

# BRANCHES

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1

4th March 2021

Issue 3, Week 6

**March**

**Wednesday 10th**

Diocesan Swimming

**Monday 22nd**

2.30pm - Whole School  
Assembly

**Thursday 25th**

5.00pm - Sacrament of  
First Reconciliation  
Session 1  
7.00pm - Sacrament of  
First Reconciliation  
Session 2

**Friday 26th**

School Cross Country

**Tuesday 30th**

School Photos

**April**

**Thursday 1st**

Easter Raffle  
Last Day of Term 1

**Monday 19th**

First Day of Term 2  
Easter Hat Parade

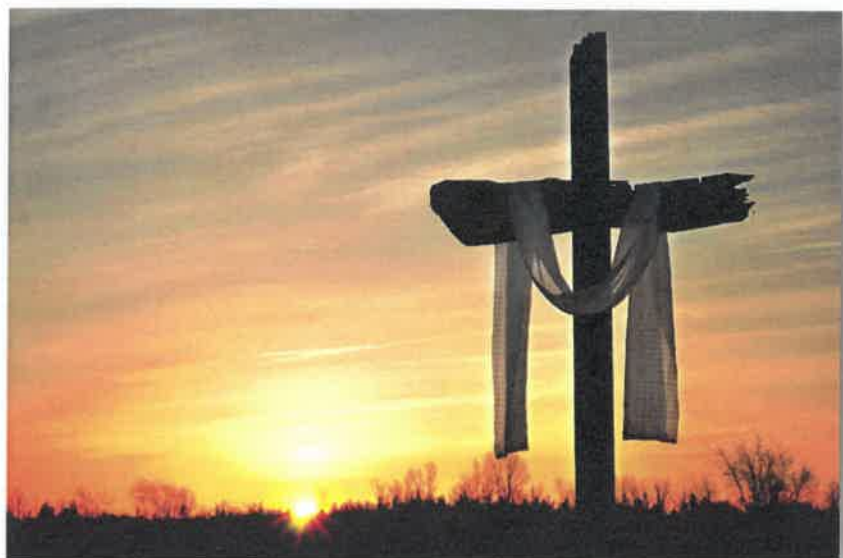
We are now two weeks into our Lenten journey and my thoughts so far have been around the concept of fasting. It's a bit ironic.... we all love to eat and God loves to feed us. We place a special emphasis on meal times with our families, and even our worship is centred around sharing a meal. Yet, in Lent, we are called to this concept of fasting. It almost seems illogical that God would ask us to give up something so that we can draw closer to him. Fasting can be a blessing in many ways. It is important that from time to time we put aside abundance in favour of being filled with something even greater.

When we fast from comfort or pleasure, we are saying "Lord, I want to give up these things for a short time so that I can keep my mind focussed on what is really important in my life." We know that God wants us to enjoy all the wonderful things life has to offer, yet fasting reminds us that loving Him and serving Him are more important than our own comfort and pleasure.

Three of the four Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke – tell us that at the beginning of his ministry, Jesus went into the desert to pray and fast for forty days and nights. This was to prepare himself for his mission. He drew on the strength of the Holy Spirit to avoid temptations, and as hard as it was, Jesus was victorious. With the help of the Holy Spirit we too can find the inner strength to abstain from some pleasure, and we just might discover that our willpower is stronger than we thought possible.

So as we continue our journey through Lent, try to abstain from something, in order to draw closer to God. Pray for the strength to overcome temptation and to be filled with something even better. God will reward us whenever we give up something we value, in order to improve our relationship with Him.

Mr Anthony McElhone  
Principal



At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

## Welcome

We welcome the Johnston family (Orlando Yr 4 & Elijah Yr 1), the Scharfenberg family (Zohii Yr 1) and the Volistiotis family (Izabella Yr 1) to our school community. We know your time at Holy Family will be a happy and positive experience.



## 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, 13 December
- Tuesday, 14 December
- Wednesday, 15 December



Please note that the student's final day will be Friday, 10 December.



## 2021 School Calendar

The key date of events and celebrations for 2021 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>

## 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](mailto:medwards3@parra.catholic.edu.au).



## Enrolments for Kindergarten 2022

Application forms are available for collection from the school office from 1 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**.

## Parent Representative Group (PRG) - Minutes of Meeting

Our Parent Representative Group is back! Our first meeting was on Tuesday, 23 February and items discussed included:

- Adding an emblem to the boys shirt
- Playground refurbishment
- Mode of future PRG meetings
- Grandparents' Day update
- Easter Raffle and Easter Hat Parade update
- Ways to acknowledge and celebrate children's birthdays at school
- Canteen update
- Mother's Day/Father's Day Stall update
- Learning update

The minutes of the meeting will be added to Seesaw.

## Sport Update

### Diocesan Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday the 9th of March, the following students will be representing the Nepean Zone at the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Aquatic Centre, Blacktown.. We wish them all the best of luck at this event.

Hayden Gunther	Talia Evans
Sophie Auld	Sharlay Pantazakos
Ella Gunther	Sarah Powderly



### Representative Sport

Representative sport at Holy Family is an important extra-curricular activity. Engagement in these events are designed to build school spirit and pride, acknowledge skills of children in these areas and to enhance the sense of 'community' in the school.

Children in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in a range of team sports throughout the year that are organised and run by Catholic Education - Diocese of Parramatta and other sporting organisations. The sports may include:

- Soccer
- Rugby League
- Netball
- Touch Football
- Oztag
- Basketball
- Cricket



When selecting teams to represent Holy Family, all of the following is considered equally:

- Skills and abilities in the selected sport
- Experience in the selected sport (i.e. participates in a team outside of school)
- Number of sports the student has represented the school in the current year
- Suitability to represent the school in a safe, respectful and responsible manner
- Parental support

### **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 (no cash) is returned by the due date stated on the note. Unfortunately, if your child's permission note and payment is 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.

### **Let's Celebrate the Success of our Students**

#### **NSW Oz-Tag State Cup**

Congratulations to Sarah P, Liliana V, Hayden G, Ella G, Ava G, Nicholas F and Levi H who have all recently represented their respective clubs (Nepean or Camden) at the NSW Oztag State Cup Championships.

Each of the teams were very competitive at the tournament, with most of our students teams making either semi-finals or grand-finals. Well done on such a great achievement!



#### **Parramatta Diocesan Netball Representative**

Well Done to Sarah P from Stage 3 who was selected to represent the Diocesan in Netball at Canberra in Term 2. During this event she will each be trialling for the MacKillop Team. We wish Sarah the best of luck at this tournament.



#### **Upcoming Sporting Events**

- Friday 26th March 2021 - School Cross Country at Sales Park, Luddenham

**Christine Hall**  
**Sport Co-ordinator**



# Term 1, Week 6 2021

**Safe - Respectful - Responsible - Learners**

During Week 5 & 6 at Holy Family, we are focusing on being **RESPECTFUL**.  
- Listen to and Follow instructions from Staff

At Holy Family when we are respectful we listen to and follow instructions from all staff. When we listen and follow instructions we show respect for ourselves and others. We have given out many Bundeluk tokens to students for following all of our School Expectations.

## Token Tally Update

	Acacia	Boronia	Jacaranda	Waratah
Points	208	160	191	190

## Whole School Total

### Leading House Color

Congratulations to  
**ACACIA**



The PBS4L draw winners for Weeks 4 & 5 are:



**Week 4**



**Week 5**





**Academic Achievement Awards**  
**Congratulations Academic Achievement Awards Recipients**

Huxton McCullan Soleil Saliganan Michael Massih Jackson Wright Christian Lapa Marina Gurlica Luca Libro Victoria Borg	Olivia Franco Hayden Moore Sienna Cross Christian Lentini Edmond Cocks Caitlin Woodhead Indyarna Cefai Sarah Powderly	Leila Andrews Isabella McGarry Connor Wilson Zac Finianos
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**One Heart One Mind Awards**  
**Congratulations One Heart One Mind Awards Recipients**

Maison Vellacott Sophia Demanuele Amelia Guedes Catia Camilleri Matthew Attard Aria Marsh Jemma Muscat Jeremy Camilleri	Harper Miles Baylen Wandless Gwenevere Sparagis Lucas Camilleri Hayleigh Garousse Zac Rossetto Alexander Enman Isaac Hall	Nelson Lopreiato Xavier Eades Rose Estphan Diana Baric
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**Happy Birthday**  
**Congratulations** to the following people who celebrated their birthdays in the month of February:

Sofia Mammone, Huxton McCullen, Rebecca Debono, Sienna Bonanno, Brandon Shepherd, Marlia Baric-Eade, Kurtis Fitzsimmons, Jacob Xerri, Evette Haddad, Olivia Tyrrell, Elias Estphan, Izabella Voulistiotis, Charlie Willding, Michael Mammone, Yolla Estphan, Nash Lewtschenko, Mr Bullock, Mr McElhone and Mrs Heidtmann.



**Do have your own little wildlife warrior at home?**

**For one special day the Museum of Fire is offering this FREE environmental program!**

**When:** Friday 16 April 2021  
(school holidays)

**Where:** Museum of Fire,  
1 Museum Drive Penrith

**Time:** 10am - 12pm

**Who:** Children Aged 5-10

**What:** All participating students will receive a hands on experience. Children will learn about the local environment and help to plant a garden in the Museum grounds. They will receive a special plant that they can take home to care for themselves.

