



21 February 2019

# Holy Family Primary

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**Term 1 Week 4**

*As a community, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Darug People, and pay respects to Elders past and present, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the cultures and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.*

## JUST KEEP SWIMMING!!!

Congratulations to Tahlia and Peyton on achieving numerous PB's at the school and zone carnivals.

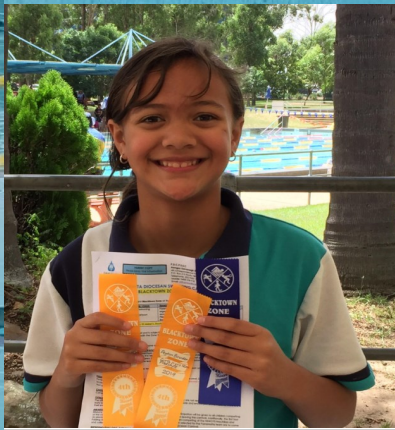
### Peyton

50m Freestyle 4th  
50m Backstroke 4th  
50m Breaststroke 1st

### Tahlia

50m Freestyle 7th  
50m Backstroke 6th  
50m Butterfly 4th

Congratulations and good luck at Diocesan.



## Message from the Principal

Greetings!

This Friday we will be gathering for our Opening School Mass. This special celebration gives us the opportunity to give thanks for the gifts and talents we have received, the people in our community and to welcome our new students. Please feel very free to join us on Friday morning.

You will notice some messages in this newsletter from Mrs. Michelle Newman who is working in the new role of Community Connector. Michelle is helping to "Spread the Word" about Holy Family school and all of the great things that happen on the school / parish site. Michelle will also be helping secure some additional resources for our community. Please feel free to come and meet Michelle.

Thank you to everyone who has subscribed to the grade Seesaw app and the Skoolbag App. Both of these apps help us keep in touch with you. Please let us know if you need any help with these apps. We will post some photos of the playground upgrades. The work is almost completed.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

*John Spradbrow*



## The Learning Corner

### Literacy Learning at Holy Family

The Literacy Block occurs daily for a minimum of 100 minutes and consists of three components, that includes integration across other Key Learning Areas:

- ✓ Speaking and Listening
- ✓ Reading and Viewing
- ✓ Writing and Responding

### What is Speaking and Listening?

Students in all classes participate in purposeful discussions about their learning with their peers. This involves both speaking about their learning and actively listening to others.

So how can you help? Speaking and listening to children does lots of important things. It improves your bond with them, and encourages them to listen to you. It helps them to form relationships and to build self-esteem.

Top tips for speaking and listening:

- ✓ Set aside time for talking and listening to each other.
- ✓ Let your child finish talking and then respond.
- ✓ Show your interest by saying such things as, 'Tell me more about ...', 'Really!'
- ✓ Ask your child questions that require more lengthy use of language. Encourage your child to tell you about events that did not involve you. This helps students work out what a listener needs to know and prepares them for writing.
- ✓ If you speak a language other than English at home, it is important that you continue to support your child in maintaining the home language. Being able to speak more than one language is a good thing.

Kind regards,

Mrs Alex Ali

**Literacy Coordinator**



## K-2 Equipment Area is now open for some serious playtime!!





## The Numeracy Spot

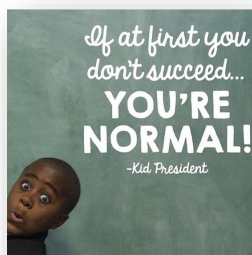
Thank you to all the families who booked and attended a *Mathematics Assessment Interview* on January 29th. These interviews provide all students with an opportunity to share their mathematical strengths and areas of challenge. Everyone has now completed these interviews, and staff are planning learning experiences to cater for the needs of their students.

### Our Numeracy Goal for 2019 at Holy Family is...

*For all learners to improve by a minimum of one years growth in reasoning and additive strategies by receiving, responding to and giving feedback.*

### What does that involve?

- ✓ developing a range of mathematical strategies for solving problems involving addition and subtraction
- ✓ developing their ability to select more effective strategies to solve and prove their responses
- ✓ providing opportunities for students to work collaboratively, explaining and developing their thinking and learning from one another
- ✓ fostering a growth mindset that allows students to learn from their mistakes, by seeing these as opportunities to grow as mathematicians
- ✓ students listening and responding to both peer and teacher feedback



As learners, we are all different and develop skills and understanding at varying speeds and through a variety of ways. The staff at Holy Family acknowledge this and endeavour to support the students in all aspects of the learning.



Mrs Julianne Green  
Numeracy Coordinator

Stay tuned...

**Maths Challenge Club** starting soon!

# Attendance Awards for 2018

## 100% Attendance in 2018

Tahlia	Acuesta-Lowe
Ayva	Antakley
Joseph	Antakley
Zikryat	Basha
Brodie	D'Ugo Gillette
Jason	Hart
Jasmine	Wilson
Marybella	Wilson

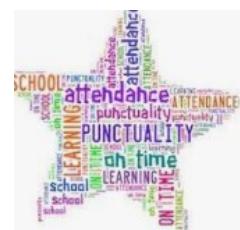
## Term 4 100% Attendance, 2018

Keith	Alunday
Shianne	East
Hailie	Kelly
Joshua	Labbad
Name	Last
Alexis	Munoz
Phoebe	Munoz
Peter	Osaghae
Tiarna	Sete
David	Shuaibu
Joyce	Young
Manfred	Zuniga-Terrey



## 2018 Attendance Achievement > 95%

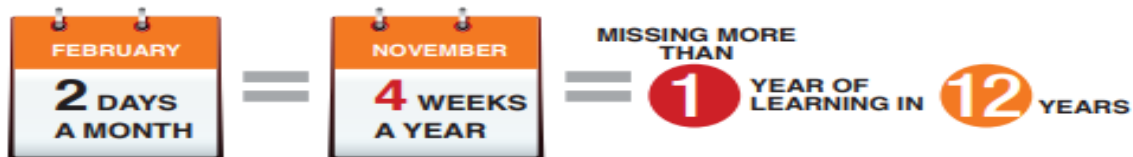
Michael	Anyuon	Cooper	Straub
Taratoa	Atera-Chapman	Hayley	Su
Ajok	Athieu	Phoenix	Tauasa
Yar	Athieu	Georgina	T'Malii
Meriam	Atienza	Kate	Tukala
Alai	Ayom	Shilohbella	Tuuina
Susan	Ayom	Kaydence	Uamaki
Frederick	Bell	Abeyo	Uguak
Logan	Bourke	Abuk	Uguak
Peyton	Bowden	Dasharni	Wards
Ethan	Browning	Rachelle	Wilson
Chloe	Camilleri	Joyce	Young
Akuot	Deng	Maryanne	Yousif
Naomi	Deng	Manfred	Zuniga-Terrey
Peyton	Drake		
Serenity	East		
Danny	Eastwood		
Victoria	Faaloua		
Ezekiel	Faaloua		
Savannah	Faaloua		
Elizabeth	Goodwin		
Kujojo	Goro		
Logan	Hodgekiss		
Jessica	Hook		
Brayden	Hurst		
Ashley	Hurst		
Heath	Kable		
Jye	Kelly		
Gabriela	Labbad		
Analeesha	Lamsam		
Leio	Lamsam		
First	Last		
Max	Laupola-Burnett		
Levi	Lawes		
Cecilia	Luatuanuu		
Lucas	Martin		
Joel	Martin		
Alyssa	Martin		
Blake	Miller		
Chelsea	Nguyen		
Cynthia	Peckham		
Ethan	Petarcic		
Kylahna	Rawiri		
Lleyton	Ritchie		
Shanelle	Schmidt		
Rayne	Siega		





# every learner every day

## ABSENCES ADD UP!



## DID YOU KNOW



**1 IN 6**

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT  
ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

## EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

## WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



## GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life



## SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.



## MISSING SCHOOL = MISSING OUT

Early primary children learn new sounds and words every day. These are important building blocks upon which all future learning is built.

