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# Holy Family Primary Emerton

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TERM 3 WEEK 10

## Flags of All Nations

On Wednesday 20th September, we held our annual **Community Day** to celebrate our diversity as a community. Thank you to all our families in the community for joining in our celebrations! Thank you also to all our teachers, students and parent volunteers for making the day so special. We had a great day celebrating different cultures.....the food, the clothing and of course the dancing.



### Message from the Principal

Greetings!

Our Sunday gospel reading this week is the story of Jesus being asked how many times we should forgive. The response was and is that there is no “magic” number. Forgiveness is always available from God and should be from us. This is a challenge for us, particularly when we are holding onto the hurt; which is understandable. Jesus’ response is an example for us and as the gospel story shows we can’t have forgiveness without forgiving others.

I see extraordinary examples of forgiveness from children on a daily basis following playground issues. I also see situations where it can be difficult to let go and offer forgiveness. Our task as adults is to model forgiveness and to gently encourage the children to see that forgiveness is possible even if it will take some time.

As we approach the end of the term, I would like to thank the staff for their continuing dedication to the children’s learning and welfare.

I would also like to thank you for your ongoing support of Holy Family School in all that we do.

Best wishes for the remainder of the term and the school holidays.

*John Spradbrow*

## Holy Family Value Award Recipients 2017

These students have been selected by their peers and have been recognised as displaying our Holy Family Values of:



**Respect, Compassion, Responsibility,  
Forgiveness & Trust**



Jake Hackett—Kinder  
Chelsea Nguyen—Yr 1  
Karina Tuuina—Yr 2  
Pele Gardiner—Yr 3  
Rayne Siega—Yr 4



Allison Zuniga-Terrey—Yr 5  
Kairaen Atera-Chapman—Yr 6



## Principal's Morning Tea

In term 3 we acknowledged the efforts of 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, John Spradbrow and presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Well Done!

<b>KL/KKD</b>	Rachael Noon & Phoebe Munoz
<b>1S &amp; 1M</b>	Harrison Cheng & Max Laupola-Burnett
<b>2A &amp; 2J</b>	Karina Tuuina & Kyla McNulty
<b>3D &amp; 3V</b>	Frederick Bell & Matilda Nicholls
<b>4C &amp; 4L</b>	Mia Duncan & Susan Ayom
<b>5A &amp; 5F</b>	Hannah Nicholls & Isha Naibkhill
<b>6V &amp; 6W</b>	Aaliyah Gardiner & Rhys McCaskill

## Sports Update

### Mackillop Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to **Meroma Peti** and **Pheonix Tauasa** for their participation in the MacKillop Athletic Trials held on Monday 20th September at Sydney Olympic Park. It was an excellent effort to make the Parramatta Team - we are very proud of both of them and their talent!

### Selection for the 2018 Zone Swimming Carnival.

This year we intend to select our 2018 zone swimming team based on squad times. Last year only eleven children elected to try out for the zone team. Not all of the children were competitive swimmers and did not meet the qualifying times. Please let me know if you think your child will be disadvantaged by our selection process.

### Touch Football Gala Days

On Friday 8th September Holy Family were represented by three sides at the Stage 3 Touch footy gala day held at the Kingsway, St. Marys. The children had come together well in the limited number of training sessions learning some new skills and the differences between touch and rugby league.

The Girl's team although undefeated unfortunately finished runners up in their pool due to their for and against points differential. Some great natural talent on display as the girls played direct and stuck to a simple game plan.

Our Boy's team finished in the high placings after some narrow and unexpected losses but also some upset victories. The boys took their chances and played what was in front of them most of the day making the most of every opportunity playing expansive early.

The Mixed side had some tough games first up but continued to improvement throughout the day. This team had to borrow reserves from both the Girls and Boys teams during the day due to some late withdrawals but this assisted the team towards the end of the day with the players familiar with their roles.



Mr Adam Fletcher  
*Teacher*



## Book Week Celebrations

### Book Week Activities

A good time was had by all over week 8 when we celebrated Book Week.