**Children who take part in this program will be invited to participate in future junior caretaker activities.**

**For more information as well as terms and conditions please visit [www.museumoffire.net](http://www.museumoffire.net)**

# MUSEUM OF FIRE

## JUNIOR CARETAKER'S DAY

FRIDAY 16TH APRIL 2021



Jane Goodall's  
**Roots & Shoots**

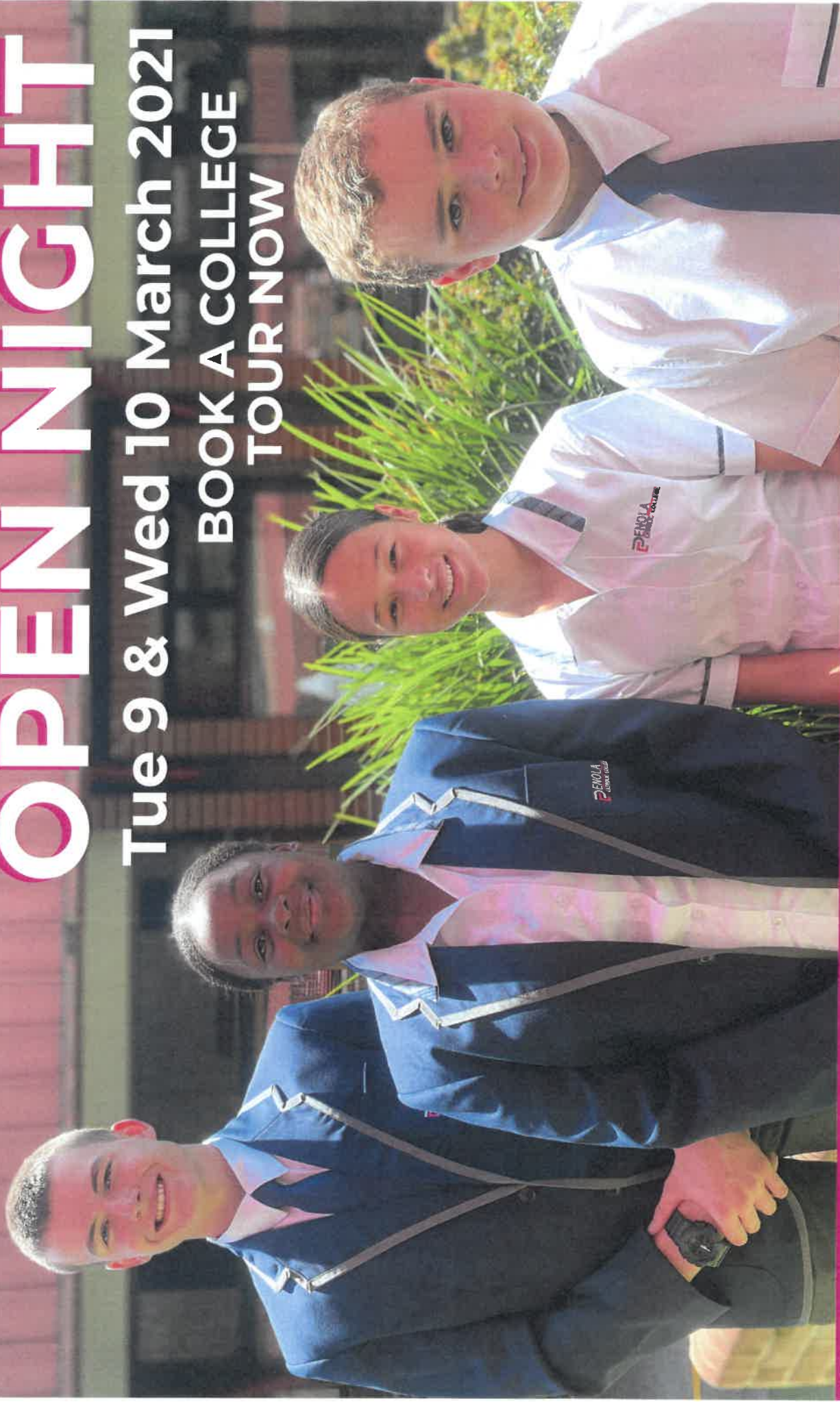
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# OPEN NIGHT

Tue 9 & Wed 10 March 2021  
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CHISHOLM  
COLLEGE



### BOOK YOUR SCHOOL TOUR NOW

We have limited places for our school tours on 8 - 10 March. Visit our Eventbrite booking page to secure your tickets.

<https://cccopentours2021.eventbrite.com.au>

Parents and students in Year 5 & 6 are invited to tour our facilities and hear from our students why girls flourish here. See our brand new facilities and have all your questions answered.

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- \*Relationship Problems*      *\*Anxiety*
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- \*Stress Management*

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& EVERYTHING ELSE**



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Lowes will be enforcing social distancing with marshalls wearing hi-vis vests on site. We ask for your support in limiting the number of people you take with you into the store.

**Thank you for your support.**

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Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & schoolwear layby's. Cannot be combined with any other offer or discount. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.

# WARRAGAMBA NETBALL CLUB

## CURRENT PLAYER VACANCIES

5 x U7 players turning 6 or 7 (across 2 teams)

1 x U8 player turning 8

2 x U12 player turning 12 (A GRADE)

4 x U14 players turning 13 or 14 (across 2 teams)

2 x U15 players turning 14 or 15

3 x U17 players turning 15, 16 or 17 (across 3 teams)



JUNIOR REGISTRAR

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