



13 September 2018

Holy Family Primary

Emerton

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Term 3 Week 8

Message from the Principal

Greetings!

Book Week

Thank you to everyone for your participation in our Book Week activities. Thank you to Mrs. Marie and Mrs. Ali for all of the organisation that went into our activities. Book Week at Holy Family is one of the best celebrations of Book Week that I have seen. Well done everyone.

Jump Start

We are currently inviting students to participate in the October Jump Start program which will run on October 11th and 12th. Look out for the notes and enrolment forms.

Student Teachers

Welcome to Aleesha Heiler and Joubert Guanzon.

Garden Projects

We are trying to revamp our gardens which is not easy given the lengthy dry spell we have been experiencing. Some parents have volunteered to help us with the watering - thank you for this. We would appreciate some extra help with:

- Weeding garden beds
- Helping with the vegie gardens some grades are starting up

Please let us know if you would like to be a Holy Family Green Thumb.

John Spradbrow



Holy Family Primary School, Emerton

PB4SL

Recently the Holy Family children co-created a school song about our 3 pathways:

- * I am safe
- * I am a learner
- * I am the face of Jesus.

This coming Monday 17th September, we have a film crew coming to the school from the EDP. They will film the whole school singing the school song with choreographed actions. We will then be using this in our classrooms and as a cue for children to line up after lunch.

If you are free and able to attend we would love for you to join us and share in this song launch.



Is your child leaving Holy Family Primary - School Leavers Notice

If a student leaves the school at any time during the school year, a **withdrawal of enrolment notice is required in writing 10 weeks prior to leaving**. Please contact Denise Carroll for explanation regarding your child's school fees balance.



Tell Them From Me Survey

You may remember that earlier in the year we had a whole school survey that included Students, Staff & Parents. Over the course of the next ten weeks will share with you the results of the survey with you, beginning with the **Parent Survey**.

One area we were interested in was around how welcome our parents feel at Holy Family. Overall, we scored exceptionally well. Our school's average was above our diocesan average, scoring 8.0 out of 10.0.

One area we noted for improvement was that our parents would like activities scheduled at times when they can attend. This is one aspect that we will take into account for next year, particularly in planning events during school time and events out of school hours.



'Partners in Learning' Parent Survey Report

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta
Holy Family Primary Emerton

Two-way Communication with Parents

Parents feel welcome	
School Mean (Region Mean)	8.0 (7.1)
I feel welcome when I visit the school.	8.4
I can easily speak with my child's teachers.	8.4
I am well informed about school activities.	7.9
Teachers listen to concerns I have.	7.8
I can easily speak from the school principal.	8.6
Written information from the school is in clear, plain language.	8.5
Parent activities are scheduled at times when I can attend.	6.7

Holy Family School Disco

Thursday December 13

5.00pm - 6:30pm

Holy Family Primary School will hold our school disco Thursday evening December 13.

Please note that the event is strictly for our students.

We ask parents to drop the children off at 5.00pm and pick them up at 6:30pm.

You are welcome to come back from 6:15pm to join in the last few dances.

The cost is \$5.00, which includes a drink, payable on the night.

School Holidays

Term 3 finishes on
Friday September 28

Term 4 begins on
Monday October 15



On behalf of Holy Family Primary staff and students we would like to thank our wonderful parents, guardians and community for helping us collect the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. We redeemed our 12,446 vouchers for 2 Polo Hockey Sticks, 5 Basketballs, 10 Junior Touch Balls, 10 Soccer Balls & 2 Playballs.



Fundraising News

Fathers' Day Stall

Our Fathers' Day stall was a great success and we hope all the dads and grandfathers enjoyed their special day. Thank you for all your support, we raised \$226.00. Thank you to our parent volunteers for preparing and selling the gifts.

Fiver for a Farmer

On Friday the 17th August we held out **Fiver for a Farmer** fundraiser. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity and support of our school community we raised \$1514.00.



The day was a tremendous success and everybody had a wonderful day supporting our Farmers.



First Eucharist Candidates

There are 7 students involved in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.



They are:

*Chloe Hart
Bailey Stanley
Evanah Levave
Frederick Bell
Ashley Hurst
Janius Magisa
Tanisha Stanley*

Please keep these children in your prayers.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September	14	Graffiti Prevention Blacktown Council Presentation —Year 6
	21	Year 4 Excursion to Blue Mountains
	25	Year 5 Excursion to Treetop Adventures
	28	Year 1 Assembly @ 2:15 pm in the Hall
		<u>LAST DAY OF TERM 3</u>
October	11 & 12	JUMP START from 10—2pm at school
	15	<u>FIRST DAY OF TERM 4</u>

Value of Respect

Respect has been the Gospel value that the students and teachers have been focusing on; showing respect for yourself, for others, the environment and towards God.

What better place to learn the true meaning of RESPECT than in our own families!

It is in the home that we can learn powerful lessons about listening to others, sharing, taking turns and helping those in need. The safe haven of home is also where we learn that we cannot truly love others until we love and respect ourselves.

For the last two weeks of term let us turn our thoughts to how our own family can mirror the same patience, devotion and kindness that was characteristic of the family relationships between Mary, Joseph and Jesus. In so doing, we will be reinforcing the important message of the school in promoting the value of respect.

Let us pray and work together to encourage and teach our Holy Family value of respect to our children.



Kind regards,

Mrs Cathy Vogt

Religious Co-ordinator

