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Term I Week 10

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 Parents and Carers.

As the term ends I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. The Easter feast is the most important feast in the Christian calendar as it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus and his promise of eternal life.

The school term can be very busy and stressful for parents as you balance work, family commitments, sport and the demands of school. I hope that the break provides an opportunity for some rest, family time and rejuvenation. Enjoy the restful break from the routines of lunches and uniforms.

Thank you:

- Parents for your support throughout the term. We appreciate all that you do to ensure that the children are at school whenever possible and in the correct uniform. We especially appreciate your support and assistance with your child's learning.
- Teachers and support staff for all that you do for our students. Enjoy your break.
- To our learners, your parents and teachers applaud your efforts to reach your potential. Enjoy your break and remember to
 - Read every day
 - Do something nice for the people you live with and
 - Say hello to God each day.

Sadly we say farewell to Mrs. Debona who has been one of our Reading Recovery Teachers. Mrs Debona is taking a new position in the Sydney Diocese. Thank you Mrs. Debona for your work with us and we wish you all the best for the future.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Jump Start in the holidays or on Monday April 19th.

John Spradbrow
Principal

RE News

'Good Friday'

I would like to share Good Friday's reading with you. Maybe you would like to take time to reflect on this. Personally, I always wondered how Jesus planned for his mother to be cared for after his death...

The Crucifixion of Jesus John (19:16-27)

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

"Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

"They divided my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment."

So this is what the soldiers did.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Holy Week Celebrations

This week all grades across the school experienced the journey of Jesus to the cross and tomb this Holy Week. Teachers took students to a prayer space that was set up and students prayed and learnt about:

Palm Sunday - Jesus' entry into Jerusalem

The Washing of the Feet - Jesus' most powerful message about serving others

The Last Supper - Jesus' last meal with his disciples

The Stations of the Cross - Jesus' path to crucifixion, death and burial

I would like to thank all children for partaking in this special celebration and prayer. Please ask your child about what they remember about this week and their experiences. I'm sure that they will be able to share some amazing knowledge.

St George Bank Hamper Donation

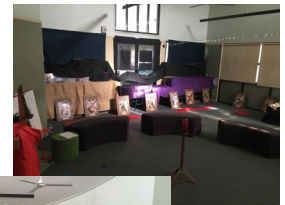
Last week we graciously received 45 food parcels from St George Bank's Lending department. These went to supplement the OzHarvest food hampers over the Easter holiday period.

I would personally like to thank Melissa Brglevski's family (Year 4 teacher) in organising, packing and helping to deliver these hampers. I would like to especially thank Billy Brglevski's who works for St George and coordinated this important initiative for our community.

Kind regards,

Ben Oxley

RE Coordinator





Message From the AP

Focus on Counting

During this term teachers and students have been focusing on improving knowledge and skills around counting. Teachers have been tracking progress and are now looking at data to see improvements children have made in this area.

During this week we will be looking at how well this strategy has worked and I look forward to reporting back to you after the break with some pleasing news.

Counting is a necessary life skill. It is part of our daily life. This was very evident to me while I was completing my weekly shopping and I overheard a mum asking her child to get 6 tomatoes. A simple task which develops confidence in Mathematical skills as well as the child's self esteem and independence.

Personal Development and Health (PDH)

During 2020 Holy Family looked at a program for PDH which could be implemented across the school that linked to NSW Syllabus outcomes and built on worthwhile skills from K-6.

It is a program that looks at social-emotional learning and maximises success, positive relationships and wellbeing. Online resources help our school to support children who may experience anxiety, low self-esteem, anger and procrastination.

The program is called "You Can Do it!" Across the school each grade will investigate and discuss the following topics:

- resilience
- confidence
- persistence
- organisation
- getting along

The program promotes social-emotional wellbeing. It develops and strengthens a rational mindset which can lead to reductions in student's emotional and behavioural problems and increases in their positivity, achievement and wellbeing.

