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Term 3 Week 6

JUST LIKE A GIRL

On August 9th, 2017, *Vonzelle Acuesta-Lowe, Nadia Cunningham, Jumikah Donovan and Alysha Vendrasco (reserve)*, represented our school at the Voice of Youth cluster final which was held at Holy Spirit Primary School at St Clair.

The three girls spoke exceptionally well, and they have to be commended on their presentation and ability to speak in front of complete strangers.... which for most would be nerve wrecking. So well done girls!

Also a big thank you to our reserve Alysha for being ready to present her speech if one of the other girls were not able to.

Congratulations to Jumikah Donovan who received runner up for her speech titled "Like a Girl".



Message from the Principal

Greetings!

My apologies for the missed newsletter. I have been away on courses with staff and time got away.

Congratulations to Jumikah, Nadia and Vonzelle our Voice of Youth finalists. Congratulations Jumikah on being the runner up in the regional final.

Congratulations also to:
Our Stage 2 Soccer team for their effort in the recent Gala Day.

- Our Zone Athletics team who competed on Tuesday at the Zone Carnival. Congratulations to Phoenix Tauasa (Shot Put & Discus), Salesi Lamsam (Shot Put), Jakeb Samuels (Shot Put), Meroma Peti (Shot Put) and Keegan Duncan (800m).
- Our Year 1 teachers and students for their recent assembly performance.
- The children in Years 5 & 6 on their project presentations.

Road Safety.

Thank you to all the parents who have made adjustments to where they park in Weber Crescent before school. The morning drop off is much safer.

A few reminders about School Uniform. Thank you to all of those students who wear the correct uniform each day. At the moment, we are reminding the children that they need to be wearing the appropriate school hat. An appropriate school hat is essential when students are at sport or during lunch breaks. Children not wearing the appropriate hat are asked to play in the shade. At the end of lunch breaks or at the end of the day, staff can collect numerous hats and other items of clothing from the playground. Many of these items are not labelled and as you can imagine it is very difficult to locate the owner. Could you please ensure that all items of the uniform are labelled correctly? Could you also please remind the children of the need to:

- Wear the appropriate school hat – baseball caps are not to be worn.
- Check their bag each day to ensure that they have not only their hat, but all personal items.

Any support that you can give with this is appreciated.

Best wishes for the week ahead,
John Spradbrow

Storyline Online

Website Spotlight

Kids of all ages enjoy having books read to them. What could be better than Mum or Dad reading a story aloud? How about a celebrity? Go to www.storylineonline.net and choose a story to have read by a celebrity. Brought to you by The Screen Actors Guild, this site is sure to entertain!

Remember to make a regular time for reading everyday!

Regards,

Mrs. Alexandra Ali

Literacy Coordinator

Maths Challenge Club

Every Wednesday afternoon approximately 45 students across Years 3-6 participate in **Maths Challenge Club**. This is a program which is run by Holy Family and tutors from the Australian Catholic University. Some older students from St Agnes High School assist in the running of this program.

Every week students engage in small-group mathematical activities that are challenging and fun.

So far, this term students have participated in the JB Hi-Fi challenge and the busted calculator challenge. They have also been gardeners, working out how much soil is needed to cover a garden.

Mrs Angela Alonzo

Stage 3 Coordinator



Sports Update

Zone Athletics Carnival

The Blacktown Zone Athletics carnival was held on Tuesday 15th 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. Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Holy Family at the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Friday 25th August:



- * **Keegan Duncan**—Male Senior 800 meters
- * **Meroma Peti**—Female Senior Shot Put
- * **Jakeb Samuels**—Male Senior Shot Put
- * **Phoenix Tauasa**—Male Junior Discus/Male Junior Shot Put
- * **Salesi Lamsam**—Male 11 Years Shot Put

GOOD LUCK!!



