



20 June 2019

# Holy Family Primary

## Emerton

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**Term 2 Week 8**

*As a community, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Darug People, and pay respects to Elders past and present, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the cultures and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.*

## Parramatta Diocese Dance Eisteddfod

All of Year 3, four Year 4 students and eight students from Year 5 and year 6 competed in the Parramatta Diocese Dance Eisteddfod last Tuesday. We had a fabulous time and watched so many other school's performances. These students had been practicing all first term doing street dance with a Captivate teacher the Year 4's performed a Samoan dance. They all performed really well on the day.

Congratulations to you all.



## Message from the Principal

Greetings!

Over the last two weeks we have celebrated two very significant feast days in our church year. The feast of Pentecost Sunday celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is referred to as the birthday of the church because from that day the apostles, although faced with the possibility of death, were able to summon up the courage to openly tell the Good News that Jesus had shared and taught.

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of the Trinity. In this feast we recognise the three persons of God, Father, Son and Spirit. The trinity is recognised in the simple prayer that Catholics use - the Sign of The Cross..... In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We use this prayer as the beginning of our prayer time. It reminds us that we are in the presence of God. Catholics also use this prayer when we bless ourselves with Holy Water as we enter a church.

Congratulations to our Year 1 students on their excursion to the Farm last week. I heard many positive stories about the day. Thank you Year 1 for being great ambassadors for Holy Family School.

Congratulations to our dancers from Years 3 & 4 who represented Holy Family at the Captive Showcase. Again there were many positive stories about the student's performance and behaviour. Once again our students were great ambassadors for our school.

### Upcoming Events:

Next week a number of staff are participating in Mindfulness training. This program assists students to reflect on their actions, to self regulate and to reduce anxiety and stress. Our Kindergarten staff will participating in a course on oral language and inquiry based play.

Thank you to our staff for engaging in these new learning opportunities which will benefit our students.

### Jumpstart

18th & 19th July, 2019 from 10 am—2pm.

### Pupil Free Day - Day 1.

There will be no school for students on Monday 22nd July. Students return to school for Term 3 on Tuesday 23rd July.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

*John Spradbrow*



### Literacy News

#### Literacy Tips:

**For the young reader:** Picturing stories in your mind is a great strategy to aid in comprehension. Not sure if your child is visualizing while reading? Try this. Read aloud a story to your child but don't show him or her the pictures. Tell your child to make a movie in his or her mind based off of what you have read. Then have your child describe what he or she sees. Does it match what you read? Did it make sense? If it did, great! If not, you may need to model first. Read the passage again and describe what you see or hear. Explain why you pictured what you did. This strategy is especially useful when the text has limited picture support.



**For the teen reader:** Tapping into the visual modality is helpful for older learners as well. Encourage your teen to use pictures and visuals when trying to remember important information and concepts. For example, use flow charts to organize information that has steps. Use graphs and charts to organize larger pieces of data. Add pictures to notes to represent the key ideas or concepts.

Literacy Tips from Wisconsin State Reading Association [www.wsra.org](http://www.wsra.org)

Remember to make a regular time for reading everyday!

Regards,  
Mrs Alex Ali  
Literacy Coordinator

**You are invited to join us at Holy Family Primary for .....**

# Jump Start

**Thursday 18th - Friday 19th July  
10am to 2pm**

**RSVP by 5th July with attached note**



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**@hfemerton**

Join us in celebrating and sharing the achievements, passion and learning of all our students and staff at Holy Family Primary School, Emerton

### Woolworths Earn & Learn

Thank you to all our families and friends for donating to our school the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers.



The program will end on the 25th June, and there have been reports that some Woolworths stores have already run out of stickers.

Stickers will be redeemed on Friday 5th July, so if you still have stickers laying around your house send them in.

**Currently we have collected: 12,000**



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#### HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL, EMERTON

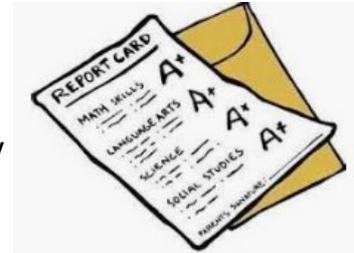
We invite all families to please show your support for our learning community and connect with us online.

Let's work together to share the wonderful things we are doing in our community.



## ***Reports & Parent Teacher Interviews***

Mid Year reports will be sent home on  
**Wednesday 3rd July.**



If you do not receive your child's report on that day please contact the school office.

Semester 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in early Term 3.

A letter will go home with your child's report explaining the online booking process.

## ***School Holidays***

Term 2 finishes on  
**Friday July 5th**

Term 3 begins on  
**Tuesday July 23rd**

## **Kindergarten Enrolments 2020**

Kindergarten enrolments for 2020 are now being taken. If you have a child who will turn five by July 31, 2020, please talk to Monika Cunningham about enrolment forms.

To begin the enrolment process we will require a completed enrolment form, child's original birth certificate and immunization record. You and your child will then be asked to attend an interview which will complete the process.

Should you have any questions regarding enrolment please contact the office on 8869 7200.



# YEAR 1 CALMSLEY FARM EXCURSION

On Friday the 14th of June year one went to Calmsley Hill Farm. We <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ milking the cows. Then we saw a pig that was prancing. Then we watched <sup>free</sup> shows. The farmer gave us <sup>some</sup> wool and we saw the farmer shaving the sheep by Maria S. and Katina.



On Friday 14th June year one went to Calmsley farm. My favourite part was the show because I loved how good the farmer trained his dog's. We had lots of fun!





## *Dates for your Diary*

<b>June</b>	<b>21</b>	Charlie & The Chocolate Factory Presentations—12:25 –2:55
	<b>26</b>	<b>Stage 2 Boys &amp; Girls Soccer—Jamison Park Penrith</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>04</b>	Meet the Professor Excursion—YR 3 @ ACU North Ryde
	<b>05</b>	Reading Hour—8 am in the Hall NAIDOC Celebrations
		<b><u>LAST DAY OF TERM 2</u></b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
	<b>23</b>	<b>STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL—TERM 3</b>

## **Holy Family Values**

We are continuing to focus on our school **Pathways I am a Learner, I am Safe, and I am the Face of Jesus**. If we are showing that we are being the Face of Jesus we are following our school values of being Respectful, showing compassion and forgiveness to others, being responsible for what we do each day and showing trust in God and each other.



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

Our Holy Family, Mary, Joseph and Jesus had to place their trust in God on many occasions. In Matthew's Gospel (2:13-15) the family had to flee their homeland to take Jesus away from the reign of King Herod. An angel warned Joseph of the danger, he trusted God's message and they fled to Egypt. They had to leave their native soil to go as strangers to a foreign land. Yet they went.



Take a moment to discuss Trust with your child/ren. Remind them that Trust is not just about not taking things that belong to others, but being reliable and dependable, using good judgements and to act fairly.

Regards,  
Mrs Cathy Vogt  
**Religious Coordinator**



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# every learner every day

## ABSENCES ADD UP!



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MISSING MORE THAN

**1** YEAR OF LEARNING IN **12** YEARS

## DID YOU KNOW



**1 IN 6**

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

## EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

## WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



- BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- Develop good sleep and morning routines
- Schedule appointments after school
- Avoid taking holidays during term time

## GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

## SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP



If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

every learner every day 

