



# Holy Family Primary

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**Term 4 Week 6**

**10 November 2015**

Greetings!

Thank you to everyone for your attendance last week at the Kindergarten Information Night, the Pre School Playgroup and the Book Character Parade.

Across the week we had lots of parents supporting their children and the school. Thank you.

On Monday morning we had a working bee to construct some bead strings that will be used by the children when counting and grouping. Thank you to that small group of mums. We will be holding another bead string working bee next Monday after the assembly.

This Saturday morning we will be having a working bee to clean up our gardens. If you can spare 30 minutes or even an hour we should be able to remove lots of weeds. Any help you can give will make a difference.

We would be happy to have your help throughout the week if you are not available on Saturday but would like to help with the gardens. Usually after 1.30pm most days is a good time to come and do some weeding, just prior to collecting the children. Let us know if you would like to help at this time or any other day during school time.

Last week the children in Years 3 & 4 began their preparation for Holy Communion. Congratulations to these children and their families on taking this next step in the initiation into our church.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

John Spradbrow

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## The Learning Corner

### Lunch Box Notes

Small love notes tucked inside a lunch box or book bag can really bring a smile to your child's face. In addition to reinforcing reading skills, you're also modeling the power of writing.

### Some Secrets for Reading Success

- ☺ Praise every effort in reading, especially if your child's confidence is low.
- ☺ Don't compare your child's performance with that of friend's or relatives



- ☺ If your child sees you reading every day this will develop lifelong positive attitudes to reading
- ☺ Involve your child in the selection of a story or a book. Ask your child to tell you about something that interests him/her. Use this information when selecting reading material for your child.

### Holy Family is Loving....The Magic of Books



You are invited to attend a Christmas themed "**READING HOUR**" event at Holy Family.

**DATE:** Thursday 10th December 2015

**TIME:** 3:00-4:00pm

Why? The Reading Hour aims to promote and celebrate the joy of reading in all its forms. This term Holy Family will host a **Reading Hour** event in the school hall with a very special **Christmas theme**. You are invited to come to the hall with your child/children to read some of their favourite books. All students who participate will have the chance to win a great prize. You may choose to stay and read a couple of books or stay for the whole hour. Reading can be incredibly fun and rewarding no matter how old you are. Hope to see you there!



Mrs. Alex Ali

Literacy Co-ordinator

## Sports News

### Gymnastics Gala Day

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015, 13 Holy Family students went to compete in the Parramatta Diocese Gymnastic Competition. Each competitor had 5 individual skills/routines to perform. There were 19 schools represented with 266 students. All students were well behaved and were very supportive of each other. A special mention must be made to **Nadia Cunningham** from Year 4 who received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Static Routine. Congratulations to you all and thank you for your dedication to training.



Mrs Mac, Mrs Vogt and Mrs Wicks

Gymnastics Teachers

### Staff Development Day

Our Staff Development Day for Term 4 will take place on **Friday November 20**. Please make alternative arrangements for that day as there will be **NO SCHOOL** for children on that day. Thank you for your help with supervision on the day.

### End of Year Disco

The Disco will be held on **Thursday November 19 from 5pm - 6:30pm**.

This disco is for our students only.

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

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

do not stay for the disco as the staff will supervise the children. Cost is \$5 which includes a drink.

The children will have the opportunity to again purchase Glo Sticks and Flashing Jewellery on the night. Prices will start from 50c.





**Remembering Loved Ones**

November traditionally is the month that we remember and reflect on our loved ones who have passed away.

May their love shine upon us in the night stars and spirit guide us to happiness and health.



**Advent Mass**

We will celebrate the beginning of Advent with a Mass on **Friday December 4th at 9.15 am** in the church. All are welcome.



**Volunteers Morning Tea**

On Monday 30th November at 10:45am in the hall, we will be holding a morning tea to thank all of our volunteers and parent helpers. We welcome you to come and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat!



**Christmas Carols**

Jesuit Social Services are holding a Christmas Carols evening in the grounds of the Parish as a way of celebrating together as a Parish and Community. Our school has been invited to perform at the Carols.

The Christmas Carols evening will take place on **Friday 4th December 2015** in the **Church Car Park at Holy Family, Luxford Rd.**

The evening will begin with dinner and activities between **5:30pm and 7pm**. The Carols will begin at **7pm** and finish at approximately **8:30pm**. All welcome!

If you are attending and would like for your child to participate in the Carols please return the permission note by Thursday 12th November. Spare notes are available from the school office.



**Year 6 Graduation Mass**

Our Year 6 students will celebrate their graduation with a Mass at **7pm on Wednesday December 9th, in the church**. The children will be required to wear their full Summer Uniform.



