Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is very obvious and well known that we learn more from good example than all the words in the world. Those who preach one thing and act in another way are what we describe as hypocrites. It's something we all need to reflect on from time to time because each of us is human and therefore not always perfect.

We also know that there are rules to be followed each day of our lives in all aspects of life. If, for example, we did not have road rules the chaos on our roads would be much worse than it already is. Children learn from you their parents more than they learn from anybody else. I really want you to think about how you teach your children about this simple fact of life that we are all obliged to follow rules. I actually think that some parents do not believe that school rules should be followed. I look at the children each day and the majority, for instance, wear the correct uniform. Unfortunately however, there are some who continually just ignore our rules. Let me ask a couple of questions for you to answer. Does your child wear track suit pants/ shorts for sports day or is he/ she wearing incorrect bike pants? Does your child wear coloured sneakers or the correct colour of black or white? Does your child have the correct school haircut?

When you signed the enrolment form you said you would uphold school policies. What example are you giving to your children if you are allowing them to wear the incorrect uniform? They will push the boundaries and try anything but are you strong enough to be the adult and not allow them to do the wrong thing? Please think about the values you are teaching them. I encourage you for the sake of your children's development as good citizens, not to be afraid to challenge them each day to do the right thing ......not an easy task but a very important one. The fact that they do not always get into trouble for doing the wrong thing does not make it right. They should be encouraged to keep rules, even though they may not like them, because it is the right thing to do.

Blessings on you and your families.

Sr Brenda Kennedy
Principal
Winter Sleepout
A couple of weeks ago we had pyjama day for the children to raise funds for the homeless of our city. Some of the staff slept in the cold school hall the night before to raise awareness of this problem and to get some sponsors. Altogether we raised $1221.70 for this very worthy cause. We are very grateful to those of you who donated through your children. May God bless each of you for your generosity.

Maths workshop for parents
You are invited to come to a maths workshop and participate in some maths activities with your child on Thursday 29 August at 9:15am.

The morning will begin in your child’s classroom for maths warm up games then will continue in the hall to investigate some open ended activities.

Five lucky door prizes will be given away on the day!

Hope to see you there!

Assembly
Our next assembly this term will be held on Friday September 13 (Kindergarten)

All are welcome to join us in the school hall at 2:15 pm.

Masses for Term 3
Year 4 Mass - August 30 at 9:15am
Year 3 Mass - September 5 at 9:15am
Year 5 Mass - September 12 at 9:15am
All Masses will be celebrated in the church. All are welcome to take some time out for yourselves in the busyness of life.

Father's Day Stall
The Fathers' Day stall this year will be held on Wednesday August 28. Thank you very much to Renee and her band of helpers who wrapped the presents last Wednesday and yesterday for this annual event. We hope that some parents will be able to help on with the stall on Wednesday August 28. Remember your children love to see you at school so please come along and help.

Community Day
Each year to celebrate the feast of the Holy Family we hold a community day during which we honour the many cultures we are blessed to have here. This year we will celebrate Thursday 19 September.

More details later but please keep this date in your diaries.

Sickness at school
If your child is unwell prior to school it is important for the recovery process as well the containment of germs that your child stay home for the day.
**Sporting News**

**Royce Simmons Shield**

*Tuesday the 15th August,* we sent our team to Colyton to compete for the right to represent Mt Druitt at the Finals of the **Royce Simmons Shield**. After winning B Division last year, we entered A Division for the first time and had high hopes for the day.

We began playing Whalan and despite scoring more tries than our opposition we were unable to convert any and ended drawing 16 all. Our next game was against Noumea who we beat 6-4 in a very close game. After the results of other games came in we needed to win against our final opponent Bidwill. Scores were locked at 12 all with one minute on the clock. We restarted play from the halfway with three strong runs and our dummy half went over for a late try in the dying seconds to win and qualify for the final.

Our final opponent was against Whalan who were also undefeated on the day. We scored the first try and Whalan quickly responded to tie the game up. The game continued and both sides scored again, however, Whalan were leading by two points with 90 seconds on the clock we scored again from dummy half to win the game and were declared champions, winning the right to represent Mt Druitt at the upcoming finals day.

