



28 May 2020

Holy Family Primary

Emerton

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Term 2 Week 5

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

Holy Family would like to thank the students, staff and parents for everything you have done to help us keep safe during the Online Learning and Return to School.

Thank you also for your support with maintaining the student's learning. Our staff, parents and students are Legends!

The Best Thing About Coming Back to School

KINDY

"Playing with my friends"
"Breakfast club"
"Working in the classroom"
"I'm happy when I'm at school"
"Seeing my friends"
"I liked being at home with my mum too, and my little sister"

YEAR 4

"Seeing my friends again"
"Seeing my teachers and playing with my friends"
"Get to see your friends"

YEAR 2

"Learn more"
"Missed my friends"
"Get to play with my friends"
"Get to learn and see my teachers"
"I liked being at home where it is warm"

YEAR 1

"Seeing my teachers and my friends"
"Get to be with my buddies"
"You can play"
"Doing handwriting"
"Winning prizes"

YEAR 3

"Seeing my teachers"
"Seeing my teachers and friends"
"I liked being at home and sleeping in"
"I liked seeing my mum for longer" (at home)

YEAR 5

"Get to see my teachers and friends"
"Doing art"
"Room to run around"
"Seeing Serenity"
"I like the extra hours at home to do my work"

YEAR 6

"See your friends and play around"
"Less distractions"
"Not being stuck in a small area"
"Seeing your friends"

Best wishes,

John Spradbrow

School Fee Accounts

All families have been sent home a Statement of account for information purposes. If you required assistance with school fees due to COVID-19, please visit <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/> and apply online for COVID Relief or alternatively, please do not hesitate to contact Denise Carroll on 8869 7200 to obtain an application form.



Congratulations to the Matamua Family

Kama James Matamua
born on Monday 16th March 2020 @ 10:45 am.



Brother to Leon in Yr 4 and
Abraham in Yr 6 .



Congratulations to the Paegle-Wright/Jones Family

Ethan Steven Jones
born on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 @ Blacktown Hospital.



Little brother to Cooper in Yr 1 .





Kindergarten Enrolments 2021

Kindergarten enrolments for 2021 are now being accepted. If you have a child who will turn five by July 31, 2021, 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.



Come and talk to Principal John Spradbrow about how we can help you join this safe and caring community! We love to welcome families to our school, including those who can't afford to pay school fees.

- A special orientation program to prepare preschool aged children for kindergarten
- Extra support teachers for early help with reading and maths
- Modern air-conditioned classrooms with the latest technology
- School band program - learn to play a musical instrument!



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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
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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

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OzHarvest & Holy Family Primary School help provide food relief!



(Father Greg Jacobs SJ with Holy Family Primary School Emerton's Leader of Learning Ben Oxley, Year 6 helpers and Irene and Gab from OzHarvest)

Student helpers were all smiles when a very special truck pulled up at Holy Family Primary Emerton last week. There were lots of helping hands when it came time to unload over 100 food hampers to share with families in the local community.

Many thanks to OzHarvest, Australia's leading food rescue charity for these Family Food Relief Hampers and to the Jesuit Social Services 'Ignite Food Shop' onsite in Emerton, who also generously donated fresh fruit and vegetables to supplement supplies. This kindness will certainly ease the pressure on many families in the Mount Druitt area in these challenging times.

Holy Family Primary School Leader of Learning Ben Oxley said not only will the hampers go to families from this caring local school, they will also be shared with the Aboriginal Catholic Services Centre, Holy Family Preschool, Holy Family Parish and other local community groups that may need them.

With the leadership of Father Greg Jacobs SJ and some very helpful Year 6 students, each hamper was carefully unpacked from the truck. Staple ingredients like bread, non-perishable pantry items, eggs, fresh fruit and vegetables were distributed evenly into each hamper to make up enough food items to prepare about seven meals for a family of two adults and two children.

Mr Oxley said the school received the hampers as a result of filling out an OzHarvest FEAST School Food Relief survey. "In fact our connection with OzHarvest stemmed from one of our teachers Alison Crombie visiting an Environment and Science expo last year and coming across the OzHarvest stall," Mr Oxley said.

"Ms Crombie managed to find out about this great learning program they have for Stage 3 students which teaches the students how to cook healthy well balanced meals. Ms Crombie and fellow teacher Mr Adam Fletcher went out to OzHarvest's Alexandria headquarters earlier this year to be trained to run the classes and we were looking at starting the classes with the students in Term 2, before the COVID-19 pandemic came," Mr Oxley said.

As the school was unable to go ahead with the classes, OzHarvest invited them to take-part in a survey. "I got a call from them to say they are able to meet all our requests and as a result every fortnight 100 food hampers will now be delivered to the school," Mr Oxley said.

Special thanks to Principal Mr John Spradbrow for his ongoing support of initiatives like this operating through the school. "Mr John Spradbrow is a pillar of strength for our community, we are lucky to have him. He is genuinely interested, and active, in providing whatever is needed for our community here," said Mr Oxley.

(Everyone worked together to help unload the truck and distribute hampers to the Aboriginal Catholic Services Centre)



Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

All students are now underway with reading for the Challenge. Teachers have resources that they are sharing with the children so that all children have every opportunity to complete the Challenge by closing date of Friday August 28, 2020.



