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# Holy Family Primary

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**Term 1 Week 4**

### Message from the Principal

Greetings!

As you probably know Lent is one of the seasons of our church. It is a time of reflection when we are asked to think about how we are living our life. During this time Catholics, are asked reflect on:

- Their prayer life,
- How we can help others and
- What we can go without (sometimes known as fasting).
- Father Greg shared with us this week a Lenten Reflection on fasting from Pope Francis

#### **DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**

In the words of Pope Francis.

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

This seems like a long list. Perhaps we could choose one each week to work on. Happy Fasting!

#### **Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday**

Thank you Mrs. Vogt, children and parents for our Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday celebrations. I have heard that the pancakes were great and I have heard children talking about their Lenten Promises.

#### **Sun Safety**

As you know a school hat is part of our school uniform. Over time a number of the children have started wearing various caps or no hat at all. I have been reminding the children that a school hat is part of the uniform and offers sun protection. I am pleased to say that there has been an increase in the number of children wearing hats; possibly helped by the use of raffle tickets which is part of our school wide reward system.

Thank you to parents, staff and children for the renewed effort with the school hat. Thank you to those parents who are also wearing hats when they drop off or collect the children, ( I am going to push the friendship and ask that you consider a broad brimmed hat as we ask the children not to wear baseball caps). Adults wearing hats set a great example to the students.

Please ensure that your child's hat is labelled. Texta or a laundry pen on the underside of the hat is best as the name label that comes with the hat can be removed.

- Please check on a regular basis that the hat your child has is their own hat and not another students. Please return any hat that does not belong to your child asap.
- Hairstyles and ribbons will not be accepted as reasons for not wearing a school hat. Could you please talk to your children about this please. The only ribbons to be worn are the small navy blue and NO Jojo Bows.
- Children can get bonus raffle tickets if parents are wearing the correct hat.
- Please let me know if you need any help with any of this.

Thank you parents for all of your assistance with ensuring that the children are in uniform as much as is possible. Remember that we have a range of donated uniforms at school. These items are very inexpensive and are available on Thursday mornings. Thank you to the mums who organise the Uniform Shop.



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### **Zone Swimming Carnival**

Well done to our three Zone competitors Alexis Munoz, Peyton Bowden and Tahlia-Ruth Broomham who competed at the Zone Carnival last Friday.

Congratulations to Peyton and Tahlia-Ruth who made it through to the Diocesan carnival

Thank you parents, Miss Wheeler, Mr. Battikah, Miss. Vogt for all of the assistance with the organisation for the carnival.

### **NRL Clinic**

The children have probably told you that we had an NRL clinic last Friday. From all accounts it was a great day. Thank you Miss. Wheeler for organising the day.



### **Intervention Programs at Holy Family.**

Currently we have a number of staff training as intervention specialist teachers.

Numeracy (a Yr. 1 program) - Miss. Leano and Mr. Oxley.

Reading Recovery (a Yr. 1 program)- Miss Mackay. Miss. Dobrucki, Mrs Slatford and Mrs. Lal are also continuing their Reading Recovery work.

R3 (a primary based program) - Mr. West and Mr. Fletcher.

Mrs. Alonzo and Mr. Battikah will also be taking Numeracy intervention classes.

Thank you to these teachers for the extra time and effort that is being invested in learning at Holy Family.

We have more staff training in other programs in the next few weeks. I will let you know about them in the next newsletter.

### **Breakfast Club.**

We have a small number of parents who run our Breakfast Club on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. We need to be able to run breakfast on Tuesday and Thursday mornings as well, however, we do not have sufficient volunteers. Are you able to assist on any day? Please let me know or the office if you are able to assist. The children will also appreciate your help.

Best wishes,

*John Spradbrook*

### **Seeking a Green Thumb**

A few years ago we had a regular gardening group for children who enjoy looking after our environment. We are wondering if there is a grandparent who might be interested in assisting these children. It would be a small group of children and held in the mornings before school e.g. 8.30-9am. The role would involve guiding the children in establishing and maintaining





### *Holy Family Rewards*

Last week we launched our Holy Family School Reward system in which children have been receiving raffle tickets for positive behaviours. This may be showing they are learners, they are safe or being the face of Jesus in our school. On Friday the following children won the raffle draw in their class:

Week 1 Class	Name
KM	Juna
KA	Vincent
1DM	Kai-la
1F	Thai
2J	Hailey
2D	Mizuki
3A	Kaia Tewake
3L	Kyle Eastwood
4C	Marybella
4L	Jasmine
5V	Mia Duncan
5F	Peyton
6V	Mary Anyuon
6W	Annabella Hanna

Congratulations to these winners who received a Zooper Dooper.

Also congratulations to the children in Year 3A who received the most tickets across the whole school. Their reward is free time to do an activity of their choice.

Let's see who can receive this week's rewards. Good luck!

# Rewards



## Dates for your Diary

<b>February</b>	<b>26</b>	Year 6 Visit to St Agnes
<b>March</b>	<b>3</b>	Year 6 Visit to St Clare
	<b>9</b>	Cross Country Carnival
	<b>16</b>	School Photo's
	<b>24</b>	Family Portrait Fundraiser
	<b>30</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Easter Monday</b>
	<b>13</b>	Last Day of Term 1

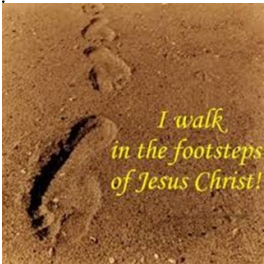


Lent is a season of penance, reflection and fasting traditionally observed by Catholics and some Protestant denominations to prepare us for Christ's Resurrection. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends just before the Mass of the Last Supper (Holy Thursday). The length of the Lenten fast was established in the 4th century as 46 days (40 days, not counting Sundays). Lent began as a way for Catholics to remind themselves of the value of repentance.

The students have been discussing in class ways that they can fast, (which doesn't necessarily mean to give up food but can be an action or sharing your gifts and talents with others), the importance of prayer and self-reflection and saying sorry, (doing penance) for the times we have failed to follow in Jesus' footsteps.



Spend some time this Lent talking with your child about ways that we all can follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and try to be more like Him.



### Opening School Mass

Thank you to all the parents, relatives and friends who attending our Opening School Mass for 2018. It was a joyous occasion where we welcomed our youngest members of Holy Family, our Kindergarten students, as well as, older students and their families new to our school and our new teachers. We hope that they will find love, friendship and support here at Holy Family Primary School.



Our school value that we have been concentrating on has been 'Respect' which includes respect for themselves, others and the environment.

