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# Holy Family Primary Emerton

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Term 4 Week 4

## Kindergarten's Excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens

Based on Pamela Allen's book 'Alexander's Outing', Kindergarten students traced Alexander's journey through the Botanic Gardens and solved mathematical problems along the way.

It was an awesome day that involved storytelling and outdoor literacy, exploration of an outdoor environment, as well as counting and measuring plants and animals. Thank you to the parents who came with us and made it such an enjoyable day for all.

"We had so much fun on our excursion!" - Heath

"My favourite part was when we had to rescue Alexander the duckling" - Hayley  
On our excursion we counted birds, measured bottle trees and found shapes all around us" - Joel



Scan the QR code to watch a video  
we made showing our writing.

## Message from the Principal

### Greetings Parents!

Last week, Catholics celebrated two major days in our church year. The first of these was All Saints Day on Thursday. This day celebrates the life of all the saints and reminds us that we are called to live "saintly" lives. Living a saintly life means that we put God and others first.

The second day was All Souls Day when we remember and pray for our family and friends who have died, especially in the last year or so. The children researched the life of a saint as a way of celebrating the example given by people who put God and others first.

Here is a link to some of the kinder students work and learning:

<https://twitter.com/HFEmerton/status/1057865445993144320>

### Playground update

The refurbishment of the Basketball court area began this week. Weather permitting the oval work will also commence soon. The play equipment work should be completed during the Christmas break.

### Grandparents and community Day

Have you let Grandparents know about our combined celebration of Community Day and Grandparents Day? We hope to see you all on the 30th of November.

### Bottle collection

Holy Family Parish has joined one of the Earn & Return programs. Some collection bins will be installed around the parish site soon. We will let you know when the bins are installed.

### Reconciliation Programme

Last night a number of our students began their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Reconciliation is a beautiful sacrament that lives the forgiveness and mercy of God. Each of us is called to be people of love, compassion and forgiveness.

Congratulations to these children as they learn more about God's love for them and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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### Report an incident

We have added a link on our website to make it easier for you or the students to let us know if you are concerned about something that has happened at school. Go to the Contact section of our website and select Report an Incident. You will need to give your name and email as well as a description of the incident. We will be able make contact with you and discuss your concerns. I hope this new feature of the website assists in the communication process.

#### Contact Form

Enquiry Type

Report an Incident

Name

Email

### Child Protection Training

Many of you have been completing the Child Protection module on the CEDP website. Thank you for completing this training. We appreciate your assistance with keeping our students safe.

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

*John Spradbrow*

## Sports Update

### Basketball Gala Day

On Monday the 29th of October, Year 5 and 6 students represented Holy Family Emerton at the basketball gala day. Everyone played their best and put in so much effort into the day. The girls and the boys did not come away with the gold but that's alright because we still did the best we could. I would like to congratulate all the students that attended to represent our school.

*By Taniela - Yr 6*



### Dates for the Diary

⇒ Gymnastics Gala Day—16 November 2018

## Holy Family School Disco

**Thursday December 13**

**5.00pm - 6:30pm**

Holy Family Primary School will hold our school disco Thursday evening December 13.

*Please note that the event is strictly for our students.*

We ask parents to drop the children off at 5.00pm and pick them up at 6:30pm. You are welcome to come back from 6:15pm to join in the last few dances.

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

#### Items for Sale:

Glow Sticks - 50c

Flashing Pearl Necklace - \$1.50

Flashing Alien Necklace - \$2.00

Flashing Fibre Bracelet - \$2.00

Flashing Butterfly Wristband - \$2.00

Flashing Rings (Assorted shapes) - \$2.00

Flashing Disguise - \$3.00

Glowing Masquerade Mask - \$3.00

Flashing Dolphin Necklace - \$3.00

Flashing Skull Lanyard - \$3.00

Flashing Hawaiian Lei- \$3.00

Flashing Tiger Ear Headband - \$3.50



## Circle of Security

Where:

Aboriginal Catholic Services,  
Holy Family Parish,  
Emert Parade, Emerton.

Fridays, 15th February, - 5th  
April, 2019.

(Must attend first session,  
if unable to attend other sessions  
discuss with facilitator.)

10am-12.30pm

**Cost:** Gold Coin Donation

**Childcare:** May be available,  
please ask.

**Facilitators:** Frances Pegrem/  
Anna Weiche  
Bookings Essential

**BLACKTOWN RECEPTION**  
(02) 88432530



The Circle of Security is a relationship based early intervention program designed to enhance attachment security between parents and children. Research has confirmed that secure children show increased empathy, greater self-esteem, better relationships with parents and peers, enhanced school readiness, and an increased capacity to handle emotions more effectively when compared with children who are not secure.

This program will help parents raise their children with love, warmth, and emotional intelligence by showing parents how they can connect with their child or children in ways that break old and sometimes destructive patterns of parenting.

This program is a must for all parents!





## TTFM School Sports & Extra Curricular Activities

### We Asked & You Said....

#### TTFM Survey

Our data from the *Tell Them From Me* Survey, completed in Term 2, showcases some of the wonderful things we are doing at Holy Family Emerton. This was particularly evident within the Grade 4-6 Student Survey where students were asked about School Sports and Extracurricular Activities at Holy Family.

Here is what the data shows:

Holy Family Primary Emerton

#### Social-Emotional Outcomes

##### Student participation in school sports

Percentage of students with a high rate of participation in sports with an instructor at school, other than in a physical education class.



##### Student participation in extracurricular activities

Percentage of students with a high rate of participation in art, drama, or music groups; extracurricular school activities; or a school committee.



In short, our students feel happy about the opportunities the school provides, which is indicated by our school being **11%** higher than the school average in **School Sports** opportunities, and an astounding **28%** above the school norm in **Extracurricular Activities** offered.

## Your'e Invited to



And



Celebrations

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
2018

### School Garden Donation

A sincere thank you to Blacktown City Council for their generous \$100 donation of garden products towards our beautiful school garden.



### School Fees

Thank you if you have finalised your 2018 school fees for the year or are in the process of paying your fees via a payment arrangement. If you have not finalised your fees, do not have a payment arrangement or have not contacted the school to discuss, could you please call Mrs Denise Carroll at the School Finance Office on 8869 7200.



Continuing enrolment will not be affected by a family's genuine inability to pay fees. If you are experiencing financial hardship please contact us to discuss how we may be able to help you.

### PBS4L UPDATE

#### Pathways Quiz

Dear Parents,

Try filling in this quiz to discover what we are learning in Positive Behaviour Support for Learning. (If you need any help, ask your children)

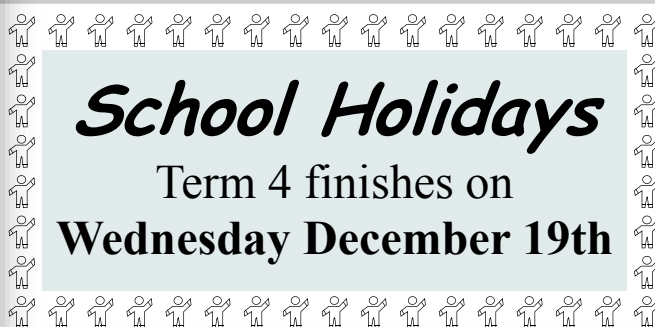
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This fortnight we are practicing the following skill:

I can walk sensibly!



**School Holidays**  
Term 4 finishes on  
**Wednesday December 19th**

A book of tickets for our Christmas Raffle has been sent home with your child/ren. More books are available from the office.

The tickets are **\$1 each** or **\$5 per book**



A reminder also to send in your donation to the class teachers for our hampers. We thank you for your generosity and help with this fundraising activity.



## Dates for your Diary



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|-----------------|---------------|---|
| <b>November</b> | <b>12 -09</b> | Scholastic Book Fair—Library                              |
|                 | <b>16</b>     | Gymnastics Gala Day—SGAC Rooty Hill                       |
|                 | <b>21</b>     | Year 5 & 6 Youth Eco Summit—Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush |
|                 | <b>23</b>     | <b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>       |
|                 | <b>27</b>     | Year 3 Excursion—Sydney Olympic Park                      |
|                 | <b>29</b>     | Advent Mass— <b>12:15 in the Church</b>                   |
|                 | <b>30</b>     | Community Day & Grandparents Day                          |
| <b>December</b> | <b>03</b>     | Year 6 Meet The Professor—ACU Strathfield                 |

## Holy Family 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, pay attention, acknowledge gifts and affirm them. Let us find gestures, acts of kindness, time and support to give each other. Let us model for our children how to think of each other's needs first. Let us pray and work together to promote and teach our Holy Family value of compassion to our children.

**Without compassion the world is a hard and lonely place. With compassion we are all connected and hard times are much easier because others understand and care. Compassion is what makes us a part of the children of God.**



### Pathways Song

Written by Michelle Dennis  
and the students of Holy Family Primary School Emerton  
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**CHORUS**  
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS  
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

**VERSE 1**  
WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE ARE CALM  
WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE PLAY TOGETHER  
WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE USE EQUIPMENT  
WE ARE SAFE WHEN WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER.

**CHORUS**  
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS  
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

**VERSE 2**  
WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE'RE IN THE CLASSROOM  
WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE LEARN ABOUT NEW THINGS  
WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE USE EQUIPMENT  
WE ARE LEARNERS WHEN WE ARE LISTENING

**CHORUS**  
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS  
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

**VERSE 3**  
WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE USE KIND WORDS  
WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE'RE SHARING  
WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE SHOW RESPECT FOR OTHERS  
WE ARE THE FACE OF JESUS WHEN WE'RE CARING

**CHORUS**  
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS  
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS

**BRIDGE**  
MY JOB IS TO LEARN  
YOUR JOB IS TO TEACH  
YOU DO YOUR JOB AND I'LL DO MINE  
AND THEN AT SCHOOL WE CAN HAVE A GREAT TIME!

**CHORUS**  
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS  
I AM SAFE, I AM A LEARNER AND I AM THE FACE OF JESUS



### PBS4L News

As part of our School's Behaviour Support for Learning our music teacher, Ms Dennis and some students, created a song which has been recorded. This song is played across the school at the end of each lunch break for the students to get ready to return to their classrooms for learning to begin again.

The words are below. Ask your child/ren to sing it for you. It is quite a catchy tune.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Cathy Vogt

**Religious Coordinator**