The team was:

- Jordan Slater
- Tyla Amiatu
- Raewen Nansen
- Paulo Tauililli-Pelesasa
- Jack Leota
- Oscar Sultana
- Ares Siega
- Samuel Fuimaono
- Mac Athieu
- PJ Falaniko
- Isaac Panuve

**Congratulations and best of luck for the Finals!**

**Zone Athletics Report**

On *Tuesday 13th August,* 38 students represented Holy Family at the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival. All students tried their hardest and performed to the best of their ability with some fantastic results achieved. **Alannah Martin** broke the Junior Girls Long Jump record and recorded 3 first place results and a second place. **Selenna Fuiamano** also performed extremely well with 3 second place results and one first place. **Alannah Martin** was named Junior Girls Carnival Champion whilst **Selenna Fuiamano** was named Runner-up Senior Girls Champion. **Fantastic achievement girls!**

Congratulations to **Soanne Tuimavave** (1st Shot), **Simone Fordham** (1st Shot), **Helen Tuimavave** (3rd Shot), **Ayoola Shogunle** (2nd Shot), **Tyrese Tautolo** (4th 100m), **Adhok Akol** (4th 100m) **Braydan Duncan** (4th 800m) These students will represent Blacktown Zone on Friday 23rd August at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival.

We wish them the best of luck!

**Netball Gala Day**

What a great day on *Tuesday 20 August* when 9 teams represented Holy Family at the annual **Netball Gala Day**. The children were well behaved and even though they did not bring home a trophy, everybody played their best and showed great sportsmanship.

Thanks to the many staff members who trained the teams during their lunch times and the parents who helped out with the management of the teams on the day.

Thanks to Chris Cadman, Maureen Cahill, Alex Boss, Mark Aggar, Sharon Williams, Michelle Smith, Katelyn Sweeney, Leonie Preston, Lisa Powderly. Thanks also to our parent helper Kelly Hughes (Ritchie) and other parents who assisted on the day.
Dates for your Diary

**August**
- 23 Year 3 Excursion
- 28 Fathers’ Day Stall
- 29 Maths Workshop for Parents
- 30 Kinder & Year 1 Excursion
- 30 Year 4 Mass 9.15am

**September**
- 1 Happy Father’s Day to all our Dad’s
- 5 Book Week parade 2pm
- 5 Year 3 Mass 9:15am

**Library News**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
The closing date for the PRC has been extended to Thursday, August 29th. If you have a child in grades 3-6 who has not yet finished the Challenge, please remind them of this date. Please be aware that no late entries can be processed! All children in grades K-2 have already completed the Challenge! Congratulations to those hard reading children.

**Book Week**

**Dress Up Parade**
Our Book Character Dress Up Parade will be held on Thursday 5/9, commencing at 1:45pm. All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend. We will be celebrating the children’s love of literature, books and reading. The Theme for Book Week is “Read Across the Universe”. Please enable your child to dress up in costume representing a book character but we do urge you not to hire a costume. The day is just meant as a fun day for the children, not as an added stressor for the parents. It’s surprising what you create from adapting clothes that your child already owns!

**Author/Illustrator Visit**
Negotiations are still underway re obtaining an author to visit our school. At this stage there will be no books for sale during Book Week.

**Supervision of Children**
The school gate opens at 8:25am and the children are supervised from that time. It is important that children are not sent to school before then.

On arrival at school the children put their bags outside their classrooms and go to the basketball court where they are supervised.

The children must not stay with parents but go to join their friends on the court. It is very important that this happens so that we know where the children are in the mornings.

School finishes at 2:55pm and the children are taken to the entrance. Parents, please park on the surrounding streets and walk to the school entrance to meet your child/ren.

For the older children particularly, it is quite alright for them to walk out to meet you at a spot on the street, if your wish. Children are supervised until 3:10pm so do not panic, if you are late. If you are going to be very late because something unforeseen has happened, please phone the school and let us know. Your children will always be cared for.