Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that after 28 years in a leadership position, 11 of which have been here at Holy Family, that I am writing my last school newsletter. It is with mixed emotions that I do this!

There comes a time in one's life when change is imminent. The time for me to do something a little easier has come, even though I still love what I do! I have had the privilege of being a teacher for 45 years and I have loved my chosen profession. In particular I have loved the privilege of leading a couple of school communities. Of course Holy Family will always have a special place in my heart and memory because I have had the honour of seeing it grow. This I have done with the help of the wonderful teachers and support staff I have worked with here for the past eleven years. I thank each of them sincerely for this privilege.

I will always be grateful too for the trust that each of you, as parents, have placed in me over the years. I particularly salute the parents of our first students who took the risk of enrolling their children in a school that did not really exist at the time! My sincere thanks to each of you for your support and patience.

I know that you will welcome Mr Spradbrow as you welcomed me. He is a wonderful, compassionate man, someone I have known and admired, as a colleague, for a number of years. He will officially start on Monday May 11 but I will be around until the end of term 2 to assist him in the transition. However, I will not be here every day and Mr Spradrow will be the Principal of Holy Family from this date.

My thanks again to each of you for your trust in me and for your assistance over the years. May God continue to bless you and your families and keep you safe in the years to come.

Blessings on you and your families.

Sr Brenda Kennedy
Principal

30 April 2015

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**The Learning Corner**

**YEAR 2**

In Year Two we are learning about different forms of Transport and various ways of travelling. The students are using games, researching, sharing the purpose of various types of transport in small groups and debating what form would be the best in different situations. For instance, the students will discuss what would be the most efficient, less expensive or quickest way to travel from home to the Gold Coast. Later this term the students will be designing their own form of transport to discuss, evaluate and to display. The photos below show students working in teams to share ideas and their personal knowledge about a chosen form of transport.

Regards,
Mrs. Cathy Vogt

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**Fundraising**

**Fun Run**

Thanks to all our students who made an effort to collect money for their fun run effort. So far we have received $2,920.00. If you still have money to hand in please do so as soon as possible. Many thanks for your efforts.

**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

Thanks to all the parents who have wrapped some beautiful presents for the Mums next week. Our Mother's Day stall will be held on **THURSDAY MAY 7**. Presents are $5 each. There should be extra presents for children who would like to treat their grandmothers.

**UNIFORMS**

A group of our parents have offered to run a second hand uniform 'shop' which began today before school. This was a great success and we will be holding this uniform shop every Thursday during breakfast club.

To continue this program we would also welcome and greatly appreciate donations of uniforms that your children may have outgrown.

Thank you for your support!

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Term 2 meeting will take place on **Monday May 4th** after assembly in the school hall. All are welcome to come along to this meeting and find out what is happening and to give your ideas and suggestions.

**Sports Update**

We have a busy term ahead for sport beginning with the Rugby League Greg Alexander Shield which was held today, and the Diocesan Rugby League Trials in Canberra tomorrow. We wish all players the best of luck—play safe and with pride in your school colours. Trials for our next rugby league event, the Panther Trophy for years 3 & 4, will begin shortly. All those trialling MUST have a mouthguard for safety reasons. These can be purchased from the office for $7.00.

The Diocesan Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 5th May at Sydney Motorsport Park—good luck to all our runners. The Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day has been changed to Thursday 7th May; please return your permission note and Code of Conduct form as soon as possible. Trials for the boys Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day will commence shortly.

Over the next three Mondays (4th—18th May) we will have representatives from the NRL to run a coaching clinic for boys and girls in grades 3-6. For these days, children will need to wear their sports uniform

Attached is a healthy fried rice recipe from the Cancer Council—hope you enjoy!

**Notes for the Diary:**

- Diocesan Cross Country: 5th May
- Stage 3 Girls Soccer: 7th May
- Panther Trophy: 19th May
- Stage 3 Boys Soccer: 21st May
- School Athletics Carnival: 5th June

Mrs. Leonie Preston
Sports Co-ordinator

**CHANGES TO APPLICATION FOR LEAVE**

If your child is going to be away from school for 1-9 days you must notify us in writing by letter or email. If your child is going to be away for a longer period you must fill in an application to seek approval from the principal. This application form is available from the school office. A certificate will be given to you if approved. **This will be recorded as leave on the class roll not exemption.**

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**Holy Family Primary School, Emerton**
Our Staff Development Day for TERM 2 2015 will be held on Monday June 1st. The staff will be working on literacy.

