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Greetings!

I hope all of our mothers enjoyed Mother's Day. Thank you to those mums who helped with the wrapping of gifts and running the Mother's Day Stall. It was a very generous gift of your time.

Congratulations to the students who represented Holy Family at the recent Diocesan Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations also to Alannah Martin who was successful in making the diocesan team. Best wishes to Alannah in the next carnival. Thank you to Mrs. Vogt and Mrs. Preston who trained our team.

Last week our Year 4 students went to Wentworth Falls to supplement their learning about National Parks. Congratulations students and teachers. It was a great day. Thank you also to our parent helpers.

On Sunday we celebrated the feast of Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday is the time we associate with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that he would send the spirit to be with us after his resurrection. Pentecost Sunday is the day the apostles faced their fears and began preaching about Jesus. Pentecost Sunday is called the birthday of the church; so Happy Birthday!

From the beginning of this term we will be reflecting on each of the school values for 5 weeks. Our current value is Responsibility. Over the last few weeks we have asked the children to think about being responsible for their own belongings at school. If we are being responsible we will make sure we pack up our lunch boxes when we finish eating, clean up the rubbish around us and make sure we do not leave any of our belongings on the playground. Could I ask you to:

- ✓ talk with your child / children about how you expect them to show responsibility,
- ✓ check hats, jumpers, lunch boxes etc. to ensure that their name is on each item,
- ✓ ask them what they can do to show how they will be responsible for their belongings.

As you know there are many other aspects of responsibility, you might like to focus on one of them if you feel your child takes responsibility for their belongings. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

John Spradbrow.

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The Learning Corner



Communicating with Children Using Mathematical Language Talking About Mathematics:

Talking about Mathematics with your child – whatever his or her age – helps strengthen his or her mathematical reasoning and understanding. Some ways to keep the talk engaged and focused while you support your child include:

- ◆ **Revoice** - Repeat what you heard your child say, then ask for clarification (e.g., “So you are saying it’s an odd number?”).
- ◆ **Repeat/Restate** – Ask your child to restate your reasoning (e.g., “Can you repeat what I said in your own words?”).
- ◆ **Reason** – Ask your child to apply his or her own reasoning to someone else’s reasoning (e.g., “Do you agree or disagree? Tell me why.”).
- ◆ **Adding On** – Prompt your child to participate further (e.g., “What more would you add to that?”).
- ◆ **Think Time** – Wait several seconds (try five) to give your child time to think (e.g., “Take some time to think.”). You may be surprised by how hard it is to stay silent in that time!

Mrs Angela Alonzo
Mathematics Coordinator



Fundraising News

Our Mother’s Day Stall was a wonderful success and we raised \$ 470.00. Thank you to all our parent volunteers.

Our next fundraising event will be the Athletics Carnival Raffle. Our volunteers are in the process of getting together some wonderful prizes/donations from businesses in our community. Raffle books will be sent



Sports Update

Cross Country

The Diocesan Cross Country was held at Sydney Motorsport Park last Tuesday. Congratulations to all the students that participated in the day. We had a team of 23 students and they all tried their best. Congratulations to Alannah Martin who placed 5th in the 12/13 year old age group. Alannah will represent the Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCPSCSSS on Friday 17th June – Good Luck.



Panther Trophy

Good luck to our Stage 2 boys that will be representing Holy Family at the Panther Trophy next Tuesday 24th May. We wish you the best of luck and remember to display your Holy Family Values at all times.

Athletics Carnival

Notes for the Athletics Carnival have now gone home. If your child wishes to run in the 800m event, please indicate this on their permission note. We are also after parents that are able to assist on the day – especially timers. If you are able to help out, please indicate this on the permission note.

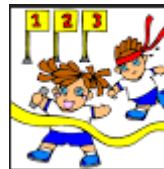
Dates for the Diary

NRL Panther Trophy: 24th May
Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day 2nd June
Athletics Carnival: 3rd June
Dental Assessments (K, 2, 4, 6): 9th June
Girls Tackle Day: 14th June
Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day: 30th June

Regards,
Mrs. Leonie Preston
Sports Co-ordinator

Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics carnival will be held on **Friday June 3rd at Blair Oval** (situated behind Ripples car park). Please return your child’s permission slip as soon as possible, so they can attend this event.



Holy Family Parish Fair

We would be grateful for donations of cakes or cookies for the parish Fair on Saturday 4th June. All donations can be sent to the school office on Friday 3rd June or brought to the stall on Saturday 4th.





