



# Holy Family Primary

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**Term 2 Week 6**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Tuesday next you will all receive a copy of your child's report. The report at this time of the year is not as detailed as the one you will receive at the end of the year. Because of this it is very important that you come along to the meetings the following week when the teachers will give you more detail about how your child is progressing. It also provides you with an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

I have no doubt that your child's education is important to you. To help your child progress at a satisfactory rate, it is very important that home and school work together. If you do not come along to these meetings you are missing out on an opportunity to help further your child's development, because we will share our thoughts with you and will also listen to yours. It is so disappointing when parents do not come and even more disappointing when there is no communication about it. If the time allocated is not suitable we expect that you would have the courtesy to make contact with your child's teacher to make another time. If you fail to make the effort to come what kind of message are you giving to your children? They may think you really do not care. Please think about this.

We really look forward to seeing everybody as we do care about your children and want to work with you to help in their development.

Blessings on you and your family

Sr Brenda Kennedy  
**Principal**

**5th June 2014**

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### The Learning Corner



#### **Describing & Grouping Things Develops the Language of Classifying**

Mum: Which leaves look the same?

Maria: There are big ones and some with really curly edges.

Jodie: And lots of skinny ones too.

We ask children to describe objects and get them to look for similarities and differences. We help children to develop the language to classify, sort and group things.

They need language for classifying in literacy and numeracy later.

[www.oececc.gov.au/education/learning\\_resources](http://www.oececc.gov.au/education/learning_resources)

### Sports Update

#### **Stage 3 Soccer**

On Tuesday May 27, a group of 13 Stage 3 Boys represented Holy Family at a Soccer Gala Day. The boys played a total of 6 games during the day. They won 2 games, drew 2 games and lost 2 games. As a result, the team came third in their pool. The boys showed great sportsmanship and were a credit to Holy Family. Thank you to the parents who stayed for the day and supported the team.



**Belinda Canderle & Linda Keating**  
**Soccer Coordinators**

### Athletics Carnival

Our annual athletics carnival is coming up on **Friday June 13** at Blair oval. All children will be taking part. Please send in their permission note as soon as possible. They will not be able to go by bus without this. This is a great event for the children and probably one of the highlights of the sporting calendar. It is a particularly exciting day for the kindergarten children who will be taking part in their first one. The children wear their sports uniform or a top to match the house colour they belong to. This must be an appropriate sports top, suitable for this event.

### Fundraising News



Thank you to the families who have returned their raffle tickets for the Athletics Carnival raffle which will take place on **Friday June 13**. There is lots of time to sell more!! Our major prize is a large bar of Cadbury's chocolate. Other prizes include \$30 vouchers for Coles. Tickets are on sale each morning for the children at a special rate of 50 cents or 3 for a dollar. Thank you to all the parents who came along to our last meeting. We have been allocated August 2 for a Bunnings BBQ so please mark this date and think about giving an hour of your time to sell sausages on that day. Watch this space for another exciting fundraising activity in term 3. All funds go towards helping the school with various activities and resources during the year and your support is very much appreciated.

**School Holidays**
  
 Term 2 finishes on
   
**Friday June 27**
  
 Term 3 begins on
   
**Monday July 14**

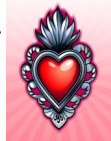


### ***Feast of the Sacred Heart***

On June 27 we will celebrate the Feast of the sacred Heart at 9.15 in the Church. This will be a whole school Mass.

The Feast of Sacred Heart is the great feast of God's love for us in Jesus. It has been the custom at Holy Family to collect non-perishable food for those who are more needy than ourselves.

We ask you to be as generous as you can and send donations to your child's class. We ask that you check the expiry date on the food items as we cannot use them if they are out of date. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### ***Assembly***

Year 3 will lead us for assembly on **Friday June 20 at 2.15pm** in the hall. All are welcome to attend.

### ***Reports***

Mid Year reports will be sent home on **Tuesday June 10**. If you do not receive your child's report on that day please contact the school office.



### ***Parent/Teacher/Children***

#### ***Meetings June 16, 17, 18, 19, 20***

Reports will go home on **Tuesday June 10**. Please make sure you come along to your meeting with your child. If the time allocated does not suit, we would appreciate a call so that the meeting can be rescheduled.