2021 NAPLAN

Last week Holy Family students in Years 3 and 5 participated in a coordinated practice test on Thursday.

A large number of schools from around Australia participated, which provided a successful test of the online assessment platform performance under high load.

Students in both grades have been familiarised with the types of questions that will be seen on the actual NAPLAN test which will begin on 12 May. Parents were given information about the Public website which allows parents the opportunity to also view the platform.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Feedback from schools is that the practice tests provided a good opportunity to ensure that technology is ready for the tests in May.

Please contact the school if you have any questions related to the upcoming NAPLAN tests.

Regards,
Mrs. Christine Figuero



Reading Hour Term 1, 2021







Kindergarten Enrolments 2022

Kindergarten enrolments for 2022 are now being accepted. If you have a child who will turn 5 by July 31, 2022 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.

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

Principals Morning Tea Term 1, 2021

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 and are presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in Term 1 to attend the Principal's Morning Tea that took place on Tuesday 30th March, 2021. Well Done!

Kindergarten

Kaleaha J
Ian SD

Year 1

Nathaneal H
Maharlia S

Year 2

Tahlia P
Ivan SD

Year 3

Larah T
Isabella-Rose K

Year 4

Kai JM
Yom A

Year 5

Abeyo U
Sonny-Vini S

Year 6

Amira-Jordan M
Ane S



Literacy Corner

Fill in the Vowels



ppl



gr_p_



b_n_n_



b_rry



pl_m



_r_ng_



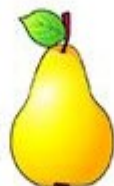
l_m_n



ch_rry



k_w_



p__r



Use these verbs to fill in the blanks below.

swim	play	drink	fly	wear
ride	write	drive	cut	read
ring	sing	draw	sleep	walk

1. You _____ a kite.
2. You _____ a car.
3. You _____ with a knife.
4. You _____ your uniform.
5. You _____ story books.
6. You _____ with a pen.
7. You _____ a bell.
8. You _____ a picture.
9. You _____ a horse.
10. You _____ games.
11. You _____ songs.
12. You _____ at night.
13. You _____ in the swimming pool.
14. You _____ along the road.
15. You _____ water.



Maths Corner

$$423 = 400 + 20 + 3$$

$$568 = \dots\dots + \dots\dots + \dots$$

$$379 = \dots\dots + \dots\dots + \dots$$



$$495 = \dots\dots + \dots\dots + \dots$$

$$374 = \dots\dots + \dots\dots + \dots$$

$$592 = \dots\dots + \dots\dots + \dots$$

$$671 = \dots\dots + \dots\dots + \dots$$



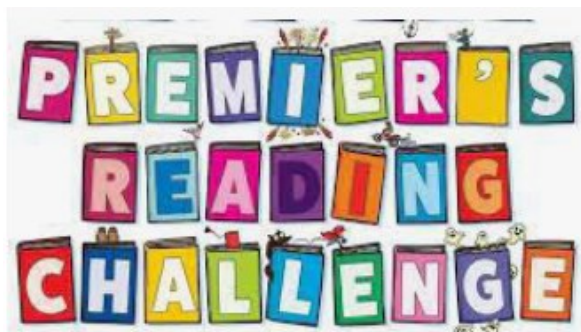
1	What is $8 + 1$?	
2	Write the next number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, ____	
3	Write One Hundred and Twenty in numbers.	
4	Which number is a multiple of 2 ? 17 7 9 4 23	
5	Draw the next shape in the sequence. 	
6	Which number comes after 5 ?	
7	What is $10 - 4$?	
8	How many Circles are there? 	
9	What number is one half of 8 ?	
10	What is $10 + 4$?	



Library News

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Each year the State Premier of NSW encourages all primary school aged children to partake in the state wide reading challenge. We at Holy Family see this government initiative as supporting our students in their reading and helping them gain confidence in their reading. We strongly encourage all students to take part. All children in our school will commence the PRC at the beginning of Term 2.



