

Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a joy to welcome back nearly all the students. The uplifting sound of students talking, playing, laughing and learning has replaced the often eerie silence that filled most of the rooms at school during lockdown. I would like to extend my thanks for the overwhelming support we received from parents and carers during the remote learning phase. The support of the students at home by the parents and carers has been evident in the way the students have returned in a good place in relation to their learning development and the way they have been able to engage in learning from the minute they walked back in through the school gates.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of our community with the modified drop off and pick up arrangements we have in place. This support has ensured that these new processes have been implemented with very few hiccups. At this stage these new arrangements will stay in place until the COVID-19 restrictions for schools are eased. We appreciate that there appears to be some contradictions between the COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions for the general public and those for schools. The priority for schools is to reduce the risk of transmission. However, there is now greater responsibility for schools to support NSW Health in the contact tracing process if there is a positive case of COVID-19 in the school. Hence the strict guidelines for schools support both reducing the risk for staff and students and supporting the contact tracing processes.

Like for many in the community, lockdown and remote learning had its challenges for our teachers. Therefore it is timely that World Teachers' Day will be celebrated across Australia on Friday 29 October, a bit later than the international day due to our school holidays. It's a great chance to thank teachers! There are many easy ways to thank a teacher on World Teachers' Day, for example, a thank you note or drawing or a personalised card. I know the teachers treasure these thoughtful mementos. Look out for our special World Teachers' Day post on the school Facebook page!

Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal



At Holy Family we are:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Learners

Classes for 2022

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 2022 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 next year.

2022

2022 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. Requests for specific teachers without reason will not be considered. If you wish to provide feedback about your child's placement, please complete the online form that will be added to See-saw next week. Please note that each Stage group has a form unique to their group.

eSafety Advice

Recently our school counsellor, Alison Docanto, shared that her colleagues have been hearing a lot from parents and carers about excessive use of devices during lockdown and families struggling to cope with managing this. Some families have expressed that it has become an addiction for their child and quite problematic.



If you have similar concerns there are some great resources for parents online. You may already be familiar with the eSafety Commissioner's website (<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>). They currently offer workshops for parents around gaming addiction and also have a picture book for young children around online safety and some rules around using devices.

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.



2021/22 School Calendar

The key date of events and celebrations for 2021 and 2022 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>



At this stage the following end of year events can proceed with the likelihood there will be some restrictions in place.

1 December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
7 December	Thanksgiving Mass/Awards Ceremony
8 December	Swimming Carnival (Years 3 - 6)
10 December	End of Year Assembly
10 December	Year 6 Fun Day (after the assembly)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Start of 2022 Details

The school office will reopen on Friday, 28 January. The first day for students in Years 1-6 is Tuesday 1 February. Kindergarten will commence on Thursday, 3 February.



Academic Achievement Awards



Jonathan Formosa
Anthony Pantazakos
Marco Marusic
Sophie Rowley

Baylen Wandless
Hayley Vella
Michael Mammone
Helena Grima

Sammy Polistena
Talia Vella

One Heart One Mind Awards

Luca Noro
Zohii Scharfenberg
Melissa Finianos
Marlia Baric-Eade

Lacey Andrews
Heidi Lewtschenko
Izaiah Figueira
Indyarna Cefai

Deanna Agius
Marcus Falzon



Happy Birthday

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

Deanna Agius, Mikayla Camilleri, Jayden Ryan, Winter Abric, Hayden Moore, Indyarna Cefai, Jacob Davies, Edith Cocks, Sammy Polistena, Hayley Vella, Jake McClafferty, Isabella McGarry, Leta-May Munday, Sienna Banovic, Alexander Enman, Jonathan Formosa, James Formosa, Presley Haddad, Elise Massih, Natalia Gauci, Amelia Albee, Mrs Stein and Ms Terweeme.

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Season Starts
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3rd December



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