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# Holy Family Primary Emerton

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**Term 4 Week 2**

**WE**  **SCHOOL**

Well done to Kindergarten for receiving the overall Infant attendance award and Year 4 for receiving the overall Primary attendance award for Term 3. The students were rewarded with a pizza party and mufti first day of Term 4.



**School Matters!**



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

## Message from the Principal

### Greetings Parents.

We have had a great start to our term.  
Thank you for your support and assistance.

I hope you have had an opportunity to either drop in and see the children's work in the garden or to see the photos on Seesaw or Twitter (yes we have a Twitter account: <https://twitter.com/HFEmerton>). The garden work was part of our IGNITE activity to launch the new term. The children were very excited and pleased with their handiwork. Thank you to the staff for the preparation and to the students for all of their work. I appreciate your enthusiasm and involvement, it helps make Holy Family a great school.

While you are on Twitter, check out the photos of the Jump Start program. Again thank you to the staff and students for your participation in these two days of fun and learning.

### Teacher's Day.

This Friday is the Australian celebration of Teacher's Day. Thank you to all of our staff for all that you do for the students, parents and each other. I hope you will join me in thanking our staff and letting them know how much we appreciate all that they do to make Holy Family a safe and welcoming learning community.

### Road Safety.

Over the last twelve months we have been working with Blacktown Council to make the drop off zone in Weber Cres safer. During the holidays Blacktown Council changed some of the signage in Weber Cres. We sent out some information about this last week. Please be aware of the new drop off arrangements. The safety of everyone depends on us working together.

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I would like to ask parents who use the church car park on Luxford Road to remember that no child is to walk through the carpark alone. Parents are asked to meet their child on the grass area. This is the best way to make sure that children are safe when making their way to your car. Could you make sure please that everyone who picks up your children knows our rules for drop off and pick up.

**New Grass Areas.**

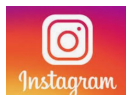
Despite the welcome rain, a number of areas were able to have new grass installed. I hope you have had a chance to see what the grounds look like. Not all work was able to be completed. The work on the oval will commence soon. I will keep you updated on the progress.

**Dance Fever & Touch Footy.**

Dance Fever started last week and Touch Footy started this week. Ask the children what they think of the dance program. They look as though they are having lots of fun.

**Holy Family Social Media pages.**

Skoolbag, Twitter

**Coming soon**

Facebook and Instagram.

*John Spradbrow*

**Sports Update****Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials 2018**

2019 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

**Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October as these trials will be held in November 2018. All OTHER sport registrations will open in November for 2019 trials.**

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2019 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2018 and Term One & Two in 2019.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2019 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

\*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website. This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2019 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST** be approved by the child's school. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" **MUST** be completed. ***Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.***

Detailed information can be found on the website:  
[www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au).

**Dates for the Diary**

⇒ Basketball Gala Day—29th October 2018

⇒ Gymnastics Gala Day—16 November 2018





## Library News

### Carnival Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will be happening here in the school library during Week 5 (13/11 – 16/11). This year the Book Fair will be offered by Carnival Education, a major Australian book distributor. Carnival promises more books by Australian authors and more books with Australian content. Carnival also offers good deals for parents. Please stay tuned to the school newsletter and the Skoolbag App for further details. We are trialling Carnival this year, instead of Scholastic.

**BOOK  
FAIR  
COMING SOON!**

All children will get the chance to view the Book Fair with their classes, before parents are able to come in. During this time, each child will list the books that they are most interested in. Please be aware that you are under no obligation to buy any book that is on your child's wish list. Buying of books is totally at parent's discretion! The Fair is always run by volunteers and is a great way for our school to make a lot of commission, which we usually take in book stock. This annual book bonanza enhances our library greatly. If you would like to volunteer, please drop in and see me or talk to one of our usual volunteers, *Tracey Miller, Heather Broomham or Jenny Bird*. We are happy to train you and no previous experience is necessary!

