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Greetings!

Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who were able to attend our Welcoming Ceremony, Disco and Opening School Mass. We loved having you with us.

Our Kindergarten students have settled into the routines of school. They seem to be very comfortable in their new environment. Thank you kinder teachers and parents for you help with this.

Congratulations to our students who attended the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival last week.

Special congratulations to Tahlia-Ruth Broomham who is competing in the Diocesan Carnival tomorrow. Best wishes Tahlia!



The teachers and students have been busy with the MAI assessments that are scheduled for the beginning of the year. Perhaps the children have talked about the assessments. As many of you know, the MAI is an individual maths assessment, which identifies the growth point for each student in counting, place value, addition, subtraction and multiplication. The teachers are now analyzing the data to determine what the next learning steps are in Mathematics.

Best wishes,
John Spradbrow.

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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
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Show your interest by saying such things as, 'Tell me more about ...', 'Really!'

Mrs. Alex Ali

Literacy Co-ordinator



Project Based Learning

In the beginning of this term, Stage 3 has been engaging in deep and meaningful learning through a process called Project Based Learning. Each project is launched with an entry event designed to spark interest in the project, and the students are given a driving question. In groups students communicate their ideas, identify what they know and what they need to know in order to answer the driving question. This learning framework allows students to develop problem solving and critical thinking skills. Students work collaboratively in groups and participate in workshops aimed to generate the knowledge and the expertise needed to answer the driving question. The students self-monitor their learning and use technology to assist them in creating a product that is presented at the end of the project.

Year 5 and Year 6 are currently working on a unit of work titled Leave No Trace. The driving question for the first project was 'How can we as graphic designers/producers create promotional material so that we can educate Australian citizens to live sustainably?'

On Friday 17th February, the students completed their work in answering the driving question and successfully presented their projects to their families and peers.

Well done and congratulations Stage 3 on your hard work and success with Project 1.

Mrs Angela Alonzo

Stage 3 Co-ordinator

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Library News

Overdue books from 2016

A number of children still have books at home that they borrowed last year. Please continue to have a search around your house and send back any books that your child has not borrowed this year.

Please note that if your child still has books out from last year, they will be prevented from borrowing this year until the books have been returned or paid for, if lost!

If you have any concerns about your child's loans please drop in and see library staff, either Rose (our Library Technician) or Janet (Teacher Librarian). The library is staffed from Tuesday through to Friday, every week. We are usually there before and after school.



Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

Borrowing times for 2017

Classes are borrowing from this week. Borrowing days are as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.55 – 9.55				YEAR 5	YEAR 3
9.55 – 10.55					YEAR 2
First Lunch					
11.25 – 12.25					
12.25 – 1.25					
Second Lunch					
1.55 – 2.55	YEAR 6	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	KINDERGARTEN	

Please continue to remind your child of their borrowing day, so that they can get in the habit of returning their books on time. Loan periods are only for two weeks. After that time, if books have not been returned or reloaned, books are registered as being overdue! Again, we appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Janet A. Marie

Teacher-Librarian



Sports Update

Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday, three students from Holy family competed at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt pools. They were:-

- Naomi Dickson in the 12 years 50m Freestyle and Breastsroke.
- Max Reason in the 11 years 50m Freestyle.
- Tahlia-Ruth Broomhan in the 9 years 50m freestyle.

Thank you to the parents who were able to take their children to the event and to Mrs Keating and Mr Spradbrow for assisting on the day.

All students performed very well and should be proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Tahlia who will be competing in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival, which will be on Friday, 24th February.

We wish her all the best for the day.

Mrs Cathy Vogt

Co-ordinator



Dates for your Diary

- February** 24 Diocesan Swimming Carnival
 27 St Agnes Principal Visit to Yr 6 @10am
- March** 10 Music for Sport Riverside Theatre in Parramatta Yr 5 & 6
 17 School Fun Run
 21 NRL Royce Simmons
 22 Dental Assessments for Kinder, Yr 2, Yr 4 & Yr6



Religious Education News

We are well into Week 4 of our school year and the students have settled in well. Our school value that we have been concentrating on has been 'Respect' which includes respect of themselves, others and the environment.



Mark's Gospel (Mk 5: 38-48) from last weekend is just such a lesson where Jesus was encouraging His disciples to not only love their neighbor, but also their enemies, by 'turning the other cheek.' How many times in a week, or even a day could we remember this powerful lesson?

To mark the end of our lessons on Respect the students have been challenged to add more verses to the Respect Rap that was performed at last Monday's assembly. They will have an opportunity to perform or display imovie versions during Catholic Schools Week, which is week 7 (5th – 12th of March). Maybe make it a family act! The Rap is written below.

Thank you to all the parents who attended and assisted with the morning tea before the 'Welcoming Ceremony' for our new Kindergartens for 2017, our new families and staff members. It was a joyous event and one that all students remember as they get older.

Respect Rap

Respect! Respect! Respect is the key.
For we can be successful when we work as a team.
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1. Wait to play your instrument until you're directed
Then you'll never have to be directed. (Chorus)
2. Please raise your hand when you have a question
'cause that's the only way to get attention. (Chorus)
3. Only one person talks at a time.
Please don't allow yourself to get out of line. (Chorus)



Mrs Cathy Vogt
Religious Co-ordinator