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Term 2 Week 9

Greetings!

Sunday marked the beginning of Refugee Week. The theme this year is; 'With courage let us all combine'. These words come from Advance Australia Fair - our national anthem. The extract below is from the Refugee Week Kit and focuses on the need for courage:

It takes courage to be a refugee: As people who have faced persecution because of who they are (their race, nationality or membership of a persecuted group) or what they believe (their religion or political opinion), refugees need courage:

- ◇ The courage not to deny identity or beliefs in the face of persecution.
- ◇ The courage to leave all that is familiar and step into the unknown in search of peace.
- ◇ The courage to keep going in the face of devastating loss, difficulty and despair.
- ◇ The courage to begin again, to work hard and to maintain hope in an unfamiliar land.

Fr. Greg has written about this in the Parish Bulletin. He reminds us of the need to be courageous and to speak up for refugees. Mr Whitby, the Executive Director of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta has also spoken of the need to be courageous and to speak up for the children in detention. I encourage you to discuss the plight of refugees with your children and share with them that Jesus, Mary and Joseph (the patrons of our school) were themselves refugees as they fled Israel in order to keep Jesus safe from King Herod.

Last week, Christina and Maison (Yr. 6) participated in a National Program entitled Principal for a Day. The day is designed to give students a view of school from the position of principal.

Fresh Eyes Survey

Thank you to those parents who have returned their survey. I will collate the responses and give you a summary next term. It would be helpful if all the surveys were returned this week.

Morning Drop off and Afternoon Dismissal

I am attaching a note about these important safety issues. Your help would be appreciated.

Thank you

- ◇ To Mrs Preston and helpers for the wonderful Athletics Carnival last week.
- ◇ To the kinder teachers and helpers for the Sacred Heart Day Mass last Friday.
- ◇ To the Year 1 teachers and students for their assembly on Friday.

Best wishes

John Spradbrow
Principal

15th June 2015

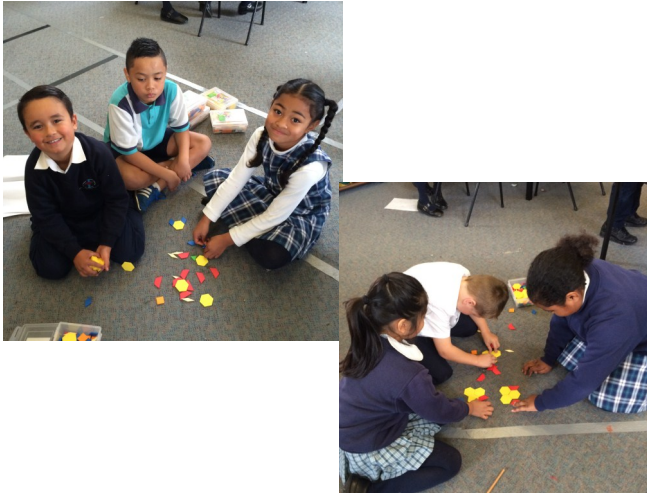
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The Learning Corner

Numeracy in Year 2

Year 2 learning about shapes.



Mrs. Cathy Vogt & Mrs Pat Wicks

Literacy in Year 4

In Year Four we have been focusing on persuasive language. Our topic is centred around our integrated unit *Under the Big Top*. In this unit we have been investigating the question: *Should animals be kept in cages?*



To begin this investigation, we viewed a range of texts on this topic, including books, poems and news reports, and discussed the language used.

We then used pair and small group modified debates to build our arguments and explore the

language we could use to convince our audience.

We also investigated what it would feel like to be kept in a cage which helped us add emotion to our arguments.

Miss Ashleigh May & Mr James West



Sports Update

Athletics Carnival

A big thank you to all our parents who volunteered at our athletics carnival last week. Your assistance and participation meant the day ran smoothly and stayed on time. Also thank you to our dedicated teachers who worked tirelessly on the day so that our children could have a great day not only developing athletic skills but also learning the importance of cooperation, teamwork and sportsmanship in their team houses. The children had a great day and there were lots of conversations about how they performed and what ribbons were won. Well done to Green house, overall winners of the day. Children progressing through to Zone will be notified shortly.

Diocesan Cross Country

Congratulations to Ailini Peti who represented Holy Family at the Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek last Friday. A great effort Ailini!

Stage 2 Soccer

Both the boys and girls Stage 2 Soccer Gala days have been confirmed. Information and permissions notes will be sent home shortly.

Dates for the Diary:

Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer: 25th June

Royce Simmons Shield (Stage 2): 4th August

Zone Athletics Carnival: 11th August

Netball Gala Day: 25th August

Mrs Leonie Preston

Sports Co-ordinator

Fundraising News

Athletics Carnival

Thank you to all for your generosity in buying so many raffle tickets for our athletics carnival fundraiser. We raised **\$627.00**.

A special word of thanks to our fundraising committee for their hard work in organising it and in particular, Leonie Bright and Amber Hart for getting so many wonderful donations from the following Businesses:

- * Jamberoo
- * Taronga Zoo
- * Trainworks
- * Treetop Adventures
- * Calmsley Hill Farm
- * Featherdale Park
- * Emerton Butchery
- * Peter's Meat Plumpton
- * Your Inspiration at Home
- * Colour Bar Emerton
- * Everlasting Nails
- * Woolworths Emerton
- * Ignite Cafe





NAIDOC Day Celebrations

Our NAIDOC day celebration will be held on **Thursday June 18** and students can wear **mufti** in colours of red, black and yellow. This year we will be hosting a breakfast with delicious damper to sample.

Following breakfast we will celebrate NAIDOC day with a Liturgy, commemorating this year's theme *We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate*. You are welcome to attend this special Liturgy in the hall, which will commence at 9.00am.

The rest of the day will involve students participating in a number of activities celebrating Indigenous culture and heritage.

Please note that Breakfast Club will also be running as usual at the usual cost of 50c.



Holy Family Choir & Band

The school choir and band will be performing tonight and Wednesday night at Nagle College, Blacktown South. Special thanks to Miss Cecillienne Matienzo and Mrs Cathy Vogt for preparing and training the choir. The Year 6 band will be performing Wednesday and Thursday at the same venue. We wish them well.

Sr Brenda's Farewell

To commemorate Sister Brenda's presence here at Holy Family, some families have enquired about making donations towards a gift. If you would like to donate money towards this gift, please place it in an envelope and hand it into the office.

There will also be pages in the office for you to write your own farewell message or thank you to Sister Brenda. These pages will be part of a farewell book that will be presented to her at Sister Brenda's farewell mass on **Wednesday, 24th June**.

Calling all Volunteers!

On Wednesday the 24th June, we will be celebrating the retirement of Sr. Brenda. The day will begin with a mass, followed by morning tea and a whole school assembly. We are asking for volunteers that can help with the cooking of the barbeque and serving the school community. If you are able to help us on this special day, please let the office know of your availability. We look forward to seeing you there!

School Holidays

Term 2 finishes on

Friday June 26

Term 3 begins on

Monday July 13

Enrolments

This is a reminder to all families that your child is not enrolled until the enrolment form is handed in. This applies to students for Kindergarten or Year 7 in High School. At this stage it is first come first served. There are a number of students in Year 6 who have not been enrolled anywhere. Please do not leave it too late and miss out on a place either at Holy Family or Year 7 in High School.

Lost Property

Lost property is continually full of students clothing. We have a large amount of clothing left over from the Athletics Carnival. Parents and children are invited to come and check the lost property baskets which are held in the school office.

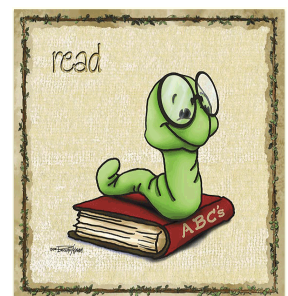
Please label all clothing with your child's name and class clearly printed.

Library News

Borrowing

Parents - don't forget you are welcome to borrow from the school library to support your child's reading development. Please come in and select from our wide range of resources.

Mrs Janet A. Marie
Librarian Teacher





Dates for your Diary

June	15	Captivate Choir at Nagle College
	15/16/17/18	Parent/Teacher Interviews
	17	Captivate Choir & Band at Nagle College
	18	Captivate Band at Nagle College NAIDOC Celebration
	25	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day
	26	Last Day of Term 2
July	13	First Day of Term 3



Holy Family Value of Trust

This week is Refugee Week - a great week for us to focus on our Holy Family value of Trust.

Our Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, teaches us *Trust in God and the importance of trusting each other.*

Mary, Joseph and Jesus faced many challenges in their life as family; right from the beginning. For example, in Mt 2:13-15 Jesus' life is in danger from Herod. Upon hearing the news from an angel, Joseph has to gather his wife and son and flee to Egypt. They were already away from their home; now they have to leave their native soil to go as strangers in a foreign land. Yet they go; as refugees, and they go with trust in God's word and with trust in each other.

The loving relationship among the three members of the Holy Family together show us the importance of trust in building and developing positive relationships, and in respecting the needs of others, especially that of refugees.

Let us work with this year's theme for Refugee Week and 'With courage let us all combine' and follow the example of our Holy Family Jesus, Mary And Joseph. Please take a few minutes to discuss trust with your child/ren. Remind them that trust involves being reliable and trustworthy, using good judgment and acting with fairness.

Also, during this Refugee Week let us acknowledge the Refugee Week theme and encourage each other to celebrate the best aspects of our nation's welcome of refugees, to frankly acknowledge unjust treatment of asylum seekers and refugees, and to commit to working together to ensure that we do better. In doing this, we can celebrate the positive contributions to Australian society made over the past 70 years by the 800,000 Australians who once were refugees, taking inspiration from the second verse of Advance Australia Fair 'With courage let us all combine'.

We must have faith and trust in God. Placing our trust in God means believing that God will provide whatever is needed in all aspects of our lives and the strength to face difficult times and situations in our lives.

So over this fortnight let us pray together asking for the strength to trust in God, and to build trusting relationships with our families and friends, and with all in our community.

Our Holy Family prayer for the Value of Trust

We pray that we may learn to follow the example of the Holy Family and work together to build positive relationships within our Holy Family community based on trust; by treating people the way we would like to be treated, by being honest and truthful, acting with fairness, caring for others, owning our mistakes, playing by the rules and making good choices in all aspects of our lives.

Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

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