Help your children achieve their best by getting them to school on time every day.

# Library News



## Overdue Books from 2019

A number of children still have books overdue from last year. Parents please check with your child whether they still have any books that need to be returned. It's amazing where you can find overdue books. If you are having a clean up and find books, please send them back to school. Overdue books are always happily accepted.

**Books That Simply Never Come Back:** Each year we have a number of children who tell me that they cannot return their books because their parents have thrown them out! Please, never, ever throw out a book belonging to our library! Even if you have a book that has been damaged, please return it to our library so that we can discard the book properly. Our library can be audited and we need to be able to account for each book. Also, when books are unaccounted for, the loan stays on your child's library record and stops them from borrowing! Please remember that ultimately you are responsible for the care of any book your child borrows. Your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated.



**Premier's Reading Challenge 2019:** To commence late March 2019. More information to come in next newsletter.

Mrs Janet A. Marie (Teacher-Librarian)



**ST AGNES**  
**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
*Year 7/2020*  
**INFORMATION**  
**NIGHT**  
**MONDAY 4 MARCH 2019**  
**5pm - 7.30pm**

**EVANS ROAD ROOTY HILL 8882 0700**

*To Truth Through Love*



ST AGNES CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

[www.stagnesrootyhill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stagnesrootyhill.catholic.edu.au)



**CHANGE OF DATE****Holy Family School  
Disco/Picnic**

The event has been changed from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March to:

**Wednesday March 6**

**5.00pm - 6:30pm**

Holy Family Primary School will hold our school disco Wednesday evening March 6th.

*Families are invited to bring a picnic and stay for the disco.*

**COST OF ENTRY INCLUDES DRINK**

Entry: \$5 per child

Family Pass: 2+ children \$10

**Items for Sale**

Glow sticks – 50c

Flashing Spike Bracelet- \$ 2.50

Flashing Spike Ball Necklace - \$ 2.00

Flashing Alien Necklace - \$2.50

Flashing Polka Dot Bow Headband - \$3.00

Flashing Bunny Ear Headband with Sequin - \$ 3.00

Flashing Dreadlock Headband - \$3.50

Flashing Shuttersex Glasses - \$3.00

Flashing Disguise - \$2.00

Flashing Rings (Assorted) - \$2.00

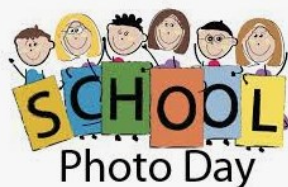
Flashing Pearl Bead Necklace - \$2.00

**School Photo Day**

Our school photo day will be held on **March 15**. You would have received an information package sent home this week.

Photos must be paid for before the event either online or by making payment in the envelope.

Envelopes with payment can be given to your child's teacher or the school office by March 14th.

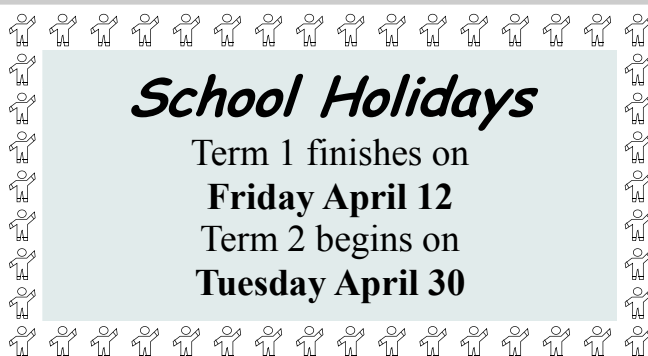
**YOUR'E INVITED!**

We would like to invite parents who attend our Monday assembly to stay afterwards for morning tea and a chat!

