



14 December 2020

# Holy Family Primary Emerton

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**Term 4 Week 10**

*As a community, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Darug People, and pay respects to Elders past and present, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the cultures and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.*

*We must always remember that under our Holy Family gardens, paths and playgrounds, this land is, was and always will be traditional Aboriginal land*

## Message from the Principal

Greetings parents and carers,

As we enter the last week of the school year, I would like to offer my thanks to everyone in the Holy Family community for your support and assistance throughout this year. Given the circumstances of this year I am very proud of the work that has been achieved by the students, and the support given by staff and parents.

Despite the limitations imposed by COVID, our staff have demonstrated that they can manage a major change quickly and efficiently. Our students have demonstrated that they can adapt to changing circumstances. Our parents have also demonstrated that they are also up to any challenge. Thank you everyone for the way you have managed this year.

The second semester reports were sent home on Friday after an epic battle with the software. My apologies that some reports do not have all of the teachers' signatures. We went through a series of reprints and some staff were not at school on Friday when the final print run took place. We changed the report format in response to feedback from parents after the revised semester 1 reports. We will be looking for your feedback on the latest report format early next year.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about your child's report.

We held our Annual Awards ceremony this morning - a separate note is going home about the award ceremony. Congratulations to all of our students on their learning in this very different school year.

This year we introduced a new award - the Deb Long award. You can read more about the reasons behind this award in the separate note.

Our school year finishes for the students this Wednesday. The staff will be undertaking First Aid training on Thursday and completing the preparation for 2021 on Friday. I wish you all the best for the festive season and 2021.

The following text is taken from our liturgy this morning where we farewelled a number

**Staff farewells:**

**Mr West** has been at Holy Family for six years and during that time he has taught year six and year four. If you have been in Mr West's class you will remember the Rubik's cubes, the dad jokes, the juggling, the maths challenge club and his gentle way with everyone. Mr West is moving to Saint Thomas' school in Springwood. This is the school that Mr West attended when he was your age. I wonder if he still fits into his primary school uniform? Thank you Mr West for all that you have done for the children, the staff and the families of Holy Family Emerton. We wish you well and hope that you will enjoy the new learning in your new school.

**Mrs Vogt** has also been with us for about six years. During that time Mrs Vogt has taught Kindergarten, years three, two and year six. Mrs Vogt has also been our religious education coordinator and you may remember our special liturgies that she organised. You may remember her dressing up and being part of special liturgies. As you know Mrs Vogt is a keen entertainer and has been the organiser of our talent quests. Our students might need to look around girls and boys and find someone to organise the next talent quest. Thank you Mrs. Vogt for all that you have done for the children, the staff and the families of Holy Family Emerton.

We wish you well Mrs Vogt as you move to Saint Joseph's primary school in Schofields. We hope that you enjoy your time there and continue to enjoy the presence of the children in your class in your new school.

**Mrs. Powderly** is also changing schools. Mrs. Powderly has been at Holy Family for many years and has taught across the school. Most of you have probably been in a class taught by Mrs. Powderly or perhaps you have been with her at one of our Jumpstart days. Mrs. Powderly has been very generous with her time and has often helped us by taking classes on her days off. Thank you Mrs. Powderly for everything you have done for us and we wish you well at your new school which also happens to be Our Lady of The Way at Emu Plains.

**Mrs. Skinner** is one of our school counsellors and she has been with us for the last three years. Next year Mrs. Skinner will be working at a school closer to her home. Thank you Mrs. Skinner for your special work with all of us, for your art and the special skill you have in helping us think about our problems and what we can do to make things better. Thank you for your part in the COVID Art Project, it was great.

**Mrs. Eagan** has been with us for just two terms this year. Mrs. Eagan has been teaching in Year 3. During this time, the year 3 students have appreciated your kindness and your willingness to assist them with their learning in any way that you can. Thank you for your time with us and best wishes as you return fulltime to St. Monicas in Richmond.

We have had some special helpers across the school over the last couple of terms. There have been a number of them working in Kindergarten this term.

**Mrs Uterly** is also leaving this week. Mrs Utely has only been with us a short time, she has been working in kindergarten. We wish her all the best and thank her for her time here at Holy Family.



