



# Holy Family Primary

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**Term 1 Week 9**

### Greetings!

This week our church marks the special events of Holy Week. There are times throughout the week, of great sadness, fear, puzzlement and despair. Fr. Pat invited us on Sunday to be with Jesus this week. We can be with Jesus not by feeling sorry for him, but by being aware of his feelings as the events of the week unfold.

Our students will be presenting the events of Holy Week at our liturgy on Wednesday 23rd March. I hope you can join us for this presentation.

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the Cross Country yesterday. Thank you for supporting the children and staff through your attendance and help along the track. Thank you to Mrs. Preston for the organization of the day and to the other staff who assisted.

### Football Gala Day

Congratulations to the boys who represented Holy Family in the Stage 3 Football Gala Day. Thank you Mrs. Smith for coaching and supporting the boys.

### Quality Catholic Schools Survey

The Catholic Education Office conducts a survey at this time in every catholic school in the diocese. The CEO has randomly selected seventy families and the survey forms were sent home yesterday.

The information from the surveys is very helpful to schools and the CEO. Please let us know if you have any questions about the survey. We will be offering an opportunity for parents to complete the online version at school on Thursday after the Fun Run. Please let us know if you would like access to a computer to complete your survey. The surveys can also be completed on paper.

### Missing Staff phone

Last Friday the phone of a staff member went missing from the school. The phone, like many of our phones contains valuable family photos. Please let me know if you have any information that may help in the recovery of the phone and photos.

I look forward to seeing you at the Holy Week liturgy, the Hat Parade and the Fun Run for the younger children.

Thank you for your ongoing support and Happy Easter,

John Spradbrow

**21st March 2016**

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## The Learning Corner



### Growth Mindset in Mathematics

A growth mindset is the belief that intelligence or 'smartness' can be learned and that the brain grows from experience and effort.

Did you know that praising efforts rather than intelligences or results could impact your child's ability to persevere in challenges! The goal is to have children thrive on challenges and see mistakes as learning opportunities. Brain research tells us that making mistakes actually wires more connections into the brain.

When a person has a growth mindset, they accept challenges, see their efforts as worthwhile and are open to learning from mistakes.

How can you help? Some simple ways:

- ♦ Adding "yet" when they claim they are "not good at this" (Respond: "You are not good at this yet.")
- ♦ Ask questions that focus on their effort and choices and get them to reflect on the satisfaction of that effort. (e.g. What did you learn today? What mistake did you make that taught you something? What did you try hard at today? What will you try hard at tomorrow?)
- ♦ Model this yourself as you share about your own day.



Mrs Angela Alonzo  
Stage 3 Coordinator

## Sports Update

### Cross Country

We were lucky enough to have the rain stop and the sun come out for our primary students to run the cross-country and fun run yesterday. Thank you to all the parents that volunteered their time in supervising the children.

For our infants' students, we will hold their Fun Run on Thursday morning after the Easter Hat Parade. Parents are welcome to come along and cheer on their children. As with the primary cross-country, we would love some volunteers to be around the school grounds to help any children that need encouragement.



### Dates for the Diary

Infants' Fun Run: 24<sup>th</sup> March

Royce Simmons Shield: 29<sup>th</sup> March

Stage 3 Touch Gala Day: 8<sup>th</sup> April

Diocesan Cross Country: 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Regards,  
Leonie Preston  
Sports Co-ordinator



### **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 have been 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.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Leonie Preston.

### **Easter Raffle**

Our Easter Raffle will be held this **Thursday 24th March**. Thank you for your generous donations.

And a big thank you to parents Leonie Bright and Liz Hackett for your time in preparing the baskets.

Raffle tickets are still available for sale from the school office.

Thank you for Supporting our school.



### **Easter Hat Parade**

The Easter Hat Parade will take place this **Thursday 24th March at 9:00am** on the Basketball Court. This is not a competition just a bit of fun but we see some very creative hats each year.

All parents are welcome to join us for this fun time. Of course parents are also welcome to wear an Easter hat!



### **FUN RUN – THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FOR INFANTS CHILDREN ONLY**

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> we will be combining our Easter Hat Parade with the Fun Run for children in **Kinder, Year 1, and Year 2 only**.

The Hat Parade will begin at 9.00am on the basketball court and the Fun Run will follow after this for our infants' children only.

Infants' children are to **wear their sports uniform** on this day and bring along their school hat and a bottle of water. Children will swap hats after the hat parade.

Parents are invited to stay and watch their children run. We expect the morning to finish at morning teatime at 10.55 am.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Kind regards,  
Leonie Preston  
*Sports Coordinator*



### **Library News**

I am delighted to announce the names of this year's library monitors. All of our monitors hail from Year 5 and all successfully applied for the position.

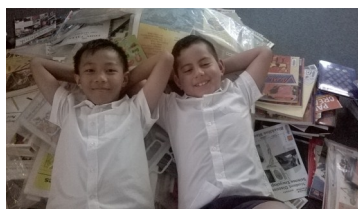
The lucky students are : *Faith Luatuanuu, Nadia Cunningham, Vonzelle Acuesta-Lowe, Holly Ritchie, Alysha Vendrasco, Naomi Dickson, Meroma Peti, Carson T'Malii and Keegan Duncan.*

These children will be assisting in the library on a regular basis. Duties include, putting away books, moving shelving and book stock around, accessioning, assisting younger children during lunch times in the library and learning how to do loans and returns on the library computer. Again, congratulations children and I look forward to working with you.

### **Premier's Reading Challenge 2016**

Yes, it's that time of year again! The Challenge will commence later in March. All children at Holy Family are eligible to enter the Challenge, with all infants children automatically qualifying, as the challenge is done wholly in school. Parents of primary aged students, just a reminder that books that your children are reading now can be added to the list for the challenge. Please start jotting down the titles, keeping the lists in a safe place so that the titles can be added once the challenge is opened!

Stay tuned for more information on the Challenge, but if you have any queries, please pop in and see me. I work Tuesday to Friday, and am usually there before and after school.



A couple of our helpers of the giant library cull. They are John Pulu Nimmo and Keith Alunday from 3W. Thanks guys!

Regards,  
Janet A. Marie  
*Teacher Librarian*



## Dates for your Diary

- March**
- 22 Life Education Visit—KS, 4M, 4L
  - 23 Holy Week Mass @ 9:30am in Church
  - 24 Easter Hat Parade @ 9am Basket ball Court  
Fun Run for Kinder, Year 1 & Year 2 after hat parade
  - 25 Good Friday—**NO SCHOOL**
  - 27 Easter Sunday
  - 28 Easter Monday—**NO SCHOOL**
  - 29 Life Education Visit—3J, 3W, KL
  - 30 Life Education Visit— 5B, 5P
  - 31 NSWCPs Swimming Carnival
- April**
- 1 Year 2 Excursion to Sydney Aquarium
  - 4 Life Education Visit—1M, 1S, 6A., 6W



## HOLY WEEK

Holy Week commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem; his gift of the Eucharist; and his suffering, death, and Resurrection.

Holy Week is a time of final preparations and great anticipation. Our long-term preparations of prayers, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent will continue but with greater intensity. Palm Sunday is our doorway into the holiest week of the Church year. The three solemn liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) are called the Triduum.

Holy means "set apart." Christians set apart an entire week - Holy Week - to recall the events surrounding the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

During this week let us unite through prayer to reflect on and act on the events of Holy Week  
While on the cross in the midst of suffering and agony Jesus calls out to his Father:

**Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.**

***Luke 23:34***

Jesus' forgiveness has no limits:

In knowing that Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead for us;  
How can we respond in our own thoughts and actions to this gospel message?

*May we be immersed in the mercy of Christ  
so we may forgive as Christ has forgiven.*

### PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

Christ Jesus, your love is made visible through  
the mystery of your death and resurrection.

Make us one in you.

Transform us into people of mercy  
who reach out to embrace you in the suffering ones in our midst.

We ask this, as a people reconciled to God  
through the blood of your cross.

Amen.

**May your Holy Week be blessed with the abiding presence of God's great gift of Love in Jesus, so that  
your Easter may resound with Alleluias!**

Mrs Michelle Smith  
Religious Education Coordinator



