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# Holy Family Primary

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Term 3 Week 4

### PURE GELATO

Last week the students in year 2 went to the Pure Gelato factory in Croydon Park. We learnt how to make Gelato and the ingredients used to make the ice cream product. We were shown the factory machine and equipment, and the history and evolution of making Gelato from its birthplace in Italy. The children also learnt how the Pure Gelato company makes, recycles and reuses its packaging for its products, which we were all very interested in because this helps us with our PBL for this term - War on Waste. The children then received a tasting of their favourite Gelato ice cream, yummy. It was a great day for learning new things and being thankful for the support of our parent helpers during our excursion to the Gelato factory.

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### Message from the Principal

Greetings!

We offer our condolences and prayers for Fr. Greg whose father passed away last Thursday and Sr. Brenda whose brother passed away last Friday. May Albert Jakobs and Paul Kennedy rest in peace and may the perpetual light shine upon them.

As you probably know, Forgiveness has been our value focus over the last few weeks. Some of my favourite scripture passages are the forgiveness stories. Do you have a favourite forgiveness story? It could be from scripture or some other source. Perhaps you have a strong memory of a time when you have been forgiven by someone or a time when you were able to forgive someone even when it was extremely difficult. If appropriate it might be helpful to share this experience with your child. It may help them to know how you feel about forgiveness and what a struggle it can be at times. Thank you for helping Holy Family to be a forgiving community.

### Kindergarten 2019

Thank you to those families who attended the Kindergarten interviews last Wednesday. Please let the office know if you have a child for enrolment into Kindergarten next year. Thank you to the staff for their part in the interview process.

I hope everyone is on the mend again after the severe flu infections. Last week we had over 150 absences. Get well soon. We love seeing you at school. Thank you parents for letting us know when your child is too sick to attend school. Your assistance is very helpful.

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**Message from the Principal continued from pg. 1****Congratulations to:**

- Our Kindergarten class for their first assembly last Friday. Thank you to all of our assembly guests.
- Yr. 4G for their very prayerful participation in the parish mass last Friday.
- Yr. 2 for their respectful behaviour on their excursion last week. You were great ambassadors for Holy Family. Thank you to the parent helpers who assisted on the excursion.
- Our Yr. 6 students who have been learning how to be student mediators and assisting with peer mediation during the lunch break. I hope that you are enjoying this special responsibility. Your assistance and service is appreciated.
- Our students who have joined the First Communion program in the parish. May your participation and learning about the Eucharist give you a deeper knowledge of God's love for you.

Thank you to Leonie Bright and Krystal Stubbings for the many months you have given to our Breakfast Club. Your generous service is appreciated.

**Student Management.**

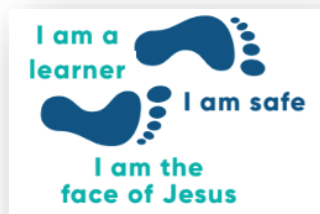
We have been doing a lot of work across the school on our student management processes. I am attaching a document that has been previously shared with you. The document 'A Safe and Supportive Environment' sets out our expectations and the general direction we take in re-directing behaviour. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you to the staff who have been leading the Positive Behaviour Support for Learning work.

I would encourage you to ask the children to tell you about the footsteps and what they mean.

Enjoy the week ahead.

*John Spradbrow*



Holy Family Emerton wishes to acknowledge St Mary's Leagues Club for their generous donation of \$500 for our school's Hospitality Funds.

**Continued from pg. 1—Pure Gelato Excursion Year 2**

Pure Gelato  
Yesterday on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August Year 2 went to Pure Gelato because we wanted to see how they recycle their containers and packaging. AlFREDDO made chocolate gelato ice cream with us. We all got some ice cream. Some got chocolate flavoured and others mango. After we all ate our ice cream we hopped on the bus and went to the Park. We ate our lunch then we got to play, it was really fun!!! Then we had to go back to school it was a long trip but we made it back. Then we made a circle and said what was a circle you liked and what you didn't like then we got picked up by our Parents/care givers.  
BY: Taylah

**Project Based Learning Framework in Year Three**

In Year 3 we are learning to inform others on familiar and unfamiliar topics. During Science, we are using the Project Based Learning (PBL) framework to develop an end product in response to the driving question: **How can we as scientists (ecologists), evaluate and inform other students about how our actions affect other living things?**

We are researching different ecosystems in the rainforests and composing informative texts about the relationship between living and nonliving things in these environments.

Here is a snapshot of the wonderful learning that is happening in Year Three.