Salesi Lamsam, Jakeb Samuels, Meroma Peti, Keegan Duncan, Phoenix Tauasa



Library News

Book Week is coming! This year's theme is **Escape to Everywhere** and we will be celebrating during Week 8, 5th September through to 8th September. This is the information at hand so far. Please note the following dates, times and activities in your diaries.



Wednesday 6/9

Gus Gordon renowned author and illustrator is coming to school to talk to the children about his work. Gus has written the award winning picture book Herman and Rosie, which we presented as our Book Week play a few years ago. Recently Gus created another fine picture book entitled, Wendy, as well as being the illustrator for the series for older children, My Life by Tristan Bancks. All children will get the chance to meet Gus and some of his books will be on sale on and prior to the day that he visits us. Children who purchase books will be able to get them signed on the day, by Gus.

Sorry parents but this is a day for students only!

Thursday 7/9

Book Character Parade and Teacher Play

Times will be advertised closer to the date, but get your mind into gear about costumes. All of our children enjoy the parade tremendously and it is an exciting way in which to get children excited about their favourite books. The parade will be followed by the fabulous, annual teacher play, of one of the shortlisted Book Week titles. Parents you are very welcome to attend both events!

Friday 8/9

Grandparents Storytime and Picnic Day. A day of books, stories and a wonderful outdoor picnic.

Grandparents welcome!

Janet A. Marie
Teacher Librarian

Acrylic Nails—Not to be worn at school

Recently we have noticed that a number of children are coming to school with acrylic nails. We want our children to focus on their learning and we do not want to encourage an environment where students are competing in terms of their appearance and such additions are taken as the norm.



Acrylic nails can also pose risks for students undertaking practical work in class. If a nail is ripped off or brushes another student, it can result in painful cuts and rips to the nail bed or skin.

Students with nails will be asked to cut them short/remove them.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

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. Additionally, parents can also notify school of absences directly via the app.



School Holidays

Term 3 finishes on
Friday September 22
Term 4 begins on
Monday October 9

Mobile Phones and iPads at School

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.



Fundraising News

Fathers' Day Stall

Our next fundraiser will be the Fathers' Day Stall on

Wednesday 30th August. The cost of presents is **\$5.00.**

Thank you to our parent volunteers for taking time out of their day to help wrap and sell the gifts. Your time is very much appreciated.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**



Toy Fundraiser

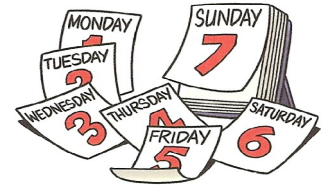
A great opportunity to purchase great quality, fun and educational toys for your children. Every purchase donates money back to our school. Deadline for placing orders is:

15th September 2017

Catalogue is available from the school office, but you can visit Parentdirect.com.au for a full range of products.

**Dates for your Diary**

August	25	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
	30	Father's Day Stall
September	01	Year 4 Excursion to Taronga Zoo
	06	Book Week Author Gus Gordon
	07	Parade & Teacher Play in the hall @ 9:15am
	08	Grandparents Picnic @ 1:25 pm

**First Eucharist Candidates**

There are 13 students involved in preparation for their First Holy Communion.

They are:

Jessica Hook, Matilda Nicholls, Mariah Wynn-Chaco'n, Jasmine Wilson, Marybella Wilson, Rachelle Wilson, Dylan Wilson, Jamen Filipo-Rimoni, Meriam Atienza, Cecilia Luatuanuu, Peyton Bowden, Georgia Hackett and Brodie D'ugo-Gillette

Please keep these children in your prayers

The Gospel Value for the next 5 weeks will focus on ways to show respect;

- respect for ourselves, our learning and how to conduct ourselves
- respect for others, how to treat the people we come in contact with
- respect for our wonderful environment
- respect for God, and the importance of our devotion to His teachings.

**Respect yourself and
others will respect you.**

Confucius

**Treat people the way you want to be
treated. Talk to people the way you want to be
talked to. Respect is earned, not given.**

**I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the garbage man
or the president of the university.**

Albert Einstein

