



5 December 2019

# Holy Family Primary

## Emerton

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**Term 4 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.*

*We must always remember that under our Holy Family gardens, paths and playgrounds, this land is, was and always will be traditional Aboriginal land*

## Message from the Principal

Greetings and welcome to Advent!

Advent has arrived! As you know Advent is the church season that helps us prepare for the coming of Jesus on Christmas Day and into our hearts. Advent is also the beginning of the church year, so we are in a new year - the church year that is, 2020 is still a few weeks away.

Thank you to our Year 5 students who led our Advent liturgy last Friday. It was a beautiful ceremony. The whole school was prayerful, reverent and attentive. Thank you to the students and their teachers.

At the end of our liturgy we thanked our parent and other helpers for all that is done for us throughout the year. Thank you to everyone. We appreciate your support.

Congratulations to our Year 5 students for the wonderful way example you set at the Surf School excursion on Thursday. Congratulations also to the staff for the planning and care that went into the day.

Thank you for attending our final school disco of 2019—everybody had a great time

### Prayer Requests

- Last Thursday Ane Sitani had major surgery as part of the cancer treatment that she is undergoing currently
- On Friday some of the staff attended the funeral of Troy Kable; the father of Heath in Year 1.

Could you remember these families in your prayers please.

*John Spradbrow*

**2020 Holy Family Primary Emerton Staff List**

Teacher/Staff Member	Grade/Role
Ms. Melissa Slatford	Kindergarten
Mrs. Cathy Vogt	Kindergarten
Mrs. Lisa Powderly	Kindergarten
Miss. Lauren Wheeler	Kindergarten
Miss. Jennie Leano	Year 1
Miss. Kirsha Mendoza	Year 1
Miss. Brooke Mackay	Year 2
Miss. Katelyn Sweeney	Year 2
Miss. Carissa Bissett	Year 2
Miss. Patricia Walacz-Vel-Walewska	Year 3
Miss. Stephanie Titherage-Vanoska	Year 3
Mr. James West	Year 4
Ms. Michele DeChelain	Year 4
Miss. Alison Crombie	Year 5
Mrs. Helen Gilmore	Year 5
Mrs. Julianne Green	Year 6
Mr. Adam Fletcher	Year 6
Mrs. Janet Marie	Teacher Librarian
Miss. Carissa Bissett	Physical Education RFF Literacy & Numeracy Teacher Support
TBC	Health RFF Coordinator Teacher Release
Ms. Julie DeSantis	Intervention Support



Teacher/Staff Member	Grade/Role
Miss. Lauren Wheeler	Diversity Learning Support
Ms. Jodie Meares	Literacy & Numeracy Plan
Mrs. Kate DiBona	Reading Recovery
Ms. Mary Cripps	Wellbeing/ Billabong
Ms. Jaclyn Hands	Billabong Teacher
Mr. Ben Oxley	Religious Education Coordinator
TBC	Assistant Principal
Mr. John Spradbrow	Principal
Staff Member	Role
Mrs. Alison Kaylinger	Lead Counsellor
Ms. Deb Skinner	Counsellor
Staff Member	Role
Mrs. Denise Carroll	Finance Secretary
Ms. Monika Cunningham	Administration Secretary
Mrs. Maite Fallon	Teacher Aide
Mrs. Linda Keating	Teacher Aide
Mrs. Sue Garland	Teacher Aide
Sr. Katherine Tyrell	Family & Community Support
Sr. Margaret Harper	Family & Community Support
TBC	General Maintenance

## Sports News

### Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday we had three students trial for the Holy Family swim team. These students were Abraham Matamua, Alexis Munoz and Hailey Matin-Ao. All three students were successful in gaining a position to compete in the zone swimming carnival early next year in at least two events each.

Congratulations and keep up the training over the summer holidays.

### Parramatta Diocese Sports Awards Night



On Wednesday night Phoenix Tauasa was presented with an award for his efforts and achievements in

Athletics and Rugby Union in 2019. Congratulations Phoenix.

