



5 February 2021

Holy Family Primary Emerton

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Term 1 Week 2

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 and welcome to our new school year

It was a pleasure watching the children return to school last week. So many of the children were happy to return to school to see their friends and teachers. Thank you parents for helping the children return to school with such a positive attitude and thirst for learning.

As you are aware we are still working with the Covid restrictions. Thank you parents for your assistance with the ongoing restrictions. We appreciate your support.

Our Beginning of the School Year Liturgy is next Wednesday. At this liturgy we will ask for God's blessing on our community as we begin another year of learning about our God, the world and ourselves. We will welcome our new students especially our new Kindergarten class and our new staff. We will also ask for God's blessing and guidance on our 2021 Student Leaders.

Unfortunately the COVID restrictions won't allow us to invite the school community. We will post lots of photos for you to see our liturgy.

Learning at Holy Family

Each year we have a major learning goal for students and staff. This year we are carrying over part of our goal from last year which was assisting students to be Assessment Capable Learners. This means we need to learn about how we learn, set goals and reflect and act on the feedback we get to help us extend our learning. To get started this year we are having a school wide focus on counting. Counting is the key conceptual idea on which other number concepts are based. Teachers are planning activities where students will improve understanding by using counting skills in a variety of meaningful situations. To know how the students are progressing teachers will monitor progress and give feedback to ensure students know their next step. It would be great if you could check in with your child each day and ask about them what they are learning about counting. I would like to hear what they tell you.

Our Newsletter

This is our first newsletter for the year. The newsletter usually goes out each fortnight on Thursdays in the even weeks of the term. The newsletter is also distributed electronically through the Skoolbag App. We have a handout if you want it showing how to set up the App.

Pupil Free Day

Earlier this week I sent home some information about some exciting programs that we are implementing this year. I also advised that the staff training will begin on Friday February 12th. This day will be a pupil Free Day. I am sorry that this event is so close to the beginning of the school year. As I pointed out in the special note the 12th is the latest we can have the whole staff training day because of the training that will need to take place before the end of the term.

Best wishes,

John Spradbrow
Principal

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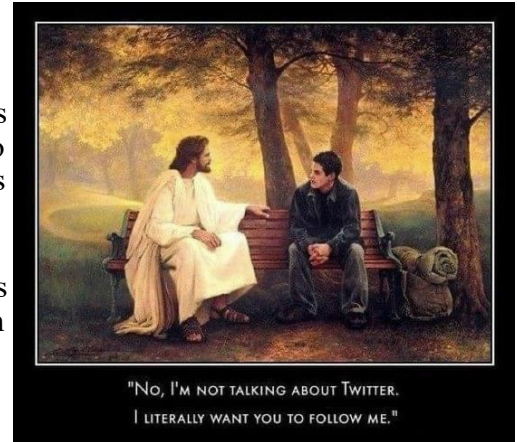
Food for thought....

'The Moral Compass Dilemma'

I found this funny meme the other day and it got me thinking. The gospel readings at mass over the past few Sundays have been about the early days of the disciples following Jesus and Jesus beginning to teach.

Oddly enough I entertained the idea of where society gets its 'teaching' from today. Sadly, I think this meme was a little too close to home and I wondered whether society's moral compass had become social media. I'm still wondering.

As the term begins, the moral imperative of teaching who Jesus is and about his life couldn't be stronger for our school. We ask each student to be guided by the essence of the Gospels in their everyday words and actions. Our school pathways reflect this:



I am safe
I am a learner
I am the face of Jesus

When presented with a dilemma by your child after a hard day at work, maybe ask them the question.. What would Jesus do? The answer will present itself. Give it time.

Reflect and Pray

Prayer is an important part of each of our lives, whether we name it 'prayer' or not. It really is a time to reflect and listen to the good coming from within. We have been teaching the 'Examen Prayer' for students from Kindergarten to Year 6, which is done each day. It is a very healthy mind exercise for all - young and old!

Maybe you might try this in a moment of quiet and peace... if you are fortunate enough to have a moment!

GIVE THANKS - Reflect on what you are thankful for from your day.

SEE - Reflect on where you might have found God in your day.

