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Term 3 Week 6

Greetings Parents!

This weekend a number of our children will celebrate their First Communion here at Holy Family. Congratulations to the children in taking another step in their initiation into our church. Congratulations also to their parents and the sacramental team for their guidance of the children through this important process.

Congratulations to Mrs. Michelle Smith on her permanent appointment to the position of Assistant Principal at St. John Vianney Doonside. Michelle was one of the foundation staff at Holy Family School. Staff, parents and students will miss her. There will be an opportunity to farewell Michelle at a later date.

Congratulations to the children who represented Holy Family School at the recent Zone Athletics Carnival. You were great representatives of our school, thank you! Our best wishes to the children who are competing at the Diocesan Carnival this Friday. Thank you to the parents and staff who assisted with the training and supervision of the children.

Our Netball teams had a great day yesterday. Thank you to the staff and parents who trained the teams and assisted with the organization of the day. We appreciate your help. Thank you to our competitors for representing our school.

Do you have some spare time before school? Yes I know that this is an odd question. We do however; need the help of some parents to assist with the School Breakfast Program. We have two teams of helpers to run our program on Monday and Friday. We need more help on these days as it is difficult if someone is sick or has a sick child. We would also like to run the program each school day. This will require quite a number of volunteers.

What would I need to do?

- Be available between 8 and 9am or part of that time.
- Cook some toast
- Serve cereal
- Wash up.
- Enjoy the goodwill of joining in and helping children get a great start to the day.

Please let us know if you can help.

Thank you to the mums who have been helping organise our Father's Day stall. No Help means No Stall, so thank you for making it happen!

Our Holy Family value for the rest of the term is Forgiveness. As you know it is not easy to forgive and sometimes it can feel impossible. I hope that the children share some of their learning and thinking about forgiveness with you.

Tomorrow afternoon we have a special meeting for our Kindergarten families. We want to share with you the exciting learning that is taking place, I do hope that you can make it.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

John Spradbrow

23rd August 2016

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The Learning Corner

Peter Sullivan



Multiplicative Thinking Project

On the 9th June, the Stage 3 teachers and Mr Spradbrow were lucky enough to participate in a professional learning day with Professor Peter Sullivan from Monash University. On this day the teachers learned more about strategies to teach Multiplication and Division. As a result of this professional learning, the Year 5 and Year 6 students have been working through a sequence of lessons on the topic of multiplicative thinking.

The learning from this approach to Mathematics has been around student awareness of their own learning, knowing the zone of confusion is ok, having a growth mindset and knowing that mistakes are opportunities for learning, and being able to show and explain thinking in more than one way.

Mrs Angela Alonzo
Stage 3 Coordinator

Voice of Youth Competition

Over the last few weeks the students in Year Six have been writing speeches on topics that they are passionate about. Throughout this process their aim has been to effectively communicate to an audience to achieve a set purpose. This speech competition is being conducted so that children with a flair for public speaking have an opportunity to use this talent.

Participation in the speech competition enables children to:

- ✓ express ideas in exact terms that are meaningful to the listener;
- ✓ gain skills in researching information for their speech;
- ✓ improve their speaking skills;
- ✓ acquire skills in listening and clarity in thinking;
- ✓ gain expertise in articulating clearly, using correct pronunciation, clear diction and variety in tonal quality;
- ✓ understand the importance of communication in human relationships;
- ✓ develop skills in planning, organising and outlining a speech based upon a central idea that communicates a message;
- ✓ be able to express or imply a statement that the audience is able to understand and summarise as the message of the speech.

On Thursday the 25th August, **Reanna Dakic, Veronica Deng and Aidan Tran** will represent Holy Family in the Cluster Finals at Trinity Primary School, Kemp Creek. We wish them the best of luck!



Sports Update

Zone Athletics Carnival

The Blacktown Zone Athletics carnival was held on Tuesday 16th August at Blacktown International Sports Centre. All of the students who represented Holy Family are to be congratulated on both their competitive spirit and behaviour on the day. It was wonderful to see our Year 5 & 6 students helping our younger students to their events and being so supportive whilst they were competing. Congratulations to **Alannah Martin** who was Senior Girls Age Champion – winning 5 out of 6 events on the day. Congratulations also to our Senior Girls Relay team (**Alannah Martin, Siui Vave, Meroma Peti and Somoto Igbojiaku**) who placed first in their event and **Phoenix Tauasa, Abbi Collins, Meroma Peti and Aidan Tran** who will all progress through to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival with Alannah on Friday 26th August.



