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Term 1

18th March 2021

Issue 4, Week 8

March

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

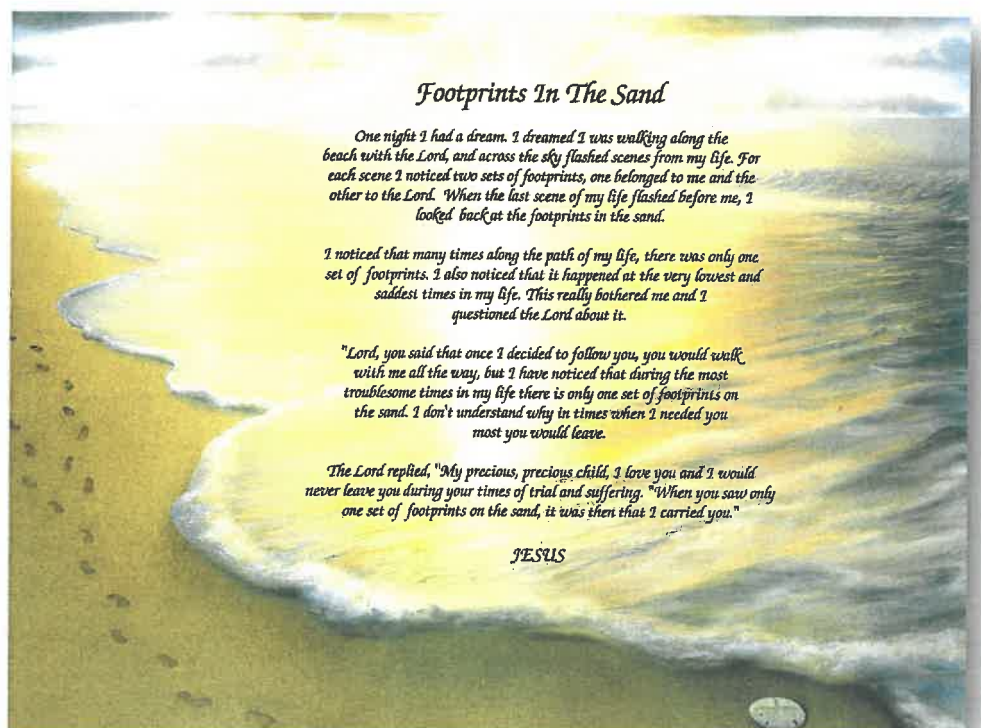
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In light of events over the past 12 months (e.g. COVID-19 pandemic), we could not be blamed for asking why tragedy is never far from our consciousness. The daily news is also often filled with instances of fear and distrust. When added to the personal tragedies in our own lives, who would blame us for asking "Where is God in this?"

In the Parable of the Fig Tree, the message is that of not really knowing what is happening but trusting in God. We never know exactly what is happening for the fig tree underground or why it is not bearing fruit at that moment in time. Perhaps the tree has some type of fungus or disease in the soil. Then again, maybe there was growth occurring underground in the root system and this could not be seen. What we need to remember is that although it was not bearing fruit or flourishing at that moment in time, it was still alive.

Often our lives can feel like this, we feel flat or question why things are happening in our lives, we also are not flourishing. At these times we need to be like the worker in the vineyard, in spite of the fact that we are flat out trying to get through every day, we need to find time to see the potential in every situation. Sr Hilda Scott (OSB) articulates this so well "God is the Gardener who trusts the process of growing; trusts us, grasps what others do not, sees potential, and gives us another chance - and there is no limit with God. He sees what is lacking and is keen to provide it. All he, and we, need is an openness in us to see it through". (Source: Trust Lenten Program: Catholic Diocese of Wollongong)

Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal



At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

Easter Hat Parade

This year, the Easter Hat Parade will be held on the first day back for Term 2, Monday 19 April at 9:30am. This will be preceded by our New Life (Easter Liturgy) at 9:00am.

We are asking that you take time with your child/ren 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 for our Easter Raffle by Tuesday 30th March. Raffles tickets were sent home on Tuesday.

As this is an outdoor event all parents/carers are 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!



