

# Family Matters

Holy Family Primary School

Wednesday 4 March, 2020

Issue # 5



EDUCATING IN FAITH FOR TOMORROW'S POSSIBILITIES

## Principal's message

### HARMONY DAY 2020

To celebrate our multi-culturalism at Holy Family, every child is encouraged to wear something **ORANGE to school on Wednesday 18 March**. Year 6 will facilitate some fun activities at recess and lunch times on the Wednesday. We also have our Fun Food day lunch as well. We will combine the day with our *Bullying No Way! Day*.

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL - THURSDAY 12 MARCH

Years 3-6 will travel by bus to Queanbeyan Pool on Thursday morning next week for our annual Swimming Carnival. All permission notes should have been returned to the school by now.

Children who are non-swimmers will not be permitted into the larger pool but restricted to the water play area only. Supervised novelty events will be conducted as well as 25m events. I thank the teachers and organising team for their hard work preparing for the carnival and entering names into heats. We pray for a great day! Parents are more than welcome to join us and I thank the parents who have already offered their assistance. We would not be able to run such an event without your assistance.

If we have to cancel the Swimming Carnival we will inform you via our skoolbag App. It will also be announced on FM104.7, FM106.3 and ABC 666.

The following information will help our carnival run smoothly:

- ⇒ All children in Yrs 3-6 are expected to attend the Carnival. Even non-swimmers will compete in novelty events.
- ⇒ Children who cannot swim due to medical reasons should still attend and offer support to their House and school mates. We have some jobs which these children could also perform on the day.
- ⇒ Parents, if you come to assist at the Carnival or simply just to support us you are allowed to take your children with you when you leave. It is imperative that you inform your child's teacher to let them know. This is a legal requirement for us.
- ⇒ Children will need to wear shoes to school. At school they can change into thongs or easy slip on footwear, as this will make everyone's life easier.
- ⇒ Children will need to bring a towel and sunscreen. It might be a good idea to have two towels, one to sit on and one to dry with. Please apply sunscreen before school.
- ⇒ Please send fruit, recess, lunch and water as usual. You are welcome to give your children money to spend at the Kiosk. However they will have to be responsible for their own money. Clearly label everything that belongs to your child.
- ⇒ School hats are essential.
- ⇒ The normal school rules apply.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Event 1

**CANBERRA DAY HOLIDAY**  
Monday 9 March

### Event 2

**Matt Giteau Cup Yrs 3-6**  
Tuesday 10 March

### Event 3

**YRS 3-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL**  
Thursday 12 March @  
Queanbeyan Pool  
**PROGRAM AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER**

### Event 4

**4B Assembly**  
Friday 13 March @ 2.15pm

### Event 5

**HARMONY DAY and FUN FOOD DAY LUNCH and NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE**  
Wednesday 18 March

### COOSH and ELC CARE DEBTS

We are currently carrying around \$25,000 in Childcare debt. Parents have been asked to clear their debt by this coming Friday, 6 March. If families still have a debt their children will not be able to attend COOSH until the debt is cleared. We are aware that there are families who have accessed Centerlink payments but have not passed this on the COOSH or ELC Care. This is in fact defrauding the government. We look forward to seeing our debt diminish.

## Awards Congratulations to the children who received a White Award at last Friday's assembly:

KR	Malik S, Joshua T	3W	Kaleb F, Chloe O
KW	Lachlan G, Maddie S	3B	Koby Y, Elijah C
KB		4R	Matthew P, Luke LS
1R	Jayde L, William C	4W	Benjamin C, Grace M
1W	Lawrie F, Scarlett C	4B	Chelsea D, Jacinta R
1B	Owen L, Millie K	5R	Lara L, Mae S
1G	Henry O, Callie C	5W	Abigail H, Ebony-Rose C
2R	Cameron D, Bryson B	5B	Reuben B, Meg P
2W	Nicholas J, Vaioleti T	5G	Piper M, Nathan A
2B	Anniese D, Isabelle L	6R	Will M, Martina M
2G	Lily A, Hudson S	6W	Zac O, Jayden WB
3R	Lillian G, Joseph F	6B	Kevin K, Clare L

### LEXILE AWARDS

**Red:** Abby J, Aaron T, Karney K, Rueben B, Isla P, Mabel Y, Sophia S

**Blue:** Mae S, Darcy O, Annabel A, Riona G, Summer O, Abby J, Skye F, Lara L, Lachlan M, Aaron T, Eamon C, Kye N, Liam C, Karney K, Rueben B, Sophie S, Isla P, Cameron J, Mabel Y

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEMESTER ONE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

At our Prayer Liturgy on Monday morning, Mrs Joy Burch (MLA) kindly presented our SRC members with their badges. Parents then proudly pinned the badge on their child. We congratulate: Liam Corey, Edward Murphy, Ebony-Rose Cronin, Isla Pfeiffer Saige Fattore, Irene Antony, Lilly Kennedy, Malakai Young, Jack Edwards, Delaney Hanns, Lizzie Brew and Indi Kildey.



## ASSESSMENTS

The year has only just begun, but teachers are already busily assessing students, especially in Maths and English. Why now? Assessment is a continuous process of gathering and interpreting information throughout the year, and assessing at the beginning of the year is extremely important as it allows teachers to get to know their new students quickly. It identifies what students know and don't know, how they prefer to learn and this information assists teachers to plan, guide and implement a variety of teaching and learning strategies that suits the needs of the particular group. This information, and previous assessment and reports, form the basis for expected growth and improvement as the year progresses.

I thank the Kindergarten parents and the teachers for arranging times to meet for half an hour per family during the Wednesday rest days.

## INTERIM REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

Interim Reports will be sent home Thursday March 26 March, Week 8. These reports focus upon social skills and work habits displayed during this first part of the school year and give a good indication of how your child has settled into school.

## SCHOOL PRACTICE (DRILL) OF EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND LOCKDOWN

Next week the school and ELC will practice evacuating the school in case of an emergency and a lockdown practice. Teachers do prepare their class, so if your child comes home with stories of fires, strangers, etc. you will be able to put it all into context. We always aim to react calmly and promptly. The factors that would normally determine a lockdown occurring are varied and usually out of the control of the school. If your child is concerned please reassure them:

- That school and home are safe places.
- That these events are rare and on this occasion it is only a drill.
- That the staff and adult volunteers are at school to help them remain safe.
- To listen to school staff.
- That if the police or fire brigade come, they are also here to help us when needed.
- That everything is ok.

**I remind parents, carers and visitors to the school to always sign in and out of the school Front Office area when on the school premises/grounds - with the exception of morning assembly, prayer assembly or Friday assembly.**

## SWAPPING FOOD

Holy Family staff are vigilant but there have been reports of some children swapping their food with others. We have many children in the school with serious food allergies and swapping food with another may have serious consequences. Parents go to a lot of trouble to ensure their children have healthy recesses & lunches. I'm sure you would not be impressed to hear that your child had been swapping their healthy options for less healthy options. Could I ask that you speak to your child/ren and let them know your thoughts on this please?

## REMINDERS

**Wet weather arrangements:** We are certain that we will have rain again and we would like to re-state the arrangements the school has for wet weather before and after school.

**Before school:** The students gather UNDER THE COURTYARD AWNINGS at 8.30am when teachers will be able to supervise them in their classrooms. Please do not take the children to the classrooms unless the teacher is present.

**After school:** Children who would normally be collected at drive-through will wait in the hall.

**All children must be collected from the hall and escorted by an adult to their car.**

Parents are asked to find a car park and walk to the Hall to collect their child/ren. There is a red kerb in front of the hall and parents are asked to please **not park** there. The Netball Courts will be available for parking on these days only to collect them from the hall.

If your child/ren would normally be collected from Gowrie Oval or Fadden Pines car parks, so there is no confusion, please discuss in advance whether you wish them to go to the hall for pick up or whether you wish for them to still go in the rain to their usual pick up point. Ideally we would want you to collect your child from the hall.

## BUILDING FUND

The Building Fund is a donation or contribution rather than a Fee or Levy which means it is not a compulsory payment.

All our internal electrical, plumbing, painting, glass repairs and maintenance work is undertaken through a CE department who receives these contributions. Over the last few years, this parental contribution has enabled this school alone to have drainage, painting in E and F Blocks, electrical repairs, roofing and plumbing problems repaired.

