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Holy Family Primary

Emerton

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Term 1 Week 2

Greetings!

Welcome back to Holy Family. Most of the children seemed very happy to return to the routines, friends and learning. All classes have settled in and the children are busy. Thank you for your assistance with this. Thank also to the staff for the planning and preparation that went into setting up the classes for a great start to the learning. Thank you to the students and staff who took part in our Vocabulary Parade on the first day. I hope the children enjoyed it.

Welcome to our new staff and students

A number of new staff have joined the Holy Family community this year.

Welcome to:

- Mr. Paul Battikah our Assistant Principal.
- Mrs. Jodie Meares our Instructional Leader in Kinder, 1 & 2.
- Mr. Ben Oxley who will be working in Stage 1 and assisting us with our Project Based Learning.
- Ms. Deb Skinner our student counsellor.
- Miss. Maz Agaus who will be working in Yr. 3.
- Mrs. Campbell who will be working in a number of the primary classes.
- Miss. Flannery who will be working in Yr. 1.
- Miss Wheeler who will coordinate sport and work in some classrooms.
- Miss. Fenech who will be working across years 5 & 6.
- Miss. Hands who is working in Yr. 4.
- Mrs. Lal who will be working across a number of classes.

Thank you for being with us and I hope that you enjoy your time with us and very rewarding.

Literacy and Numeracy Assessments

Thank you for your assistance with the appointments for the MAI Assessments for the Year 1 to Year 6 students and with the Best Start assessment for our Kindergarten students. We appreciate the assistance with supervision and bringing the children to school for their appointments.

Our Condolences to Mrs. Vogt on the loss of her mother after a long illness. Our condolences also to the McLean family on the loss of Joc last weekend. Both Malcolm and William attended Holy Family. Joc's funeral is next Tuesday at Pinegrove at 11.00 am.

Sun Safe

Could I ask your assistance please to ensure that every child has the correct school hat. Please ensure that your child's name is on their hat. Baseball caps are not acceptable. Please let me know if you need any assistance with this.

Security cameras

Please be aware that the security cameras are active and recording.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

John Spradbrow

Principal

LITERACY & NUMERACY CORNER

Something for us to ponder...

Why Can't I Skip My Ten Minutes of Reading Tonight?
(Source Unknown)

Let's figure it out -- mathematically!

Student A reads 10 minutes five nights of every week

Student B reads only 4 minutes a night...or not at all!

Step 1: Multiply minutes a night x 5 times each week.

Student A reads 20 min. x 5 times a week = 50 mins./ week

Student B reads 4 minutes x 5 times a week = 20 minutes

Step 2: Multiply minutes a week x 4 weeks each month.

Student A reads 200 minutes a month.

Student B reads 80 minutes a month.

Step 3: Multiply minutes a month x 9 months/school year

Student A reads 1,800 min. in a school year.

Student B reads 720 min. in a school year.

Student A practices reading the equivalent of five whole school days a year.

Student B gets the equivalent of only two school days of reading practice.

By the end of 6th grade if Student A and Student B maintain these same reading habits, Student A will have read the equivalent of 30 whole school days
Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days.

One would expect the gap of information retained will have widened considerably and so, undoubtedly, will school performance. How do you think Student B will feel about him/herself as a student?

Some questions to ponder:

Which student would you expect to read better?
Which student would you expect to know more?
Which student would you expect to write better?
Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?

Which student would you expect to be more successful in school....and in life?

**Attendance at Holy Family Primary Emerton**

Australia has one of the very best education systems anywhere in the world. Each day, our young people are provided with opportunities to learn more about the world they live in through their experiences in and out of the classroom. Schools teach children about themselves, their relationships with others and about life beyond school. This includes preparing them for the workforce.

Regular attendance at school is critical to ensuring that every student has the kind of opportunities in life that he or she deserves. When students are not at school, they are missing out on so much. Without the knowledge, the skills or the support that schools are so good at providing, young people can get left behind and find themselves underprepared for a fast-paced and often very challenging world.

In 2018, Holy Family Primary Emerton will be lending our support to a campaign called **'Every Day Counts'**, an initiative designed to remind all students and parents why regular school attendance is so important. As part of this campaign, a range of resources and strategies will be made available to help parents, if help is needed.

I appreciate that this is not a matter that may impact on a large number of our families; however, if the 'Every Day Counts' campaign can assist even just a few students to be at school more regularly, with all the benefits that come with that, it is a terrific outcome.

Kind Regards,
Monika Cunningham

School Attendance Liaison



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 ✓

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta



Fees 2018

Accounts for Term 1 school fees will be posted out within the next couple of days and payments will be due March 2018. Arrangements made for 2017 are now finalised and any families having difficulty completing term payments on time and who wish to make payments by installments using cash, Centrelink or Bpay etc, please contact Mrs Carroll in the school office to set up a new arrangement. Current Centrelink or Direct Debit payments may require adjustment to cover the 2018 fees. Please review your account and if required please contact Mrs Denise Carroll on 8869 7200.

The Catholic Education Office is also offering a Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) for your 2018 School Fees - details will be included with your school fee statement.

All resource fee payments must be paid as soon as possible unless you are paying through Centrepay or Direct Debit.



Skoolbag App

Schoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smart phones. It is a free app for the communication of information from school to parents. It will deliver notices directly to parents, including school events, newsletters, notes, documents and updates. It is a great way for the school to keep you up to date with what is happening at school. Also, parents can conveniently and securely submit absence notices via the App.



Download the Holy Family Skoolbag App today!!

Fundraising 2018

A sincere thank you to everybody for all your support in 2017. The great result was achieved with the help of many generous parents and grandparents. In 2018 we are asking for your support again. We will have many different activities during the year and even if you can help with one event we would be very grateful. All money raised is of great assistance to us in providing important resources for your children. If you would like to volunteer your time please contact the office on 8869 7200.



Library News



We wish to welcome all of our children and parents to the library.

Library borrowing for all students will commence from next week, from 12/2/18.

Parents please make a note of your child's borrowing day so that you can assist your child in returning of your child's books. Children come into the library for a weekly visit with their classes and teachers. Each child is encouraged to borrow our books and to return them on their library day the following week. Please be aware that any children who have overdue books may be refrained from borrowing new books, causing disappointment for the children involved.

Often children will require a little prompting from their parents in returning their books on time. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Timetable for class borrowing:
 Wednesday: Year 4
 Thursday: Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6
 Friday: Kindergarten, Year 2 and Year 3

Library Hours:

The library is staffed from Tuesday through to Friday every week. On those days parents are very welcome to drop in to borrow extra books for their children or to discuss any concerns that they have, before and after school.

Parents are also welcome to borrow for pre schoolers or for older children in the family who are already at high school.

Lunch Time Openings:

The library is open to students for quiet play, reading and colouring in every second lunch time from Tuesday to Friday. When the big green flag is outside the library, we are open at lunch! Please remind your children of this. The library is a wonderful quiet space away from the bustle of the playground!

Library Staff:

Janet Marie – Teacher Librarian
 Rose Regan – Library Technician

Sports Days for 2018



Kinder	Wednesday & Friday
1F	Wednesday & Friday
1DM	Tuesday & Friday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Friday

Opening School Mass 2018

We invite you to come and celebrate the start of the 2018 school year at our School Mass on **Thursday 22nd February at 9:15 am**. We come together to welcome our new teachers, students and Kindergarten children to our Holy Family Community.

During our Opening Mass we celebrate the new school year and we present the leaders with their badges.

Mass will take place in the Church.



Dates for your Diary

February	13	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)
	14	Ash Wednesday Liturgy in Hall @ 10:30 am
	22	Opening School Mass in Church @ 9:15 am
March	16	School Photos
	22	Dental Assessments—Kinder, 2, 4 & 6



RELIGION AT HOLY FAMILY EMERTON

Welcome to all our students, their families and staff back to school for the 2018.

Last year we continued to embed our Holy Family Values. This will continue this year. The values and the school terms that they will be a focus are listed below:

- ◆ Respect and Compassion (Term 1)
- ◆ Responsibility and Trust (Term 2)
- ◆ Forgiveness and Respect (Term 3)
- ◆ Compassion and Forgiveness (Term 4)



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These values underpin all that we do at Holy Family.

The classroom teachers have spoken to the students about these values and they will continue to develop their classroom expectations or “Stepping Stones” with these values in mind. Please talk to your child/ren about our Holy Family Values, as they are very important to all of us.

Dates to Remember

- ⇒ **Shrove Tuesday** – 13th February (Pancake Day)
- ⇒ **Ash Wednesday Liturgy** - 14th February at 10.30am in the hall.
- ⇒ **Opening School Mass** – Thursday, 22nd February at 9.15am in the church. (Where we will celebrate the beginning of a new years and welcome our new Kindergarten children, new families and teachers to our school.)
- ⇒ **Morning tea** will be provided in the school hall after the opening school mass from 10.30am



Mrs Cathy Vogt
Religious Education Coordinator



Staff List for 2018

KA	Mrs Alex Ali— <i>LITERACY COORDINATOR</i>
KM	Miss Kirsha Mendoza
1DM	Miss Maggie Dobrucki/Miss Brooke Mackay
1F	Miss Laura Flannery
2D	Miss Julie De Santis
2J	Mrs Danielle Jackson
3A	Mrs Angela Alonzo— <i>STAGE 3 NUMERACY COORDINATOR</i>
3L	Mrs Jennie Leano
4C	Mrs Alison Crombie
4L	Mr Andrew Lehmann— <i>LTST</i>
5F	Mr Adam Fletcher
5V	Miss Patricia Walacz-Vel-Walewska
6V	Mrs Cathy Vogt— <i>REC COORDINATOR</i>
6W	Mr James West

PRINCIPAL:	Mr John Spradbrow
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:	Mr Paul Battikha
R.E.C.:	Mrs Cathy Vogt
INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER K-2:	Mrs Jodie Meares
STAGE 1 COORDINATOR:	Mr Ben Oxley
WELLBEING COACH:	Mrs Maggie Maslanka
OFFICE FINANCE:	Mrs Denise Carroll
OFFICE ADMIN:	Mrs Monika Cunningham
TEACHER LIBRARIAN:	Mrs Janet Marie
LIBRARY ADMIN:	Mrs Rose Ragen
COUNSELLOR:	Mrs Debbie Skinner
PARENT /HOME LIASON:	Sr Katherine Tyrrell
EXECUTIVE RELEASE:	Mrs Lisa Powderly
LEARNING SUPPORT:	Mrs Melissa Slatford
LITERACY/NUMERACY COACH:	Mrs Debbie Long
SCHOOL ASSISTANTS:	Mrs Maite Fallon Mrs Sue Garland Mrs Linda Keating Mrs Lorraine Debono
IT SUPPORT/RELEASE:	Mr Andrew Lehmann
CREATIVE ARTS:	Mrs Michelle Dennis
TEACHING STAFF:	Miss Maz Aguas Mrs Anne Campbell Miss Lauren Wheeler Miss Mary Fenech Miss Jaclyn Hands Mrs Navinta Lal Miss Monica Dann