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Term 3 Week 6

Netball Gala Day 2018

9 Years

On Tuesday the 28th August, the 9 year old girls represented Holy Family at the Netball gala day in Penrith. We had a great day of fun and laughter. We played 6 games and won every game besides one because we drew. We had an amazing goal shooters Kyla hna and Issy, fantastic passes from many others of our talented teammates. Our coach was the amazing Miss Crombie. She made it 1000% percent better than it already was. It was a super day.

Naomi

9/10 Year Boys

The results were 1 draw, 2 wins and 4 losses. We had some good sports from all in the team. The first game we versed a team that were new to netball. Throughout the day we played some more challenging games. All the boys tried their best and all did well. The teacher with us was Mrs Gilmour. Abraham got a lot of intercepts and Ajok stopped many goals. All the boys improved throughout the day.

Frederick

10 Years

On Tuesday the 10 Year girls played in the netball gala day. We won four, we lost three, drew one and played seven. Now let's meet the team we had Lilly, Shianne, Matilda, Cynthia, Marybella, Jasmine and Jaida. We had a great day and were very tired at the end of day.

Matilda

11 Years

This week the 11yr old girls division went to Jamison Park and represented our school in the Netball Gala Day. We were really excited and wanted to play as soon as possible. We played six games in total and even though there was a lot of frustration, tears and a few injuries, we enjoyed our day. We improved along the way and in our last game we scored 5 nil! Teachers and parents were very supportive alongside the court. Considering we were representing our school, in every game, we made sure to use our school values. Teachers from other schools complimented us on our outstanding and beautiful sportsmanship and respect. At the end of the day we had 2 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie. We had a fantastic day and went home with smiles on our faces, knowing we had fun and did our best!

Anaijah

12 Years

We had 5 team represent our school at the netball gala day. The 12 year old girls played 7 games throughout the day! We won 6 games and lost 1, We had Aaliyah R, Nyibol D, Abbi C, Chloe H and Olivia C shoot us an amazing amount of goals while everyone else helped take part in intercepting the ball and helping it get down to our side of the court. Along with their extraordinary performance on the day the girls had good sportsmanship on and off the court respecting our coach Amber Hart and our official Maddi along with the other officials. All the girls got to try different positions on the court, played super well and had fun.

Nyibol



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Message from the Principal

Greetings!

Happy Father's Day to all of our dads and carers. I hope that you enjoy Sunday and that you are appreciated for all that you do.

Values Education

As you know we switch our focus every five weeks to another value. This week we started our focus on the Holy Family value of Respect.

Congratulations to:

- The children who are participating in the preparation program for First Communion. We hope that this will be a special time for you and your family.
- Everyone who participated in the Captivate celebrations last week. It was a tremendous effort to travel to Homebush on one or both nights. Thank you for making the effort. Thank you to the parents for allowing your children to represent Holy Family, and thank you to those parents who attended the performance.
- To the Holy Family staff who trained the students, organised buses and dinner. Thanks also for accompanying the students on the nights.
- To the students who represented Holy Family at the Diocesan Athletics carnival last week. Congratulations to those students who are in the next round.
- The Year 2 students for their assembly presentation. Thank you students and teachers for all the work that went into this learning and presentation.

Safety Surveys

Over the last week we have been conducting Safety Surveys in some grades. The safety survey is an opportunity for us to gather information from the students about whether they are feeling safe at school. This week we are following any concerns raised in the surveys. Please let us know if your child doesn't feel safe at Holy Family.

John Spradbrow

Project Based Learning Year 3—Ecosystem Festival

Year Three held an 'Ecosystem Festival' to share all their learning on ecosystems with others. Parents and students from Year 2 came along to learn about the how their actions impact other living things. The Year 3 students used Google Slides to present their newly acquired knowledge of ecosystems. They also did a fantastic job at creating boardgames and online quizzes to educate others. It was a wonderful celebration of learning.



Year 4—Gum Trees

Year 4 have been working on a PBL on Gum Trees. They have enjoyed learning about how to classify gum trees and their importance. It was great to see them working cooperatively in tribes and sharing their knowledge with Year 3 and parents.



TUESDAY
SEP
4
8 AM

HOLY FAMILY READING HOUR


ARRRRRRRRGH
YA FREE TUESDAY
MORNING?

COME ALONG TO THE READING
HOUR!

THIS WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
PROMOTE THE LOVE OF READING
WITH YOUR CHILDREN.
PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND
FAMILY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO
COME DOWN TO THE PICNIC AREA
TO READ WITH YOUR
CHILD/CHILDREN.

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN TO
ALL WHO PARTICIPATE AND THEY
WILL ENTER INTO A LUCKY DOOR
PRIZE.

