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Term 1

19th March 2020
Issue 4, Week 8

Monday 23rd March
2.45pm - Modified
School Assembly

Friday 27th March
Cross Country -
Competitive only

Thursday 9th April
Last Day of Term 1

Friday 10th April
Good Friday

Monday 27th April
First Day of Term 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for your continued understanding in relation to the ongoing management of the COVID 19 virus. As you would understand, as a school we have a social responsibility to take continued action to avoid the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community.

Coronavirus presents an extraordinary challenge for education institutions globally. At Holy Family, we are trying to respond in ways that prioritise both the health and safety of students, staff and families, and to protect the learning for our students.

As stated previously in my communications to you, we are following the advice provided by NSW Health and by Catholic Schools NSW. We are in constant communication with Catholic Education - Diocese of Parramatta for advice and procedural matters.

A review of all school and community events that the school is scheduled to participate in are currently being reviewed. Further information will be provided about the continuance, postponement or cancellation of events. Preliminary details regarding the status of some events are listed below:

POSTPONED

Grandparents' Day (20th March) - rescheduled for 5th June

Caritas Market Day Fundraiser (7th April)

Legends Rugby League Gala Day (26th March)

Diocesan Cross Country (5th May)

PENDING (Term 2 - awaiting further advice regarding large gatherings at that time)

Easter Hat Parade (27th April)

Mother's Day Prayer & Breakfast (8th May)

Fundraising Event - Colour Explosion Fun Run (22nd May)

MODIFIED EVENT (to limit larger gatherings)

Book Fair (19-20th March) - restricted number of families able to access the library at any point in time (refer to flyer on Seesaw).

Whole School Assembly (23rd March) - limited to students receiving awards and their parents/carers. These families have been notified via Seesaw.

School Cross Country (27th March) - Only students attempting to qualify for the Diocesan Carnival (Years 3-6) will compete. Each age group attends the venue (Sales Park) separately. The only non-school employees to attend will be parent helpers.

Holy Week Liturgy - Stage based prayer during the day

CANCELLED

Penrith RSL Student Leaders Anzac Service (7th April)

Warragamba Anzac Day Service (25th April)

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

The Federal Government has now advised that, regardless of your destination, age or health, if your overseas travel is not essential, consider carefully whether now is the right time. As of 12.00am on Monday 16 March, if you're travelling or returning to Australia, you'll now be required to self-isolate for 14 days. This applies to all travellers, including Australian citizens. Further details about this can be found on the [Australian Border Force website](http://www.AustralianBorderForce.gov.au) or <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/news-and-updates/coronavirus-covid-19>. <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/news-and-updates/coronavirus-covid-19>. With the school holidays commencing in mid-April, parents and carers are reminded that students travelling out of Australia will be required to self-isolate for 14 days and will miss school during this period.

Please be advised that students who are absent from school cannot, at this stage, expect to receive 'online learning' from their class teacher. Our teachers work hard each day to provide quality teaching and learning to the students present in their classes at the school.

In the event of a school closure, we will implement an 'Education Continuity Plan' which is currently being prepared with the assistance of Catholic Education - Diocese of Parramatta.

Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal

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, 14th December
- Tuesday, 15th December
- Wednesday, 16th December

Please note that the student's final day will be Friday, 11th December.



Easter Hat Parade

This year, the Easter Hat Parade and raffle will be held on the first day back for Term 2, Monday 27th April at 9.15am. We are asking that you take time with your children over the school holidays to make a hat with them to wear in the Hat Parade. There are some really amazing ideas online, and some really cheap accessories found in shops at the moment.

We are also asking if all children could please send in a donation of an Easter Egg before Wednesday 8th April. Everyone is welcome to come along to our Easter Hat Parade and see our 'eggciting' and 'eggtraordinary' hats that have been designed by some very crafty bunnies!

School Uniform

From the beginning of next term we will be in transition mode to winter uniform. All students are expected to be in full winter uniform from Monday 11th May after Mother's Day until the Monday after Father's Day (7th September).

Note – Students in this transition period must wear either **full** summer or **full** winter uniform – **not** a combination of both. Our uniform policy can be accessed on our website.



Carpark AND Drop Off/Pickup Points

The following times have been declared as peak times for the traffic flow for our school:

8.35a.m. to 9.15a.m.

3.00p.m. to 3.30p.m.

The following procedures have been put in place for the safety of your children. Please adhere to these expectations:

- The carpark is marked with arrows allowing cars to enter and drive through one way only.
- Vehicles must park in a marked car space and only cars with disabled parking permits should park in the spaces designated for this purpose.
- Cars are not permitted to use the bus bay for parking before or after school.
- Kiss'n'Drop is available from 8:35-8:55am each day.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult when walking through the carpark.



