by ensuring your child's attendance until the completion of their events.
- Inform school officials prior to departure.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, abilities, cultural backgrounds or religion.



Mix personal training

Are you wanting to challenge yourself and meet new people in a friendly environment?

Come and join my **Mix Personal Training** class on a Tuesday night at 6:30pm at the Holy Family School Hall.

The classes are designed for everyone whether you are just starting out or a bit more advanced in the fitness area.

I cater for people with injury and other illnesses.

The classes are moderate intensity however you can make it more intense as I run cardio boxing and weight training.

Ladies and gentlemen come and join the fun class on a Tuesday night.
All are welcome over the age of 18.

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