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Term I Week 8

Sea Life Sydney Aquarium Excursion—Year 2

On Thursday 7th March, Year 2 travelled to Sydney Sea Life. Year 2 have been learning about the classification of living and nonliving things. Travelling to the aquarium allowed students to identify and draw connections between how particular habitats meet the need of specific living things in order for it to grow, survive and reproduce. They all enjoyed a short boat ride visiting the Penguins in their habitat. It was freezing, just like travelling to Antarctica!

Whilst educational, the excursion was also very enjoyable as we were given the opportunity to see a diverse range of sea creatures and plant life, from sharks, stingrays, to coral. This excursion was helpful in contributing vital information towards our learning of habitats and was an entertaining day out of the classroom for everyone. Thank you to all the parent helpers for your assistance, the day would not have run so smoothly without your help.

*Mrs Anne Campbell &
Miss Patricia Vel
Year 2 Teachers*



Message from the Principal

Greetings

Catholic Schools Week

Thank you to all our parents/ carers for joining us at our Catholic Schools Week celebrations on Friday 8th March. I hope you enjoyed the day.

Teacher Learning

Thank you to all our dedicated teachers for engaging in professional learning and development:

EMU - Mrs. Green, Miss Vel & Mrs. Ali

RR—Miss Mendoza

Stage 3 Reading Specialist - Miss. Crombie

School photos and uniform

School photo day was on Friday 15th March. Thank you to everybody for wearing their correct school uniform. Everybody looked very smart in their uniforms.

School leaders induction

Congratulations to the 2019 school leaders on their induction.

Feast of St Joseph

Happy Feast Day to Sr. Katherine

Best wishes for the week ahead.

John Spradbrow



Literacy News

“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.”

-Emilie Buchwald

Reading Websites Teachers Love



Reminder for our school community

If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or principal, to identify your concern.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience of our staff.

If you would like to raise a concern, the Catholic Education Office has guidelines for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to handle complaints either informally or formally is available from the school office and/or within the Complaint Handling Guidelines. These documents can be accessed on the school website (<http://www.hfemerton.catholic.edu.au/>)

Fundraising News

Our Easter raffle will be held on Thursday 11th April. Raffle tickets are available from the office and we are still accepting donations to make this raffle a success.

The next major fundraiser will be held on Friday 3rd May at the Athletics Carnival. Thanks to the generous donations of local businesses, the raffle will be huge!!! More donations to come. Stay tuned for updates.

Raffle books for the Athletics Carnival Raffle will be sent home shortly.





Swimming Superstar

My name is Peyton Bowden.

I currently do swimming three times a week for Rooty Hill RSL Club. I made State, where I swam on Sunday at Musselbrook. I had to swim breaststroke in a medley relay, and I won Gold. I swam the second leg, where I left everyone behind. I was so focussed on how to swim my race, I thought I was being chased down in the pool. When I hit the wall, I turned to look and realised they were still swimming, so I gave my team a good start to win the race. That is how I won my Gold Medal!



CONGRATULATIONS FROM HOLY FAMILY PEYTON!!!

Part Time Position Vacant - 12 seater Bus Driver or Supervising Carer to work alongside the Bus Driver



This is a Temporary part time position, working Monday - Friday from 7:00am - 9:30am.

This position requires driving a 12-seater van (or the ability to supervise children and support the driver to pick up school children of a morning - Primary and Secondary) The standard C-class drivers license is required (if you are applying as a driver) no need for bus/heavy vehicle license. The bus run will commence and conclude from Mt Druitt and will consist of stops around Western Sydney.

You would need the ability to work well with children who may be reluctant to attend school

Advertised: 13 Mar 2019

Applications close: 27 Mar 2019

For more information on how to apply call Stacey Dellow Wellbeing Being Counsellor Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta - 0458 799 004

Is your child leaving Holy Family Primary - School Leavers Notice

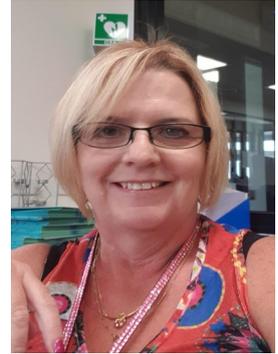
If a student leaves the school during a term, no refund will be made in respect of the remaining portion of that term unless **a full term's notice (10 weeks) in writing** is given to the Principal and Finance Secretary before departure of the student from Holy Family Primary Emerton school.