Scholastic Book Club

We are not running the Book Club for the month of May and possibly a few months beyond. Our Book Club is run very successfully by volunteers. At this stage of the reintroduction of students to our school, all adults (apart from staff) are not yet able to come into our school grounds. We appreciate your understanding concerning this issue.

Return of Library Books

A number of children have not yet returned their library books that were loaned out before the commencement of the Covid 19 crisis. Please assist us by helping your child look through your home for their loans and returning any library books that you may find to school. You are welcome to drop off any library books to the school office.

Library Lunchtimes

We have had to amend our roster for children to be able to visit our library at lunchtimes. We are particularly aware of not having large groups of children in the library at any one time. Students are welcome to visit the library and partake in quiet reading on the following days:

- ♦ Tuesday: Years 5 and 6
- ♦ Wednesday: Kinder and Year 1
- ♦ Thursday: Years 2, 3 and 4.

Avoiding the Virus

Please be assured that the utmost is being done to ensure cleanliness within the library. All returned books are sanitized and then left for a week before re-shelving. Spatial awareness is also being practiced and children are encouraged to clean their hands with sanitizer before entering and leaving the library.

Should you have any concerns please feel free to ring me at school. My days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only.

Thank you

Janet A. Marie

Teacher/Librarian

National Reconciliation Week 2020

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Much has happened since the early days of the people's movement for reconciliation, including greater acknowledgement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights to land and sea; understanding of the impact of government policies and frontier conflicts; and an embracing of stories of Indigenous success and contribution.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Here at Holy Family Emerton we are educating our children about the importance of not only this week and reconciliation, but also the equality, freedom, love and the common good for all of God's people.

On Tuesday 26th May students at Holy Family created window displays to commemorate Sorry Day , and all students had the opportunity to walk through the school and appreciate the artwork and messages of their school community.



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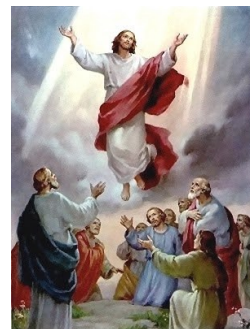
The Feast of the Ascension

On Monday students celebrated the Feast of the Ascension during morning class prayer. This is the celebration of Jesus' rise into heaven, witnessed by the apostles.

Ascension Day is kept on the 40th day after Easter. Records show that the Feast of the Ascension has been celebrated by Christians around the world since the third century.

The significance of the ascension is that on top of the Mount of Olives, just outside of Jerusalem, Christ's human and risen body is taken up into heaven, signifying His divinity. At this time Jesus asks his disciples to be 'witnesses... to the ends of the Earth'.

This idea of 'witness' goes back to the book of Isaiah where Yahweh is proclaimed as God and Saviour of all. There are questions I often wonder and reflect on ... 'What do we do to proclaim God?' and 'How do we give witness?' ... both are intertwined with action and the service of others.



OzHarvest Program

With this idea of giving 'witness', our school has partnered up with OzHarvest to support families within our community.

Due to COVID-19, many in our community have become jobless. The hardship of the economic and social impact is widespread. Ozharvest has committed food hampers for families every fortnight for the next three months. Within these hampers there are perishable and non-perishable food items, including fresh fruit and vegetable, and pasta and pasta sauces to name a few. The hampers are designed with a family of four in mind and offer one fresh healthy meal a day for a five day period.

If you, or a family you know of in our community are in need, please contact the office and we will assist with food relief.



New Draft RE Curriculum

At the beginning of this term teachers have not only planned for remote learning and the return of their classes to Face-to-Face learning, but they have also engaged in Professional Learning on the new K-10 Religious Education Curriculum.

Our school will be trialing the curriculum in Term 3 with both Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. In Term 4, Stage 1 and Kindergarten will be looking at trialing inquiry learning cycles with their students.

Our professional development has centred on understanding the need for change in our Religious Education Curriculum to better respond to the mission of the Church and to better align with other educational syllabus documents. Inquiry learning and responding in action are central to this curriculum.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at Holy Family for their dedication they have to the teaching and learning of their students. Each Tuesday teachers have spent time after school engaged in professional development. Curriculum.



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Kind regards,
Mr. Ben Oxley
Religious Coordinator



School Holidays

Term 2 finishes on
Friday 3 July 2020

Term 3 begins on
Monday 20 July 2020 TBC



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Practice simple hygiene by washing hands regularly

1 Wet hands



2 Apply soap



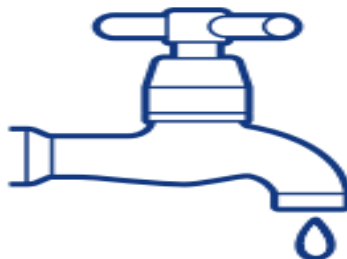
3 Lather & scrub



4 Rinse hands



5 Turn off tap



6 Dry hands



Spend 20 seconds washing your hands.



How can we help prevent the spread of coronavirus?

Practising good sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence against most viruses. You should:

- wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- and if unwell, avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people).

More information

While coronavirus is of concern, it is important to remember that most people displaying symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat or tiredness are likely suffering with a cold or other respiratory illness – not coronavirus.

For the latest advice, information and resources, go to www.health.gov.au

Call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you require translating or interpreting services, call 131 450.

The phone number of your state or territory public health agency is available at www.health.gov.au/state-territory-contacts

If you have concerns about your health, speak to your doctor.

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