We also say thank you today to [Miss Fallon](#) for her work at Holy Family during the second part of this year. Miss Fallon has worked across year five and year six. Thank you for your time here this year with us and we wish you well as you continue your study. Perhaps we will see you again.

Another person we farewell today is [Mr Abela](#), who has also worked in our kindergarten space assisting the students there. We also wish you the best as you continue your studies, we thank you for your time with us and perhaps we will see you again.

Thank you also to [Mrs. Chapman](#) for your work with our kindergarten students. We hope you've enjoyed your time with us and our youngest learners. Thank you for all you have done for us and we wish you well for the future.

Thank you to [Mr Winkel](#) who has been with us this term teaching across lots of our classes and helping out in the playground at lunchtimes. Thank you Mr Winkel for being with us and we wish you all the best as you begin your teaching career at our Lady of the Way Primary School in Emu Plains enjoy your time and the fun of teaching.

[Armin](#) has been with us for two years. Our IT trainees only stay for two years and then they move onto more study or other things. As you know he has been a great asset to us in helping make sure that our computers and laptops and chrome books are all working at their best so that we can get on with our learning. Armin has been completing an information technology course while he has been at Holy Family. Thank you for all that you have done for us and we wish you well as you begin the next steps in your learning.

This year we have had the privilege of having an artist with us on Mondays for a large part of the year. Our Welcome mural on the hall wall and the Many Faces mural on the staff room fence have been the work of [Mrs. Lopez](#) and some of our students.

Thank you Mrs. Lopez for your time with us and for encouraging the artist in all of us. We wish you well in your new adventures.

We are also farewelling our Year Six students as they move to various high schools. As I told you last week at your Graduation Liturgy, we are very proud of you and all that you have achieved. Best wishes Yr. 6 for next year and for the years ahead.

To all our students and to all of our staff: you are now part of the story and history of Holy Family School. May the love of Jesus go with you.

My final message to the students today was:

**As usual girls and boys I am going to ask you to do three things during the holidays:**

- 1. Read every day or as often as you can**
- 2. Remember to say your prayers and to say thanks to God for all that has been done for you.**
- 3. Be kind as often as you can. Smile lots and ask if you can help. These things will help make the holidays enjoyable for you and your family.**

Kind Regards,

*John Spradbrow*  
*Principal*

## Kindergarten Enrolments 2021

Kindergarten enrolments for 2021 are now being accepted. If you have a child who will turn 5 by July 31, 2021 please talk to Monika Cunningham about enrolment forms.

To begin the enrolment process we will require a completed enrolment form, child's original birth certificate and immunization record.

Should you have any questions regarding the enrolment please contact Monika Cunningham on 8869 7200.



## Thank you to Terry White Chemist

Thank you to Terry White Chemist, Plumpton for their very kind donation of numerous bottles of Hand Sanitiser to Holy Family. This kind gesture is very much appreciated.

## Visa Immigration Updates

If there have been any changes to your Visa Immigration Residency Status, could you please send in a copy to the school office. It is important that we have the most up-to-date information for our school records.

## School Office Holiday times

The school office for will be closed from 3pm Wednesday 16th December 2020 and reopen again on Wednesday 27th January 2021



## School Fees Payments

The final statements for 2020 have now been sent out. The due date for your account is **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**. If you require any support with payments, please contact **Mrs Denise Carroll** on **8869 7200**. Thank you



Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the holidays students may continue to read using the schools online books at the website 'Wushka'. This is a great resource that the school has paid for your child to access.

Your child has the website address and their login information.

Teachers have allocated books to their students for the holiday period. So, keep reading over the holidays!

If you need any information please contact your child's teacher.

Happy Reading!

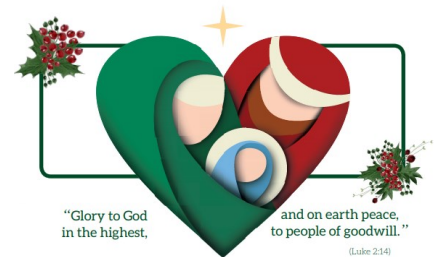
Mrs Melissa Slatford  
**Literacy Coordinator**

# RE News

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT - 'The 3rd Week of Advent - Christmas Nears!'

In the 1st reading at church this week, we heard from Prophet Isaiah who challenges us to be 'giving'. *Isaiah does this through creation, through the gift of life in which God has given each of us to use - 'anointed in Spirit - in 'life'.*

*The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;  
to proclaim liberty to captives,  
And freedom to those in prison;*



We are asked to start preparing the way for God to be present at Christmas. This I think can be extremely challenging, particularly with family. Often the deepest hurt we carry stems from our family relationships, because they are so dear and close to us, and we expect or want more. Christmas can be a very confronting time for adults and children alike. Children carry strong memories from these events and can pick up on the pain of those they are most closest to.

If there is a gift to be given at Christmas in order to impart happiness, it will not be found in a box, or in the form of a toy or in a PlayStation, or on Netflix. The gift will be found in relationships that bring about Joy. Here are some interpretations of what Isaiah speaks of;

<i>bring good news to the poor,</i>	Be joyful, be happy and be more loving to those around you, <u>especially those that struggle with this.</u>
<i>bind up hearts that are broken;</i>	Listen more and be more available and present. You don't need to offer a solution... just actively hear.
<i>proclaim liberty to captives,</i>	Offer forgiveness... be the first - you can't go wrong.
<i>freedom to those in prison;</i>	Give your TIME generously to those that are lonely.

Wishing you a joyful and happy Christmas and God bless!

Kind Regards,

Ben Oxley

**Religious Education Coordinator**





# Class of 2020

## Year 6 Graduation

### Achievement Award Key Learning Areas

RE	Matilda Nicholls
English	Naomi Deng
Mathematics	Frederick Bell
HSiE	Ashley Hurst
Science & Technology	Akuot Deng
Creative Arts	Cynthia Peckham
PDHPE	Jye Kelly

### Award

Ed Husic Citizenship	Taratoa Atera-Chapman
Excellence Award	Matilda Nicholls
Dedication to Studies	Sienna Niumata
Londonderry Leadership	Harrison Laupola Burnett
Sr Brenda Award	Janius Magisa









# The Learning Corner

2020 has been a memorable year for everyone. The Covid 19 pandemic has affected all of us in many ways. Schools have had to very quickly adapt to online learning using the Google classroom platform and Zoom to interact with each other.

So many processes and procedures to follow but we adapted and refined and did the best we could at the time. I thank the staff for their determination and ? to ensure that they kept in contact with their students. I thank the parents for stepping up and stepping in when their children could no longer be in a classroom. Thank you for trying to get your children onto the Zoom conference, supporting the learning through digital lessons, listening to the reading, speaking with staff and switching hats from parent/carer to nurse, cleaner, cook, finance officer and entertainment organiser. Well done to you!

My first year at Holy Family has definitely been an exciting experience. I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet the community and work with a wonderful group of colleagues.

This week we formally farewelled our Graduating Class of Year 6. They have had a year in which many things they expected to happen did not. We thank them for their leadership as our senior students and wish them every success in High School.

Also over the past two weeks Year 5 students have completed a process of selecting the 2021 leaders for Holy Family.

During 2021 there will be two Captains. I am happy to announce that Karina Tuuina and Thomas Alefaio-Patu will lead as Captains.

There will also be five School Leaders. We also congratulate the following students:

- ◆ Savannah Tofaeono
- ◆ Shay-Leigh Punter
- ◆ Ane Sitani
- ◆ Joshua Ursu
- ◆ Kyle Eastwood

I hope you enjoy Christmas with your families. May the wonder of that first Christmas, the **joy** of God's abundant blessings, and the peace of Jesus' presence be with you always.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Christine Figuero

***Assistant Principal***





## Wonder Wombat's Summer Holiday Reading Challenge

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Read a book someone recommends to you 	Listen to a story on Storyonline 	Read a magazine 	Read Poetry 	Read a library book 	Create a rebus story (a story that uses pictures to represent words). Write a short story, and then substitute pictures (that you draw or cut out) for some of the words 	Read a book that is more than 10 Years old 
Make your own joke book. Collect jokes and riddles from your family and friends	Read a book with an animal on the cover 	Work up an appetite by reading a story about food. Make and eat the food you read about 	Read a book with a colour in the title 	Read a book set in the winter 	Read a book that was made into a movie 	Read a How-to book 

Dear Students,

Please complete my summer holiday reading challenge by crossing off each box as you do the activity. Place entries into the office tub by the end of Week One and you will be in the running to win an awesome prize. I can't wait to see you all back at school on **Monday 1st February 2021**.

