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Term 1 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 Parents!

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend our Open Classrooms. It was great to see so many parents around the school especially given the restrictions of the last year. We hope to be able to provide other opportunities for classroom visits next term.

Reading Hour.

Our first reading hour for almost a year is on April 1. There is more information in the Skoolbag notice that was published on Wednesday. Please feel very welcome to attend.

Morning Drop Off & Afternoon pick up arrangements.

Even though the COVID restrictions have eased we are keeping the current arrangements in place until the end of this term. We will review the arrangements over the next few weeks.

Enrolments for 2022.

Enrolments for Kindergarten and other grades are open for next year. We have been receiving a number of applications over the last few weeks. Please let me know if you have any questions about school readiness or other enrolment issues. I hope that we will be able to run some playgroup type activities for the Kindergarten 2022 students during the remainder of the year. Please let neighbours and relatives know that we are accepting enrolments now. We can organise school tours if requested.

Easter Hat Parade.

A number of parents have asked about whether we are holding the Easter Hat Parade this year. The short answer is not this term. The tradition of the Easter Bonnet comes from the custom of making or buying a new bonnet for the Easter Sunday Mass. It is not appropriate to have this parade during Holy Week. We will be celebrating Easter when school returns in Term 2. More details to come.

Fun Run.

Our Fun Run is this Friday depending on the weather. I hope that it will be a fun day for everyone.

Easter Liturgies at Holy Family Church.

Fr. Greg has asked that everyone wishing to attend the Easter Liturgies (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday) register via the parish office. Even though the COVID restrictions have eased, there is still a limit on the number of people who can be in the church.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

John Spradbrow
Principal



RE News

Catholic Schools' Week

200 Years of Catholic Schools in Australia

Last week was Catholic Schools' Week and it was amazing to see how many parents and carers attended Thursday's open day! We were very fortunate to have an ease in COVID restrictions allowing for new parents and prospective families to attend the school.

This year we celebrate 200 years of catholic schools in Australia. The first school was opened in Parramatta in 1820, by Fr John Terry. Today Catholic Education has grown to be the second largest education provider in Australia, educating one in five Australian students. Holy Family was officially opened in 2004.

Last Monday, our school began the week with a liturgy in the hall, where we also celebrated the contribution of women to Catholic education over the past 200 years, which coincided with International Womens' Day.

In preparation for last Thursday I visited all the students on Wednesday asking them to invite their parents, carers and friends to the school, to showcase the amazing work we do, the facilities we have, and our wonderfully supportive and friendly community. The turn out was fantastic! We are looking to hold another event next term to bring our community together again.

Mr Ben Oxley

Religious Education Coordinator





Message from the Assistant Principal

NAPLAN 2021—Yr 3 & 5

This year our Year 3 and 5 students will take part in the NAPLAN Assessment.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already learnt through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, please ring the office to talk to me.

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learnt over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to advise them to simply do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5 are expected to participate in NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN does not replace, but rather complements assessments run by your child's classroom teacher throughout the year.

Wherever possible, we will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the test window.

NAPLAN will begin on 11 May. A note containing more information will be sent to parents/carers of children in Years 3 and 5.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Christine Figuero

Assistant Principal

**Fun Run—Friday 19th March 2021**

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
11:50am	9yrs boys & girls non competitive
	8 yrs boys & girls non competitive

Please remember to bring your water bottles as the water fountains are still closed!

School Fees

All families should have received their School Fees Statement for 2021. If you have not received your statement, please contact Mrs Denise Carroll on 8869 7200 to arrange for another copy of your statement. Please note that Instalment 1 is **due on 17th March 2021**.

Our School Office is now Cashless however we do have EFTPOS facilities available at the school. You may also pay at your local Post Office using your post biller code on the statement.

If you haven't yet started your payment arrangement, please follow the link given on your statement to set up your chosen payment method. Alternatively you may contact Mrs Denise Carroll who will assist you.

Students, Parents and Carers

YOU'RE INVITED TO DISCOVER AND
REDISCOVER THE JOY OF READING

Please join us for the

HOLY FAMILY READING HOUR

*Thursday 8 am
1st April*

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HALL



Literacy Corner

Looking for things to do with the kids during these holidays?
Here are some things to keep the little ones busy.

