Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Monday you would have received your child’s Mid-year report. These reports show the progress of your child’s learning over the first two terms.

Next week is the Parent Teacher Interviews for Kindergarten to Year 5. Year 6 will conduct their Parent Teacher Interviews early in Term 3. These interviews are a great occasion to talk about your child’s learning and set future directions. During this time challenges can also be discussed and questions answered. Above all it is a time to celebrate all that has been achieved so far this year. Afterwards it is important that you discuss the meeting with your child and congratulate them on their strengths.

Some major changes to staff at Holy Family. Miss Jodie Sibbald has been appointed Acting Assistant Principal at Holy Family Luddenham for Terms 3 & 4. The new Kindergarten teacher will be Ms Ashleigh May. We wish Jodie all the best as she takes on the extra responsibility and look forward to her return in 2014.

Mrs Gabrielle Smithard has been appointed Financial Secretary at Good Shepherd School at Plumpton. Gabrielle will be dearly missed at Holy Family and we thank her for her dedication and caring nature over the past 3 years.

Mrs Mary Kelly will be Acting principal for the first two weeks of Term 3 before Sr Brenda returns from her travels.

Blessings on you and your families.

Mr Philip Mahony
Acting Principal
**Naidoc Day**
On **Thursday 27th June** we celebrate the wonderful culture of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters.

This celebration has been an integral part of Holy Family since we started in 2004.

The day will be a mufti day so we ask the children to wear red, black and yellow if possible, to highlight our celebration.

In order for the event to be a success we require parent helpers to cook the BBQ and serve the food.

Parents and family are invited from 12pm to join us for the showcase and Taronga animal man.

Afterwards please join us for a family picnic (don’t forget your picnic blanket). Sausage sandwiches and drinks will be available on the day.

Please come along and join us for the Liturgy and/ or showcase and sausage sizzle.

**Visitors to our school**
Any visitors to our school during normal hours of operation are required to enter via the School Office and to sign in our visitor’s book. You must also wear an Authorised Visitor Sticker whilst on the premises.

Please ensure that you also sign out upon completion of your time here, noting the time you are leaving the premises.

This is a requirement for the continuing safety of all in our community, and complies with child safety and WHS requirements.

**Back Gate - Webber Cres**
Just a reminder that the back gate will not be open during wet weather.

If the gate is closed, please move up to the next gate. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**Principal’s Morning Tea**
Once a term we acknowledge the efforts of those children who consistently try to be responsible, to do the right thing and be the best they can be. These children are invited to a special morning tea with the Acting Principal, Mr Mahony and presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Congratulations to the following students who were at the Principal's Morning Tea today. Well Done!

- KS Keith Alunday
- KSM Corey Weston
- 1C Ethan Martin
- 1F Olivia Cox
- 2B Faith Luatuanuu
- 2W Kairaen Atera-Chapman
- 3M Bianca Cordell
- 3P Ian Smith
- 4B Akekaro Atera-Chapman
- 4S Shauna McCaskill
- 5A Tristan Treloar
- 5AG Jayden Lavender
- 6S Jessica Reason
- 6W Caleb Cunningham
**Holy Family Band**
The school band performed extremely well on Monday night at the Captivate Band Concert held at St Francis of Assisi, Glendenning. The students were a credit to their families and to the school.

Special thanks to Ms Samantha Hopwood for preparing and training the band and thank you to Mrs Kelly and Mrs Smith for helping out on the night.

**School Holidays**
Term 2 finishes on Friday June 28

Term 3 begins on Monday July 15

**National Solar Schools Program**
The National Solar Schools Program provided funding to primary and secondary schools to install solar and other renewable power systems, rainwater tanks and a range of energy efficiency measures. Our school received $128,000.

Through this funding, we have received a range of benefits including: Solar Panels to improve our energy efficiency and reduce our electricity costs.

Videos that showcase environmental activities being undertaken in solar schools across Australia are available online at: http://bit.ly/14y1aFF.

The Australian Government’s Living Greener website also provides some great tips for households to reduce their energy consumption. For further information go to: www.livinggreener.gov.au/energy.

**Quality Catholic Schools Survey**
At the beginning of this year a number of parents were randomly chosen to fill out a survey about Holy Family. We received the results of this survey and are analysing it to give us guidance for the future. It gave us great data on what we are doing well as well as pointers to help us improve as a school community. We thank those parents who took the time to do the survey and later in the year we will feed back on the data. Of course this will be an annual event so if you were not chosen this year to do the survey you may get the opportunity in the future. Thanks again to all who sent back the survey.

**Lost Property**
Lost Property is continually full of students clothing. We have a large amount of clothing left over from the Athletics Carnival including non school items.

Parents and children are invited to come and check the lost property baskets which are held in the school office.

*Please label all clothing with your child’s name and class clearly printed.*
**Dates for your Diary**

**June**  
24-26  Parent/Teacher/Children Meetings  
24  Feast of St John the Baptist  
25  Years 3 & 4 Boys Soccer Gala Day  
26  Years 3 & 4 Girls Soccer Gala Day  
27  Naidoc Celebrations  
28  Last Day of Term 2  

*Crazy Hair Day*  
We will be holding a crazy hair day on **Friday June 28** to collect donations for cancer research. The children may come to school with a 'crazy hair style' in return for a donation for this worthy cause.

**NAPLAN**

- NAPLAN is an annual national assessment that provides parents, schools and policymakers with an important snapshot of information about how well students are performing in the key areas of literacy and numeracy.

- NAPLAN provides valuable information on student performance and enables schools and teachers to identify how they are doing and where there is room for improvement.

- This will be the sixth year NAPLAN testing has taken place. States and territories conducted their own assessments for years prior to the introduction of NAPLAN and in some cases, such as NSW which previously held annual Basic Skills Tests, literacy and numeracy testing has gone on for decades.

- NAPLAN takes just a few hours out of a few days every year, and has become a routine part of the school calendar. NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another day in schools.

- In itself the testing of literacy and numeracy skill should not contribute to a narrowing of the curriculum. In fact ACARA believes that the best way to prepare for NAPLAN, beyond familiarisation with the test format, is for schools to provide a broad, well-rounded curriculum.