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Term 2

2nd July 2020

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JULY

Friday 3rd

Last Day of Term 2

Monday 20th

First Day of Term 3

Friday 24th

Athletics Carnival

AUGUST

Friday 14th

Colour Explosion Fun Run

SEPTEMBER

Friday 4th

Father's Day Prayer &
BBQ/Book Week
Celebration

OCTOBER

Friday 23rd

Grandparent's Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is amazing that another term has passed so quickly and now we are halfway through 2020. It certainly was a very interesting Term 2, starting the term with almost no students on site and online learning, and we will finish this Friday with nearly all our students back to face to face learning.

Throughout Term 2, our students, staff and parents/carers needed to be flexible and I want to say thank you for working with us during some quite difficult days and weeks. I certainly appreciated the agility of our staff and students as they adapted to new ways of teaching and learning. In time we will see that this agility and willingness to make modifications to the norm have strengthened our learning community.

As we keep pointing out to the students and staff, COVID-19 has not left us. We are learning to work with it, ensuring that we follow guidelines around health, hygiene and distancing. We are not perfect at all these things, so we need to keep up the reminders and practice these important things regularly.

Even though it has been a disjointed Term 2 compared to normal, at the end of term we need to turn our attention to the many students at Holy Family who have worked hard, participated fully, engaged with their teachers, supported their peers, and achieved their 'personal best'.

I offer my congratulations to these students and implore all students to use the opportunities given to them at Holy Family to do their very best in Terms 3 & 4. We definitely need to ensure our second semester of the year is more settled and our students get on with what they are here to do – that is to actively learn each day.

Last week we distributed our modified half yearly reports. We trust you have had the opportunity to sit with your child and their teacher (virtually) and discuss their learning in Semester 1, 2020. We hope you are able to affirm their successes in Semester One this year, and to set some realistic and achievable goals for their learning for the year ahead. Small improvements continuously will make a big impact over a longer period of time. I thank the staff for preparing these reports and for their quality online and face to face teaching during Terms 1 & 2 – 2020.

I want to reiterate the importance of attendance at school – all day, every day of the term! Considering the disruptions caused by COVID 19 it is more important than ever that every child's attendance at school is maximised. We aim for a minimum 90% attendance from every single student. Please support us in this area and help build resilience in our students. We are continuing to build a culture at Holy Family that we have full attendance from the first day of term to the last day of term, and the notion of taking days off during the term (apart from illness) should be avoided. Days off for non-essential reasons impacts greatly on student learning and achievement – there is plenty of evidence to support this.

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

There is no doubt that we all want Holy Family to be the best place it can be. We know that there are areas we can continue to improve, and it is always great to get your constructive feedback on any area of school life that you feel needs our attention. We are a 'high expectations' school and we will continue to raise the bar in everything we do.

School in Term 3 commences on Monday 20 July. Term 3 runs for ten (10) weeks concluding on Friday 25 September. Please refer to the school calendar, the Newsletter and SeeSaw to stay up to date with the events and happenings at the school.

Finally, please keep each other in your prayers and thoughts over the holiday period. May God bless each of you and keep you safe. I look forward to catching up with you all in Term 3.

Anthony McElhone
Principal

Update of Events

Date of Event	Event	Details
24 July	Athletics Carnival (K-6)	Rescheduled from 12 June
14 August	Colour Explosion Fun Run	Rescheduled from 22 May
26 August	St Nicholas Netball Gala Day	Postponed. Likely to be rescheduled to 23 September
27-28 August	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion	To be confirmed. Awaiting further advice from the organiser at the beginning of Term 3
4 September	Father's Day Prayer & BBQ/Book Week Celebration	Will proceed as planned
23 October	Grandparents Day	Rescheduled from 4 June

Communication with Teachers

As part of the Continuation of Learning plan earlier in the term when children were learning remotely, we adjusted our process for communication between parents/carers and teachers. As we are now back to full time attendance we respectfully ask that any communication with your child's teacher or other member of staff be directed to the school email address (luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au). Please include the staff member's name in the subject line (e.g. Attn: Mrs Hughes) so that it can be redirected promptly to the appropriate staff member. If it is a matter of urgency please call the office.



Health & Safety

During this time it is important that we maintain the regulations required in terms of reporting any incidents of COVID-19. It is vital that you inform our school if your child has been tested for COVID-19, or is in isolation due to being a close contact of someone being tested.

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. When the application form has been fully completed it should be returned to the office with the required documentation at your earliest possible convenience.

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



School F E E S

School Fees

Thank you to those families who have been able to pay the Term 2 Accounts. During this uncertain time for employment, we are grateful for your financial contributions and understand that many families may not be able to contribute. Fee relief is available to support families who are experiencing significant financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. There are three ways that parents/carers can apply for fee relief with the process made as simple as possible. Information is available on the CEDP website

[https:// www.parra.catholic.edu.au/Our%20Schools/School%20Fees/Fee%20Relief](https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/Our%20Schools/School%20Fees/Fee%20Relief) We are here to help. Please contact our Senior Finance Officer, Mrs Monica Miller if you have any questions on 4773 7100 during the hours of 8:30am – 3:30pm.



Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following people who celebrated their birthdays in the month of June:

- Daniela Finianos, Hayleigh Grousse, Jacob Digiorgio, Levi Agland, Cruz Hooton, Denilson Silva, Grace Jenkins, Alexandria Pelle, Alexander Agius, Zarli Baric-Eade, Tyler Orphin, Sophia-Rose Penna, Victoria Borg, Caitlin Woodhead, Jessie Mahe, Zoey Messina, Ruben Inzitari, Jacob Rowley, Charlotte Farrugia, Ben Lepre and Miss Ohlsen.

Academic Achievement Awards

Matthew Urschel
James Noro
Zac Buttigieg
Makayla Causon

Mason Micalizzi
Olivia Franco
Aduang Athum
Emilia Maycock

Thomas Wiblin
Aiden Luppino
Jake McClafferty

One Heart One Mind Awards

Hayden Gunther
Elias Estphan
Diezel Fell
Nellie Martin

Sabina Sant
Giovanna Tabone
Amelia Hearne
Daniela Finianos

Chanel Awad-Duncombe
Nelson Lopreiato
Leta-May Munday



School Run4Fun Colour Explosion

We will be holding a School Run4Fun Colour Explosion as our major fundraising event for 2020. This will be held on **Friday 14th August 2020**. Students obtain donations in cash using the Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising. Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. More information and sponsorship forms will be coming home with your child soon. Happy Fundraising!

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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Modifications made to comply with current restrictions.

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