This forum is open to discuss, ask or suggest anything about our school as a whole.

Following on from our first meeting, next Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, Aunty Julie Jones, our custodian of the land, will be coming along to answer any questions you may have that are Indigenous related.

We look forward to chatting with you over a cuppa and a bikkie!

**School Holidays**

Term 1 finishes on

**Friday April 12**

Term 2 begins on

**Tuesday April 30**

**Lost Property**

Lost property is continually full of students clothing. Unfortunately, we are unable to keep items for long periods of time if left unclaimed.

Parents and children are invited to come and check the lost property basket which is held in the school hall.

**Please label all clothing with your child's name and class clearly printed.**

**Easter Raffle**

Our Easter fundraiser for 2019 will be our raffle which will be held on **Thursday 11th April**. We kindly ask for donations of eggs and/ or baskets to help the parent volunteers make up Easter egg baskets.

Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly.

**HOLY FAMILY SERVICES**

**Did you know** that the following services are available right here on the Holy Family Parish site?

- ✓ Aboriginal Catholic Services – offering free services such as tutoring, counselling and early learning and parenting programs for indigenous and non-indigenous people – Phone 96280084 Website [ccss.org.au/aboriginal-catholic-services](http://ccss.org.au/aboriginal-catholic-services)
- ✓ Baabayn – Aboriginal support service – Website [www.baabayn.org.au](http://www.baabayn.org.au)
- ✓ The Ignite Store and Op Shop provides low cost food to low income families while The Op Shop provides quality recycled clothing and other affordable household items. Phone 96282288 (Rose) Website [www.ignitefoodstore.com.au](http://www.ignitefoodstore.com.au)
- ✓ Holy Family Early Learning Centre - provides quality early learning for children 3 to 5 years – Phone 88687250 Website [hfemerton.catholic.edu.au](http://hfemerton.catholic.edu.au)

These services are provided as part of our Holy Family Parish community and are definitely worth a look.



## Dates for your Diary

<b>February</b>	<b>22</b>	Opening School Mass—9am in the Church
<b>March</b>	<b>01</b>	Year 5 Assembly—2 pm in the School Hall
	<b>05</b>	Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Day
	<b>06</b>	Ash Wednesday
		School Disco/Family Picnic—5—6:30 pm in the School Hall
	<b>07</b>	Year 2 Sydney Aquarium Excursion
	<b>15</b>	School Photos



## Lent 2019

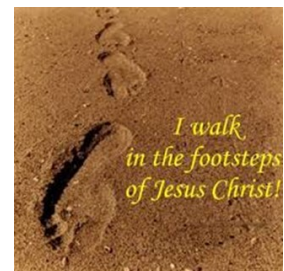
The Season of Lent is fast approaching with Ash Wednesday being the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. There will be a Liturgy in the hall that parents and relatives are most welcome to attend.

Lent is a season of penance, reflection and fasting traditionally observed by Catholics and some Protestant congregations to prepare us for Christ's Resurrection from the dead.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends just before the Mass of the Last Supper (Holy Thursday). Lent lasts for 40 days, (not counting Sundays). Lent began as a way for Catholics to remind themselves of the value of repentance and forgiveness.



In class, the students will be remembering the sacrifice that Jesus made for us and to think of ways that we can be more like him.



### Dates to Remember

- ⇒ **Opening School Mass** – Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.00am in the church. (Where we will celebrate the beginning of a new school year and welcome new students, families and teachers to our school.) **Morning tea** will be provided in the school hall after the opening school mass from 10.30am.
- ⇒ **Shrove Tuesday** – 5<sup>th</sup> March (Pancake Day)
- ⇒ **Ash Wednesday Liturgy** - Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am in the hall.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Cathy Vogt

**Religious Coordinator**