### Trivia Quiz Winners: groups 13 and 21

This year two groups tied in first place! Winners were:

Layla James KD/KK Lachlan Dimech 5A Layla Armstrong 1M  
Xander Williams 5F Kawai Seumanutafa 1M Kylaehna Rawiri 2J  
Keegan Duncan 6W Keith Alunday 4C Keannah Drake 5A  
Lilly Gibbons 3V Laione Niumata KD/KK Tayla Fabian 6W  
Harmony Lord-Romero 4L Gabriela Labbad 3D Heilala Fifita 4C  
Hannah Nicholls 5A Isaac Stodomingo KD/KK Holly Gray 5F  
Hayley Ford 6W Izaiah Waddell KL Ethan Martin 5F  
Faith Luatuanuu 6W Peti Benrolin KL

Congratulations to all of these winners! They are our trivia quiz winners for 2017-2018!

### Book Parade

The parade was a terrific event for our favourite characters. Teachers joined in the fun too with an appearance by Captain Underpants, The Cat in the Hat, and Aladdin amongst others.

### Teachers Book Week Play Extravaganza

Performed yesterday, as part of our Community Day, we performed **Chips**, one of the shortlisted Book Week Books and **The Very Hungry Bear**. Many, many thanks to the teachers involved, especially, to our leading actors, Mrs Slatford (Very Hungry Bear), Ms Jessel (Polar Bear) and Mr Lehmann (Chip). Judging by the children's expressions and the their loud laughter the play was a huge success.

### Book Week Visiting Author: Gus Gordon

All children in our school enjoyed a session with Gus. As well many of Gus' books were sold during the week and children had the opportunity to get them signed. Many classes have incorporated Gus' visit into their literacy lessons. It was very exciting for the children to be able to meet a live author/illustrator!

### Next Term: Scholastic Book Fair

Our fair will be coming to school in weeks 4-5, from 2/11 through to 9/11. Please record these dates in your diaries. More information will be coming your way as the event gets closer.

Mrs Janet A. Marie  
Teacher Librarian

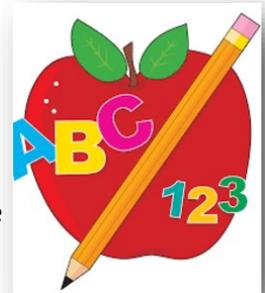


## Literacy Tip

Want to stay busy reading all holiday long? Try reading all the books in a series. Like the Hunger Games? Try reading the whole trilogy. Get a friend to read them too and you'll have someone to discuss them with! Literacy Tips from Wisconsin State Reading Association [www.wsra.org](http://www.wsra.org)

Remember to make a regular time for reading everyday!

Regards,  
Mrs. Alexandra Ali  
Literacy Coordinator



## Holiday Mathematics

School holidays are a great time to learn how Maths relates to the real world. Maths is everywhere!

Help your child prevent "holiday learning loss" by taking advantage of the many great opportunities to practice Maths naturally!

Below are a few ideas to get you started:

- ☺ Cooking can involve weighing, measuring, ordering, estimating, adding, multiplying ...
- ☺ Restaurants and shopping can involve money, number identification, estimating, adding, subtracting, division ...
- ☺ Parties can involve matching numbers of people to plates, cutlery, area of tables, estimation, multiplication ...
- ☺ Trips can involve time, distance, budgeting, speed, evaluating various routes, license plate games (e.g. adding or multiplying the numbers on the plate) ...
- ☺ Home projects can involve estimation, measuring, multiplication ...
- ☺ Gardening can involve measuring, counting, area, division...

Regards,  
Mrs Angela Alonzo  
Stage 3 Coordinator



### Dates for your Diary

September 22 **Last Day of Term 3**

October 09 **First Day of Term 4**



## School Holidays

Term 3 finishes on **Friday 22nd September**  
Term 4 begins on **Monday 09th October**

### Summer Uniform

Parents are reminded that after the Term 3 holiday break, the children should return to school in summer uniform.



### Our Final Week of Respect

In God's eyes, each one of us is precious.

We need His help and the help of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, to remember to be kind and respectful every day, to every person we meet.

We especially need God's help when we are with people who bother us. When people are mean or selfish, we may feel like acting that way too. But, if we pray and ask for God's help, we will see we really do have a choice about how we behave.

There is no single road to success and personal fulfillment but one thing is sure: If our children learn to live harmoniously in our community, treating others with respect and loving kindness they will be well on the way.

Let us prayer and work together to promote and teach our Holy Family value of respect to our children.

I hope all the members of our Holy Family school community have a safe and restful holiday.

Regards,  
Mrs. Cathy Vogt  
Religious Coordinator



### HOLY FAMILY PARISH RECONCILIATION DATES

Enrolment days: Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.00pm

Please contact the Parish Office on 9628 7272