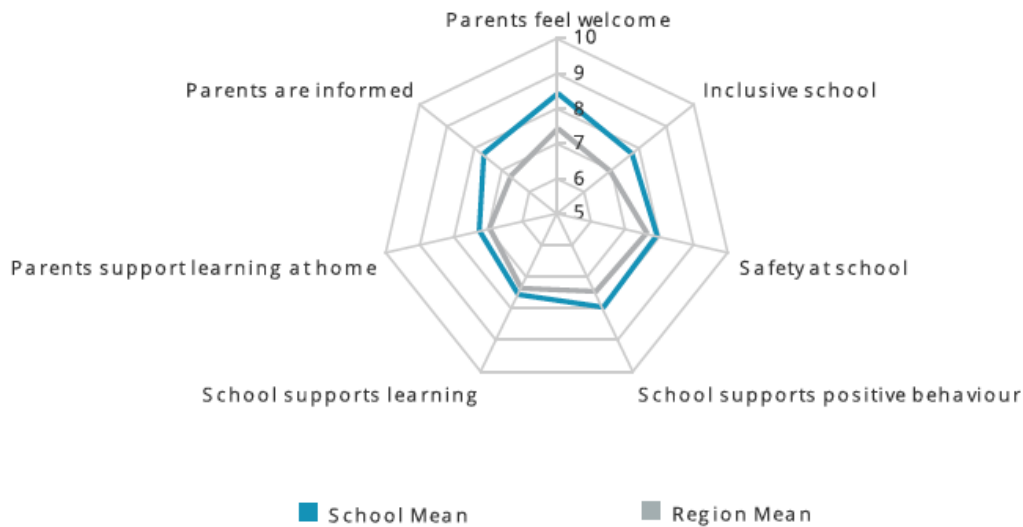
REMEMBER - Reflect on your experiences and events throughout your day.

NOTICE - What was your favourite and least favorite experience/s?

ACT - What can you improve upon tomorrow?

What's great about this exercise is that it also makes for a nice conversation over the dinner table.

2020 Annual Tell Them From Me Survey - Parent Survey Data



I am proud to be sharing with you our Parent Data snap-shot of our school in 2020. We had close to half of the parents of our school surveyed in relation to the school's performance. We have performed exceptionally well, and are above the average for the six areas of *Family, School and Community Partnerships* (Epstine, J. 2019). These include:

- ⇒ Parents Feeling Welcome
- ⇒ Inclusivity at School
- ⇒ Safety at School
- ⇒ School Supporting Positive Behaviour
- ⇒ School Supporting Learning
- ⇒ Parents Supporting Learning at Home
- ⇒ Parents are informed

Though we are delighted with these results, we have a long way to go in wanting our school to be one of the highest performing schools in our region. This is our long-term goal and we are working hard to bring this about.

OzHarvest

OzHarvest food hampers begin again next week. If you, or someone you know would benefit from a food hamper, please call the office on (02) 8869 7200 for a confidential chat.

Please note: We have the capacity to [assist](#) over 100 families from our school and wider community. At times we have had hampers which have not been collected. We would hate for these to be disposed of. Encourage others to become a part of this great initiative.

Kind Regards,

Ben Oxley
Religious Education Coordinator

Kindergarten Enrolments 2022

Kindergarten enrolments for 2022 are now being accepted. If you have a child who will turn 5 by July 31, 2022 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.



School Fees 2021

The school fees statement will be sent home shortly for 2021.

Please be advised that the school office is now a cashless office.

Eftpos, BPoint & Centerlink deductions are still available.

Please contact Denise Carroll on 8869 7200.

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.

Medical Plans

Medical plans which include Asthma plans need to be updated annually.

Please contact the office to ensure your child's plan and medication is up to date.

School Car Park

Please be advised that the car park outside the school is for **STAFF ONLY**, which includes Holy Family Primary, Parish Office and Catholic Care Staff.

For the safety of the students at Holy Family Primary Emerton, please do not park here. Parking is available at the following locations:

- **Emert Parade**
- **Weber Crescent**
- **Luxford Road (church carpark)**

There has been an increase of parents following cars into the carpark when the gate opens. At times travelling through the carpark several times looking for a spot or even double parking. This is extremely dangerous and prohibited.

DO NOT enter staff car park. If gate closes you will be locked in until a staff member leaves the school.