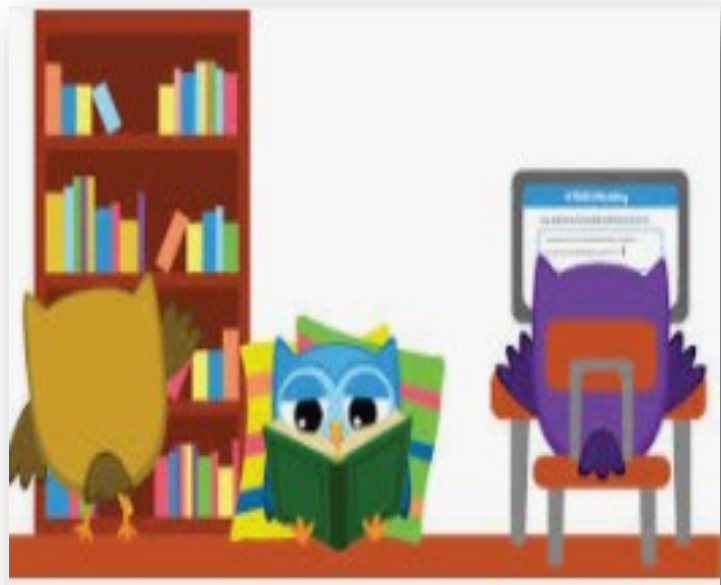
- ♦ Head to your local library
- ♦ Go for a bushwalk or picnic in the [great outdoors](#)
- ♦ Make a kite and go and fly it
- ♦ Go to the beach- collect shells and build sandcastles
- ♦ Check out your local bunnings for **FREE holidays activities for kids**
- ♦ Head out for a picnic
- ♦ Go to the movies and check out the the new movies that are
- ♦ released for kids every school holidays
- ♦ [Feed the ducks](#) in your local area

And remember to make a regular time for reading everyday!

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Alex Ali

Literacy Coordinator



ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Term 1 Week 8
Holy Family Award

Students demonstrating the **Face of Jesus**
acting with respect, compassion, responsibility, forgiveness and trust in mind

What's going on in Yr 3?

Drama

In drama we have been learning to be like a mime. We have been playing games such as Zip, Zap, Zop and more! In Zip, Zap, Zop, we have been setting time records to see how fast we are! Mimes NEVER talk! They come from France.

Yours sincerely,

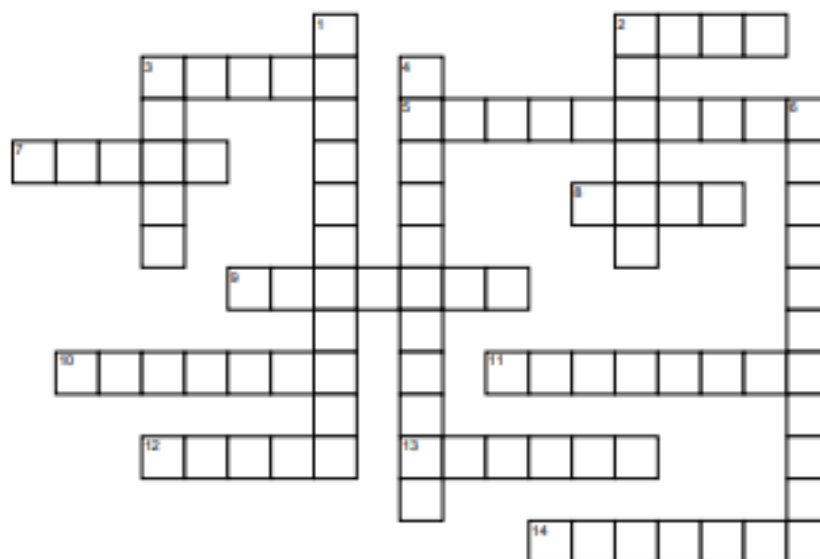
Lorelei & Joel





Kids Corner

Saint Patrick Crossword Puzzle



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ACROSS

- 2 The city where Saint Patrick died (where he built the first Irish church)
- 3 When Patrick was young, he was captured and forced to become a _____.
- 5 In Ireland, Saint Patrick's Day is a holy day of _____.
- 7 Although blue was the original traditional color of Saint Patrick and his feast day, this is now the color that is most commonly associated with it.
- 8 Saint Patrick's Day falls during this time of the liturgical year.
- 9 After becoming a priest, Patrick went to this country to spread the Gospel.
- 10 Saint Patrick was not Irish. He was born in Roman _____.
- 11 Saint Patrick used this three-leaf clover to teach about the three-person God.
- 12 Saint Patrick died in this month.
- 13 In "The Breastplate" (written by Saint Patrick), he wrote, "_____ be within me, _____ behind me, _____ before me..."
- 14 Saint Patrick used a three-leaf clover to teach about the Holy _____.

DOWN

- 1 Saint Patrick died on this date, which is when we celebrate his feast day.
- 2 This animal probably never lived in Ireland, despite a legend that St. Patrick drove them out of the country.
- 3 During his time as a captive in Ireland as a young man, he was forced to care for this kind of animal.
- 4 This is where Saint Patrick is believed to have been buried.
- 6 The first Saint Patrick's Day parade was recorded to have been in this city





WORD BANK: slave, sheep, Britain, Ireland, shamrock, Trinity, March, Seventeenth, Saul, Christ, obligation, snakes, Downpatrick, NewYorkCity, Lent, green.



Maths Corner

Mental Math Worksheets

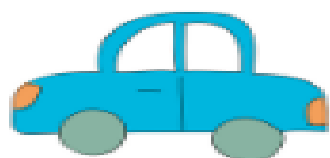
1	What is 3 x 4 ?	
2	Which number is not a multiple of 3 ? 6 9 12 7 30	
3	Write Fifty One in numbers.	
4	Which number is not a multiple of 2 ? 1 18 22 28 42	
5	How many sides a Triangle has? 	
6	Which number comes after 23 ?	
7	What number is one half of 6 ?	
8	How many Stars are there? 	
9	What is 10 x 2 ?	
10	What is 15 - 10 ?	

7 EASY WAYS TO BUILD NUMERACY SKILLS IN YOUNG KIDS



Go for a walk and talk about maths in the environment. How many sticks or flowers can you find? Can you line them up by size? Or group them by shape or colour.

Do maths in the bath. Use measuring cups - see how many small cups it takes to fill a big cup. Talk about full/empty, some/more, heavy/light, half/quarter.



Play games in the car. What can you see? Are the trees different sizes? How many white cars do you pass?

Cook something. Let them measure ingredients, estimate which size pan or bowl you'll need and set the timer.



Make a necklace. Use beads, pasta, plastic straws, fruit loops. Making patterns with shapes or colours.

Board games like Snakes & Ladders, dominoes or Uno. are great for recognising numerals, counting out moves and taking turns.



Go shopping! Count items, compare weights, sizes and prices. Cross items off your list. Pay with cash and count out the money.

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KIDS COOKING CORNER



Chunky Monkey Energy Balls

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Inspired by an indulgent ice cream flavor, these healthy bites will be everyone's new favorite snack.

Course

Snack

Cuisine

American

Keyword

chunky monkey energy balls, energy balls, kid

friendly snacks, no bake snacks

Prep Time 15 minutes

Total Time 15 minutes

Servings 24 energy balls

Calories 61kcal

Author Brianne @ Cupcakes & Kale Chips

Ingredients

- 1 cup [pitted dates](#)
- 1 very ripe banana
- 1 teaspoon [vanilla](#)
- pinch salt
- ¾ cup uncooked oats gluten free, if needed
- 2 Tablespoons ground flax seed or flax meal
- 2 Tablespoons [chia seeds](#)
- ¼ cup chopped walnuts
- 2 oz dark chocolate broken into pieces (vegan, if needed)

Instructions

1. Combine all of the ingredients except the walnuts and chocolate in a food processor and process until it forms a paste, adding more oats if the mixture is too soft.
2. Add the walnuts and chocolate and pulse a few times to incorporate and slightly break up the chocolate and walnuts without chopping them too fine.
3. Using about a tablespoon of the mixture at a time, roll into balls.
4. Store in the refrigerator until ready to eat.

Nutrition

Serving: 1 piece | Calories: 61kcal | Carbohydrates: 9g | Protein: 1g | Fat: 2g | Sodium: 1mg | Potassium: 98mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 5g | Vitamin A: 5IU | Vitamin C: 0.4mg | Calcium: 14mg | Iron: 0.6mg



Dates for the Calendar

**19th March—Fun Run
1st April- Reading Hour @ 8am in
the Hall**

Jump Start

**15th & 16th April
10 am—2pm**

Term 1 finishes on:

Thursday April 1st, 2021

Term 2 Begins on:

Tuesday April 20th, 2021