### ***Holy Family Fair***

On **Saturday June 7** Holy Family Parish will be holding a Community Fair with lots of activities and fun. It will start at 10 am and finish at 2pm. To assist parents who cannot come to school during the week, we will be opening some of the classrooms on this day for an hour between 11am and 12 noon. Please tell friends and neighbours who may be interested in coming along to have a look.



## ***Congratulations***

Congratulations to the following children who will be performing in the **Captivate Showcase**. Holy Family will be performing with a number of other schools on June 17 and June 19 at Nagle College Blacktown. On June 17 the choir children and 3 specially chosen band children will be performing. On June 19 the Year 6 band people will be on stage. This is a great achievement for these children and we are very proud of them. We wish the well and thank God for the gifts they have been given.

### ***Captivate Choir***

Tonga Polutele	Summer Tomruk
Siui Vave	Reanna Dakic
Chantelle T'Malii	Sami Otukolo
Ian Smith	Aidan Tran
Jodeci Polutele	Adut Deng
Paris Kongongian	PJ Falaniko
Katalina Vave	Faith Nimmo
Elina Graf	Malia Otukolo
Joanna Seia	Aiche Qablawi
Angelique Von Kraft	Keanu Amiatu

### ***Captivate Band***

Jacob Luatuanuu	Kalindra Brown
Jasmine Dickson	Zachary Pilcher
Monique Nowland-Judge	Grant Piltcher
Luke Miller	Malia Otukolo
Faith Nimmo	Nathan Falkner
Emma Wallis	Myia Vendrasco
Aiche Qablawi	Katalina Vave
Elie Atihe	

### ***No Skateboards or Scooters***

Because we have had a number of children doing unsafe things with skate boards and scooters before and after school, they are not allowed to bring them to school. We are tired of getting complaints from parents about the unsafe actions of some children, so in order to ensure their safety and that of others it is better that they do not bring them to school. If you want your child to have these and you are with them that is your decision but they must not be brought into the school premises. We ask your cooperation with this matter.

## Dates for your Diary

June	6	Year 5 Mass in Classroom 9.15am
	9	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - <b>no school for children</b>
	10	Reports go home
	11	Panther Trophy Rugby Finals
	12	Year 3 Mass in Classroom
	13	Athletics Carnival at Blair Oval
	16-20	Parent/Teacher/Children Meetings
	17	Captivate Choir
	19	Captivate Band
	20	Assembly at 2:15pm - Year 3
	26	NAIDOC Day
	27	Feast of the Sacred Heart



### **Cold or Flu Tips**

Common colds are usually caught from other people who have colds. Common colds can be passed on through touching hands or objects (e.g. tissues and toys) or by breathing in droplets from sneezes or coughs. To help prevent the spread of colds, encourage children (and adults) to:

- Cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing and dispose of tissues in the bin
- Keep hands away from their eyes, nose and mouth
- Throw tissues away after blowing their nose
- Regularly wash and dry hands thoroughly with soap, particularly before eating food and after blowing their nose
- Avoid sharing cups, glasses and cutlery
- Where possible stay away from anyone who appears to be sick
- If your child has flu symptoms, **please keep them at home.**



See your doctor if you are concerned about your child's health.

**Common colds** need common sense, **they don't need antibiotics.** To find out why and for more information, go to the 'parents & carers' page of the common colds section of the NPS website at <http://nps.org.au/consumers>

### **Lost Property**

Lost property is a real problem at school. However there are many children who never lose their jackets, lunch boxes or hats so well done to these children. Please remind your children to look after their possessions. Some of them take off their jackets when they are hot but forget to go back to get them. Also, please make sure that their names are on everything. We do have situations where children misplace clothes that have names on them and unfortunately they do not return to their owners. Please check your children's clothes regularly to make sure that what they bring home belongs to them. There are many jackets and hats at school which were left behind daily. Many of them have no names so please get your children to check if they are missing anything. Of course everything should be labelled. Please make sure your child's name is on his/ her clothing.

