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Term 1 Week 7

Greetings!

Thank you to those parents, children and staff who were able to attend our Catholic Schools mass on Sunday. Thank you also to those parents who were able to be part of our special liturgy at the assembly yesterday and our open classrooms today. The children love seeing you at school and we appreciate your support.

Catholic Schools Week celebrates the unique role that Catholic Schools play in education. Our mission is to live out the gospel message, and that is a message that can at times be counter cultural and uncomfortable. I invite you to take some time this week and share with your child your reasons for choosing Holy Family School. Talk with them about what difference you think a Catholic School can make for them. I would love to hear what you think.

Thank you for choosing Holy family School Emerton.

Congratulations to Lauren Reason on her selection in the NSW CPS Swimming Championships on the 31st March at Homebush. We wish her well.

A number of our children attended a Buddies Day last Sunday with the students of Loretto College Kirribilli. The Kirribilli students and teachers prepared a range of activities in science, sport, cooking and craft. All of the activities were popular, however, I think the cupcake decorations and science may have been the most popular. The Buddies program began last year and about sixty of our students have been able to take part. It is a very generous program that is funded by Loretto College and we appreciate their support. Thank you to the children for their participation in the day, their wonderful behaviour and to Sr. Katherine for helping out on the day.

Best wishes to our choir and band groups who have begun their preparation for the Captivate performances next term. Thank you also for your participation and for representing Holy Family School.

Best wishes for the week ahead and I look forward to meeting you at the Catholic Schools Week celebrations.

John Spradbrow

8th March 2015

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Class Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as class leaders for 2016:

- Year 1** Lotrell Seia
Aliyah Mawson
- Year 2** Evannah Levave
Taratoa Atera-Chapman
- Year 3** Keith Alunday
Ana Vave
- Year 4** Aiden Phillips
Annabella Hanna
- Year 5** Scott Schickert
Somtochi Igbojiaku

School Cross Country

Due to consistently high temperatures this week, we have decided to postpone the cross country to **MONDAY the 21st March**. All the children should have received their sponsorship forms so we encourage you to get as many sponsors as possible to help with school fundraising. We would still like all money to be in by the **1st April** or at the beginning of term 2 at the latest. Please mark this date in your calendar as we will need lots of helpers.

Sports Update

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lauren Reason who placed 4th in Breaststroke at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival and will now compete at the NSWPCS Swimming Championships on the 31st March. We wish Lauren the best of luck. Congratulations also to Euan Jackson for his selection into the Parramatta Diocesan Hockey team – good luck for the upcoming MacKillop Trials. We will also have Ian Smith, Jack Leota and Paulo Tauilili-Pelesasa trialling for Rugby League and Rugby Union in the next two weeks. We wish you all the best of luck also.

We desperately need HELP!!!

It is coming up to that time of year again when we will be holding our school cross-country. We desperately need parent helpers to be course marshalls to ensure the safety of children as they run outside the school grounds so if you can spare some time on this day it would be very much appreciated.

Dates for the Diary

Greg Alexander Shield: 15th March
School Cross Country: 21st March
Stage 3 Touch Gala Day: 8th April
Diocesan Cross Country: 3rd May



Regards,

Mrs Leonie Preston
Sports Co-ordinator

Easter Raffle

Our Easter fundraiser for 2016 will be our raffle which will be held on **Thursday 24th March**. We ask for donations of eggs and/ or baskets to help the committee make up some Easter egg baskets. Raffle tickets have been sent home so we ask you to sell as many raffle tickets as possible to help with our fundraising goal for this year. If you need more please see the office staff.



Staff Development Day

Our first Staff Development Day for 2016 will be held on

Monday 14th March

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN ON THIS DAY



Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) survey

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be once again participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) survey. The QCS survey provides information from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community, and assists us in our focus on continuous improvement.



As a parent if you are randomly-selected to complete the survey, I would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.

Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

School Photo Day

Our school photo day will be held on **Friday March 18th**. You will have received an information package.

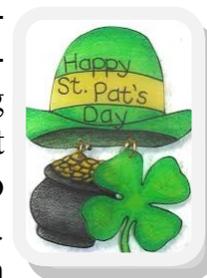
Photos must be paid for before the event, by Thursday 17th March 2016.

Envelopes with cash payments or credit card details can be given to your child's teacher.

Family order envelopes are available at the school office.

St Patricks Day

On St Patrick's Day **Thursday March 17**, we have a tradition at Holy Family to have a mufti day in return for a gold coin towards Project Compassion. The children are encouraged to wear something green if they have it, but they are not expected to go out and buy something. They must come dressed in sensible clothing and closed footwear, no beach wear.



St Agnes Catholic High School

A Years 7 – 10 co-educational school



Information Evening
Monday, 21st March 2016
5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

- Information for Year 6 students and their families
- Come and meet the staff and students
- View student work and displays
- Guided tours of the school conducted by students
- Information Session commences at 7.00 pm
- 2017 enrolment information and packages available
- Other Year group enquiries welcome



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Dates for your Diary

- March**
- 17 St Patrick's Day
 - 18 School Photo Day
 - 21 School Cross Country
Life Education Visit—2S, 2V
 - 22 Life Education Visit—4M, 4L
 - 25 Good Friday
 - 27 Easter Sunday
 - 29 Life Education Visit—3J, 3W, KL
 - 30 Life Education Visit—5B, 5P
 - 31 NSWCCPS Swimming Carnival
- April**
- 4 Life Education Visit—1M, 1S, 6A., 6W



Catholic Schools Week

This year from 6th - 12th March 2016 Holy Family will join with Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. It is a special time in the year when we celebrate and give thanks for Catholic Schools, especially our own school Holy Family. It is also a time to give thanks for the wonderful learning and teaching that takes place each day in every classroom.

The theme for CSW 2016 is **'I Belong. You Belong. We Belong'**. This aligns with the Church's mission to support refugees and asylum seekers at this a time in our world where vast numbers of people are fleeing war and poverty.

The theme also ties in with the global Catholic Church celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which focuses on forgiveness, strength and love. Pope Francis sees the Year of Mercy as an opportunity for forgiveness and reconciliation, and is calling on all Catholic communities to extend mercy to those in need.

Catholic Schools Week is also about strengthening relationships with everyone in our school community – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions.

Thank you to those who joined with us to celebrate with our school, our neighbouring Mt. Druitt Catholic schools and parish community at the 10.30am Holy Family Parish Mass yesterday. It was a wonderful celebration and a great way to begin Catholic Schools Week.

We would also like to invite you and your family to join us to celebrate this special event of Catholic Schools Week during the following events.

During this week let us unite through prayer and pray our Catholic Schools Week prayer, as we acknowledge and thank all who work together in the service of Catholic Education.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
You came among us as teacher,
to reveal to us the Father's endless love and mercy.
Our Catholic schools continue to give witness to your compassion and wisdom,
seeking always to ensure that we are all welcome no matter who we are.
May our Catholic schools continue to be places of belonging and sources of hope
and enthusiasm for our young people and their families.
May the work of our Catholic schools always be guided by the inspiration of your Spirit.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Regards,

Mrs Michelle Smith
Re Co-ordinator