All students in K-2 will be doing the PRC with their teachers in class. For children in grades 3-6, children will be assisted by their teachers but will also be encouraged to read independently to complete the challenge.

Closing date for the PRC is August 20 2021.

Last year most of the children in our school were able to complete the challenge successfully and we are looking forward to that being the situation this year as well. It is quite an achievement for children to be able to complete the challenge successfully and for their efforts they are rewarded at the end of the year by a certificate from the NSW State Premier. Once children have completed the challenge successfully four years in a row, they are awarded with a Gold Certificate and so on. The NSW PRC is also run in high schools across NSW and we have had some students who kept on with PRC even after they had left our school.

If you have any questions about the PRC and your child's access to it, please feel free to contact me at school.

Library Book Returns

Parents, please keep encouraging your child to return their library books on time. If you come across any library books over the holidays or readers from school, please return these to the library when your child returns to school in Term 2. Please ***never*** throw out library books or school readers! *Even if a book becomes damaged at your house, it is always better to return it to school so that we can amend our catalogue records. Accidents do happen and we will not punish your child for any mishaps.*

Library Volunteers Needed Urgently!

As covid regulations are lifting, we will again at the beginning of Term 2, be able to have volunteers come into the library to assist.

We URGENTLY need people to cover books and to do other library tasks like filing, sorting, cleaning shelves, sticking labels onto books, etc. We are very happy to provide training so you do not need any prior training or experience!

Most library work is labour intensive and in the past we have relied heavily on volunteer work. Most of our library books have been covered by volunteers!

Being a library volunteer is also a great way to meet other parents and grandparents and can be quite a social experience. It is also a gentle way to acquire new skills that might assist you in other employment opportunities.

If you are interested in volunteering in the library, please pop in and see me. I will be very happy to meet you.

Janet A. Marie
Teacher-Librarian
Tuesday - Thursday

Yr 4 News

Year 4 students finally got their hands on some instruments this week. They are learning to unpack and pack up their instrument and even got a little go to make some sounds on the trumpet, clarinet, flute, baritone, alto and tenor saxophones, trombone and bass guitar. They will commence more formal lessons in Term 2. What great learning opportunities at Holy Family Emerton!



HOLY FAMILY FUN RUN

31st March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are having our annual Fun Run on Tuesday 20th of April 2021. The children will participate in their own age groups for competitive and non-competitive, except for 8&9 years as they will run together for competitive only. Below is the timetable for the day. The Fun Run will be commencing at 9:00 am and conclude approximately 12:30pm.

Fun Run Timetable	
9:00am	12 yrs boys & girls competitive
	12 yrs boys & girls non competitive
9:40am	11 yrs boys & girls competitive
	11 yrs boys & girls non competitive
10:10am	10 yrs boys & girls competitive
	10 yrs boys & girls non competitive
10:55am	Lunch 1
11:25am	8/9 yrs boys & girls competitive 8/9yrs boys & girls non competitive

In the Fun Run, the age groups are made of the children who are turning that age in 2021.

All students are to wear their sport uniform on Friday, please make sure your child brings a drink bottle.

Yours in sport,

Lauren Wheeler & Carissa Bissett



A day here or there doesn't seem like much but absences
add up 2 days a month adds up to 4 weeks a year /
20 days a year which is over one year of lost learning.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

every learner
every day 



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Dates for the Calendar

Jump Start

15th & 16th April
10 am—2pm

Term 1 finishes on:

Thursday April 1st, 2021

Term 2 Begins on:

Monday April 19th, 2021

FUN RUN

Tuesday 20th April 2021

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Easter Hat parade on Thursday 22nd April -
the first Thursday back of Term 2.

The Easter Hat Parade will take place at 9:15am on the Basketball Court Area, and the School Hall if it is raining. We will then proceed into the Church for our Easter liturgy, followed by light refreshments in the Hall for parents, carers and guests. We would like to invite all to join us for this day.



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

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