## GIRLS' UNIFORM CHANGE

I have advised Savvy and Lowes that Holy Family will be phasing out the royal blue girl's shorts/culottes. We will be using the Navy Blue shorts for school uniform and the microfiber navy shorts for sports uniform. This is in line with other schools' change to the Archdiocesan girls' summer school uniform.

## BOARD SHORTS

The School Board met for the first time last Wednesday evening. Elections for executive positions took place. Photos of the School Board members will be added to our school's website. Please approach any of the members if you have any queries or concerns.

Ex-Officio	Anne-Marie Marek, Jane Hart
Board Chair	Brett Mulvey
Vice Chair	Kate Sowerby
Treasurer	Christina Binoya
Secretary	Debbie White
P&F rep	Rachael Horsburgh
Parent Reps	Ros Seselja, Ian Seretin, Josh Mundy
ELC	Michelle Dudley
COOSH	Jess Pedemont
Staff Rep	Emma Harris and Michelle Duffin

The Board responded to reports presented by the Principal, Treasurer, P&F, ELC and COOSH reports. Jane Hart presented an overview of 2020 including the School's Annual Improvement Plan. School runners were discussed in light of P&F decision to retain currently policy of predominately white runners to be worn. Two policies were presented for review at next month's meeting: Canteen and Bushfire policies.

*I ask God's blessing on you and your homes*

*Anne-Marie Marek*

Principal

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## Swimming Carnival - Thursday 12th March 2020

### Years 3-6 only.

The swimming carnival is fast approaching. Thank you so much to all of the parents that have volunteered to assist on the day, information packs have been sent home today. Your help is greatly appreciated.

#### Uniform

All children will arrive to school with their swimmers UNDER their school sports uniform. Bikinis are not recommended due to sun smart policies. Children may wear a shirt (not sleeveless) in their house colour rather than their school sports uniform top for the day, they are expected to wear this when not in the water. Please remind your child to wear their school hat. All children must also bring along sunscreen to reapply during the day. We will remind children to apply sunscreen on a regular basis. **Please ensure that all clothing and your child's towel are labelled.** We recommend that your child bring two towels and a change of underwear.

#### Medical:

All students requiring asthma medication are to supply their own and inform a teacher when they are using it. Asthma puffers are to be kept in their bags at all times.

#### Food:

All children need to bring their own lunch, recess, extra snacks and plenty of drinks on the day. The Pool canteen will be available on the day. However, this is for snacks and not for lunches and it will only be open at certain times during the day, your child is responsible for their own money

#### Jessica Eddleston

Classroom Teacher

# MEET OUR SEMESTER 1 SRC REPRESENTATIVES



**Name:** Isla Pfeiffer  
**Role:** 5 Green Class Captain  
**How would you like to make a difference to Holy Family this Semester?** I would like to make some changes to the playground duties. I think that more discos would also be a good idea. I want to enforce kindness and respect.



**Name:** Indi Kildey  
**Role:** 6W Class Captain  
**How would you like to make a difference to Holy Family this Semester?** I want to make a sensational learning environment for everyone in this school by listening and making sure that ideas are heard.



**Name:** Liam Corey  
**Role:** 5B Class Captain  
**How would you like to make a difference to Holy Family this Semester?** I would like to set the right example to kids who are training to be leaders. Make a roster for the flags and help look around the playground and find any kids that are doing wrong.



**Name:** Edward Murphy  
**Role:** Youth Ministry Stewardship Leader  
**How would you like to make a difference to Holy Family this Semester?** My team and I would like to go to classes regularly to help expand children's knowledge about the Old Testament.



**Name:** Saige Fattore  
**Role:** 5 Red Class Captain  
**How would you like to make a difference to Holy Family this Semester?** I would like to make Holy Family a better school through everyone and forgiveness. I will suggest some ideas to change to make the school a great place. I would care for my peers and I would also suggest that Yrs 4, 5 and 6 have split play days in the sensory garden.



**Name:** Delaney Hanns  
**Role:** Environment Stewardship Team Leader  
**How would you like to make a difference to Holy Family this Semester?** I would like to make a more sustainable school. Put in a veggie garden near the canteen. Encourage people to use beeswax wraps. To hold a no rubbish week. I would also like to create a cooking club, using the produce grown here at school.