**Library News**

**Book Fair**

This year's Book Fair was very successful for the school. We have been able to buy almost \$1700 worth of new books with the proceeds raised! On behalf of the students and staff, I wish to extend a very big thankyou to the mums and students who helped throughout the Book Fair. THANKYOU very much, **Tracey** (Blake Miller 2W), **Claire** (Emily Gibbons, 6A & Lilly Gibbons 1A) and **Heather** (Tahlia-Ruth Broomham 2W). Thank you so much, We would not have had such a successful Book Fair without these ladies!

**Story Teller—Jonathan Drew**

Jonathan Drew, storyteller visiting our school as our Book Week guest. Some last minute changes have been made, so that Year 1 children would not miss out on the experience. Parents please be aware of these new dates.

**Friday 13 November**, Jonathan will be telling myth and legends to all children in years 3-6

**Monday 16 November**, Jonathan will be sharing stories with all children from Kindergarten to Year 2.

Jonathan comes to our school well recommended. He tells stories in his own words and from memory. He also accompanies his work with guitar and song. The chance for our children to be involved with a traditional storyteller should be a unique and enjoyable experience.

Unfortunately the sessions are for the children only.

**Overdues**

There are a number of children with outstanding loans. Children who have outstanding loans will be bringing home note shortly. If your child has any overdue books, please assist in finding and returning these titles, as soon as possible! If you have any queries or concerns please come in and talk to me. My days are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The end of the year is fast approaching. Please ensure that your child returns his or her books before the term ends. The last week of borrowing for the children will be **Week 9**, with no children being able to borrow after, **Friday 4 December, 2015**.

Mrs Janet Marie  
*Teacher Librarian*



**Working Bee**

**GARDENING**  
SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2015

**Volunteers Needed!** The working bee will go ahead if there is no rain on the day. Please assess the weather on Saturday and if not raining all are most welcome!

**Start Time:** 9am  
**Finish Time:** at about 12pm  
You can come for just an hour or for the whole day

**What to bring:** gardening tools - shovels, wheelbarrow, metal rakes, forks, picks, clippers and shears, gloves and a hat





## Dates For Your Diary

<b>November 10</b>	Jarara Awards Night
<b>11</b>	Remembrance Day Prayer - Hall @ 8:55am
<b>12</b>	Year 5 Leadership Day
<b>13</b>	Year 1 Excursion - Art Gallery Story Teller - Jonathan Drew <b>Primary Only</b>
<b>16</b>	Story Teller - Jonathan Drew <b>Infants Only</b>
<b>17</b>	Year 5 visit to St Clare
<b>19</b>	School Disco - 5.00pm - 6.30pm
<b>20</b>	Staff Development Day ( <b>NO SCHOOL</b> )



### ***Holy Family Value of Responsibility***

During this fortnight we are focusing on our Holy Family value of Responsibility.

RESPONSIBILITY is doing what needs to be done to take care of yourself, your family, your friends, and the greater community. Being responsible means that others can rely on you, that you follow through on your words and promises.

Our Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, modelled for us responsibilities within a family and the wider community.

Mary and Joseph were responsible for Jesus when he was a child - Mary and Joseph, tried to raise Jesus the best way they could and with great love. Joseph was responsible for teaching Jesus his carpentry skills and the Jewish traditions. Mary was responsible to Jesus as a mother, cooking, clothing and loving him. Jesus was responsible for bringing the message of God's great love to the people. They showed a sense of responsibility to God even when it was difficult.

Life is full of choices, and these choices have consequences, both good and bad. People of sound character are responsible. They purposefully choose their attitudes, words and actions, and accept responsibility for the consequences of these choices.

Look at the word responsibility – “response-ability” – the ability to choose your response. Being responsible includes learning how to take care of yourself and others, as well as managing personal belongings, a school life, a home, or a job.

Please take a few minutes to discuss responsibility with your child/ren. Ask them what was discussed in the classroom and see if they can give an example of someone who has demonstrated responsibility.

Remind them that responsibility isn't just doing chores; it's following through on commitments, answering for their own actions, being reliable and trustworthy, using good judgment and taking care of their own things. Let them know that these are signs they are growing up and can be trusted with greater freedom. Be sure to model responsible behaviours, and praise your child/ren for responsible behaviour. Let us pray and work together to promote and teach our Holy Family value of responsibility to our children.

### **Our Holy Family prayer for the Value of Responsibility**

We pray that we may learn to follow the example of the Holy Family and become responsible members of our Holy Family community; by working to the best of our abilities, being fair, taking responsibility for our actions, helping others when they need help, and by taking care of others and our environment, to help make our world a better place.

Lord, hear us.

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Mrs Michelle Smith  
Religious Education Coordinator