**Staff Development Day**

***Assemblies***

Our assemblies this term will be held on Friday May 22 (Year 3) and June 12 (Year 1). Assemblies are held in the school hall at 2.15. All are welcome.

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**School Attendance**

Congratulations to the following children who had 100% attendance at school during first term.

**Kindergarten**
- Tahlia Acuesta-Lowe
- Zara Igbojiaku
- Shay-Leigh Punter

**Year 1**
- Frederick Bell

**Year 2**
- Keith Alunday
- Susan Ayom
- Cooper Lee

**Year 3**
- William Bell
- Keannah Drake
- Chloe Hart

**Year 4**
- Vonzelle Acuesta-Lowe
- Anna Antakley
- Kairaen Atera-Chapman
- Carson T’Malii
- Nadia Cunningham
- Litijana Hackett

**Year 5**
- Brandon Abbott
- Aiden Priestley

**Year 6**
- Akekaro Atera-Chapman
- Luke Dimench
- Brock Hackett
- Tomika Harley
- Ryan McNally
- Gai Uguak

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**NAPLAN**

Attention parents and guardians of students in Years 3 and 5. In week 4 of Term 2 from May 12 to May 14 inclusive Years 3 & 5 students will be sitting for the National tests in Literacy and Numeracy called NAPLAN.

Please ensure your child is at school and on time for these three days. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact Mrs Mary Kelly via the school office.

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**PARISH FAIR**

We would be grateful for donations of cakes or cookies for the parish Fair on Saturday 2nd May.

All donations can be sent to the school office on Friday or brought to the stall on Saturday.

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**Breakfast Club**

Breakfast is offered every Thursday from 8.25am until 8.45am, in the school hall. Cereal and/or toast will be available at 50 cents per serving.

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**Winter Uniform**

Full winter uniform will begin Monday May 4th.
United in Faith, Love and Learning

**Holy Family Value of Respect**

During this fortnight we are focusing on our Holy Family value of Respect. At its heart, being respectful means showing that you value other people's perspectives, time and space. Everyone has their own unique traits and we must respect that!

As a family, our Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph respected God and each other. Mary respected God’s call to be the mother of Jesus. She respected God’s wishes, even when it was difficult.

The most respected person is the one who inspires others to achieve their best and enables them to unlock their highest potential; a true characteristic of our mums. This fortnight as we approach Mother’s Day let us remember the example of Mary our Mother, and that of our own mothers and those who are like mothers to us.

It’s easy to take our mums for granted. We forget the sacrifices they’ve made for us, and the effort it takes to raise happy, healthy children. Respect is foundational to love, and one of the best ways to show your mum that you love her. Respect is treating others the same way you would like to be treated. A loving and positive attitude will make your mum feel loved and respected.

This fortnight let us turn our thoughts into actions and have a daily goal to demonstrate and encourage respectful behaviour. In so doing, we will be reinforcing this important value of respect.

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

**Our Holy Family prayer for the Value of Respect**

We pray for ourselves, and for others, that we may learn to follow the example of the Holy Family and act with respect; by taking turns, listening to others, speaking with kind words, treating each other with kindness and tolerance, and by looking after the environment around us. Lord hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Mrs. Michelle Smith*

Religious Education Coordinator

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**St Clare’s Catholic High School**

**ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS**

If you have enrolled your child into St Clare’s Catholic High School, for Year 7 2016, please be aware that enrolment interviews are being conducted on Saturday 2 May 2015. Should you require further information, please contact Julie Alessi on 9830 2400.

**Mobile Phones**

Children must not have mobile phones with them in the classrooms. If your child has, for whatever reason, to take one to school the phone must be left in the office and picked up at the end of the day.

**Car Park**

This is a reminder to all parents that no cars should come into the school car park before or after school. We have this rule for the safety of your children. There is plenty of street parking plus the car park at the church.

Please do not allow children to ride their skateboards and scooters within the school grounds. Dangerous riding can lead to a serious accident or injury.

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**Kindergarten Enrolments 2016**

Enrolments close at the end of May. Please send in your enrolment forms, if you have a child eligible for enrolment. There are a number of enquires this year so don’t miss out!

If you have already picked up an enrolment package but have not returned it to the school office, please do so as soon as possible to avoid missing out on a position for your child.

If you have any questions please contact the school office on 9628 9232.

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**Dates for your Diary**

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