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Term 3 Week 10

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS—YEAR 4 EXCURSION

Last Friday the 21st September, Year 4 went on an excursion to the Blue Mountains. We discovered that there was actually 7 sisters, not 3. We have been studying Eucalyptus trees and the benefits of them and we saw LOTS. They were everywhere, especially on our bushwalk. We communicated and helped each other learn to make us the best that we can be.

By Gabriela 4G



TREETOP ADVENTURES—YEAR 5 EXCURSION

How would you like to be suspended 16 metres above the ground !?
Because that is exactly how high Year Five went when they attended their excursion at Tree tops adventure park at Abbotsbury!

When we arrived we were fitted for helmets and harnesses by our instructors Abbie and Liv. We were then given a 30 minute training session on how to clip on and off using our clickers. We were also shown how to use the keys to unlock our clickers so you were not permanently attached to the course.

We lined up and all completed the green course first. There were so many different obstacles! Many people had to challenge themselves to overcome their fear of heights. It was so good to hear everyone encouraging and congratulating each other as they moved through the course. Everyone's confidence grew as they moved further through the courses.

The second blue course, was difficult and the third green course even harder! The green course had you using a lot more of your arms and upper body and the things you put your feet on weren't stable. Most people's favourite part of the course were the flying fox zip lines. The hardest course was the red course which not many people went on.



The challenges were scary and fun. So many people were supportive when we felt we couldn't continue and wanted to chicken out. Miss Vel, Mr Batthika and Miss Fenech were all doing a great job showing us all how it was done. Mr Fletcher, Abbie and Liv were on the ground helping when we got stuck and making sure we were safe. Overall it was a great day! We all finished the courses happily. We believe everyone was happy to have their feet back on the ground. We learnt lots about each other, cooperation and teamwork.

By Brodie, Tori, Rachelle, Susan and Mia on behalf of Year Five

Message from the Principal

Greetings!

As we close Term 3, I would like to thank you for your support during the term. We have enjoyed your support with:

- Home reading
- Our Reading Hour at school
- Book Week
- Project presentations
- Our Values work
- Assembly, liturgy and excursion participation
- Breakfast Club, garden watering and library help

Thank you for this support and the many other things that you do for the students, staff and each other.

Some playground refurbishment news. During the holidays and next term, CEDP will be updating our playgrounds. This work includes:

- Artificial grass to be installed in most areas between the oval and the office. The oval will be covered in artificial grass with marked soccer fields and a running track early next term. This will make a huge difference to the look and feel of our school.
- The re location of the play equipment - it will be removed during this break and re installed in a new location next term. We are currently exploring options for some new equipment.
- A revamp of the storm water drains. This will improve drainage and safety when the rain finally arrives.
- The cleaning of the basketball court and remarking if necessary.

In addition to this work CEDP is also:

- Upgrading all the lighting in the school.
- Replacing some air conditioning units in classrooms and the hall.
- Upgrading our security system.

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Our thanks to CEDP for providing the funds for this significant upgrade to our playgrounds and other areas.

Special programs in term 4.

Dance Fever and Touch Footy are coming to Holy Family next term.

All classes will have access to Dance Fever. This will be an exciting opportunity for all of our students. There will also be an opportunity for a before session. This program is being funded by CEDP.

There is also a before school Touch Footy program next term. This program is being funded by a grant.

We also received a grant to set up some Vegie gardens. This has already started behind Yr. 2. Other gardens are being planned.

Our special music program will continue during term 4 for Years 3 & 4.

Thank you to Miss. Wheeler, Mr. Battikha and Mrs. Mears for organising these activities.

Our Jump Start program will be operating again during the holidays. Please let us know if you would like your child to participate. Thank you to our staff who make this possible.

Best wishes for the school holidays.

My message to the children is:

Read, play maths games, be nice to each other and remember your prayers.

Looking forward to seeing you in three Mondays. Remember that we have a special day planned for you!

John Spradbrow

Holiday Mathematics

School holidays are a great time to learn how Maths relates to the real world. Maths is everywhere!

Help your child prevent "holiday learning loss" by taking advantage of the many great opportunities to practice Maths naturally!

Below are a few ideas to get you started:

- ⇒ Cooking can involve weighing, measuring, ordering, estimating, adding, multiplying ...
- ⇒ Restaurants and shopping can involve money, number identification, estimating, adding, subtracting, division ...
- ⇒ Parties can involve matching numbers of people to plates, cutlery, area of tables, estimation, multiplication ...
- ⇒ Trips can involve time, distance, budgeting, speed, evaluating various routes, license plate games (e.g. adding or multiplying the numbers on the plate) ...
- ⇒ Home projects can involve estimation, measuring, multiplication ...
- ⇒ Gardening can involve measuring, counting, area, division...

Kind regards,

Mrs Angela Alonzo

Maths Coordinator

FREE OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR...

JUMP START!!!

THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER AND FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER

FROM 10AM TO 2PM

- BEAT THE TEACHER CHALLENGES
- BURGER COOKING
- ARTS AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES
- SPORT ROTATIONS

ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME

FOOD AND DRINKS ARE PROVIDED

Holy Family FAIR

252-254 Luxford Rd., Emerton NSW 2710

Saturday 13 Oct 2018
10.00am - 3.00pm

STALL-HOLDERS WANTED

Showcase your work, or share information about your organisation by booking a stall at our Holy Family Fair. For more information, please contact the Parish office on (02) 9628 7272. Or send an email to: enquiry@holyfamily.org.au

Still holder applications close on Monday 8th October 2018

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Drawing club

Around the school, there has been a lot of drawings being hung up on the poles. Mizuki and Natasha have started a drawing club for all of the infants. Infants have been drawing and colouring and Natasha has been sticking them up with sticky tape onto the poles. Everyone in infants have been having a **MARVELLOUS** time, making drawing books. Natasha and Mizuki say that it is only open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lots of students have taken part on both of the days at playtime. Maybe some primary students can come and draw too and help stick it up in high places and help us little people in the infants.

Written by Leila (2C)



Book Week 2018

A fabulous week was had by all students over Book Week. Events included our Reading Hour, the Book Character Parade, the Poem in Your Pocket afternoon, a visit by renown puppeteer Dennis Murphy with his show *The Further Adventures of Arlecchino and His Magic Lamp*, teacher plays *The Wonky Donkey* and *The Sloth Who Came to Stay* and much much more! A very warm thank you goes out to all of our parents who encouraged their children to dress up for the Parade. Much fun was had throughout the week.

Children were also given the option of voting for their favourite shortlisted books. **Our Holy Family Primary Book Week Winners are:**

First Place: *I Just Ate My Friend* by Heidi McKinnon

Second Place: *Do Not Lick This Book* by Idan Ben-Barak and Julian Frost

Third Place: *Boy* by Phil Cummings and Shane DeVries

It certainly looks like children at our school like reading humorous books as our top three are all very funny!

Carnival Book Fair

Next term in Week 5, 13/11 to 16/11 we will be holding our annual Book Fair. Parents will be able to come along and buy high quality children's books. This is our first year that we will have Carnival supply the stock for our Book Fair and we are looking forward to having a fair with very Australian content. A number of the shortlisted Book Week award winners will be available for purchase. Our school should be able to do very well with the proceeds of the fair going to purchase additional library books. Please stay tuned to the Skoolbag App for further details about the fair. If you would like to volunteer in helping run the fair, please come in and see either Janet or Rose in the library.

Book Returns

As this is the final week of term three, please parents, encourage your children to return their library books this week so that they can borrow extra books over the holidays. All classes will be coming in this week to do borrowing. Please note that children are also able to borrow books at lunchtimes when the library is open.

A reminder about library days are:

Wednesday: Year 4

Thursday: Year 1, 5 and 6

Friday: Years Kindergarten, 2 and 3

Thank you,

Janet A. Marie (*Teacher Librarian*)

Principals Morning Tea

Once a term we acknowledge the efforts of those children who consistently try to be responsible, to do the right thing and be the best they can be. These children are invited to a special morning tea with the Principal John Spradbrow. Congratulations to the following students who were at the Principal's Morning Tea that took place on Wednesday 26th September 2018.

Ezekiel - KA

Annabel - KM

Jordanna - IDM

Abanob - 1F

Ethan B. - 2C

Kujojo - 2C

Ane - 3A

Thomas - 3L

Evanah - 4G

Janius - 4C

Cedric - 5V

Chris - 5F

Jeremy - 6V

Tanisha - 6W





DATES
FOR YOUR
DIARY

School Holidays

Term 3 finishes on
Friday September 28
Term 4 begins on
Monday October 15

Staff Development Day

Friday November 23

September	28	<u>LAST DAY OF TERM 3</u>
		Year 1 Assembly @ 2:15 pm in the Hall
October	11 & 12	JUMP START from 10—2pm at school
	15	<u>FIRST DAY OF TERM 4</u>
	16	Kinder Excursion—Royal Botanic Gardens

Holy Family Value of Respect

This week was the culmination of the Holy Family value of Respect that we have been concentrating on over the last 5 weeks. These values are based on the teachings of Jesus, so when we follow them we are being the 'Face of Jesus.'

The children have looked at ways to respect themselves, both at school and at home, ways to respect others, our environment and to respect God.

Some ideas from Year 6 students about what they think Respect is are below.

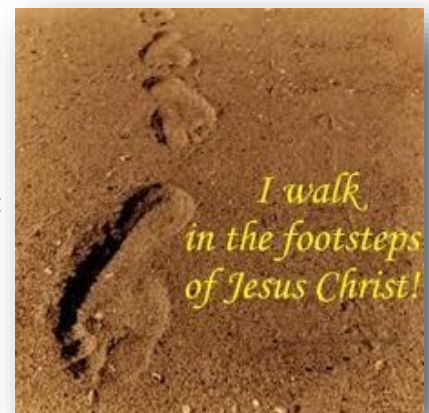
Chloe: Respect is when your helping others, being kind and being the 'Face of Jesus' to them.

Drew: Respect is when you treat others, your neighbour, as yourself.

Allison: Respect is when you are nice to others and you listen to them and show kindness.

Georgia: Respect is taking care of your property and other people's things and treating others as yourself. It includes praying every day and trying to not sin or make mistakes.

Jeremy: Respect is when I try and do my best in everything that I do.



Respect is the glue that holds your relationships together.

Ask your child/ren what they have learnt about Respect and share some examples with them.

Kind regards,

Cathy Vogt

Religion Coordinator

