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Term 4 Week 4

Greetings!

Our gospel reading last Sunday was the story of Zacchaeus. As you know Zacchaeus was a tax collector who hadn't been very honest and was not liked by many of those around him. His encounter with Jesus allowed him to experience forgiveness and hope. As an expression of this, he paid back money he had stolen and we are told he changed his life.

I love the Zacchaeus story because it demonstrates that God forgives no matter what we have done. Not only did Jesus forgive Zacchaeus, he went to his house for a meal. This shows us that Jesus accepts us as we are.

The story offers us great hope; God forgives us. It also offers us some great challenges: Do we trust in the forgiveness of God and do we demonstrate this forgiveness to others? Sometimes, it can be very difficult to do things, the story of Zacchaeus shows us what is possible.

Last Friday we celebrated World Teacher's Day and the work of our staff. We took the opportunity to say thanks for the many extra things that the staff do for the children and the families of our school. We are privileged to have a very dedicated and generous staff who go out of their way to assist everyone in our community. Thank you to everyone who works at Holy Family School and Happy Teacher's Day.

We also took the opportunity last Friday to say thanks and farewell to Mrs. Smith for all of her work at Holy Family. Mrs. Smith was one of the foundation staff and has been involved in every aspect of the school over the years. The children, staff and parents delighted in acknowledging and thanking Michelle for her involvement in learning, sport and liturgy just to name a few things. As you probably know Mrs. Smith is now the Assistant Principal at St. John Vianney's Doonside.

Congratulations Mrs. Vogt who has been appointed by the Diocese as our Religious education Coordinator for next year. Thank you Mrs. Vogt for accepting this position. We look forward to working with you in this new role.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

John Spradbrow

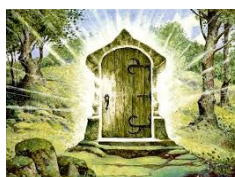
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What's behind the magic door?

On the first day of Term 4 the children were met with an intriguing display where they were encouraged to think about what could have been behind the magic door. The children were encouraged to respond to the stimulus in any way they like ensuring to display their imagination and creativity. Thank you to all those children who have submitted an entry so far. There have been songs, stories and artworks. If you haven't yet entered, there is still time to do so. You have one more week to get your entry to Miss Sweeney. There are more prizes up for grabs!



Congratulations to **Week 1** winners...

- ☺ **Rochelle Wilson Year 3**
- ☺ **Tahlia Acuesta-Lowe Year 1**
- ☺ **Asarleyah Nifo Year 1**
- ☺ **Aliyah Mawson Year 1**
- ☺ **Olga Nimmo Year 1**

Don't forget to check out some of the creative entries on the notice board outside the Year 1 classroom.

Regards,
Miss Katelyn Sweeney

Fundraising News

Christmas Hampers Raffle

Our final fundraising event for 2016 will be the Christmas Hamper Raffle.

Every grade has been allocated a particular hamper to fill:

- * Kinder—Breakfast
- * Year 1—Kids Cooking/Snack
- * Year 2— Christmas Hamper
- * Year 3—Pantry Filler
- * Year 4—Kids Activity
- * Year 5—Kitchen/Laundry
- * Year 6—Bathroom

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Raffle books have been sent home with your child/ren. However, more books are available from the office if you did not receive one or wish to purchase more.



Sports News

This year we will be holding selections for the **2017 Holy Family Zone Swimming Team** at our **Swimming Carnival** on **Wednesday 29th November** at **Emerton Leisure Centre** from **12.00pm – 3.00pm**.



The selections are open to any child turning 8 in 2017 up to age 13. Children must be able to swim **50m unattended** to be able to participate. This is not a fun day but trials for the Zone Swimming Team.

Record this date in your diary if you would like your child to participate. A permission note will follow shortly outlining all race details and qualifying times.

Gymnastics

Well done to our gymnastics team who have been training hard every lunchtime. Thank you to Mrs Vogt who has worked hard to develop the skills of the team. We also thank Joshua Carroll who has been coming in twice a week to help work on skill development. Joshua is a qualified coach from SAGC at Rooty Hill and we appreciate the time he has given to us.

Dates for the Diary

Zone Swimming Trials: 29th November

Regards,
Leonie Preston
Sports Co-ordinator



HOLY FAMILY TALENT QUEST

Holy Family will be having a Talent Quest during Week 10. All children are invited to take part. You may get together with friends or perform on your own. Ideas could include; singing a song, dancing, playing a musical instrument, perform a short play, do a magic trick or stand-up comedy act etc.

The hall will be available during second lunch on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for practice. Final performance selection will be in Week 9. See Mrs Vogt to register. Registrations will be open until Friday of Week 5 (next week).



So get some friends together or plan your own act.



Library News

Holy Family Book Fair 2016

We will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair commencing next week.

A fantastic way to support your school!

We receive commission on every book sold! All books competitively priced!

Lots of budget priced books, great stocking fillers! In time for Christmas!

Open to parents and children accompanied by parents:

PARENT TIMES FOR THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

TUESDAY 8/11/16 : 8.00 - 8.55AM

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WEDNESDAY 9/11/16 : 8.00 - 8.55AM

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THURSDAY 10/11/16 : MORNING ONLY! 8.00 - 8.55AM. Please note that the fair leaves our school around late morning, so parents there is no sales time in the afternoon!

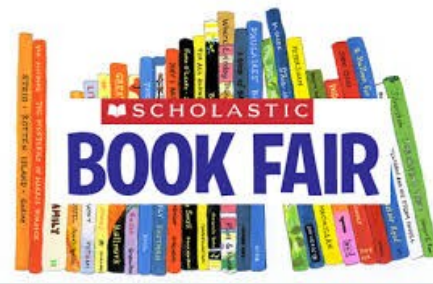
All children will be able to view the Fair with their class groups. Wish Lists will be completed by each child, but parents, you are not obliged to buy what your child has on his/her wish list! Unaccompanied children who bring money to school to purchase items, will be able to come to the library to buy, during the day.

An EFTPOS machine will be available for parents who wish to make their purchases this way. Otherwise, purchases must be made with the correct cash. Cheques will not be accepted.

Please remember that the Book Fair is a vital part of our school's annual fund raising endeavours. As a direct result of the Fair, the school library benefits each year in many, many new books being able to be acquired. The Fair is also held before Christmas, so it's a great opportunity to purchase books for your family and friends! We are looking forward to seeing you at our Fair!

In addition, our Fair is run by volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to work at the Fair, please pop in and see me in the library. Otherwise, one of our mums, **Tracey Miller**, (mother of Blake 3J), is happy to talk to you about the experience.

Janet Marie
Teacher Librarian



Holy Family School Disco

Thursday 1st December 2016

5pm - 6:30pm

Please note that the event is strictly for our students.

We ask parents to drop the children off at 5pm and pick them up at 6:30pm. You are welcome to come back from 6:15pm to join in the last few dances. Cost is **\$5.00** which includes a drink, payable on the night.

Dates For Your Diary

November	8-11	Scholastic Book Fair
	10	Senior's Mass @ 12pm in the Hall
	11	Year 3 Assembly @ 2:15 pm in the Hall
	25	Advent Celebration Mass 9am in the Church
	29	Zone Swimming Trials
December	01	School Disco @ 5pm
	02	Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL)
	09	Christmas Celebration @ 11:40 in the Church
	12	Year 6 Graduation
	15	Year 6 Assembly @ 2pm in the Hall
	16	LAST DAY OF TERM 4 2016



Advent

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Traditionally, it has been celebrated with prayer and fasting, which is why it is known as the "little Lent." Advent is also the start of the liturgical year in the Roman Catholic Church.



When does Advent start?

How Is the Date When Advent Starts Determined?

As the Catholic Encyclopedia notes, "Advent is a period beginning with the Sunday nearest to the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (30 November) and embracing four Sundays." That means that the First Sunday of Advent can fall as early as November 27 or as late as December 3.

When Does Advent Start This Year?

Here is the date of the First Sunday of Advent this year:

First Sunday of Advent 2016: November 27, 2016

Regards,

Mr Mark Baird

Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator