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.



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>



Baby News

Congratulations to the Franke family (Cailin Stage 1) on the arrival of a beautiful baby boy, Lucas.

Best wishes for restful nights in the coming months!



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.

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**.



School Fees

School Fee Account Statements have been issued and First instalment fees are due by 17 March 2021. If you have not received your School fee Statement please contact the school office on 4773-7100 for a copy.

Thank you to our families who have made their payment or are meeting weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment arrangements. To set up a payment arrangement please refer to the detailed information enclosed with your School Fee Statement for further payment options.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact Rasha Azar on 4773-7100. All conversations are strictly confidential.

Please note If you are leaving the school, parents must provide one term's notice in writing in lieu of one term's school fee payment. Please address all letters/emails to Mr McElhone c/o the school office. Please contact the school office for further information.

Sport Update

School Cross Country

On Friday 26th March 2021 we will be holding our School Cross Country. It will be held at Sales Park, Luddenham starting at 9:30am. Parents/carers are welcome to attend this event ensuring they adhere to physical distancing guidelines.

There is no allocated start time for each event, however below is the current order of events:

1. Stage 1 Fun Run- Year 1 Boys & Girls
2. Stage 1 Fun Run- Year 2 Boys & Girls
3. ES1 Fun Run Girls with Buddies
4. ES1 Fun Run Boys with Buddies
5. 11 year old and 12 year old Girls Championship Race 3km
6. 11 year old and 12 year old Boys Championship Race 3km
7. Stage 2 & 3 Fun Run
8. 10 Year old Championship Race - Boys & Girls
9. 8 & 9 years Championship Race - Boys
10. 8 & 9 years Championship Race - Girls



Thank you to all the parents/carers that have offered assistance at this event. It is greatly appreciated. Next week, I will be making contact with those that have been allocated jobs via Seesaw.

Parents and carers attending this event are required to check-in using the QR code which will be posted on a table near the Sales Park car park area.



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 this reason that it is imperative for the organisation of these events that both your child's permission note and payment 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.

Meeting Deadlines

Upcoming Sporting Events

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



Christine Hall
Sport Co-ordinator



Term 1, Week 8 2021

Safe - Respectful - Responsible - Learners

During Week 7 & 8 at Holy Family, we are focusing on being **SAFE**

At Holy Family when we are respectful when 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 the focus School Expectation.

Token Tally Update

We will update the Token Tally and the Whole School Total in Week 9 at Assembly.

	Acacia	Boronia	Jacaranda	Waratah
Points	208	160	191	190

Whole School Total



Leading House Color

Congratulations to
ACACIA



The PBS4L draw winners for Weeks 6 & 7 are:



Week 6



Week 7



*Please join us to celebrate the
Passion and Resurrection of Jesus at
Sacred Heart Parish.*

RECONCILIATION

Thursday 18th March, 7pm
Holy Family Church, Luddenham.

HOLY THURSDAY (1st April)
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm
Holy Family Church, Luddenham

GOOD FRIDAY (2nd April)
Stations of the Cross, 10am
Sacred Heart Church, Warragamba

The Passion of the Lord, 3pm
Holy Family Church, Luddenham

EASTER VIGIL MASS

(Saturday 3rd April)
7pm, Holy Family Church Luddenham

EASTER SUNDAY MASS (4th April)