The Learning Corner

Welcome back to the new school year. I'm looking forward to my second year at Holy Family and the prospect of a year with no Remote Learning. It was wonderful to see the students return with happy smiles even though some may have been feeling a little anxious about a new year with different teachers and different classrooms.

We have new students and some new teachers who we welcome to the Holy Family community.

The beginning of the year has been busy with teachers getting to know their new students and setting up routines and practices which will create a happy and safe learning environment that will assist the children in following our pathways:

I am safe
I am respectful
I am the face of Jesus

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

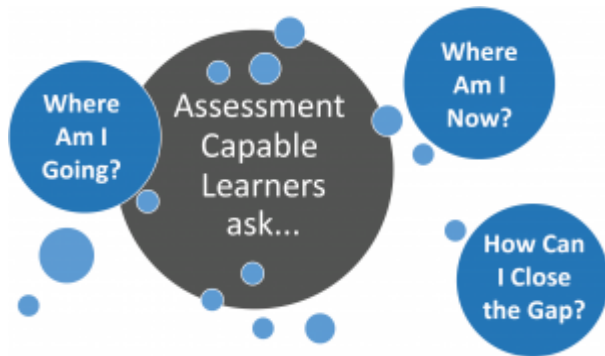
Literacy Corner

Dear Parents and Friends,

In 2021, Holy Family set a number of goals to achieve in areas of Formation, Literacy and Numeracy. We believe that all children can grow and succeed.

2021 Holy Family Goal: ***For all students to develop as assessment capable learners.***

Put simply, assessment capable learners understand what they are supposed to learn, monitor their own progress, set goals, and reflect on their learning.



Educators who help their students become assessment capable learners have students who: know the learning target for a lesson, can describe where they are in relation to the criteria, and use that information to select learning strategies to improve their work.

Over the first few weeks of the school year, teachers have been collecting initial data on all of our students to assist them in the programming and planning of each and every child at Holy Family. Numeracy and Literacy Data walls are used so that all children can be tracked and monitored throughout the year. So how can you help your child develop as a lifelong learner? One way is to get them into a routine of reading everyday.

Tips for Making a Regular Time for Reading Every Day

- Turn off the T.V
- Let your child know that you ***enjoy the time together***
- Make listening to reading a ***special time***
- Your child will sense when listening to reading becomes boring for you
- Be seen as a reader ***yourself***
- Encourage your child to make use of the local and school ***libraries***.



Read at least 15 minutes everyday!

Source <https://www.moedu-sail.org/lessons/assessment-capable-learner/>

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Alex Ali

Literacy Coordinator



Library News

It is never too late to return a book!

Just a friendly reminder that now is the time to send back to school any library books or readers that you found over the holidays. Many of our children borrowed extra books to read over the holidays, so your child may have books that are now due back at the library.

If you have found books that belong to other schools, please feel free to return these to our library as well. We always send books back to their rightful owners.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2021

We had great success with the Challenge last year with most of our students finishing the Challenge successfully. We hope to make this another great Challenge effort this year! We will commence the Challenge by the end of Term 1. All children in grades 1-2 will partake in the Challenge in class with their classroom teachers. Older students will commence the Challenge in class and do some of the Challenge on an individual basis. The expiry date for the Challenge is August 20, so we have about six months for students to complete the Challenge.

Scholastic Book Club

We have not recommenced the club at this stage as we are still not able to have volunteers come into the school and our club is run by volunteers. If you wish to buy books for your child you can do so from home, online, by checking Scholastic Book Club Holy Family Primary, Emerton. Books will be dropped off at school and will be sent home with your child. Please do not send any orders to school as we are unable to process them.

We do hope to re-establish the club once Covid restrictions ease. If anyone would like to get involved in helping out with the club, please give me a ring at school. We can always use more volunteers and we will give you training.

Mrs. Marie's Days This Year:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Ragen's Day:

Thursday

Student Borrowing:

Will commence from next week, Week 3. Please assist your child in returning their books by reminding them of their library day the night before, so that children can have their books ready to return.

Monday: Year 1, Year 2, Year 6

Tuesday: Year 3

Wednesday: Year 4

Thursday: Kindergarten

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Janet A. Marie

Teacher Librarian



Sport Days



SPORT DAYS 2021

Kinder

Monday

Year 1

1W - Thursday

1B - Friday

Year 2

Friday

Year 3

Thursday

Year 4

Thursday

Year 5

Friday

Year 6

Thursday





School Photo Day 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our School Photos will take place on **Friday 12th March 2021**. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased online or by returning the order envelope with your payment to the school office before photo day.

NEW

Advancedlife now offers Latitude Pay! To take advantage of LatitudePay and split the cost of your order into 10 small easy payments, simply order your school photos online as usual, set up a Latitude Pay account in just a few clicks and pay no interest or fees when you pay according to your payment schedule; it's that easy.

3 easy ways to purchase:

1. **LatitudePay** – Click on the link below, set up an account during the online order process and split your payments across 10 weeks with no interest or fees, if you pay on time
2. **Visa, MasterCard or PayPal**
3. **Cash** – complete the envelope which will be supplied shortly, and return it to the school office before photo day. Envelope must have correct money enclosed. **NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN IN THE OFFICE AS WE ARE NOW A CASHLESS OFFICE.**

Or visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

And enter online order code: **E17 YXB J6B**

School photography information:

- **Online orders** - do not require an envelope returned to your school
- **Sibling Photos** - Don't forget to pre-order your sibling photos online up to 24 hours before photo day. We provide your school with a list of sibling orders right up to the day of photography, so no one misses out. If you miss the online order deadline, you can submit a completed sibling order envelope first thing in the morning of the day of photography, so your school is aware you want the photo taken and can bring your children together in time for it. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at your school. Please note not all schools offer sibling photos
- **Late fees** - a late fee will be applied to each package purchased after photo day due to the additional cost of producing these packages separately
- **Package delivery** - photographic packages will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken
- **Previous Years' photos** - Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available to order under the 'previous years or group photo' tabs at your school's **advancedorder** site. You can also order past packages, portrait images and gifts from your child's unique, individual and secure **advancedyou** image archive site using the unique 9 digit image code found on packages you have ordered in the past

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask contact the school office on **8869 7200**.

Healthy Kids Corner

CHICKEN PATTIES 4 WAYS

EVERYDAY | Serves 6

Ingredients:

- 500g lean chicken mince
- 100g mushrooms, roughly chopped
- 1 stick celery, roughly chopped
- 1 onion, roughly chopped
- 1 egg
- ½ cup fresh breadcrumbs

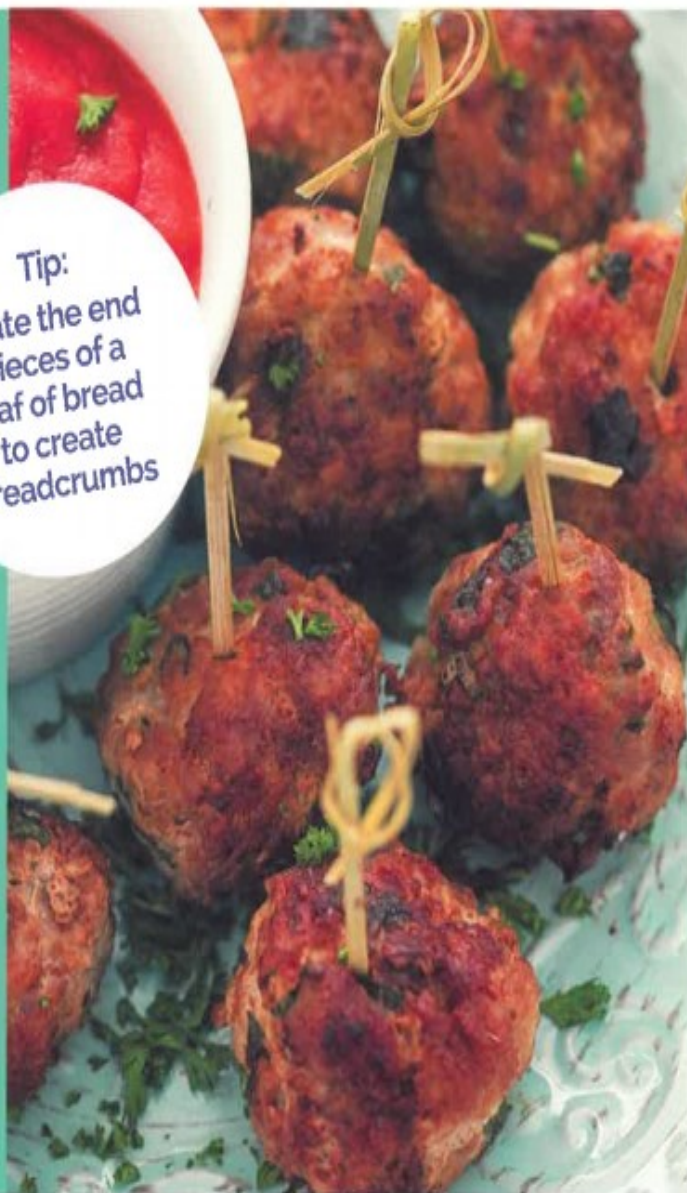
Method:

1. Combine all ingredients in a food processor until smooth
2. Divide mixture into six, and shape into patties
3. Spray a non-stick pan with oil and cook patties for 4-5 minutes on each side until brown and cooked through.

Serving suggestions:

1. Serve on a wholemeal roll with lettuce, tomato, cucumber and a small amount of mayonnaise, sweet chilli sauce or tzatziki
2. Roll meat mixture into small meatballs, cook as above and serve with pasta, tomato sauce and reduced-fat cheese for an easy Spaghetti and Meatballs
3. Coarsely chop cooked leftover patties. Cut wholemeal roll in half, spread each side with tomato sauce, sprinkle with mince mixture and top with reduced-fat cheese. Grill until cheese is melted.
4. Serve with salad and sweet chilli sauce! Try mango, cucumber and lettuce OR rice noodles, cucumber, capsicum, and carrot.

Tip:
Grate the end pieces of a loaf of bread to create breadcrumbs



5 WAYS WITH CEREAL

Note: Breakfast cereal is Everyday and requires a Health Star Rating of 3.5 stars or more.

1. Brekky Trifle: Layer it up!

In a see-through cup, place a layer of fruit (fresh, frozen or canned in juice), add a dollop of reduced-fat yoghurt, a sprinkle of cinnamon and then crumble a handful of crunchy cereal on top. Repeat these layers until the cup is full.

2. Cluster snacks:

Pop your favourite reduced-fat yoghurt in a bowl and add enough cereal to make the mixture chunky. Fill an ice cube or ice block mould with the mixture and freeze until set.

3. Cereal smoothie:

Wholegrain cereals are a fantastic smoothie thickener and make for a filling smoothie. Add a few handfuls to your typical smoothie mix and blitz away!

4. Porridge:

A popular breakfast and snack item in the colder months. Add a sprinkling of cereal on top for a bit of crunch.

5. Power pancakes: Add some cereal into your pancake mix to make your pancakes more exciting!

Welcome Students 2021





positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

NSW PARENT/CARER ONLINE WORKSHOP



Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young people on the autism spectrum, from across New South Wales.

During the online workshops, we will cover four topics:

- diversity of autism
- working together with your child's school
- understanding sensory processing
- understanding behaviour.

These workshops are part of a series of sessions but you can choose if you would like to register for each session or just the individual ones you are able to join.

**Please note that this is not a webinar but is an online workshop where we will work collaboratively together online across the sessions.*

Location:

NEW SOUTH WALES
via zoom online

Dates & Times (AEDT):**Diversity of Autism**

🌟 Tues 2 Feb, 2021
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sensory Processing

🌟 Tues 9 Feb, 2021
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Understanding Behaviour

🌟 Tues 16 Feb, 2021
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Working Together

🌟 Tues 23 Feb, 2021
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

<http://>

For more information and to register, visit www.positivepartnerships.com.au
or contact Rachael Dillon rdillon@autismspectrum.org.au



2021 Staff List

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



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 



Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta



Dates for the Calendar

10 February — Beginning Mass & Student Leader
Induction and Morning Tea

12 February—Pupil Free Day (No School for Students)

16 February—Shrove Tuesday

17 February —Ash Wednesday Liturgy

19 February—Blacktown Zone Carnival

Term 1 finishes on:

Thursday April 1st, 2021

Term 2 Begins on:

Tuesday April 20th, 2021



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