Attendance at School

In June you will be receiving your child's report. The number of days your child was absent will be recorded on the report. It is amazing the number of parents who are shocked when they see the number of days missed by their children. Every minute missed by your child potentially has an impact in his/her education. Also if your child is late for school we are legally bound to record the time he/she arrives. This happens even if your child arrives 3 minutes late. If you are not with your child we send home a letter each Monday to give you the opportunity to explain so that the recording is not an unexplained absence. Thank you to those parents who make sure that this letter is returned each week. Please remember also that school begins at **8.55am**.

We ask that you make a big effort to get your child to school on time every day and to make sure that they do not stay away unless he/she has a very good reason. If your child reaches a number of unexplained absences we have to report this fact to Community and Family Services.



Introducing the Holy Family Cow!

Our cow, who is yet to be named, joined us on the first day back at school this term as part of Dairy Australia's Picasso Cows program. The program is designed to teach children about where dairy foods come from and the health benefits of consuming dairy foods such as milk, cheese and yogurt.

'From Farm to Plate' is the learning focus for our cow, which will see it transformed from a blank life-size fibreglass cow, into a piece of art with an important educational message! We have held a design and naming competition and will be announcing the winners next week.

The students will be documenting their findings from start to finish in a learning journal, which they will showcase at a presentation day later this term, where we will be going head to head with other schools from for a chance to win \$250.

Watch this space for updates!



Local kids create community adverts

In Term 3 of 2015, Year 3 were involved in a project which explored the local area. The students needed to make an advertisement to promote the Mount Druitt area. The winning group were fortunate enough to receive an award from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the historical Manse House in Mount Druitt. Western News (Nepean News) took interest in this story and published a story in their publication.



▲ Abul Akol, Jai McCain, Chloe Hart and Deng Malik meet with Mayor Stephen Ball after showcasing their advertisements.

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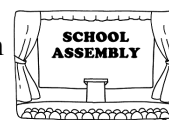
Whole School Mass

June 2nd — Feast of the Sacred Heart in Church @ 9:15am.



Assemblies

Year 4 will lead us for our next assembly on May 20th @ 2:15pm in the hall. All are welcome to attend.



Fees

School fees invoices have been sent home. If you are paying through Centrepay or direct debit, you do not have to worry about this as yours is an ongoing arrangement. If you would like to pay through this system, please contact Mrs Carroll (Financial Secretary) to arrange this. Alternatively, if you think, because of your circumstances, that you will not be able to pay full fees, please make an appointment to see Mrs Carroll as soon as possible. Reductions are available for genuine hardship. All difficulties can be resolved. All outstanding resource fee payments are now overdue and require payment as soon as possible, unless you are paying through Centrepay or Direct Debit. If you have any questions at all regarding fees please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Carroll.

**Feast of the Sacred Heart**

On June 2nd we will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart at 9.15 in the Church. This will be a whole school Mass.

The Feast of Sacred Heart is the great feast of God's love for us in Jesus. It has been the custom at Holy Family to collect non-perishable food for those who are more needy than ourselves.

We ask you to be as generous as you can and send donations to your child's class.

We ask that you check the expiry date on the food items as we cannot use them if they are out of date. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Kindergarten 2017 Enrolments**

Enrolments close at the end of May. Please send in your enrolment forms, if you have a child eligible for enrolment.

There are a number of enquires this year so don't miss out!

If you have already picked up an enrolment package but have not returned it to the school office, please do so as soon as possible to avoid missing out on a position for your child.

Feast of Pentecost

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of Pentecost, 'pente' meaning fifty. It was exactly fifty days since the resurrection of Jesus. Pentecost is also known as the birthday of the Church as the Holy Spirit gave the disciples courage to speak about Jesus to the world. The following scripture passage came from last Sunday's gospel.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

After reading this scripture passage, students at Holy Family would have been asked three questions in the lesson:

- ♦ What I 'see'? - I can retell the Scripture passage, I can answer the questions, who? What? When? Where? Why?
- ♦ What are the 'messages'? - I can identify Christ and the Sacraments, I can identify themes and messages
- ♦ How can I 'live' these messages? - I can live Jesus' message, I can respond to the teachings of the Church, I can live our Holy Family values of Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Trust and Forgiveness

Reading the scripture passage to your child and then asking them the questions will help with the learning in the classroom.

Mrs Christine Leahy

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

**Dates for your Diary**

May	20	Year 1 Calmsley Farm Excursion
		Yr 4 Assembly—Hall @ 2:15pm
	24	Panther Trophy Kindergarten Taronga Zoo Excursion
June	26-27	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
	2	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
	3	Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass—Church @ 9:15
	4	Athletics Carnival Holy Family Parish Fair



If you have any questions please contact the school office on 9628 9232.