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Term 4 Week 4

Year Five Excursion to Trees Adventure, Yarramundi

On Wednesday the 25th October, the students in Year 5 attended an excursion to Trees Adventure, Yarramundi.

The students stepped out of their comfort zones as they soared through the treetops, tackling challenges that tested their determination, courage and perseverance. Year 5 worked together to encourage each other to complete the obstacles amongst the trees. They displayed the Pathway to Success - 'I am the Face of Jesus' as they supported each other, were patient and used kind words of encouragement. A member of the community who was participating in the challenges, commented on how great it was to hear the students encouraging each other to successfully complete the challenges.

"I went on the blue course and that's when I became terrified, but I made it through it because lots of boys and girls were giving me support and the confidence to do it." Chloe N

"Through the day I was happy because everyone was helping me and encouraging me." Hannah

"The zip line wasn't as scary as I first thought, it was fun and I loved it. I kept going and didn't give up" Tanisha

"I had never thought I would step out of my comfort zone, but when I did, it was so much fun. I was so comfortable when I was doing it because everyone was encouraging me." Lachlan

Message from the Principal Greetings!

Across the year our church celebrates the lives of saints each day. When I was at school celebrating the lives of the saints was an important part of being a Catholic. We knew the names and the stories of many saints. We celebrated the feast days of the well known saints, the apostles, the martyrs, founders of religious orders and other great examples of those who loved and served God. We still celebrate these saints, however, our celebrations are more low key and sometimes lost in the business of everyday life.

This week our church celebrates a very significant feast day.

On Wednesday we celebrated All Saints Day. As the name implies, the day is a celebration of all those who have lived good lives and are now at rest with God. The day celebrates the ordinary folk across the ages who have been faithful to God. In days past, this feast day was a Holy Day of Obligation (Catholics were required to attend mass on this day). We often hear the expression that someone is a saint - usually because they have some particular positive characteristic.

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Wednesday is a reminder to celebrate the goodness in those around us and of the possibility that we can all work at being more saint like.

Compassion inspires and gives hope.

We are continuing our school wide focus on Compassion. Showing compassion can be difficult and like forgiveness it is difficult when we are "hurting". I am wondering if you would be able to assist us by talking with your child about compassion. You might like to share with them some examples of when:

- others have shown you compassion
- you have observed others showing your child compassion or
- you have seen your child being compassionate towards others.

There are many great examples in our community of compassion being given to others and as in all communities there is a great need for us to show others compassion. When you share your ideas about compassion you are sharing your values with your child, you are showing them that we are working together. Thank you for inviting us to be part of this process with your child and your family.

Security cameras.

Our school is part of a pilot project to use security cameras to monitor student safety and building security. The work has commenced and will be completed in a few weeks. Signage will indicate that the cameras are present. As you know security cameras are now part of our life. We are filmed at the shops, on the road, at the club and many other places. Security cameras have been in some schools for some time. I believe that the cameras will help us keep all at Holy Family safer. We will develop some privacy protocols around the use of the cameras. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Year 5 excursion

Congratulations to the Year 5 students on their wonderful excursion to Tree Tops last week. It was very pleasing to hear the positive comments about the children from other visitors to the site. I love it when we get such positive comments about our students. Thank you to the staff who organised the excursion and to our parent helpers.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

John Spradbrow

Sports News

On Tuesday 31/10, 18 students represented Holy Family at the Stage 3 Basketball Gala Day. All students represented our school with great skill and passion and were exemplary in the respect they showed to all on the day. They were fantastic ambassadors of our school. Competition was fierce and both teams played to the best of their ability. We congratulate both teams on their effort and performance on the day.

The Stage 3 boys team ended just outside the top three teams. The Stage 3 girls team came second - denied first place in their division by just one point.

Special thanks goes to Mr Ramil Suarez who coached the boys team and Mrs Sue Garland who coached the girls team.

Regards,
Mr James West
Year 6 Teacher



Girls: Hannah N, Annabella H, Jumikah D, Nataih'a T, Meroma P, Faith L, Kairae A, Aaliyah R.

Boys: Kevin A, Tarrell S, Marley T, Keegan D, Jarod T, Isaac L, William B, Caleb W, Samuel S, Aiden S.

Upcoming Events:

Please be advised that the Diocesan Gymnastics Competition has been **POSTPONED** and will **NOT** be held this Friday 3rd November.

A **new date** will be announced soon.





Library News

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be at school from November 2. All children will get the opportunity to look at the books with their classes and teachers in the days prior to parents being able to come along. During this time each child will also write a couple of titles down as a 'wish list'. Parents, you are not obliged to buy the books on the wish list but the Book Fair is a great opportunity for parents and children to look at the latest and most popular books available and perhaps purchase some of them. There will also be some fantastic specials on a first in first served basis.



The Book Fair is a great school fundraiser with every purchase contributing to helping out our school, with a percentage of the sales going to new books for the library.

Please put these dates in your diaries now:

Parent viewing and buying times are as follows:

- ☺ **Tuesday 7/11** Before school from 8.15 - 8.55 and after school 2.55 - 4.00
- ☺ **Wednesday 8/11** Before school from 8.15 - 8.55 and after school 2.55 - 4.00
- ☺ **Thursday 9/11** Before school only 8.15 - 8.55 only! Please be aware that the Book Fair leaves our school around midday.

Payments accepted: EFTPOS, Cash or cheque. Cheques should be made out to our school.

If you cannot attend the Fair yourself, those children with cash will be given plenty of opportunity to come to the Fair to purchase during school hours.

Janet A. Marie (Teacher Librarian)

Fundraising News

Christmas Hampers Raffle

Our final fundraising event for 2017 will be the Christmas Hamper Raffle.

Every grade has been allocated a particular hamper to fill:

- * Kinder—Breakfast
- * Year 1—Kids Cooking/Snack
- * Year 2— Christmas Hamper
- * Year 3—Pantry Filler
- * Year 4—Kids Activity
- * Year 5—Kitchen/Laundry
- * Year 6—Bathroom



All donations are greatly appreciated.

Holy Family School Disco

Thursday 7th December 2017

5pm - 6:30pm

Please note that the event is strictly for our students.

We ask parents to drop the children off at 5pm and pick them up at 6:30pm.

You are welcome to come back from 6:15pm to join in the last few dances.

Cost is **\$5.00** which includes a drink, payable on the night.

Staff Development Day

Holy Family Staff will hold their annual Staff Formation Day which will be held on

Friday 1st December.

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for children on this day.



FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER
PUPIL FREE DAY—NO SCHOOL

Your Prayers Please

You may know that Mrs. Long has been in hospital for a few weeks receiving treatment for Leukemia. Deb is in good spirits and would welcome your prayers.

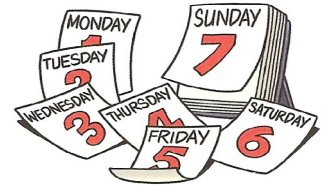
Sr. Brenda has been diagnosed with bowel cancer and will be undergoing surgery next week. She is also in good spirits and would appreciate your prayers.

We will have a prayer focus for Deb and Sr. Brenda and we will share this with you later. Please keep Deb and Sr. Brenda in your prayers.



Dates For Your Diary

November	2-09	Scholastic Book Fair
	14	Kinder 2018 Transition—3:15 pm
	23	Senior's Mass @ 12pm in the Hall
	30	Advent Mass @ 9:15 am in the Church
December	01	Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL)
	07	School Disco @ 5pm
	08	Year 6 Final Assembly @ 2 pm in the Hall
	13	Year 6 Graduation
	14	Christmas Liturgy @ 9:30 am in the Church
	16	LAST DAY OF TERM 4 2017



Value of Compassion

Compassion is perhaps the most important value that we can seek and strengthen in our hearts. Just as there will be times when we need compassion from others, there will be times when others will need it from us.

So, in these days ahead, let us give gifts of compassion, understanding and healing love to each member of our family. Let's listen to each other, acknowledge our gifts and affirm them. In the business of life, let us find gestures, acts of kindness, time and support to give each other. Let us try to think of each other's needs first.

Our Holy Family prayer for the Value of Compassion

We pray that in our Holy Family community we may learn to follow the example of the Holy Family and show compassion; by showing concern for what other people have to say, through acts of kindness, by being helpful and giving, and by reaching out and responding to others in need.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Crazy Sock Day

Last week was the school's Crazy Sock Day to raise money for Catholic Mission in Uganda. There were some very creative socks worn.

Thank you to all who were able to take part and support others in need.



Regards,

Mrs Cathy Vogt

Religious Co-ordinator

