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Term 3 Week 8

Cool Job of the Week GUS GORDON

As part of our Book Week celebrations, Author/Illustrator of children's books such as "Herman & Rosie", "Somewhere Else" and the "My Life" series, Gus Gordon talked about how his talent as a young boy turned into a very cool job as an adult. Many of us also had the opportunity to purchase his books and have them autographed.

Message from the Principal

Greetings!

I hope that our dads, grandads and carers had a very Happy Father's Day.

Thank you to Mrs. Vogt and helpers for organising the breakfast and liturgy. Thank you to all the staff for the class visits. A big thank you to the mums who wrapped the presents and the parents who staffed the stall. Thank you also to everyone who came along to help us celebrate the special day.

A number of our students made their First Communion. Congratulations to all of the children who have been part of the Sacramental program over the last few weeks. Congratulations also to the parents and Parish Sacramental team.

Mrs. Marie and the staff have been busy preparing numerous activities to help us celebrate Book Week. I hope that you get an opportunity to be part of the celebrations. Thank you for your assistance with the Book Character costumes.

Congratulations to our students who have made it to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. Phoenix Tauasa and Meroma Peti will be competing in the Shotput. Best wishes for the carnival.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

John Spradbrow





The Learning Corner

Encouragement

It's so important but easily overlooked



Encouraging your child is one of the most important things you can do!

Examples like the following could be used

- you worked very hard on that word!
 - That was fun.
 - Great idea!
 - You really seemed to enjoy reading that.
 - I can tell that you are pleased with your reading.
 - That's a trick word but I'm sure you can work it out.
 - You're improving in.....
 - Look at the progress you have made.
- I really appreciated you being ready for reading.

Remember to make a regular time for reading everyday!



Regards,

Mrs Alex Ali
Literacy Co-ordinator

Is your child leaving Holy Family Primary - School Leavers Notice

If a student leaves the school during a term, no refund will be made in respect of the remaining portion of that term unless a **full term's notice in writing** is given to the principal before removal of the student from school.



New School Phone Number

We have a new telephone number. Our school has now been migrated to a new telephone number. The new number is: **8869 7200**. Our old number still works – all calls are being diverted to the new number for a period of 6 months. If you are receiving calls from our school, this number will show up on your caller ID. **Please put this new number in your phone directory now.**



A reminder also that if you have *"incoming call restrictions"* or *"do not disturb"* settings on your phone, then we will not be able to contact you in the event of an emergency or if your child is sick. Please make sure that you have all your numbers, work, mobile and emergency contacts up to date.



School Holidays

Term 3 finishes on
Friday September 22
Term 4 begins on
Monday October 9



Eating Time

Last term, after careful consideration, we made a change to our eating times at Holy Family. We now **play first** and **then eat** before returning to class. Since commencing this routine, we have noticed that the students are enthusiastic to get outside to play, are more settled when eating, are less rushed, are throwing away less food and are more settled on returning to class.

Unfinished food is left in the lunch box and taken home at the end of the day. Overall, it has been a positive change.

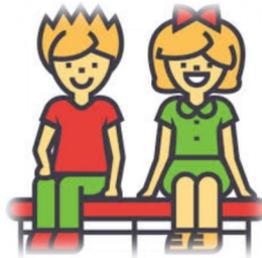


Morning Procedure

Every morning we open the school gates early and students who arrive before Supervision commences sit and wait on the benches outside the office. It is not a running/playing time and this is the only place that students can be.

Once the duty teacher comes to the playground at 8:25am, students move to the playground. When the second teacher comes on duty at 8:40am, primary students may take their bags to their classrooms and remain there until it is time to line-up.

We ask that any parents who accompany their children to school help us to uphold these expectations.



First Communion

Over the last six weeks, candidates for the sacrament of the First Eucharist (Holy Communion) have been undergoing instructions. The initiation ceremonies have occurred in our Holy Family Parish over the past two weekends.



Congratulations to the following children:

- Matilda Nicholls*
- Peyton Bowden*
- Jessica Hook*
- Jasmine Wilson*
- Marybella Wilson*
- Rachelle Wilson*
- Dylan Wilson*
- Georgia Hackett*
- Brodie D'ugo-Gillette*
- Meriam Atienza*
- Cecilia Luatuanuu*

Fundraising News

Fathers' Day Stall

Our Fathers' Day stall was a great success and we hope all the dads and grandfathers enjoyed their special day. Thank you for all your support, we raised \$330.00. Thank you to our parent volunteers for preparing and selling the gifts.



Toy Fundraiser

A great opportunity to purchase great quality, fun and educational toys for your children. Every purchase donates money back to our school. Deadline for placing orders is:

15th September 2017

Catalogue is available from the school office, but you can visit Parentdirect.com.au for a full range of products.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- September 08** Grandparents Day Liturgy @ 12:50 pm in the School Hall
Picnic Lunch @ 1:25
Storytime @ 2 pm
- 08** Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day @ St Mary's Kingsway
- 20** Community Day—All welcome
- 22** **FINAL DAY OF TERM 3**
- October 09** **FIRST DAY OF TERM 4**

Value of Respect

Respect has been the Gospel value that the students and teachers have been focusing on; showing respect for yourself, for others, the environment and towards God.

What better place to learn the true meaning of RESPECT than in our own families!

It is in the home that we can learn powerful lessons about listening to others, sharing, taking turns and helping those in need. The safe haven of home is also where we learn that we cannot truly love others until we love and respect ourselves.

For the last two weeks of term let us turn our thoughts to how our own family can mirror the same patience, devotion and kindness that was characteristic of the family relationships between Mary, Joseph and Jesus. In so doing, we will be reinforcing the important message of the school in promoting the value of respect.

Let us pray and work together to encourage and teach our Holy Family value of respect to our children.



Kind regards,

Mrs Cathy Vogt
Religious Co-ordinator