*Phoenix Tauasa*  
*Holy Family, Emerton*

2019 Student Sport Representation

- ★ Parramatta Rugby League Team
- ★ Parramatta Rugby Union Team
- ★ Parramatta Athletics Team
- ★ MacKillop Rugby Union Team
- ★ MacKillop Athletics Team
- ★ NSWPSA State Athletics Team



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## Key Date for your Calendar:

### *Athletics Carnival 2020*

Thursday 28th May 2020—Blair Oval St Marys



Kind regards,  
Miss Lauren Wheeler  
*Sports Coordinator*





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### **School Fees Payments**

Please note that the school office will be closed from **19th December 2019**. We will reopen **Monday, 28th January 2020**.

Cash or EFTPOS Payments of school fees over the front counter will be accepted until the close of business on **Wednesday 18th December 2019**. All Bpoint, Centrelink Deduction and bpay payment arrangements will still stay in place over the January break. Please see Denise Carroll in the school office if you require any further assistance with this matter.

We look forward to seeing all our families back for the start of another busy school year!

Kind regards,  
Denise Carroll  
Finance Secretary

***School Holidays***  
Term 4 finishes on  
**Wednesday December  
18th**

**2020 Return**  
Term 1 begins on  
**Wednesday January  
29th**


**Kinder Start**  
**Wednesday January  
29th @ 9:30 am**



HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL, EMERTON

# Christmas Reading Hour

WEEK 9 TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 10, 2019  
8:00AM - 8:55AM  
HALL

 This will be an opportunity to promote the love of reading with your children. Parents, caregivers, and family members are invited to come down to the hall to read with your child/children. You are welcome to wear a Christmas hat/headpiece. Raffle tickets will be given to all who participate and they will enter into a lucky door prize.

## Advent

We are entering our second week of Advent soon. To mark Advent, our challenge is to be present for others. This means to think of them, pray for them and do good deeds to make their celebration of Christmas memorable and Christ centred.



Thank you to so many of our families that have accepted Mary and Joseph into your home as the Holy Family travel on their journey to Bethlehem. I hope this experience of having them for a night has helped to enrich your experience of Christmas reminding us of the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

On **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December** we will have our whole school **Christmas Liturgy** in the church. It will begin at **9.30am** followed by our special yearly awards and farewells.



**All are most welcome to share in our  
Christmas celebrations**

On behalf of all the staff at Holy Family Primary, we  
wish all our families a wonderful, safe and holy  
Christmas.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Cathy Vogt  
Religious Coordinator





## Yr 5 Surf School Excursion

On Thursday 28th of November, Yr 5 went to Manly Beach and participated in Manly Surf School. It was long trip

We also learnt about how to be safe in the surf and read a rip. Such an important lesson.

We had bodyboards and learnt how to surf.

We surfed on the big surfboards. Even our teachers had a turn. We all had fun. We had Lunch and slept on the bus, we were all exhausted the next day. Year 5 had an Amazing journey. We all love surfing now!

From Lusia and Naomi





## Yr 5 Surf School Excursion





# YEAR 6 GRADUATION INFORMATION

## ***A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL SUPPORT***

*The children have been learning about appropriate behaviour for different settings and they are growing in their understanding that the Mass is a sacred celebration that requires prayerfulness and respectful quiet. We ask your support in modelling these behaviours for the children when you come to Mass.*

*We ask that you limit the photographs taken during the Liturgy itself; however, there will be an opportunity for you to take a special photograph of your child when directed during the ceremony, or of the group, when the liturgy has concluded after the recessional hymn. We ask that you do not clap or cheer after the presentation of each student's certificate. Please hold your applause until the end.*

*These requests are made to ensure the prayerful participation of all those who have gathered to worship together and we thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

### **Information about dates, uniforms and times**

#### **10<sup>th</sup> December (Tuesday)**

- Students to wear SPORT UNIFORM during the day so that their FULL SCHOOL uniform can be clean and ready for the Graduation Mass that evening

#### **11<sup>th</sup> December (Wednesday)**

- **YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS**
- Full School Uniform, including polished black school shoes
- Please have dinner before the mass
- promptly at **7pm** (Students to arrive by no later than **6:45pm**)
- Students to MUFTI during the day so that their FULL SCHOOL uniform can be clean and ready for the Graduation Mass that evening)

**NB:** *We will have some light snacks in the hall after the mass where there will be a short ceremony for students will cut the Graduation cake.*



**13<sup>th</sup> December (Friday)**

- **FUN DAY** - Zone Bowling Rooty Hill
- Full Sport Uniform
- Normal school hours

