

Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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.

As you may be aware 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. Consequently we have been overwhelmed by the enormous generosity of our community's continued support of the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Your support is greatly appreciated and typifies exactly what makes our community so special!

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.

Anthony McElhone
Principal

At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

2021

Classes for 2021

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 2021 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 2021.

2021 Class Placements – 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 was added to Seesaw last week by no later than 20 November. Please note that each Stage group has a form unique to their group.

Start of 2021 Details

The school office will reopen on Wednesday, 27 January. The first day for students in Years 1-6 is Thursday 28 January. Kindergarten will commence on Monday, 1 February.



The key date of events and celebrations for 2020/21 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>.

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

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





Come Dressed as a Grandparent' Day - 27 November

As we have had to cancel Grandparent's Day this year, we are having a 'Come Dressed as a Grandparent' Day for students and staff. The day will also incorporate students participating in games from the past. More information will be distributed via Seesaw next week.

Staffing News

We can confirm that the following staff will be Early Stage 1 teachers in 2021:

- Mrs Julie McLean & Mrs Annette Stein

We would also like to congratulate Miss Ohlsen who has obtained permanent employment at Our Lady Queen of Peace at Greystanes from 2021.

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.

Thank you

We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Wallacia-Mulgoa Valley Inc. for their kind donation of \$200. Your support of our support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you





Academic Achievement Awards
Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients

Sophie Garousse Zarli Baric-Eade Mason Maycock Marina Gurlica Marlie McCullan Gwenevere Sparagis Charlie Willding Addison Moore	Grace Lopreiato Alessandra Penna Leon Liu Nicholas Franco Nelson Lopreiato Lachlan Moore Christian Lentini Shiloh Wiggins	Leila Andrews Tahlee Lewin Isabella McGarry Charlene Camilleri Luke Rossetto Jacob Finianos
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One Heart One Mind Awards
Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients

Charlotte Farrugia Aurelia Tabone Mia Norrie Makayla Causon Jack Bernoth Skylah Steele Mario Crafa Zara Isaia	Leo Falzon Sofia Cross Yolla Estphan Lily Muscat Luka Krilich Xavier Zammit Daniel Dura Georgia Tyrrell	Alicia Buttigieg Alexandria Pelle Hayden Krone Nakita Guedes Lucas Andrews Skye Bruni
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REANIMATE PENRITH

Throughout the month of November, ReAnimate Penrith is set to transform our City Centre into a wonderland of colour, art, exploration, technology and fun. Immerse yourself into an animated world, as the streets of our City come to life with street art, animated artworks and augmented reality (AR) experiences..

ReAnimate Penrith is an exciting new program that provides an opportunity for our community to reconnect, enjoy art, and digital innovation while remaining safe and socially distanced.

It's also a fantastic way to support local businesses, as you make your way along high street and connecting arcades, uncovering 3D animations whilst enjoying the great restaurants, cafes and bars our vibrant city has to offer.

Bring the ReAnimate Penrith experience into your home! Download and print the interactive colouring sheet from reanimatepenrith.com.au and fill the page with colour and creativity. Once your masterpiece is complete, download the ReAnimate Penrith App to see your creation come to life!

Do you like a little bit of healthy competition? Follow @ReAnimatePenrith on Facebook and Instagram and share a photo or video of your animation using the hashtag #reanimatepenrith to be in with a chance to win a \$100 food/beverage voucher!

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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to comply with
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