



# Holy Family Primary

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**Term 3 Week 2**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This term we continue our focus on the values embodied by the Holy Family. The value for the first two weeks is *Compassion*.

Compassion comes from the Latin *compassio* or *compati* -to sympathize. The dictionary defines compassion as: “a deep awareness of the suffering or misfortune of another coupled with the desire to help”. It is an awareness that someone else is hurt/ upset or poorly treated and wanting to do something to ease their situation. Our definition for the students is: “reaching out beyond ourselves”. It is not hard to think of examples where compassion is needed in our world - the recent Malaysian plane disaster, the fighting in Syria, Afganistan and Iran, being homeless on these cold winter nights. But there are less obvious opportunities for showing compassion too, the lonely, the destitute, the sick and the injured in our own community.

How do we show compassion to others? This does not have to be a grand gesture. Something as simple as a smile, a hug or a thoughtful comment can make all the difference to someone. Speaking kindly **ABOUT** someone, even in their absence can be evidence of compassion. By being compassionate, by reaching beyond ourselves, we strengthen the connections we have with others. We model how we want our children to live their lives and show them how to be the very person they can be.

Perhaps the best way to approach it is to remember what our mother's taught us - **to always treat others the way we would like to be treated**. This is also the message Christ taught us- to love others as we do ourselves.

Blessings on you and your families

Mrs Mary Kelly  
**Acting Principal**

**24 July 2014**

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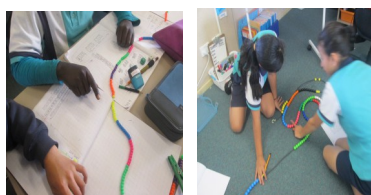


## The Learning Corner

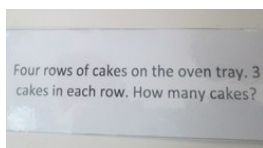
### *Numeracy*

What a busy start to Term 3. As we walk around the school it was great to see numeracy come alive again after the holidays!!

Here are some photos of the students' work. Underneath each photo is the **Learning Intention** for that task. A 'learning intention' is what the teacher wants the students to learn from the task they are doing. Ask your child today what their Learning Intention was for Numeracy!!



**Learning Intention:** We are learning to explore numbers using multiplication and division.



**Learning Intention:** We are learning to use efficient strategies to solve word problems.

## Library News

### *Borrowing*

Parents - don't forget you are welcome to borrow from the school library to support your child's reading development. Please come in and select from our wide range of resources.

**Mrs Janet A. Marie - Librarian Teacher**

## Fundraising News

### **Bunnings BBQ - Saturday 02 August**

We have been given an opportunity to be given a spot for our annual fundraiser BBQ at Bunnings. We need your assistance in giving some of your time on this day to help cook and serve. As mentioned many times we need all the help we can get with fundraising to continue providing the best resources for your children at Holy Family.

## Sports Update

Holy Family is proud to announce our **Primary Athletics Age Champions** for 2014:

Senior Boys: **Ares Siega**

Senior Girls: **Malia Otukolo**

Junior Boys: **Cameron Tydeman**

Junior Girls: **Alannah Martin**

Your sporting talent and sportsmanship is commendable. Well done on your success!

### Soccer Gala Days

Congratulations to the boys and girls who competed in soccer last term. The students wore our school uniform with pride and demonstrated great sportsmanship, teamwork, fair play and fortitude. The results were as followed:

#### **Stage 3 Girls**

Drew 3 games

Won 2 games

Lost 1 game

#### **Stage 2 Boys**

Drew 3 games

Lost 3 games

#### **Stage 2 Girls**

Drew 4 games

Won 2 games

Lost 1 game



Thank you to Miss Canderle and Mrs Keating

for your dedication in training these teams and being a part of the windy, but wonderful gala days.

**Miss Alex Clark**

**Acting Sports Coordinator**





### **Welcome**

We extend a warm welcome to our new staff members, **Mrs Georgina Cox**, our Acting Assistant Principal, and **Mrs Renata Natoli**, who commenced at Holy Family last week. Mrs Cox will be with us for the remainder of the year whilst Sr Brenda has been seconded to Good Shepherd at Plumpton, and Mrs Natoli will be assisting individual students on their literacy needs.



Welcome back to **Kalinda Bolt** from the **Jarara Support Unit**, who will be with us each Monday, assisting in the infants classrooms.

### **Creative Arts Expo**

A reminder that the Holy Family Creative Arts Expo will be held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August**. We have a wonderful day planned with a variety of activities and events scheduled. The children and teachers have been working very hard with rehearsals and preparing costumes and props. Please add this date to your diary for a great day of entertainment.

### **Assembly**

Year 4 will lead us for assembly, on **Friday 1st August** at **2.15pm** in the hall. All are welcome to attend.

### **Lollipops & Confectionery**

Please remind your children that they are not bring confectionary and lollies at into the school grounds. Lollipops, in particular are a safety hazard for the children. They are high in sugar with little nutritional value.

### **School Census - 1st August 2014**

With the school census next week, we ask for your assistance with ensuring that all outstanding partial and full day absences are explained to the office in writing. If you are planning to take your child out of school for more than one day before 01<sup>st</sup> August, please come to the office and complete an exemption form.

### **Congratulations**

To the following students who have had **100% attendance** during Term 2:

<i>Liliana Clarke</i>	<i>Sophia Clarke</i>
<i>Ana Vave</i>	<i>Isaac Lamsam</i>
<i>Kizito Mutebi</i>	<i>Drew Stevenson</i>
<i>Nadia Cunningham</i>	<i>Aiden Stevenson</i>
<i>Carson T'Malii</i>	<i>Chantelle T'Malli</i>
<i>Ben Vu</i>	<i>Allison Zuniga Terrey</i>
<i>Zachary Pilcher</i>	<i>Brooklyn-Drew Lamsam</i>
<i>Tahlia Broomham</i>	<i>Akekaro Atera-Chapman</i>

### **Grandparents Mass**

To acknowledge the importance of our grandparents and to show our appreciation for their love, care and endless assistance we would like to invite all our grandparents to a special 'Grandparents Mass'. This Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 25th July at 9.15am** followed by morning tea.

### **Skoolbag**

Skoolbag is a free mobile 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. Information regarding installing the App will be sent home shortly.

### **Parent Contact Details**

Please ensure that the school has your updated emergency contacts and phone numbers. There have been a number of times where we have not been able to contact parents during an emergency. We ask this for the safety and well-being of your children.

### **The Value of Compassion**

We pray together asking for the strength to act with compassion toward others at school, at home and within the wider community. We pray that in our Holy family community we may learn to follow the example of the Holy family and show compassion; by showing concern for what other people have to say, through acts of kindness, by being helpful and giving, and by reaching out and responding to others in need.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer**







## Dates for your Diary

<b>July</b>	<b>25</b>	Grandparents Day Mass 9.15am
<b>August</b>	<b>01</b>	School Census Day
	<b>01</b>	Pyjama Day
	<b>01</b>	Year 6 Mass in Church - 9.15am
	<b>01</b>	Assembly Year 4 - 2.15pm
	<b>02</b>	Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
	<b>12</b>	Zone Athletics
	<b>13</b>	Year 3/4 Royce Simmons Shield



### 2013 Annual School Report

The Holy Family 2013 Annual School Report is available to read in the school office. Alternatively - please refer to our website.

### School Holidays

Term 3 finishes on  
**Friday 19th September**

Term 4 begins on  
**Tuesday 7th October**

### Understanding Family Law - Seminar

The Solo Parent Ministry will be running our next Seminar on "Understanding Family Law" which will cover information on how the Family Law act applies to issues related to living arrangements for children and property settlements post separation or divorce amongst other topics. Date: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 7.30pm, Venue: Blacktown Cost: \$5.00. Bookings essential: Ph: 9933 0205 or Email: [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au)

### Bereavement Support Program

CCSS Solo Parent Ministry is running its next Seasons for Growth Program for adults commencing on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2014**. This small group Program runs for five consecutive Tuesdays and is open to anyone grieving the death of their spouse or partner. See Notice Board for Flyer. **Venue:** CCSS Centre 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Date/Time:** 5 Tuesdays from 05<sup>th</sup> August -10.00am – 1.00pm. **Cost:** \$80.00. Information and Registration- Ph: 9933 0205 or email: [soloparentministry@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au)

### Enrolments - 2015

This is a reminder to all families that your child is not enrolled until the enrolment form is handed in and a letter of offer returned. This particularly applies to students for **Kindergarten 2015 & Year 7** in High School. Please do not leave it too late and miss out.

St Vincent de Paul Society  
1926-1927

**AUSTRALIA'S "FAIR GO"**

has it been lost in the Federal Budget?

FAMILIES • YOUNG PEOPLE • PENSIONERS  
**LET'S SPEAK UP FOR A "FAIR GO" AND SEEK LOCAL ACTIONS FOR CHANGE!**

Friday, August 1st from 3:30pm - 5:30pm  
Holy Family Parish Primary School,  
Emert Parade, Emerton 2770  
RSVP to [parradio@vinnies.org.au](mailto:parradio@vinnies.org.au)  
or call 8861 9700

**COME AND TELL YOUR STORY**