**16<sup>th</sup> December (Monday)**

- **CHRISTMAS MASS**
- Christmas Mufti
- 9:30 - 10:30am (approx)

**17<sup>th</sup> December (Tuesday)**

- Regular school day
- Students to wear SPORT UNIFORM

**18<sup>th</sup> December (Wednesday)**

- Last day of Term 4
- Students to wear school uniform
- Guard of Honour at 2:35pm.... (Ending at the cola)

Thank you for your cooperation,

Kind regards,

***Mrs. Julianne Green & Mr. Adam Fletcher***







3 December 2019

Dear Year Five Families,

It is that time again when we ask Year Five to help with the Year Six Graduation supper which is next **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019!**

We are expecting approximately 250 family members and guests to be attending and request your assistance with the serving of supper in the evening. All the organising will be done, we just need Year Five students and parent helpers on the night.

If you can be available to assist for a few hours, please notify the office by returning the slip below or phoning the office 9628 9232. We will then be in contact with further information regarding the evening.

N.B. we can just take this opportunity to remind you of the school's request for a monetary donation of approximately \$20 to assist with catering. As it has been a **tradition** for many years for the Year Five students to pay forward the favour of contributing. Next year when these children are in Year Six, they will have the same done for them.

Looking forward to a great effort from an awesome Year Five group!

Many thanks  
The Stage 3 Teachers

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Dear Stage 3 Teachers,

- ☐ I am available to assist on the evening
- ☐ My child will be available to attend and assist. I will either collect them or make arrangements for their collection by 9pm from the school hall.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Term 4 Attendance Challenge

Don't forget to be marking your attendance days on your calendar and return your calendars to the office no later than Monday 16th December to enter into the raffle to win a \$50 gift voucher to St Marys Leagues Club and a can Dulux can full of Jellybeans.

Kind regards,

Monika Cunningham  
Attendance Liaison



### Term 4 Attendance Challenge

Join our attendance challenge in Week 6,7,8 & 9.

It's easy:

1. Stick the calendar on your fridge
2. Mark each day you attend school with a:



3. Return the calendar to school on Monday 16th December to go in the raffle for a \$50 gift voucher to St Mary's Leagues Club & Dulux Can of Jellybeans!



EVERY RETURNED CALENDAR WILL BE  
GO IN THE RAFFLE



### NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_





## SCHOOL DISCO PICNIC TERM 4 2







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### ABSENCES ADD UP!



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### 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



### 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 




## ***Dates for your Diary***

- DECEMBER 6 Year 5 Leadership Day**
- Year 3 Powerhouse Museum Excursion**
- 9 Year 1 Celebration of Learning Assembly—2:15 in the Hall**
- 10 Reading Hour—8 am in the Hall**
- Reports go home**
- 11 Kindergarten Showcase and Garden Party—2:30**
- Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony @ 7pm in the Church**
- 13 Yr 6 Fun Day—Zone Bowling Rooty Hill**
- Talent Show @ 2pm in the Hall**
- 16 Christmas Mass & Award Ceremony—9:30 am in the Church**
- 18 LAST DAY OF TERM, 2019**
- 22 CHRISTMAS MASS PREPARATION DURING 10:30 MASS—ALL CHILDREN WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN CHILDREN’S MASS HELD ON 24 DECEMBER 2019**





# Pathways Song

Written by Michelle Dennis  
and the students of Holy Family Primary School Emerton  
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## CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS  
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

## VERSE 1

WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE ARE CALM  
WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE PLAY TOGETHER  
WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE USE EQUIPMENT  
WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER

## CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS  
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

## VERSE 2

WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE'RE IN THE CLASSROOM  
WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE LEARN ABOUT NEW THINGS  
WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE USE EQUIPMENT  
WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE ARE LISTENING

## CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS  
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## VERSE 3

WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE USE KIND WORDS  
WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE'RE SHARING  
WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE SHOW RESPECT FOR OTHERS  
WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE'RE CARING

## CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS  
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

## BRIDGE

MY JOB IS TO LEARN  
YOUR JOB IS TO TEACH  
YOU DO YOUR JOB AND I'LL DO MINE  
AND THEN AT SCHOOL WE CAN HAVE A GREAT TIME!

## CHORUS

I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS  
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS



