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Term 3 Week 2

Message from the Principal

Greetings!

Welcome to term 3. I hope that the children enjoyed our IGNITE activities last week. The IGNITE activities on the first day of term have become a regular part of life at Holy Family. This term our theme was 100 Days of Learning. Lots of children dressed up as an older person. I was told that I didn't need to dress up as I was already old! Lucky me. Lots of students received attendance certificates last week. Congratulations to everyone who has improved their attendance level during term 2.

Values Education

As you know we have a focus on two of the Holy Family Values each term. We are currently focussing on Forgiveness for the first part of the term. I encourage you to ask the children about the assembly focus and some of the scripture stories that are being used to teach about forgiveness. The forgiveness texts from the bible are my favourites. Thank you to everyone who is helping Holy Family to be a forgiving community.

NAIDOC Celebration

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our NAIDOC celebration on the last day of Term 2. Thank you also to the many helpers from the local Aboriginal Community and the staff from Jarara who assisted us to celebrate Aboriginal heritage and culture. We were privileged to have Mrs. Long's mother, aunty and daughter with us for our liturgy which was a special tribute to Mrs. Long.

Student Led Conferences

I hope that you have had an opportunity to attend a Learning Conference with your child. The Student Led Conferences are an important way for the children to share their learning with you and for you to receive feedback on your child's progress. Thank you parents for making the time to attend, thank you students for sharing your learning with your parents and thank you to the staff for making this time available and for the preparation that goes into these interviews / conferences.

Learning news

This Tuesday we were privileged to host a visit from two international educators who specialise in Project Based Learning. Most of our primary teachers have participated in the PBL Foundation Training. Some staff have also attended Advanced training courses. PBL is offering our students a different approach to learning. Thank you to our staff and students for embracing these new opportunities.

A number of teachers also attended a literacy course on Tuesday. Literacy continues to be a focus area for us and I am grateful to the staff for their participation in these learning opportunities.

Our Holy Family Juniors program commenced again last week. This program is for children starting school next year or the year after. Please feel free to let us know if you have a child that would like to join this program. It is a great gentle introduction to school.

Maths challenge Club also commenced again last week.

Thank you to the staff who lead these programs.

Happy Feast Day to our Jesuit priests. Tuesday was the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola; the founder of the Jesuits. Best wishes to Fr. Greg, Fr. Pat and Fr. Brendan. I hope you enjoyed the day and thank you for the assistance you give Holy Family School.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

John Spradbrow

Ignite Day Term 3

On Monday 23rd July we celebrated our first day back at school with 100 days of learning! There were lots of different activities across the school and both teachers and students embraced the occasion by dressing up in clothes that people wore 100 years ago.

On behalf of all our teaching staff we would like to thank the parent community for encouraging their child to come dressed up and ready to celebrate.

Regards,
Mr Ben Oxley
Stage Coordinator



PBS4L Corner

Dear Parents/Carers,

As many of you may already know, we have a Positive Behaviour Support for Learning Program (PBS4L) operating in the school. This program aims to support children in developing positive behaviours in their lives.

You will see signage around the school that reinforces our 3 main pathways...

- Being safe
- Being a learner, and
- Being the face of Jesus

The children have been exposed to these pathways and are beginning to align their actions to them.

We have also revised a set of school-wide expectations that are designed to create a safe and nurturing environment. These expectations are displayed on posters around the school. As a valued member of our school community, we appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations that lead children down the 3 pathways.

We have also commenced a new School-wide Reward System in Term 3. Footprint tokens are handed out to children who demonstrate positive behaviours such as wearing their hat, playing safely, using equipment properly, working cooperatively, staying in bounds or any other behaviours listed on the posters.

We will be providing you with more information and ideas around promoting positive behaviours. If you have any questions about PBS4L, please feel free to contact John Spradbrow, Paul Batthika or Maggie Maslanka.

Thanks and regards,
PBS4L Committee





Library News

Book Week 2018

Theme: **"Find Your Treasure"**.

Book Week will be celebrated at our school during Week 7, that is from Tuesday September 4 until Friday September 7. Please put these dates in your calendar now. We have yet to finalize which day will be our dress up Book Character Parade but rest assured, we will be having it as usual! So NOW is the time to start thinking about what book character your child would like to come as. We are also having a special guest come along for the children during the week. Please stay tuned to the newsletter and the Skoolbag app.



Premier's Reading Challenge 2018

A number of our classes have already finished the Challenge with their students. The aim this year is that all children will complete the Challenge. A special congratulations goes to Mrs. Alonzo and Year 3 for being the first class to complete the Challenge! If your child is in a primary class and is doing the Challenge on their own, please assist your child in completing the Challenge by Friday August 31 and getting the paperwork, ie the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Log into us by that date. All children's entries are entered into the website by library staff. Certificates are sent out by the Premier during Term 3.

Please drop in and see me if you would like more information about the Challenge and your child's role in it.

Overdue Books

Parents please assist us by ensuring that your child returns his/her book each week for class borrowing time. A number of overdue notices were issued at the end of last term and some children still have those books at home. Please check with your child as to whether they have any overdue books. Some parents do a once a term search at home for any library books that their child may not have returned. This is a great idea and helps us out tremendously. Perhaps a good idea for you too?

Library Class Borrowing Times Reminder:

Each week:

- ◇ Wednesday Year 4
- ◇ Thursday Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6
- ◇ Friday Kindergarten, Year 2 and Year 3

If you have any concerns about the library, your child's borrowing, etc please drop in and see us anytime. My days are Tuesday through Friday.

Janet A. Marie
Teacher Librarian

Skoolbag App

Schoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smart phones. It is a free app for the communication of information from school to parents. It will deliver notices directly to parents, including school events, newsletters, notes, documents and updates. It is a great way for the school to keep you up to date with what is happening at school. Additionally, parents can also notify school of absences directly via the app.



Fundraising News

Fathers' Day Stall

Our next fundraiser will be the Fathers' Day Stall on **Wednesday 29th August**. The cost of presents is **\$5.00**. Thank you to our parent volunteers for taking time out of their day to help wrap and sell the gifts. Your time is very much appreciated.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

ParentWorks

ParentWorks is a **free** online program for Australian parents and caregivers of children aged 2 to 16.

It provides **evidence-based** parenting strategies to improve parenting skills, confidence and child behaviour.

Parents and caregivers may find this program helpful for:

- ◇ Managing challenging child behaviours such as tantrums, aggression, noncompliance, inattentive or hyperactive behaviour, sibling conflict, getting ready for school and/or bed, and behaviours outside the home, such as problems in the supermarket
- ◇ Increasing their confidence in parenting
- ◇ Working as a team with their partner

ParentWorks has been developed by a team of psychologists and researchers at the University of Sydney. We know from research that parenting programs are more effective when all parents are involved. We also know that fathers are less likely to participate in parenting programs than mothers, for a whole range of reasons. One of these reasons is that most parenting programs have not been developed with dads in mind! ParentWorks has been developed to be a father-friendly program and encourage all fathers to take part. ParentWorks is part of a research project on fathers, which is proudly funded by the Movember Foundation.

**Dates for your Diary**

August	03	CENSUS—Mufti Day
	08	Kindergarten 2019 Enrolment Interviews
	09	Year 2 Excursion to Pure Gelato
	13-15	Year 6 Voice of Youth Selections
	14	Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival @ Blacktown International Sportsark
	21-22	CAPTIVATE 10th Anniversary Showcase
	23	Diocesan Zone Athletics Carnival
	29	Father's Day Stall in the Hall

**School Holidays**

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

HOLY FAMILY VALUE OF FORGIVENESS

For the first five weeks of Term 3 we will focus on the gospel value of **FORGIVENESS**.

We will look at the importance of being able to forgive ourselves, to forgive others and ways that God forgives us of any wrongs that we have done.

We will discuss the significance of Reconciliation and the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus did to wash away the sins of his people.

Take some time to discuss with your child/ren how important it is to say sorry when they have done something wrong or hurt another's feelings and not to hold a grudge if someone has wronged them. Forgiving others can be very difficult to do.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

The Sacrament of First Eucharist or Holy Communion will commence soon with registration occurring now. Formal lessons will begin in early August.

If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion and they have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you can contact the parish office on 9629 7272 for further details.

Regards,

Mrs. Cathy Vogt
Religious Co-ordinator