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/en/Our-Community/Events>

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.**



Teacher Professional Learning

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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. However at this time no staff will attend professional learning off site.

Condolences

Our condolences to the Vella family (Liliana & Riley) on the passing of their great grandmother recently. Our prayers and thoughts are with their family.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.*



Baby News

Congratulations to the Awad-Duncombe family (Ciara Stage 3 and Chanel Stage2) on the arrival of a beautiful baby boy, Carter.

Best wishes for restful nights in the coming months!

Notice from CommBank School Banking

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from **20th March 2020** until the start of **Term 2**. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.



Sport

School Cross Country

This event has now been changed to **Competitive Races ONLY**.

Due to the current circumstances, the School Cross Country set down for next Friday 27th March will still proceed but for Championship Races ONLY (no fun runs will be taking place). The event is now open ONLY to students who are turning 8 to 13 years old in 2020 with the aim to progress to the 2020 Diocesan Cross Country.



As you would understand, the school has a social responsibility to take continued action to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in our community and we will be continuing to adhere to this advice. Therefore, it is for this reason that only the competitors, parent helpers (who will be contacted by Mrs Hall prior to the event) and a limited number of staff will be attending this event.

We ask that you support us with this decision to ensure the health and wellbeing of our school community.

The school has also received advice that the Diocesan Cross Country will not proceed on the scheduled date (Tuesday 5th May) and venue due to the Events and Gatherings: Public Health (COVID-19 Public Events) Order 2020. At this point, details of a new date has not been provided.

Diocesan Sport

The Parramatta Diocesan Primary & Secondary Schools Sport Councils have received notification on 16th March 2020 from Catholic Schools NSW Sport Services that a range of sport events, including MacKillop and NSWCCC selection trials, have temporarily ceased until further notice due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

Due to these developments, CEDP has advised that Diocesan level events will also cease effective immediately until further notice. Please see the attached letter from Mrs. Thornton for further detail.

Upcoming Sporting Events

- *Thursday 26th March 2020- 7-a side Rugby League at Camden - **POSTPONED***
- *Friday 27th March 2020- Cross Country at Sales Park, Luddenham - **COMPETITIVE RACES ONLY***

Christine Hall
Head of Sport

CEDP Primary Sport representative events “temporarily ceasing until further notice” due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) - 16 March 2020

The Parramatta Diocesan Catholic Primary Schools Sport Council (PDCPSSC) has received notification on 15 March 2020 from Catholic Schools NSW Sport Services that a range of sport events, including selection trials, have temporarily ceased until further notice due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

Due to these developments CEDP have advised that Diocesan level events will also cease effective immediately until further notice.

A status overview of events scheduled on the published dates is as follows:

Information current as at 1.00pm, 16 March 2020

EVENT	DATE	VENUE	STATUS	LEVEL
Parramatta Diocesan Cricket Trials	Friday 20th March 2020	Jamison Park Nets, Penrith	Temporarily ceased until further notice	Diocesan
Parramatta Diocesan Touch Trials	Monday 23rd March 2020	The Kingsway Touch Fields, St Marys	Temporarily ceased until further notice	Diocesan
MacKillop Swimming Championship	Wednesday 25th March 2020	SOPAC, Homebush	Temporarily ceased until further notice	MacKillop
MacKillop Football (Soccer) Trials	Friday 27th March 2020	Cookbundoon Playing Fields, Goulburn	Temporarily ceased until further notice	MacKillop
Stage 3 Touch Football (BLUE) Gala Day	Wednesday 1st April 2020	The Kingsway Touch Fields, St Marys	Temporarily ceased until further notice	Diocesan
MacKillop Australian Football (AFL) Trial	Friday 3rd April 2020	Maher Oval, Wagga Wagga	Temporarily ceased until further notice	MacKillop
NSWPSSA Swimming Championships	Monday 6 th April & Tuesday 7 th April 2020	SOPAC, Homebush	Temporarily ceased until further notice	NSWPSSA
NSWPSSA Diving Championships	Monday 6 th April 2020	SOPAC, Homebush	Temporarily ceased until further notice	NSWPSSA

Parents that have made a payment (levies and representative apparel) via the Catholic Schools NSW Sport Portal will receive a refund in due course for cancelled events.

PDCPSSC will endeavour to hold representative events once the temporary ceasing is lifted, if possible.

If you have any questions, please liaise with your school Principal or School Sport Coordinator. Information regarding further events will be distributed closer to the event.

Kind regards,

Margaret Thornton

CEDP Primary Sport Teaching Educator

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Little Lotus Studio is an approved Active Kids provider. All classes are run by Shannon, an experienced school teacher and Yoga Teacher.

For more information, check out our facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/littlelotusstudioemuplains/>
or send an email for more information: shannon@littlelotusstudio.com.au



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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