### Donations

Please remember that if you have children's books at home that your children have grown out of and that are in good condition, we will happily accept them. In the case of where we already have the books that you donate, we will pass them on to other organisations. Donating is a great way to ensure that your old books go on to a new life.

### Overdue Books

Rose Ragen (Library Technician) will shortly run another overdue list for all children in the school. If your child brings an overdue list home please assist your child by looking for and returning the books as soon as possible. If you cannot find the books, please come in and see me so that we can take the overdue off your child's barcode. **This is especially important for children in Year 6 who will be going to high school next year. Overdue books will follow your child to high school and will mean that they cannot borrow from their new library!**

Thank you,

Janet A. Marie  
(Teacher Librarian)



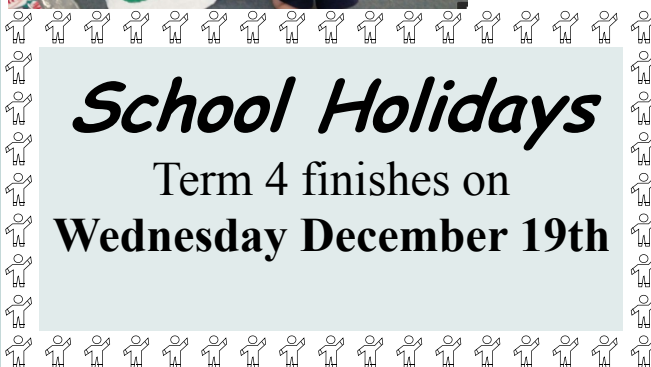
*Rayne & Anaijah two of our library monitors, working hard in the library*



*Peyton & Jessica, two of our very helpful monitors*



*It's always fun and games in the library during second lunch!!*



**School Holidays**  
Term 4 finishes on  
**Wednesday December 19th**

### PBS4L UPDATE

#### Focus Weeks 1-2:

#### *I am prepared and Organised*

Lessons focus on being organised for lessons, bring library books back on time, having equipment ready for each lesson and wearing sports uniform on the right day.

Parents check in with your child/ren if they were ready for their lessons today.

#### Focus Weeks 3-4:

#### *Walking Sensibly around the school*

Lessons focus on safety and encouraging calmness in the way we move around the school, showing respect for classes that are working and keeping themselves safe.

**Attendance Term 4 Week 2**

At Holy Family Emerton, we continue to promote student attendance. Thank you to our parents for the support and value that you place on your child being at school each day. Regular school attendance plays a critical role in ensuring that every student has access to the same learning opportunities. When students are not at school, are late to school or leave school early, they are missing out on so much that can impact on their future learning.

Our school average this week is 75.9%, which is below our school target of 90%.

However, congratulations to Year 4 who have shown excellent attendance! We love seeing all our students at school!

School Name	School Attendance Level %
Holy Family Primary Emerton	75.9%



Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	68.4%
01	69.2%
02	75.2%
03	68.3%
04	90.1%
05	80.6%
06	79.8%

**Did you know...**

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day. Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but...

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

**Absence Explanation Note:** If your child is away from school, a note explaining their absence is required within 7 days of returning to school. If no note is received the absence is recorded as 'unexplained'. Parents can use the Skoolbag app to email an absence note to school.



## Parent Garden Watering Roster

Thank you very much to the parents who have kindly volunteered their time to assist with the watering of the school gardens, particularly the new plants!

If you are able to assist in watering our school gardens at a time that suits you, possibly when dropping off or pickup up your child from school, please see Mr Oxley or the office. Please find below a timetable.



### Parent Garden Watering Roster

Parent / Day of Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Area					
Admin		Sisifa		Renee	
Library / Year 2	Kristie		Kristie		Renee?
Library / Hall		Joyce		Heather	
Year 2 / Pathway Garden		Melanie		Jennie	
Year 3 / Pathway Garden	Jessica		Katrina		Jessica

## Project Based Learning Term 4

There are a number of Project Based Learning units being engaged in this term. If you would like to know more about these units, please see your child's classroom teacher or Mr Oxley.