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Community Connector at Holy Family Primary

Hi. My name is Michele Newman. I am Holy Family Primary's Community Connector. Holy Family Parish is my childhood parish and one that holds a special place in my heart. One of the goals of our school this year is building solid relationships between school, home, parish and community. My job is to help foster those relationships with parents and carers, who can then also become ambassadors for our school in the wider community. I have also made connections with the services here on the Holy Family site, who are happy to support our school community and hopefully we can make use of them.

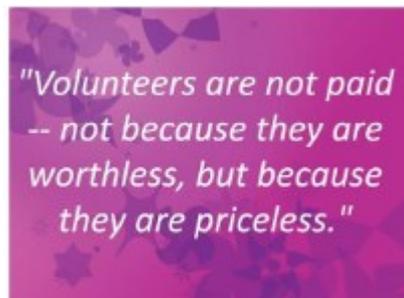


One of the most powerful ways of building a relationship with the school is through volunteering. A quote I heard a few years ago when I was volunteering at my own children's school is:

We deeply appreciate our volunteers – past and present – and look forward to welcoming new parents/carers into our school community. Let's share the load – another old adage is "many hands make light work".

Some examples of ways you can volunteer are:

- Classroom Reading
- Sports/Swimming Carnivals
- Excursions
- Community Day
- Pancake Day
- Fundraising
- Open Days
- School maintenance, such as garden watering



There are many benefits to becoming a school volunteer, some of which are:

For Your Child:

- The excitement of knowing that you will be there help them and that they can "share" you with their friends.
- Enjoyment of one-on-one time with you.
- The feeling of "importance" they feel with having VIP service from you!

For You:

- Seeing the smile on their face when you serve them pancakes in their classrooms, high five them as they finish a swimming or athletic event or join them on a fun excursion.
- Meeting new people, sharing a cuppa, and swapping parenting advice!



- Getting to know the teachers and staff better.
- Building a network and being part of a community with things in common.
- Hearing your child say, “Please don’t embarrass me!” as you ask them questions about their friends!
- The pride you feel when you play a part in your child’s education.

We realise that not everybody can volunteer at the school during the day due to work and other commitments but there may be ways you can help which may not be during school hours. Stay tuned to Skoolbag and the Newsletter for ways you can be involved. Please note that for the safety of our children, an undertaking must be signed. This can be obtained from the school office.

Another one of my jobs is to get our school out into the wider community. The best way to do this is through word-of-mouth. Do you know of anybody in your immediate or extended family, your neighbourhood or your friendship network who have children starting school next year, or who aren’t happy with their current school? Ask them to contact us to arrange a tour so they can see for themselves what Holy Family can offer their children. You, as our parents are the best ambassadors for our school.

I am at the school on Mondays and Tuesdays, so if you see me around stop and say hello. If you would like more details on our on-site services or a personal introduction to them; if you would like to have a chat about how you can become more involved in the school or if you have anyone you know is interested in our school and you would like more information, please give me a call on the school number, or contact the office. I look forward to meeting you.

BREAKFAST CLUB

One program we would like to restart is Breakfast Club. The school provides, at no cost, a breakfast of cereal and/or toast before school. This program was extremely successful in the past due to the hard work of a few amazing parents. This is a valuable service for our kids so I’m asking for volunteers to help out before school for approx. 1 to 1.5 hours. We need as many as we can get so that the load doesn’t fall to just a few people and can be shared on a roster basis. (unfortunately, due to Work Health and Safety Regulations, we are unable to allow small children to attend). Please contact me on the school number if you would like to be involved.

FAMILY MORNING TEA

With a view to building those relationships I mentioned, we would like to offer an informal morning tea and open discussion forum after assembly on Monday mornings. We would like your feedback on what you may like to include or discuss during these forums so I have sent a short survey to get a feel from your perspective, of what would work best. I appreciate your time in completing it.



READING HOUR TERM 1 2019





SCHOOL DISCO/FAMILY PICNIC TERM 1 2019



Dates for your Diary

March	25	Fun Run
	29	Year 1 History Unit
April	01	Fun Run (Backup Date)
	04	Year 4 Assembly @ 2:15 in the Hall
	11	Easter Raffle
	12	Stage 3 Touch Football
		<u>LAST DAY OF TERM 1</u>



School Holidays

Term 1 finishes on
Friday April 12th

Term 2 begins on
Tuesday April 30th

Winter Uniform

Parents are reminded winter uniform is to be worn from Week 3 of Term 2.

**EASTER 2019**

We are in the period before Easter called Lent.

Lent is a time of reflection, to think about things we may have done wrong and to ask for forgiveness. It is a time to make prayer a focus and to help others in need. It is preparing for the joy of the Resurrection at Easter.

Last week was the 2nd Sunday of Lent where Luke's Gospel speaks about the time Jesus goes to a mountain to pray and is transfigured before Peter, James and John. This is a time when the disciples heard that Jesus' time on earth would end in Jerusalem.

During this period of Lent how can we help our children understand the sacrifice Jesus made for us and become closer to God? How often do we think deeply about what Jesus asks of us?

You can use these links to help explain the meaning of Lent to children.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IN0x9uWx_2s

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8YAEVjnmw>

Two Saints Feast Days

This week we have remembered the feast days of two famous men in the Catholic Church, St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, and St Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus. Both men were hardworking, courageous and faithful when accepting the work God had asked them to do.

Ask your child/ren what these men did to be canonised saints.

Catholic Schools Week Celebrations

On Friday, 8th March we celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a Liturgy and open classrooms. At the end of the Liturgy Ms Prue Carr, our federal member for Londonderry, came to assist with the induction of our school leaders for 2019.

Kind Regards,
Cathy Vogt

Religious Coordinator

**'Lent in a Bag'**

There are still a few Lenten prayer bags available for families. If you would like one to take home and use for prayer this Lent, please let the office know so they can be sent home this week.



Catholic Schools Week Celebrations



Ms Prue Carr and school leaders for 2019



Year 3 readers during the Liturgy



Picnic lunch and playtime.



Class work to see



Our younger siblings having fun on our new playground equipment at lunch time.





Pathways Song

Written by Michelle Dennis
and the students of Holy Family Primary School Emerton
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CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

VERSE 1

WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE ARE CALM
WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE PLAY TOGETHER
WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE USE EQUIPMENT
WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER

CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

VERSE 2

WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE'RE IN THE CLASSROOM
WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE LEARN ABOUT NEW THINGS
WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE USE EQUIPMENT
WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE ARE LISTENING

CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

VERSE 3

WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE USE KIND WORDS
WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE'RE SHARING
WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE SHOW RESPECT FOR OTHERS
WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE'RE CARING

CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

BRIDGE

MY JOB IS TO LEARN
YOUR JOB IS TO TEACH
YOU DO YOUR JOB AND I'LL DO MINE
AND THEN AT SCHOOL WE CAN HAVE A GREAT TIME!

CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS
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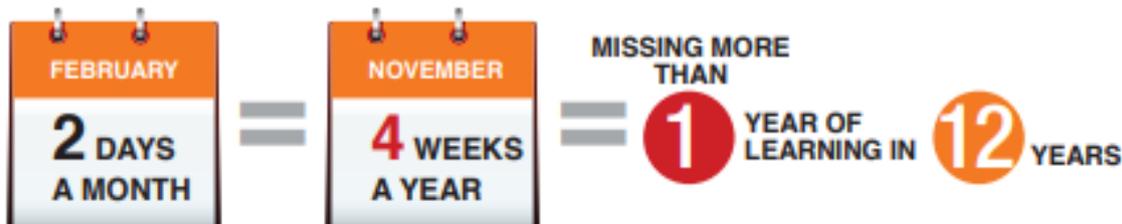
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every learner every day

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.

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