Happy Reading!

  
Wonder Wombat

# Healthy Kids Corner

## *What's Cooking in Year 5 & 6*

For the past few weeks year 5 & year 6 have been a part of a program called “OzHarvest”. Their aim is to help reduce food waste and make delicious meals from donated and other food which would normally have otherwise gone to waste. Year 5 & Year 6 have made delicious meals from our OzHarvest program’s recipes and hope that we can make more delicious food in the future. We hope to help others to do the same and stop food waste.

**By Naomi and Victoria**





# End of Year and Christmas Liturgy Award Ceremony

Class	Holy Family Award	Merit Award	Achievement	Sr Mary Lea	Deb Long Award
Kinder	Korbyn U	Adelaide T	Sahara S	Chelsea N	Talen L
Year 1	Dorothy L	Gloriah T	Samani V		
Year 2	Abuk U	Lorelei P	Okhalani T		
Year 3	Fara A	Peter O	Laione N		
Year 4	Haley M	Jamila E	Alai A		
Year 5	Kyle E	Shay-Leigh P	Kylahna R		

# Community Day Awards

The Community Day Award is a student selected who has shown exemplary behaviour, kindness, responsibility and respect and is representative as 'The Face of Jesus' for their grade.

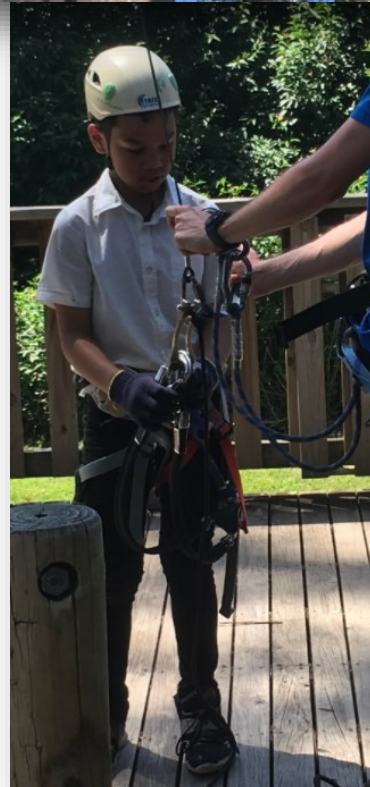
Class	2020
Kinder	Vili S
Year 1	Ivan S
Year 2	Malia S
Year 3	Michael A
Year 4	Baylee C
Year 5	Ane S
Year 6	Georgina T



# Year 4 Trees Adventures

Year 4 went to the TreeTop Adventures at Grose River Park. We had so much fun climbing and going on ziplines. It was very hot but it was worth it. We were able to have fun and conquer our fears of heights.

*By Haile M*





# Year 5 & 6 Surf School

On Thursday 19th November Year 5 & Year 6 went to surf school at Long Reef beach near Manly. It was a great experience to be able to learn more about water safety to use for future situations. We were at school at 7:15 ready and eager to get on the bus and to the beach. When we got to the beach we had our lunch and met and had a talk with our surf instructors. We walked down to the beach and started our day. We learnt how to spot rips and how to get out of them and learning how to surf and bodyboard was a plus! We went to surf school for our water safety curriculum. We are so grateful Mr Spradbrow gave us the opportunity to go to Surf School at Long Reef beach. Many thanks to Surf School Manly for having us!

*By Naomi and Victoria*





# Kindergarten go to Golden Ridge Farm

On Tuesday, 24th November, Kindergarten went on an excursion to Golden Ridge Farm at Dural. We all had a great day! Every student got to milk a cow and with great success. All students bottle fed a kid ( baby goat - not each other ).

Walking around the farm we saw llama's, pigs, sheep, donkeys, a horse, dogs, chickens, rooster, goats, bunnies, ponies, ducklings and ducks.

Life as a farmer is certainly busy looking after lots of animals.