Also, if you have a particular area of expertise that you could offer within any of these projects, please let us know!

	Project Title	Focus of Inquiry	Key Learning Areas
Kindergarten	<i>How does your garden grow?</i>	What can grow in our garden and how does it grow?	Science / English
Year 1	<i>Weather</i>	Exploring weather and its effects.	Science / English
Year 2	<i>Missions around the world</i>	What is the impact of missions and missionaries?	Religion / Geography
Year 3	<i>2770 - Emerton</i>	Local history	History
Year 4	<i>The Earth's Environment</i>	Sustainability in Australia	Geography / English
Year 5	<i>Antarctica</i>	Global Connections	Geography
	<i>Chemical reactions</i>	Chemical Combinations	Science
Year 6	<i>Holy Family Enterprise</i>	Starting a business	Science / Geography / Maths / English / Creative Arts

## Project Based Learning & Professor Stephen Heppell Follow-up

You may remember that on 12th June our school had a visit from UK educational consultant Professor Stephen Heppell. Prof Heppell has been working with the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta for a number of years and he came to Holy Family Emerton to visit and speak with parents, students and teachers on this day.



On the Monday of Term 4 we were able to make one of Prof Heppell's suggestions come to life! Each student at Holy Family Emerton, planted a plant,

named it and has begun the process of caring for, and admiring the new life. We have a number of new garden areas in the school, including the Orchard Area, Strawberry Patch, Vegetable Garden and Colour Garden. We are working on a Sensory Garden for next year.



Within the classrooms Kindergarten is following up the planting with a Project Based Learning unit title: '*How does my garden grow?*'. In Year 2, students have a compost and worm farm whole school initiative, where they are collecting waste and turning it into much needed food for our new plants.

### Kindergarten Enrolments - 2019

This is a reminder to all families that your child is not enrolled until the enrolment form is handed in and a letter of offer accepted and returned. This particularly applies to students for **Kindergarten 2019**.







## Dates for your Diary



October	26	Silly Sock Day—Gold Coin Donation
	29	Basketball Gala Day—Penrith Valley Sports Centre, Cambridge
November	02	Year 3 Excursion—Sydney Olympic Park
	12 -09	Scholastic Book Fair—Library
	16	Gymnastics Gala Day—SGAC Rooty Hill
	23	<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
	29	Advent Mass—12:15 in the Church
	30	Community Day & Grandparents Day

## Holy Family Value of Compassion

COMPASSION is caring about others and is showing concern through kind thoughts, words and actions. Being compassionate tells a person that they are not alone. It makes you a friend when someone needs a friend. It gives you a good feeling and makes you useful at the same time. It helps you to understand other people and yourself.



Reaching beyond  
yourself.

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COMPASSION is to reach beyond yourself. Our Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, are the finest example of this great value of compassion. They had their own struggles and used them to learn to be understanding, sympathetic and to reach out and show care and concern for each other, as well as for others in need.

This month of October is World Mission Month. A time when we as a school and Catholic community work together to engage with the real-life stories of children, their families and local missionaries all working together to build healthy communities.

The 2018 Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal is inspired by Pope Francis stating that all of us are Mission

### **Catholic World Mission: Crazy Sock Day**

‘You are Mission’ is a message for all of us. As Pope Francis writes in his World Mission Day message this year, ‘Every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth’.



At Holy Family, the children have been actively involved in their class mission units. This year Catholic World Mission’s focus is the dignity of all children. To help do this as a school we are holding a ‘Crazy Sock Day.’

This will be held on **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October**, Holy Family will have a fundraising day where students can wear their craziest socks for a donation.

All contributions made, big or small are very much appreciated and will make a significant difference in improving the lives of children supported by Catholic World Mission.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Cathy Vogt  
Religious Co-ordinator

