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**Term 4 Week 2**

## YEAR 4 'S SCHOOL

Well done to Year 4 for receiving the overall attendance award for Term 3 and the Most Improved Attendance Award. The students were rewarded with a pizza party first day of Term 4.



### School Matters!



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

### Message from the Principal

Greetings!

During this first part of the term we are focusing on the value of Compassion. I hope the children will share with you some of our attempts to be more generous to those around us. I encourage you to ask the children to tell you about:

- The video we watched at assembly
- How we can be more generous to those around them. I hope they include things like; offering a smile, friendly words, inviting others to join a game, asking "Are you ok?" and offering to help.

Being the Face of Jesus to others begins with the people next to us, in front of us, beside us and behind us. This can be very difficult at times. It is however, where our Christian actions can have the biggest impact.

I would like to welcome Miss. Maslanka to Holy Family as our Well-being Teacher. Miss. Maslanka is working across the school (with Miss. Williams and a group of teachers) helping us to implement the Positive Behaviour Support for Learning Programme. You will hear more about this programme in the next few months. Thank you to Miss. Sweeney and Miss. Williams who have been leading this work over the last year.

Thank you to all of those families who provided cakes for the Parish Fair last weekend. We appreciate your generosity. Thank you also to the staff and students who assisted on the day.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

*John Spradbrow*

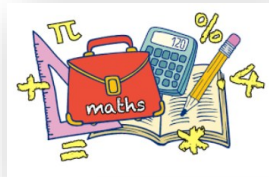
## Learning Corner

### Everyday Mathematics

#### Daily Decisions

We all use mathematics daily in what we do. Involve your child in using numbers to solve problems and make those everyday decisions with you. For example:

- ☺ "Do we have enough plates and utensils for all the guests coming for the birthday party?"
- ☺ "We are doubling this recipe. How much of all the ingredients will we need?"
- ☺ "We are fertilising the lawn. The fertiliser bag covers three square meters. How many will we need?"
- ☺ "This store is selling the game you want for 20% off of \$27.00. That store is selling the same game for \$19.99. Where should we shop?"



Mrs Angela Alonzo

**Stage 3 Coordinator**

### Literacy News

Welcome back to school and another Term packed full of learning and fun. For many of us that means getting back into routines that may have taken a holiday. Back to school time is the perfect time to establish or reestablish a reading at bedtime routine for your child. Make sure you allow at least 10-15 minutes for reading **aloud** to your child each night. Keep in mind this activity is worthwhile for all children including those who are already reading independently.

Literacy Tips from Wisconsin State Reading Association

[www.wsra.org](http://www.wsra.org)

Remember to make a regular time for reading everyday!

Mrs. Alexandra Ali

**Literacy Coordinator**



## Sports Update

### **Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials 2018**

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in **2018** are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during **Term 4 in 2017** and **Term 1 in 2018**. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age, it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2018 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

\*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch (B&G).

**Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL, & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Friday 27th October as these trials will be held in November 2017.**

If your child is selected to trial for one of these sports, an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website

[www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au). This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2018 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. The parents of the child, not the school, **MUST** complete this on-line form. There is a tight timeline for this registration process so if your child is selected the form must be filled in by 27th October, 2017.

### **Dates for the Diary**

- ⇒ Representative Trial registrations close: **27th October**
- ⇒ Stage 3 Basketball Gala Day: **31st October**
- ⇒ Parramatta Gymnastics Competition: **3rd November**



### **Kindergarten Enrolments - 2018**

This is a reminder to all families that your child is not enrolled until the enrolment form is handed in and a letter of offer accepted and returned. This particularly applies to students for **Kindergarten 2018.**





### 100% Attendance Term 3

Congratulations to the following students who have had **100% attendance** during Term 3:

Vonzelle Acuesta-Lowe	Hailey Matin-Ao
Keith Alunday	Ernest Moran
Magnus Alunday	Hannah Nicholls
Taratoa Atera-Chapman	Matilda Nicholls
Jayda Brewer	Willow Paluch
Nadia Cunningham	Shay-Leigh Punter
Naomi Dickson	Jaelynn Rawiri
Lachlan Grayson	Kaihana Waddell
Jason Hart	Kailyah-Anne Waddell-Scanlan
Agnes-Maria Levave	Bailey Wright

## School Holidays

### Term 4 finishes on Friday December 15th

### Library News

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be at school from November 2. All children will get the opportunity to look at the books with their classes and teachers in the days prior to parents being able to come along. During this time each child will also write a couple of titles down as a 'wish list'. Parents, you are not obliged to buy the books on the wish list but the Book Fair is a great opportunity for parents and children to look at the latest and most popular books available and perhaps purchase some of them. There will also be some fantastic specials on a first in first served basis.



The Book Fair is a great school fundraiser with every purchase contributing to helping out our school, with a percentage of the sales going to new books for the library.

Please put these dates in your diaries now:

Parent viewing and buying times are as follows:

- ☺ **Tuesday 7/11** Before school from 8.15 - 8.55 and after school 2.55 - 4.00
- ☺ **Wednesday 8/11** Before school from 8.15 - 8.55 and after school 2.55 - 4.00
- ☺ **Thursday 9/11** Before school only 8.15 - 8.55 only! Please be aware that the Book Fair leaves our school around midday.

**Payments accepted: EFTPOS, Cash or cheque. Cheques should be made out to our school.**

If you cannot attend the Fair yourself, those children with cash will be given plenty of opportunity to come to the Fair to purchase during school hours.

If you would like to volunteer for the Book Fair please pop in and see either Rose Regan (Library Technician) or myself. We can always use extra help and you will be most welcome.

Janet A. Marie (Teacher Librarian)

### Bandanna Day

This October, Holy Family Primary School will be taking part in National Bandanna Day to make a difference to the lives of young Aussies impacted by cancer.

**Every day, 63 young Aussies are faced with a cancer diagnosis**- either themselves or of an immediate family member. The impact of a cancer diagnosis has long-term emotional, mental and financial implications for young people, who are at considerable risk of isolation and psychological distress.

CanTeen is the game changer. They help young people cope with cancer in their family.

Which is why, on **Friday 27th October** we will be selling bandannas for \$5 each to raise money for CanTeen - a charity that supports young people when cancer comes crashing into their world.

**Please remember to send \$5 to school with your child on Friday, October 27** so that they can take part and help support this great cause! Bandanas can also be purchased from the office before the day.

Because we're stronger when we #BandTogether.







## Dates for your Diary



October	24	Silly Sock Day—Gold Coin Donation
	25	Year 5 Excursion to TreeTop Adventures—Yarramundi
	27	Bandanna Day—On sale at office \$5
	31	Stage 3 Basketball Gala Day—Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre, Cambridge Park
November	01	All Saints Day Liturgy @ 10:25 am in the Hall
	02-09	Scholastic Book Fair—Library
	03	Gymnastics Gala Day—SGAC Rooty Hill

## Holy Family Value of Compassion

During the first five weeks of this term we are focusing on our Holy Family value of Compassion.

We will be asking the students such questions as:

How can we show Compassion towards ourselves and to others? What is the difference between showing sympathy and showing Compassion? How do the Gospels teach us to show Compassion?

Compassion is caring about others and is showing concern through kind thoughts, words **and actions**. Being compassionate tells a person that they are not alone. It makes you a friend when someone needs a friend. It helps you to understand other people and yourself.

In the story of the Good Samaritan, which of the strangers showed the injured man some sympathy and which stranger showed Compassion?

Without compassion the world is a hard and lonely place. With compassion we are all connected and hard times are much easier because others understand and care.

**COMPASSION** allows us to reach beyond ourselves.



## Dates to Remember

**24th October**—Silly Sock Day gold coin donation for Catholic Missions

**1st December**—Staff Development day



Kind Regards,

Mrs. Cathy Vogt  
**Religious Coordinator**