# Year 2 & 3 Toy Testing



## KIDIZOOM ACTIONCAM

Tested by Year 3 Holy Family Primary School

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a toy tester? Well, the Year 3 students at Holy Family, Emerton were transformed the moment they entered the Toy Testing Lab! Our jaws plummeted to the floor and our eyebrows flew towards the ceiling, this was the best day ever! After the big unveiling, we realised the creative potential we held in our small hands... it was the Vtech Kidizoom ActionCam. Science experiments, capturing our playgroup games, creating lasting memories... our minds faced with the endless possibilities of this camera.



Our teachers, Mrs Ali and Miss Vanoske passed the reins over to us as we were the official Toy Testers. When we started exploring the camera we realised how easy it was to use and how many cool functions it has. We took videos and soon discovered we could reverse them and put them in slow and fast motion. Some groups took awesome high-quality action shots and were able to add effects and filters. One of our favourite features is the waterproof case, which we put to the test in a Science experiment.

Overall, we would give this product 5/5 stars because it has everything you could possibly want when capturing adventures, anytime and anywhere! We know this will be at the top of your Christmas list this year.



"We zoomed in and captured some unique wildlife in the school grounds" Peter

"I had a phenomenal experience playing with this high-tech gadget" Kaydence



"The filters really enhanced the photos and videos we took" Jordy and Fara

"It was hilarious when our principal swung on the monkey bars and we captured on our Kidizoom ActionCam" Tiana



"The slow-mo feature captured our game" Tom

## VTECH SWITCH & GO DINOS

Tested by Year 2 Holy Family Primary School

What's this? A mysterious box? What could possibly be inside? There was so much excitement buzzing in the room when we revealed our toys inside the packages. We were smiling from ear to ear when we saw our Vtech Switch & Go Dinos. We put on our official toy testing badges and got to work! We soon discovered that we had received 5 different versions of the toy. They looked so awesome, we couldn't wait to have a turn! Once we opened the boxes we realised each dino had a different name and made over 60 wild sounds and phrases, "ROARI" This Dino is ready to go! Our teachers, Miss Sweeney and Miss Mackay loved hearing the different sounds. We experimented with each dino to see how they transformed into incredible vehicles like bulldozers, trucks and police cars. We also found that we could press 3 different buttons to make them move in different ways. Just beware, these toys take batteries so make sure you turn them off so they don't lose power. Overall, we give this toy 4.5 stars and would recommend them to boys and girls in Preschool to Year Two as they were so much fun to play with!



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# Year 2 & 3 TreeTop Adventures

At Tree Adventures there were really awesome fun zip lines. We got to wear harnesses to keep us safe on the course where we got to do a lot of climbing.

**Annabel Yr 2**

The zip line was very cool and I liked how it felt like we were flying. When we finished the zip line it made my tummy tickle.

**Cooper Yr 2**

Tree Adventures was really fun and we had so many activities to do. My favourite part was the zip line because it went really fast and it was so much fun.

**Heath Yr 2**

My favourite part of Tree Adventures was the zip line and the zig zag challenge. This helped us learn how to balance which was a little bit tricky.

**Alyssa Yr 2**

Our teachers had a go at the green course and I thought they would have been scared but they made it to the end. I was so impressed and shocked that they made it.

**Juna Yr 2**





# Year 3 Kindness Challenge

World Kindness Day is a global day that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. This day, celebrated on November 13 of each year, has the purpose to help everyone understand that compassion for others is what binds us all together. This understanding has the power to bridge the gap between nations.

Kindness is being gentle, thoughtful, helpful, and forgiving at times when it would be so easy to be angry.

This week Year 3 challenged every student in Holy Family to participate in some kindness activities including a random act of kindness or a message of kindness written in chalk. Year 3 also created hot air balloons and discussed how they use those talents to lift each other up.





# Year 1 News

## Year 1 Technology Day

This term Year 1 have been learning about digital technologies around us and how to create and code a piece of software. As part of our Science and Technology unit 'Digital Systems' Year 1 participated in a day of technology fun. We started our day with learning how to use Scratch. A free website where we learned how to use various codes to create our own interactive animations and stories.



Our first workshop was led by Fizzics Education where we were given various challenges and had to program beebots to move left, right and forward to reach the beehive.



We worked in pairs in our second workshop which was run by Robokids. Our task was to create and design our own robot using lego. We had to program our robot to move around the room and make sounds.





Having fun, teamwork, problem solving and skills was key to our successful day of learning.



# Library News

## NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Most children completed the PRC this year so they have now received a certificate from the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian. We have a large group of Gold Award winners, meaning that (these children have completed the Challenge successfully four years in a row) and an even larger group of Platinum Award winners (these children have completed the Challenge successfully six years in a row).

## Gold Award Winners      Platinum Award Winners

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • ANTAKLEY, Ayva               | • ATHIEU, Ajok              |
| • AYOM, Yom                    | • ATERA-CHAPMAN, Taratoa    |
| • EARNEST, Jordanna            | • BELL, Frederick           |
| • EASTWOOD, Danny              | • CHEOWIRY, Brandon         |
| • FLOOD, Luke                  | • DENG, Naomi               |
| • HACKETT, Jake                | • DUNCAN, Mickel            |
| • HAMLIN, Tyahne               | • FAALOUA, Victoria         |
| • HODGEKISS, Logan             | • GIBBONS, Lilly            |
| • HURST, Brayden               | • HARLEY, Levi              |
| • KHALIL, Abanob Ibrahim       | • HURST, Ashley             |
| • JACKSON, Kai-La              | • KELLY, Jye                |
| • JAMES, Layla                 | • LABBARD, Gabriela         |
| • JONES-MARTIN, Kai            | • LAMSAM, Leio              |
| • KAIVELATA, Susana            | • LAUPOLA BURNETT, Harrison |
| • LACHMUND-DAVIS, Talen Antwon | • MAGISA, Janius            |
| • LAWES, Levi                  | • MARTIN, Lucas             |
| • MASTERSON, Sierra            | • NICHOLLS, Matilda         |
| • MIKA, Benjamin               | • NIUMATA, Sienna           |
| • MUNOZ, Phoebe                | • PECKHAM, Cynthia          |
| • NOON, Rachael                | • SITANI, Lusia             |
| • OSAGHAE, Peter               | • STANLEY, Teleisha         |
| • RAWIRI, Jaelynn              | • T'MALII, Georgina         |
| • RAWIRI, Kylana               | • WILSON, Jasmine           |
| • SCHMIDT, Shanelle            | • WILSON, Marybella         |
| • SEIULI, Isaiah               |                             |
| • SETE, Tiarna                 |                             |
| • STODOMINGO, Isaac            |                             |
| • TUKALA, Kate                 |                             |
| • UAMAKI, Kaydence             |                             |
| • WARDS, Dasharni              |                             |
| • YOUNG, Joyce                 |                             |
| • YOUSIF, Maryanne             |                             |

## CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE CHILDREN!

### Overdue Notices

Those children who had overdue books have had library overdue notices handed to them. If your child receives a notice, please assist your child in looking at home for the books. If over the holidays you find any books belonging to our library or school, please send them back to us in the new school year. A number of children still have books at home from before the Covid lockdown, so any books that you may locate at home will be welcomed back.

### Student Borrowing over the Christmas Holidays

We are encouraging all children to borrow extra books before the end of term for reading over the school holidays. Be prepared for your child to come home with possibly double the rate of books they normally borrow! It is very important for children to keep up their reading practice over the holidays. Reading each day strengthens their ability! Practice makes perfect!



**Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge**

This year the EDSRC is bigger than ever. Although not compulsory, we are encouraging children to enter the Challenge and there are some great prizes to be won! All children will be bringing home information about how they can enter the Challenge. We have also included that information, for you, in this newsletter. Reading regular books is recommended but your child is also able to borrow ebooks from LEX (Parramatta Diocese Learning Exchange) to do the Challenge. Access to this is through their student portal that is used everyday at school.

**The Public Library**

Access to most Public Libraries is free. Have you taken your child to your local public library? It's a great place for your child to go to get extra books over the holiday break. Public libraries also offer children's storytime, author talks, holiday activities and other events. Checkout Blacktown City Library on Google, your local library is Mount Drutt Branch Library. Well worth a visit!

**Community Language Books**

We have some very exciting news. The library has started collecting new collections of books in community languages, information books about the countries, cultures and stories of those languages. Languages include:

- Samoan
- NZ Maori
- Cook Island Maori
- Tongan
- Fijian
- Nigerian (books mainly in English but of Nigerian culture, history, geography, tribal groups, stories, food, etc)
- South Sudanese/Dinka
- Arabic

We are in the process of cataloguing the newly ordered books and hope to have them available for the start of the new school year in 2021. We think that there will be great excitement amongst the children about these.

**Darug books**

As with our community language books, we are also starting a specific collection of books in the local Darug language and about the local Darug country, customs, stories and laws. Any books by Darug authors, will also be included in the collection. As our school is situated in Darug heartland and we have a number of students who have Darug ancestry, it is vital that we collect and promote books in this field. We want our school library to be the custodian of as great a collection of Darug books as possible.

**Wiradjuri Books**

We have also started a Wiradjuri (area west of the Blue Mountains) Collection. We are hoping to be able to commence Wiradjuri language lessons for the children next year. A number of the Wiradjuri language books have been written by Stan Grant Snr, (Stan Grant the journalist's father), who is a Wiradjuri speaker and scholar! Again, we have students of Wiradjuri ancestry and the Wiradjuri language is still widely spoken today, so collecting Wiradjuri materials is deemed to be of high importance.

**Donations from Marist College, Dundas**

Marist College has given us hundreds of books that they no longer require. These books, we are giving to the children to take home and read and keep. There are some wonderful titles and the books are near new. If your child comes home with books with the Marist label on them, there is no need to return these to the library. They have been given to your child as a gift and for them to read and enjoy over the holidays

Thank you.

**Janet A. Marie**

Teacher-Librarian

At school: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday


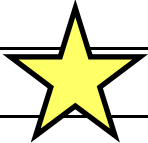


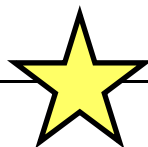
# Principal's Morning Tea

Once a term we acknowledge the efforts of those children who consistently try to be responsible, to do the right thing and be the best they can be. These children are invited to a special morning tea with the Principal John Spradbrow and receive a certificate of appreciation.

Congratulations to the following students who were at the Principal's Morning Tea on Thursday 10th December, 2020. Well Done!



Class	Term 4 - 10 December	
Kinder	Vili S	
	Uaniva Q	
Year 1	Cooper P	
	Dorothy L	
Year 2	Heath K	
	Malia S	
Year 3	Ben M	
	Kaydence U	
Year 4	Kawai S	
	Hailie K	
Year 5	Kyle E	
	Dunia K	
Year 6	Jasmine W	
	Ajok A	





# 2021 Staff List

Teacher/Staff Member	Grade/Role
Miss. Brooke Mackay	Kindergarten
Miss Katelyn Sweeney	Kindergarten
Miss Kirsha Mendoza	Year 1
Miss Lauren Wheeler	Year 1
Mrs Julianne Green	Year 2
Mr Adam Fletcher	Year 2
Miss Carissa Bissett	Year 3
Miss Emma Kennedy	Year 3
Mrs Melissa Briglevski	Year 4
Mrs Jaclyn Hands	Year 4
Miss. Alison Crombie	Year 5
Mrs. Helen Gilmour	Year 5
Mrs Alex Ali	Year 6
Miss Stephanie Titheradge-Vanoska	Year 6



# Kids Activity Corner



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Wordsearch

Search for the words going up, down, left and right.

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A day here or there doesn't seem like much but absences  
add up 2 days a month adds up to 4 weeks a year /  
20 days a year which is over one year of lost learning.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

every learner  
every day 



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# Dates for the Calendar

**14th December—End of Year Liturgy**

**15th December—Yr 6 Fun Day Rooty Hill Bowling**

## Term 4 finishes on

**Wednesday December 16th, 2020**

**Holy Family Primary  
Emerton**

**Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year**

**From the teachers and staff at  
Holy Family Primary Emerton.  
Wishing you and your families a  
Blessed and Safe Christmas and  
Happy 2021 Year**

**2020**



### Important Dates

**27th January—Pupil Free Day**

**28th January—Return to school for Yr 1—Yr 6**

**28th January—Kindergarten Best Start  
Interviews**

**29th January—Kindergarten Best Start  
Interviews**

**1st February—1st Day for Kindergarten  
@ 9:00 am**





# Pathways Song

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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

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## 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  
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