Rainforests have survived for over millions of years. There are many different species of trees, some approximately 200 feet tall. Many birds have made homes in the canopy of the tallest trees. The understorey only receives 2-15% of sunlight, which makes it a very dark and damp place with many young trees and leafy plants that need very little light. The bottom of the rainforest is called the forest floor. There are many layers of leaf matter which is the home for many living organisms that live together such as moss, fungi and insects.

**Written by Letoya.**

**The Heart of the Rainforest.**

Ecosystems are made up of biotic and abiotic components, which simply means living and nonliving things. Living things can be organised into flora (plant-life) and fauna (animal-life).

The rainforests have existed for millions of years and have survived many things. There are trees that can grow up to 200 feet tall. As the cold air blows in off the ocean, humidity builds over the forest. The canopy serves as a home for birds. Millions of living organisms compete for light beneath the canopy. Beneath the canopy the air is humid and damp.

**Written by Karina and Shay-Leigh.**





## Prayer Reflection in Year 5

During Term 2 Year 5 created a prayer reflection and banner about the Parable of the Sower. In the first week back to school we shared our religious education project with every grade across the school. We were so excited to share the experience. Many of the students and teachers were proud of how much we had learnt and how we engaged our audiences to have time with God and spread the word!

To do this project we begun learning about parables. We learnt that parables are the stories that Jesus told and was not in. The parable we explored deeply is known as The Parable of the Sower. It was about a man who plants seeds. While he plants the seeds, some died and others grew strong and healthy. There was a strong message that we took out all together as a grade which was to **Spread the word of God** and share messages to others.

We worked in groups of 3-4 people and decided on how to organise our project. We had to create a script, design slides, and design a banner. We combined our ideas and used the feedback from the teachers to work as best as we could as a team. The most important part of our banner was including symbols such as seeds, sunshine, wheat, rain and the sower.

It was a fun experience, we learn a lot and most importantly all of year 5 were engaged in learning. We all worked together to create everything to the best of our abilities. It was a learning experience no one would want to miss. Project Based Learning is the best way to learn.

**Meriam, Bella, Ana & Rachelle**  
*Year 5 student's*



## Fathers' Day Stall

Our next fundraiser will be the Fathers' Day Stall on **Wednesday 29th August**. The cost of presents is **\$5.00**.

Volunteers needed to help with wrapping of the gifts. Date to be confirmed on Skoolbag App.



## Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 14th August we had 32 students represent our school at the Zone Athletics carnival, at the Blacktown International Sports Park at Rooty Hill. It was a great day and we all enjoyed ourselves. We were lucky enough to have someone compete in every event for the day. Congratulations to all the athletes that attended the carnival. I would like to give a special congratulations to the ones who finished in the top four **Abbi Yr 6, Annabella Yr 6, Isaac Yr 6, Cecilia Yr 5, Phoenix in Yr 5 and Mavrix Yr 3** for all making it through to the next level. An extra special congratulations to Phoenix as he broke the Shot Put record as well!! Thank you everyone for doing your best and for representing our school extremely well.

By Bailey Yr 6



**Dates for your Diary**

<b>August</b>	<b>20</b>	CAPTIVATE Dress Rehearsal @ Homebush
	<b>21-22</b>	CAPTIVATE 10th Anniversary Showcase Performance @ 7pm
	<b>23</b>	Diocesan Zone Athletics Carnival
	<b>28</b>	Netball Gala Day
	<b>29</b>	Father's Day Stall in the Hall
	<b>31</b>	Year 6 Voice of Youth Cluster Final @ Sacred Heart Primary
<b>September</b>	<b>02</b>	FATHER'S DAY
	<b>03-07</b>	Book Week Celebrations

**Holy Family Value of Forgiveness**

Our focus for the next two weeks is still on our Holy Family value of Forgiveness.

Forgiveness is a valuable gift that is neither easily obtained, nor easily given. It is essential for life; it heals and frees us from past wrongs and gives us hope for the future.

It is for forgiveness sake that Jesus came to earth to die for mankind. If we acknowledge our wrongs and ask for forgiveness, God will forgive us - no questions asked. God's forgiveness and healing gives us a new hope and a new beginning.

When Jesus was in pain and suffering on the cross he called out to God:

**"Forgive them; they don't know what they are doing".**

Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us.

**How can we follow this example of Jesus and live out forgiveness?**

All offenses are not the same, and some are much harder to forgive than others. Learning to forgive is an ongoing lesson for children and adults.

It is our role to teach our children to be forgiving people. Show your child how wonderful forgiving another can be through your example. Teaching children that forgiveness is important will set them on the right path, providing a foundation for positive relationships in life.

So, over this fortnight let us pray together asking for the grace to forgive others, as we are forgiven.

Regards,

Mrs Cathy Vogt  
Religious Coordinator