2016 Age Champions

Congratulations to our 2016 Athletics Champions:

Junior Girls: **Abbi Collins**

Junior Boys: **Phoenix Tauasa**

Senior Girls: **Alannah Martin**

Senior Boys: **Aidan Tran**



Dates for the Diary

Diocesan Athletics Carnival: **26th August**

MacKillop Athletics Carnival: **19th September**

Basketball Gala Day: **17th October**

Parramatta Gymnastics Competition: **4th November**

Regards,

Leonie Preston

Sports Co-ordinator



Library News

The Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC is now closed. The last day for entries was Friday 19 August. This year 200 children were successful in completing the challenge. Well done to those children!

Book Week

Just a reminder to all parents that Book Week will be celebrated at school over week 8, 6 September through to Friday 9 September. Our Book Character Parade will be held on Thursday 8 September, commencing at 9.15 in the School Hall. This will be followed by the annual Teacher Play. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend both of these activities.

Please encourage your child to dress up for the Book Character Parade. It is a fun event which encourages our children to engage in the love of reading and literature. Remember that preschoolers are also encouraged to attend the event dressed as their favourite book character!

During Book Week students will also be taking part in **Book Week Trivia**, a reading afternoon and attendance at a showing of Murphy's Puppets, our special guests. We will be sending out more information before the commencement of Book Week about the activities planned for the children.

New Books

We have also been very fortunate this year, in that we have been enabled to purchase a number of new books for the library. The children are very excited about our new titles and are borrowing the new titles with gusto! We have rejigged the lay out of the book collections in the library. Please feel free to drop into the library to check on some of the changes we have made and to view the new books. We are always very happy to have parents come into the library!



Mrs Janet Marie
Teacher Librarian

Mobile Phones and iPads

This school acknowledges that mobile phones are used for emergency communication between children and their parents to and from school. However, while at school, parents are to contact their children by calling the school office.



Children are not to make phone calls and they must be responsible for their own property. Phones should not be used for recording or taking photos on school property.

School Holidays

Term 3 finishes on
Friday September 23
Term 4 begins on
Monday October 10

Skoolbag App

Schoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smart phones. It is a free 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. It is a great way for the school to keep you up to date with what is happening at school.



Before and After School Care Important Information for families

Good news. We have been successful in acquiring The Kids Activity Center for before and after school care. They also have a bus to transport children to and from Holy Family Primary School.

Unfortunately, after much research we have been unsuccessful in finding any other centers that can provide care and meet the needs of our before and after school families. Furthermore, due to the long certification process we will not be able to open a center here at Holy Family. It could take up to six months to complete all applications and certification.

Please contact The Kids Activity Center directly on 9625 3027 to enroll your child. Alternatively you can access the online enrollment form at <http://kidsactivitycentre.hubworks.com.au>.

If you should have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Fundraising News

Fathers' Day Stall

Our next fundraiser will be the Fathers' Day Stall on **Wednesday 31st August**. Thank you to our parent volunteers for taking time out of their day to help wrap the gifts. Your time is very much appreciated.



Heather Brae & Billy G's Cookie Dough

Orders are now being taken for Heather Brae and Billy G's Cookie Dough,

Please return your orders and money to the office by:
26th August 2016

The expected delivery date and **pick up** is:
Thursday 22nd September 2016.

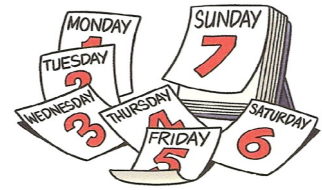
Thank you for your support.





Dates for your Diary

August	25	Voice of Youth Cluster Final @ Kemps Creek
	26	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
	31	Father's Day Stall
September	02	Year 5 Assembly @ 2:15pm in the Hall <i>Father's Day Liturgy during assembly @ 2:15pm</i>
	08	Book Week Parade @ 9:15am in the Hall



Father's Day

This Sunday's reading from Luke's Gospel is about humility. Jesus visits the house of a Pharisee and tells a parable which encourages us that God raises up those who acknowledge that all they have comes from God.

“When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. **9** If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. **10** But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. **11** For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

This reading has implications for our Fathers as Fathers Day approaches. The role of father is as a mentor, a guide and a supportive presence.

The following is a prayer of gratitude for fathers:

Dear God, we give thanks for fathers.

We recognise the dedication and patience it takes to be a source of compassion and understanding when helping to shape a young life.

Bless all fathers, especially those who are new in this sacred role.

We pray that they feel Your presence with them.

May they know that Your strength and wisdom are with them,
providing them with all they need to show guidance, support,
kindness and love to their children.

Regards,
Mark Baird

Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator



