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# Holy Family Primary

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Term 2 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 Assistant Principal

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you enjoyed the celebration of Easter with your families and the chance to rest and enjoy some time with your children. This term has started well. We have enjoyed being able to come together as a community to celebrate our Easter Liturgy and our Easter Hat Parade. The excitement was high because there were so many parents/carers and family members on site to enjoy the activities and liturgy. Thanks to Mr Oxley for his planning and preparation around these events.

During Week 1 children also participated in the Cross Country. Many thanks to Miss Bissett and Miss Wheeler for organising the day. Some of our runners will move to the next stage of the Cross Country at the Zone. We wish you all well!

This week began with our ANZAC Day Prayer and Reflection. The students were very respectful throughout the assembly. Our music teacher, Mr Mattessi played the Last Post and Reveille. It was a very stirring moment and we thank Mr Mattessi for sharing his expertise.

Last term Year 3 and 5 participated in a Practice NAPLAN test. The main reason for this is to ensure that our technology was ready for the actual tests this term. Thankfully everything went very well.

NAPLAN will take place over the two weeks from the 11th May to 21st May. I will send a schedule out to those parents who have children in Year 3 or Year 5. Please contact the school if you have any questions around NAPLAN.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Christine Figuero*  
*Assistant Principal*

# RE NEWS

## Easter

Easter is the most holy time of the year for all Christians. It is a time of great joy. This is in stark contrast to last term where we left on a very solemn note in preparing for the crucifixion of Christ.

The Easter period began on Easter Sunday and lasts for 50 days, finishing on Pentecost Sunday. For this reason, last Thursday we held our school's Easter Hat parade. This may seem odd to many in not having the Easter Hat parade prior to school ending. However, Holy Week is a very different time, bringing up different emotions.



Students kept with the tradition this Easter, celebrating and making an Easter Hat in order to attend our Easter Liturgy in the Church directly following the parade. Parents and students attended this special celebration.

The challenge Fr Greg put to us all, is how we can spread this message of Joy over the Easter period, and how we can rejoice in the knowledge of the risen Christ.

Fr Greg has been appointed Chaplain of the NSW Mt Druitt Police Department! This has been about two and a half years in the making. It is in both recognition of the person and the work Fr Greg does in our community. You will all agree that he is the perfect choice.

Thank you Fr Greg for all the work you do!



## ANZAC Day Commemorations

On Monday morning we held a powerful and moving ANZAC Day ceremony with our community. Year 6 students and teachers led the ceremony with Mrs Figuero. Mr Mattessi, our talented music teacher, led the school in the Last Post and the Rouse on the trumpet. In the afternoon Mr Mattessi again played these pieces for our parents and students to signal the end of the day-



*“In the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them”.  
**‘Lest we Forget’.***



Kind Regards,

Mr Ben Oxley  
**RE 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.

A vibrant poster for Mother's Day Liturgy. The background is a mix of teal, pink, and purple with floral patterns. A large pink oval in the center contains the text "HAPPY Mother's Day" in white. To the right, black text reads: "Please join us for our MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY as we celebrate the special gift of our mothers and grandmothers, followed by morning tea with your children." At the bottom, the date and time are listed: "Date: Friday 7th May" and "Time: 10.00".

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# Literacy Corner

This term our Years 3 and 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) which is an annual assessment for all students in Australia. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum.

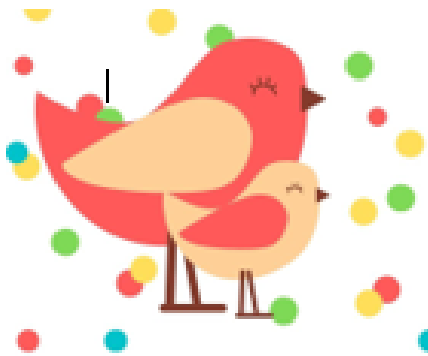
How can you help your child prepare for the tests?

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast
- Encouraging your child to read as much as possible, and to increase their vocabulary - even reading magazines, newspapers, and comic books regularly will help improve reading skills
- Remain positive , staying calm will help your child stay calm

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to encourage them to simply do the best they can on the day.



**NAPLAN**  
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
Literacy and Numeracy



# Mother's Day Stall

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce we will be holding a Mother's Day Stall on Wednesday 5th May.

This is an opportunity for the children to select a small gift for their mother, grandmother or for a significant female in their lives. There is no obligation to purchase.

To assist with the smooth running of the stall, please complete the order slip below (ONE PER FAMILY) and return with the **CORRECT** money in an envelope, to the school office. All gifts will be \$5 each and there will be an assortment from which to select.

The order slips and money will be accepted up to and including Wednesday 5th. If your child/ren would like to purchase more than one gift, they will be able to do so after all classes have completed their purchases.

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## ONE ORDER FORM PER FAMILY PLEASE - \$5.00 Each Gift

Please list each child who will purchase a gift. Students will come to the stall with their grade.

Eldest Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$\_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed (CORRECT MONEY ONLY PLEASE)

I can help with the Mother's Day Stall

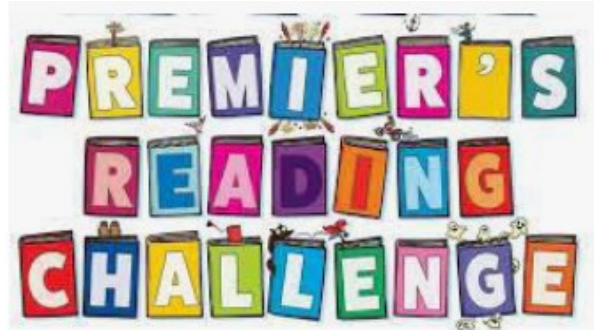
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_



# Library News

## NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Each year the State Premier of NSW encourages all primary school aged children to partake in the state wide reading challenge. We at Holy Family see this government initiative as supporting our students in their reading and helping them gain confidence in their reading. We strongly encourage all students to take part. All children in our school will commence the PRC at the beginning of Term 2.



All students in K-2 will be doing the PRC with their teachers in class. For children in grades 3-6, children will be assisted by their teachers but will also be encouraged to read independently to complete the challenge.

Closing date for the PRC is August 20 2021.

Last year most of the children in our school were able to complete the challenge successfully and we are looking forward to that being the situation this year as well. It is quite an achievement for children to be able to complete the challenge successfully and for their efforts they are rewarded at the end of the year by a certificate from the NSW State Premier. Once children have completed the challenge successfully four years in a row, they are awarded with a Gold Certificate and so on. The NSW PRC is also run in high schools across NSW and we have had some students who kept on with PRC even after they had left our school.

If you have any questions about the PRC and your child's access to it, please feel free to contact me at school.

## Library Book Returns

Parents, please keep encouraging your child to return their library books on time. If you come across any library books over the holidays or readers from school, please return these to the library when your child returns to school in Term 2. Please *never* throw out library books or school readers! Even if a book becomes damaged at your house, it is always better to return it to school so that we can amend our catalogue records. Accidents do happen and we will not punish your child for any mishaps.

## Library Volunteers Needed Urgently!

As covid regulations are lifting, we will again at the beginning of Term 2, be able to have volunteers come into the library to assist.

We URGENTLY need people to cover books and to do other library tasks like filing, sorting, cleaning shelves, sticking labels onto books, etc. We are very happy to provide training so you do not need any prior training or experience!

Most library work is labour intensive and in the past we have relied heavily on volunteer work. Most of our library books have been covered by volunteers!

Being a library volunteer is also a great way to meet other parents and grandparents and can be quite a social experience. It is also a gentle way to acquire new skills that might assist you in other employment opportunities.

If you are interested in volunteering in the library, please pop in and see me. I will be very happy to meet you.

**Janet A. Marie**  
Teacher-Librarian  
Tuesday - Thursday



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







# Dates for the Calendar

## SPORT

Cross Country Representatives  
Tuesday 4th May @ Eastern Creek

Hockey Clinic  
Every Tuesday @ 8 am

## Mothers Day Liturgy

Friday 7th May  
10 am-10:30 am  
Followed by Morning Tea in the hall

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## NAPLAN

11th—14th May 2021  
Year 3 & 5

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## EXCURSIONS

ACU Meet the Professor  
Year 6 Excursion  
Leave school @ 8:55 am  
Return to school @ 2:55 pm

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

# 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  
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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  
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## 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



I am a learner I am safe I am the I am a learner I am safe I am the I am a learner I am safe I am the