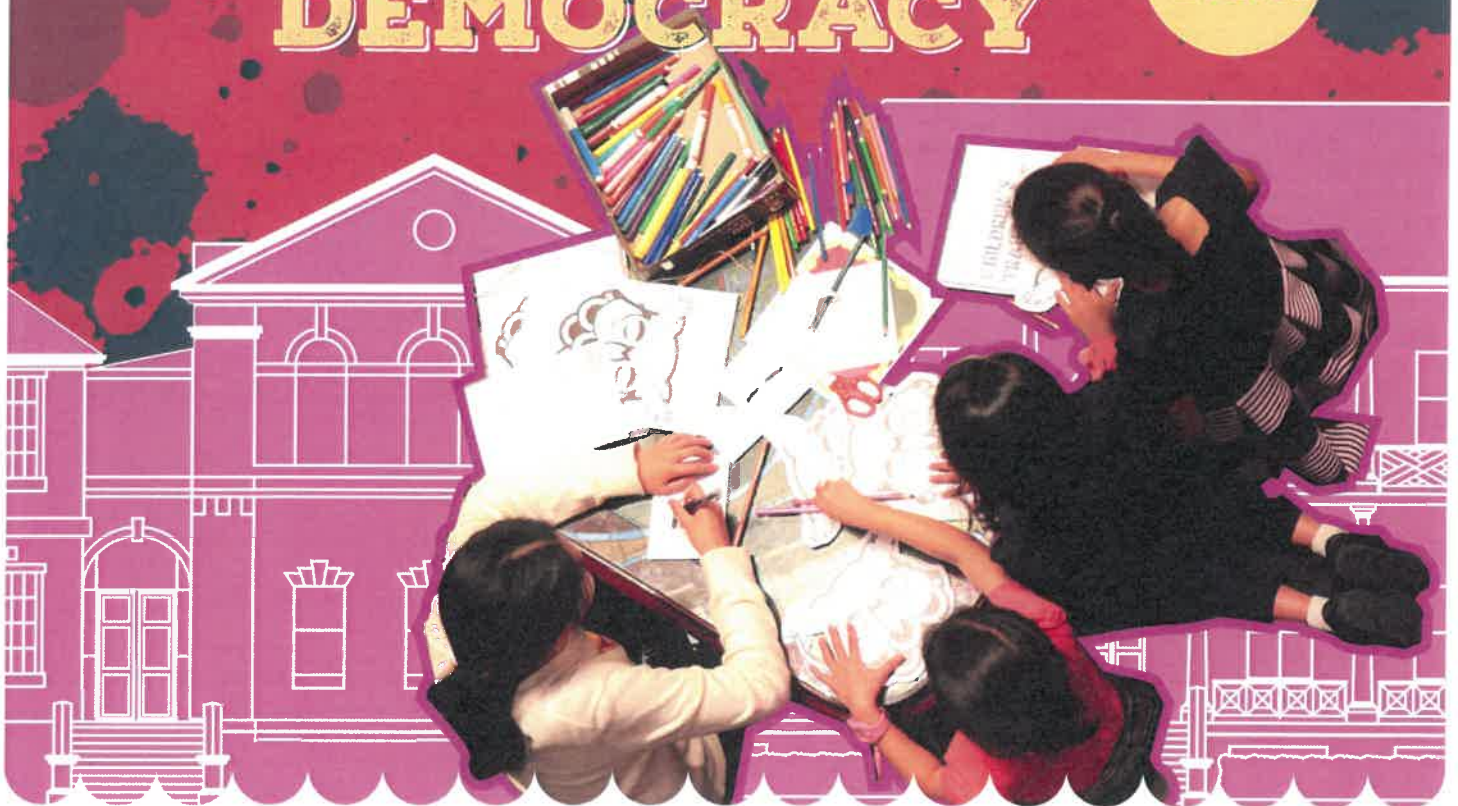
7.30am, Holy Family Church, Luddenham
10.00am, Holy Family Church, Luddenham

Please note that there is no Mass at Warragamba on Easter Sunday



FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

FREE
EVENT



Festival of Democracy at the Parliament of NSW these April school holidays

Friday 16 April

9 am - 10.20 am

10.30 am - 11.50 am

12 pm - 1.20 pm

1.30 pm - 3 pm

(book for an 80 minute session)

Celebrate democracy in Australia's oldest Parliament with free, fun activities for children and their families from 4 to 12 years.

- Vote in an election
- Make a speech in the historic Parliamentary chamber
- Play democracy hopscotch
- Listen to storytellers
- Make craft animals and objects
- Enter the mystery object competition
- Visit the historic rooms
- Chat with Henry Parkes

This is a COVID-safe event.



FREE ENTRY (timed)

Activities 9 am to 3 pm

LOCATION

Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



9230 2047 or

E: communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au