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Term 4 Week 6

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS—GALA DAY VICTORY

Last Friday, 16th November 2018 Holy Family participated in the Parramatta Diocese Gymnastic competition at Rooty Hill.

All the students performed extremely well and represented the school with pride.

Chelsea won the mini tramp for the girls in our division. Brodie placed in all 4 displays finishing with a 1st, 2nd and 2 3rd places and was the overall boy champion in our division. Holy Family also won the best performing team for a team of 10. Smiles and great sportsmanship all round.



Message from the Principal

Greetings Parents!

Welcome to our 2019 Kindergarten students and their parents who joined us last week for the orientation afternoon. Thank you for choosing Holy Family School. We look forward to sharing some wonderful learning experiences with you. Welcome!

Advent is almost here

As you know the church has seasons and this weekend will mark the end of the church year. The following Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of reflection for Catholics as we examine our readiness to welcome Jesus into our lives and our world. I hope the children will share with you some of their learning about Advent.

First Reconciliation

The First Reconciliation program has begun. Let's remember these children and their families in our prayers as they learn more about the forgiveness of God and the role of forgiveness in our lives and our relationships.

Playground update

Last week two more playground areas (the edge of the Basketball court and the area in front of Kindergarten) had artificial grass installed. The oval should be completed by the beginning of week 8. Thank you to the students for their patience. The play equipment will be installed in the break.

Thank you also to the parents who are assisting us with the watering of the gardens. Your help is appreciated. Let us know if you might be able to help over the summer holidays.

Congratulations and Thank you to:

- Our Gymnastics Team and our coaches. Some great results. Well done everyone.
- The Yr. 6 students and their teachers for the annual Enterprise Unit. The children have enjoyed the planning, preparation and sales.
- Mrs. Marie and helpers for the Book Fair last week. Thank you for all the planning and time that went into the Fair.
- Everyone for the focus on being at school everyday. Attendance everyday is important to ensure that students have the best learning opportunities. Thank you parents for your help with this.

John Spradbrow



Scholastic Summer Reading Competition

Help stop the **Summer Slide** by encouraging your child to read every day during the school holidays.

Research tells us that children who read for at least 10 minutes a day over the summer holidays have a better start to the new school year than children who spend little or no time reading. Reading over the holidays helps children maintain or improve the reading level that they developed through the school year. Kids who don't read over the summer holidays can lose core reading skills and slide backwards, potentially falling behind when they return to school.

Keep the reading momentum rolling all summer long with the **Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge**.

For more details see scholastic.com.au/summer

Regards,

Mrs Alex Ali

Literacy Coordinator



A book of tickets for our Christmas Raffle has been sent home with your child/ren. More books are available from the office.

The tickets are **\$1 each or \$5 per book**

A reminder also to send in your donation to the class teachers for our hampers. We thank you for your generosity and help with this fundraising activity.



School Holidays
Term 4 finishes on
Wednesday
December 19th

Library News

Carnival Book Fair

The fair was well attended this year and collected some \$1600 in sales and hence we were able to get a good selection of new books for the library as part of our commission. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who supported their children by enabling them to buy from the fair. In addition I particularly wish to thank our wonderful volunteers who ran the fair for us. Thank you to **Mrs Jenny Bird** (Lilly Year 4), **Mrs Tracey Miller** (Blake Year 5) and **Mrs Heather Broomham** (Thalia-Ruth Year 5). Ladies you did an outstanding job! We could not hold the fair without you!

Overdue Books

Overdue notices were handed out to those children who have overdue books last week. If your child brought home a notice please help look for and locate the books and then assist your child in returning them. If you are at all concerned about your child's overdue books please come in and see us. It is very important that books are returned to us promptly so your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Most of the NSW PRC certificates have arrived at school but we are still waiting for the Gold certificates for children who have completed the Challenge four years in a row. Once they arrive, all awards will be handed out at an assembly before the end of term. Most children in the school will receive a certificate from the NSW Premier as most of our school were able to complete the Challenge! Very exciting and well done children!

Janet A. Marie

Teacher Librarian

Hours (Tuesday to Friday)

Your'e Invited to



And



Celebrations

Friday 30th November
2018



We Asked & You Said....

TTFM Survey

This week I'd like to share with you some data from the *Tell Them From Me Survey*, completed in Term 2 that indicates the importance of **Positive Relationships**. The survey is gathered from students in **Grade 4-6**.

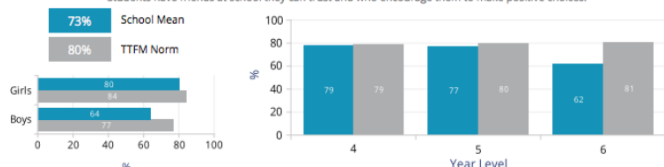
Here is what our data shows:

Overall, we are below the mean norm across Years 4, 5 and 6 in relation to Positive Relationships. This indicates that students have mixed feeling about having friends at school that they can trust and who encourage them to make positive choices. The teachers across the school throughout the year have been working extremely hard in modelling, teaching to and talking about the impact actions and words have on others. Our work with the *Positive Behaviours for School framework* has had a notable effect on improving student relationships with others.

Social-Emotional Outcomes

Students with positive relationships

Students have friends at school they can trust and who encourage them to make positive choices.



At home parents and carers can assist the school with:

- Modelling calm, positive and gentle ways in which to deal with conflict.
- Correcting inappropriate language
- Correcting and modelling inappropriate tone, volume and body language as it happens.
- Reflecting on previous experiences that have not gone so well, in order to offer and give suggested language and advice on how to approach difficult situations.
- Discuss what it means to be a good friend.

If you are stuck, turn to the lessons of Christ. Jesus is our greatest model for human behaviour and interaction, and He transcends generations.

Christmas Liturgy & Award Ceremony

We will celebrate our Christmas Liturgy and Award Ceremony, on Monday **17th December 2018**, at **9:30 am** in the church.



Everyone is welcome.

PBS4L

Dear parents/Carers,

As we approach Summer, it is important that we ensure our children are sun safe. One way we do this is by asking that every child have a school-approved hat with their name clearly labelled inside (unfortunately, we have hats sitting in lost property that do not have a name in them so we are unable to return lost property).



Mr Spradbrow has been handing out daily Pathways Tickets for any children wearing hats at school arrival. These tickets then provide an opportunity for children to go in the prize draw, held each Friday (5 names are drawn out per grade to receive an individual prize).

Children have been informed that all teachers on playground duty will only allow children to play in the sun (including the oval) if they are wearing a hat. Therefore, we seek your support in ensuring your child brings their hat to school, and work together to keep our children safe from the effects of the sun, ensuring they enjoy their play.



This past fortnight our Holy Family children are learning about the importance of coming to school each day. This is important, especially at this time of year for children to value their learning time, as every day counts. Perhaps you could ask your child/ren to share with you what they've learned.



Regards,

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA THANK YOU

Holy Family Primary Emerton wish to thank our Parent Helpers and Volunteers for 2018.

We invite you to attend our Advent Mass to be held on Thursday, 29th November starting at 12.15am in the Church, where we would like to thank you for your contributions and assistance throughout the year.

After the mass a morning tea will be held in our school hall as a thank you for all your help and support.

When: Thursday, 29th November

Time: 12.15am

Where: Church followed by Holy Family Primary School Hall





Dates for your Diary

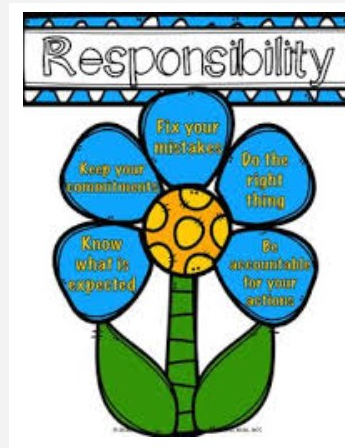


November	23	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
	27	Year 3 Excursion—Sydney Olympic Park
	29	Road to Bethlehem St Agnes—Year 4 students
		Advent Mass—12:15 in the Church
		Volunteers Thank You Celebrations—Hall @ 1:25 pm
	30	Community Day & Grandparents Day
December	03	Year 6 Meet The Professor—ACU Strathfield
	10	Kindergarten Meet The Professor—ACU Strathfield
	13	School Disco—Hall @ 5 pm All Welcome

Holy Family Value of Responsibility

During the next five weeks we are focusing on our Holy Family value of RESPONSIBILITY.

Responsibility is doing what needs to be done to take care of yourself, your family, your friends, and the greater community. Being responsible means that others can rely on you, that you follow through on your words and promises.



Our Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, modelled for us responsibilities within their family and their wider community.

Mary and Joseph were responsible for Jesus when he was a child - Mary and Joseph, tried to raise Jesus the best way they could and with great love. Joseph was responsible for teaching Jesus his carpentry skills and the Jewish traditions. Mary was responsible to Jesus as a mother, cooking, clothing and loving him. Jesus was responsible for bringing the message of God's great love to the people. They showed a sense of responsibility to God even when it was difficult.

Dear Parents/Carers,

The year is quickly coming to a close and there has been many things on our agenda. However, some traditions are important to us and are not to be forgotten. Our Holy Family Community day has been a day to celebrate our diverse cultural backgrounds and our children's achievements.

Holy Family Community Day will now be held on **Friday, 30- November**. This day will honour all of our Holy Family community's cultural backgrounds, our heritage, the people who have nurtured and educated us, and most importantly, our parents and grandparents.

You are invited to attend our Community Day celebration which will begin with a parade of nations, a community liturgy, our Holy Family award ceremony and | grade entertainment. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch with your children in the school grounds and open classrooms, where your children will be studying a culture through music, art and crafts.

So come along and help us celebrate our unique and diverse cultures that we know are a part of Holy Family Primary at Emerton.



Let us all try to be responsible people towards the ones we love and our wider community.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Cathy Vogt
Religious Coordinator

