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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As we come to the end of a very busy Term one at Holy Family, I would like to thank you for your continued support on many levels. Your cooperation with us if we have to speak to you re your children's academic progress or behaviour has been very heartening. We always have your children's good at heart when we speak to you about them. We love your children and want the very best for them as we know you do, so we always appreciate when you are happy to speak to us about matters that pertain to their social or academic progress. We are happy also to hear from you if you ever have concerns, questions or worries about anything regarding your children at Holy Family.

The teachers are always your first point of contact and they are always willing to speak with you. If you need to speak to me and you are around just 'catch' me in the mornings or afternoons or make an appointment if you need more time.

On Sunday we celebrate the great feast of Easter, the feast of hope and joy. We must always remember as Christians that, no matter how difficult life can be sometimes, Easter is our great sign of hope. God is always there, if everybody else fails us.

Blessings on you and your families.

Sr Brenda Kennedy
Principal



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The Learning Corner

LITERACY

Year Five – How do we incorporate Oral language into real life Learning?

This term we have worked hard to develop our oral language skills and vocabulary to convey messages to specific audiences. This has occurred across all of our learning areas.



We have especially enjoyed working to promote Sustainability. To do this we have developed our vocabulary, by using technical terms to describe our understandings of how we can help with the sustainability of the earth's resources to become more effective global citizens. We have learned to compose and deliver announcements to present to individual classes and on the school P.A., to promote Clean Up Australia Day and Earth Hour.

From this experience we have learned to use both formal and informal language to persuade and encourage everyone at Holy Family to conserve energy and water, to look after nature by composting, and to recycle. Our oral language skills have helped us to raise awareness about important issues like, climate change and the use of non-renewable resources.

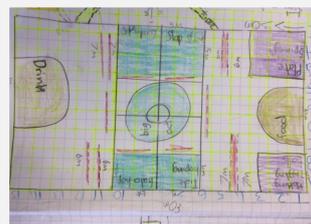
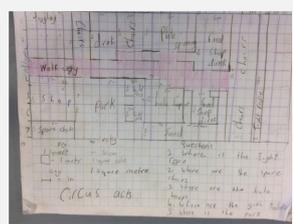
This was great learning because we were able to develop and use our talking and listening skills to plan, rehearse and deliver presentations that were important and fun. This allowed us to learn how to vary conventions of spoken language according to our audience, using volume, tone, pitch and pace appropriately. This was important in delivering our raps and songs at our Year 5 assembly.

We hope our oral language skills have been effective in assisting you to understand the benefits of preserving and protecting the environment we live in, and in recognising the affects your choices can have on our environment.

NUMERACY

Year 4—Creating Maps

In Year Four, we have been creating maps of the school for a circus performance later this year. We have been using language of position to describe the location of different acts and to describe the route that our audience will take to view each act. Some of this language includes words such as: north, south, east, west, between, next to and below. We have also learned how to use grid references to describe locations using a map.



Sports Update

Thank you to all the parents that helped out at our recent school Cross Country, especially to Tracey Miller and the parent committee that chopped fruit and served ice blocks to the children. Your time and dedication to our school is greatly appreciated. Also a special thank you to the staff that also made the event the success that it was.

Congratulations to our Cross Country Champions for 2015. They ran a very competitive race and we look forward to seeing how they compete at the Diocesan Cross Country next term.

Congratulations again to the overall winning house **"GREEN."**

Remember to now collect and send in your Fun Run sponsorship money and claim your prizes.



Age Champions

Also congratulations to the cross county age champions. Well Done!

Junior Girls—Nadia Cunningham
Junior Boys—Keegan Duncan

Senior Girls—Allanah Martin
Senior Boys—Mac Athieu

Sport days for your diary

Stage 3 Girls Soccer: 23rd April
Greg Alexander Shield (Stage 3 only): 30th April
Diocesan Cross Country: 5th May
Panther Trophy: 19th May
Stage 3 Boys Soccer: 21st May

Regards,
Mrs. Leonie Preston
Sports Co-ordinator

Library Update

Overdue Books from 2014

Shortly, some children will be bringing home an overdue list of books that have been out since last year! If your child brings home such a letter, please have a good look at home for the items.

If you cannot find the items at home, please come in and see me, so that we can clear up the matter. If your child has overdue books they cannot borrow, so the sooner the matter is sorted, the sooner your child can be borrowing again!



Janet A. Marie
Teacher Librarian
Wednesday - Friday



SYMPATHY

Our very sincere sympathy and prayers to CHRISTIAN De LARA (Year 6) on the recent sudden death of his mother. Christian's Mum died very suddenly on Saturday after suffering a stroke. She was laid to rest yesterday. Please keep CHRISTIAN and his family in your prayers as they come to terms with this great sadness in their lives.



Uniform Reminders

We are very proud of our uniform at Holy Family and expect that all children wear it with pride. A few reminders about what is appropriate re our uniform:

- ⇒ All hair accessories must be white navy or blue. No other colours should be worn.
- ⇒ For safety reasons no jewellery should be worn except for a watch and / or sleepers or studs.
- ⇒ Black shoes should be worn at all times except on sports days.

A reminder if you child is out of uniform, please send a note to your child's teacher explaining why they are out of uniform.

School Hair Cuts

Our school policy regarding hair cuts states that normal hair-cuts are acceptable. A **NORMAL** Haircut means the following:

- Hair of equal length (long or short) with no shaved sides or lines
- If long it must be tied back
- Hair must be the child's natural colour
- There are a number of boys who need to have their hair cuts fixed during the holidays so that they comply with our rules.

Whether you agree or not these are our rules and in enrolling your child at Holy Family you agreed to our policies. We ask you to honour your commitment when you accepted a place at our school.

Thank you to the majority of parents



Fundraising

Easter Raffle

Our Easter hat parade and raffle was a great success. We raised \$700.00. A very sincere thanks to all the parents who helped especially to Liz Hackett who coordinated the raffle.

Fun Run

Fun run money is now due. Please return as soon as school returns if you have not done so already. Thank you to those people who have sent in their money. Try to get as many sponsors as possible and do not forget to mark your child's chosen prize.



Mother's Day

Our next event will be the Mother's Day stall in early May. Watch out for more details.

Naplan

Attention parents and guardians of students in Years 3 and 5. In week 4 of Term 2 from **May 12 to May 14 inclusive** Years 3 & 5 students will be sitting for the National tests in Literacy and Numeracy called NAPLAN.

Please ensure your child is at school and on time for these three days. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact Mrs Mary Kelly via the school office.



Principal's Morning Tea

Once a term we acknowledge the efforts of those children who consistently try to be responsible, to do the right thing and be the best they can be. These children were invited to a special morning tea with the Principal, Sr Brenda and presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Congratulations to the following students who were at the Principal's Morning Tea that took place in Term 1. Well Done!

KP	<i>Lotrell Seia-Ferrier</i>
KSM	<i>Amira-Jordan Mano</i>
1A	<i>Jasmin Wilson</i>
1S	<i>Harrison Laupola-Burnett</i>
2W	<i>Merian Matienza</i>
2V	<i>Christopher Leota</i>
3J	<i>Aiden Phillips</i>
3W	<i>Richard Tamarua</i>
4M	<i>Ema Manas</i>
4W	<i>Jumikah Donovan</i>
5B	<i>Chantelle T'Malii</i>
5S	<i>Jayden Pitt</i>
6A	<i>Jacynda Treloar</i>
6W	<i>Jeremy Ayoub</i>

Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS)

Thank you to all those families who completed the survey for Quality Catholic Schools. Your comments and opinions are important to us and will provide valuable information with our school community.



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Dates for your Diary

- April 02 Last Day of Term 1
- 03 Good Friday
- 20 First Day of Term 2**
- May 4 Winter Uniform Changeover



School Holidays

Term 1 finishes today
Friday April 2nd.

Term 2 begins on
Monday April 20th.

Holy Week Liturgy Times

Holy Thursday—2nd April

- Reconciliation 6.30pm (Church)
- Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm (Church).
- Eucharistic Adoration after Mass in the Primary School Hall until 6.00am Friday morning

Good Friday - 3rd April

- Reconciliation 11.00am—12.00pm; 2.00pm—3.00pm.
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Veneration of the Cross) 3pm in the Church

Holy Saturday—4th April

- Reconciliation 9.30am—11.00am; 6.00pm
- Easter Vigil 7.30pm (Church)

Easter Sunday—5th April

- 9.00am & 10.30am Mass at Holy Family
- 7.30am Mass at Bidwill

Please note that there will be **NO MORNING MASS** on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday.



Holy Family Value of Forgiveness

During this week we are focusing on our Holy Family value of Forgiveness.

Forgiveness is a valuable gift that is neither easily obtained, nor easily given. It is essential for life; it heals and frees us from past wrongs and gives us hope for the future.

It is for forgiveness sake that Jesus came to earth to die for mankind. If we acknowledge our wrongs and ask for forgiveness, God will forgive us - no questions asked. God's forgiveness and healing gives us a new hope and a new beginning.

Let us especially remember this during this special time of Holy Week. As Jesus was in pain and suffering on the cross he called out to God:

"Forgive them; they don't know what they are doing".

Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice.

How can we follow this example of Jesus and live out forgiveness?

It is our role to teach our children to be forgiving people. Show your child how wonderful forgiving another can be through your example. Teaching children that forgiveness is important will set them on the right path, providing a foundation for positive relationships in life. So during this special time of Holy Week, let us pray together asking for the grace to forgive others, as we are forgiven.

Our Holy Family prayer for the Value of Forgiveness

We pray that in our Holy Family community we may imitate the Holy Family in our relationships with others, by asking for forgiveness and by being forgiving people. May we find it in our hearts to display forgiveness by; letting go of hurt feelings and not holding grudges, giving others another chance, and by showing love and forgiveness in our words and actions. Lord, hear us.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Mrs Michelle Smith
Religious Education Coordinator