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."
— Emilie Buchwald



Holy Family Juniors Play. Explore. learn. Connect. A great start for kids!

Holy Family Juniors is a free playgroup that welcomes everyone to play, read, sing, and enjoy the experience of children at play. In their early years, playgroup is the perfect setting for children to learn through discovery and play. So come along and join us every Wednesday afternoon for lots of fun!



PB4SL

Recently we informed you of our Peer Mediation Program in the school. Here is some feedback from one of our students:

Shianne Yr 4

"Georgia and Aaliyah asked us questions about our problem on the playground and they made us feel better. That helped us to be confident with each other and to feel like we can be friends. A few days later they came up and asked how we are going and we said good. I see them helping lots of people."



Library News

Book Week Outline 2018

Book Week will be held during Week 7. The theme for Book Week is: **Find your treasure.**

Tuesday 4/9

First day of Book Week and we start the celebrations with a **Reading Hour** from 8.00- 8.55 in the Hall. *Parents are welcome to come along and spend some quality time reading to your children.*

*Followed by the annual, **Book Week Character Parade** commencing at 9.15. Come join us in your favourite book character costume. Parents welcome! This is a whole school experience. Expect a few pirates at the Parade!*

Wednesday 5/9

Afternoon session for students only, **"Poem in Your Pocket"**. Bring a poem to school! On Poem in Your Pocket Day, students celebrate by selecting a poem, carrying it with them, and sharing it with others throughout the day at school.

Thursday 8/9 Lunchtime activities. For students only!

Friday 7/9

Puppeteer Dennis Murphy will be visiting us again with his super new show, **The Further Adventures of Arlecchino and His Magic Lamp**, based on the story of Aladdin! Sorry parents, this is for students only. All students will get to see the show!

Afternoon session from 1.55 in the Hall, whole school event: Our teacher plays! Yes you read right! Not one but two teacher plays! Come join our drama spectacular! We will be presenting **The Wonky Donkey** written by Craig Smith and Katz Cowley and the shortlisted book, **The Sloth Who Came to Stay** by Margaret Wild and Vivienne To. Parents are welcome to attend!

As well during Book Week, Students are able to **purchase** their **favourite Book Week shortlisted books**. We will supply to order which means that we will activate the order for the book/s once we receive the paid order. Please see the separate list of the Book Week books and prices. The list has been sent home with all children during Week 5. We are able to get the books at cost price so that parents will get the books slightly cheaper than shop prices.

*Please be aware that **we will only accept book orders until Friday 7/9/18.***

Mrs Janet A. Marie
Librarian Teacher

Attendance Term 3 Week 6

At Holy Family Emerton, we continue to promote student attendance. Thank you to our parents for the support and value that you place on your child being at school each day. Regular school attendance plays a critical role in ensuring that every student has access to the same learning opportunities. When students are not at school, are late to school or leave school early, they are missing out on so much that can impact on their future learning.

Our school average this week is 75.9%, which is below our school target of 90%.

We love seeing all our students at school!

School Name	School Attendance Level %
Holy Family Primary Emerton	75.9%

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	68.3%
01	72.5%
02	73.4%
03	58.0%
04	93.4%
05	80.6%
06	83.4%

Did you know...			
Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day. Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but...			
He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

Absence Explanation Note: If your child is away from school, a note explaining their absence is required within 7 days of returning to school. If no note is received the absence is recorded as 'unexplained'. Parents can use the Skoolbag app to email an absence note to school.

every learner
every day

**Dates for your Diary**

August	31	Yr 6 Voice of Youth Cluster Final @ Sacred Heart Mt Druitt Father's Day Liturgy @ 9:15 followed by class room visits and picnic lunch— ALL WELCOME
September	02	FATHER'S DAY
	04	Reading Hour @ 8am in the Hall— ALL WELCOME Book Week Parade @ 9:15 in the Hall— ALL WELCOME
	06-07	Dental van visit
	07	Puppeteer Dennis Murphy— STUDENTS ONLY Teacher Play— ALL WELCOME @ 2:15 in the Hall

**Holy Family Value of Respect**

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 with pride
- respect for others, how to treat the people we come in contact with
- respect for our wonderful environments that we live in
- respect for God, and the importance of our devotion to His teachings.



Questions to Ponder with your child/ren.

- Why is it important to respect yourself?
- How can we show respect to others?
- Why is it important to use kind words?

Voice of Youth

On Friday, 31st of August, Annabella Hanna, Aiden Phillips and Will Ursu will be representing Holy Family at the Voice of Youth Cluster Final. These three students were among 6 finalists selected and were chosen to progress to the next level. Congratulations to all those who presented their speeches - the overall quality was extremely high. We wish Annabella, Aiden and Will good luck for Friday!

**Year 6 Natural Disasters Presentation**