**Name:** Elizabeth Brew  
**Role:** Health and Wellbeing Stewardship Leader  
**How would you like to make a difference to Holy Family this Semester?** I would like some grade vs grade sporting competitions. Students can pick the sport that they would like to play against each other.



**Name:** Malakai Young  
**Role:** 6 Red Class Captain  
**How would you like to make a difference to Holy Family this Semester?** I would like to challenge people's thinking, help teachers with their duties and get people to be the best that they can be.



**Name:** Lilly Kennedy  
**Role:** 6 Blue Class Captain  
**How would you like to make a difference to Holy Family this Semester?** I would like to encourage everyone at Holy Family to be kind to each other.



**Name:** Jack Edwards  
**Role:** Marketing and Technology Stewardship Leader  
**How would you like to make a difference to Holy Family this Semester?** I will listen to my teams' ideas and raise them up in meetings and hopefully make these ideas come to life.



**Name:** Irene Antony  
**Role:** Hospitality Stewardship Leader  
**How would you like to make a difference to Holy Family this Semester?** A brighter, happier school is what everyone hopes to see. By working hard and together with all of my classmates we can make a difference.



**Name:** Ebony-Rose Cronin  
**Role:** 5 White Class Captain  
**How would you like to make a difference to Holy Family this Semester?** I would like to add a chalk holder at the end of the monkey bars. A green team who are a group of people to help others with environmental issues.

## Religious Education News



### The First Week of Lent: The History of Lent

By the sixth century, Christians were generally practising 6 weeks of fasting. However the Mathematics was not quite right. 6 weeks, not counting Sunday, which is a day of celebration with no fasting on that day, amounted to 36 days. Hence, Pope Gregory moved the start of Lent to Ash Wednesday.

Lent became more regularised after the legalisation of Christianity in A.D. 313. at the Council of Nicea, which was assembled by the Roman Emperor Constantine in 325, bishops at Nicea developed a complex formula that placed the date for Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring. The canons emerging from that council also referenced a 40-day Lenten season of fasting. The traditional 40-day Lenten fast begins on Ash Wednesday, excludes Sundays and carries through to the night before Easter.

<https://stmichael.catholic.sg/featured-story/a-history-of-lent/>

### PROJECT COMPASSION - LET'S GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Spanning through the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of Caritas Australia's caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Here at Holy Family, some classes are showing wonderful support for Project Compassion by bringing in coins for their classroom box. **Mrs Potter and 5 Red** have already asked for a second box. There is a challenge for the rest of us. Thank you.



### Next Week

The long week end this weekend, means there will be no Prayer Liturgy next Monday.  
Year 5 Class Mass will be on Tuesday morning at 9.30 in the church.





# Chief Minister's Reading Challenge 2020

Holy Family students will be participating in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge starting now until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

Students have two approaches to choose from to complete the challenge.

**Option 1:** The first is the traditional approach where students must read **30** books. Students can make their own book choices, including novels, non-fiction, poetry, or books in a language other than English. Books read to students may also be recorded on their Reading Record sheet. Reading a book and then writing a book report can be recorded as **two** items on the student reading record. The written report shows further engagement and deeper understanding with texts through reading and responding.

**Option 2:** The second approach is the option of reading according to a challenge list.

Students can challenge themselves to read a range of different texts. Broad items are included in the challenge lists. Each book read can only count towards one item on the list.

**However, in Option 2, book reports do not replace reading an item on the list.**

Each student participating in the challenge needs to collect an Individual Student Reading Record sheet from their teacher. Each time a book is read, it needs to be added to the reading record and verified with initials by a parent, carer, or teacher.

When students have finished reading all the books from their chosen challenge and recorded them on their page, they will place their completed *Individual Student Reading Record* in a box in their classroom.

Students will receive a special certificate at a Friday assembly, acknowledging they have read 30 books!

It would be wonderful if every student at Holy Family participate in the challenge this year. How will you promote the reading challenge in your home?

Happy reading!

Louisa McIntosh

Librarian

# HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 2020 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

### PROGRAM OF EVENTS



**TIMES STATED ARE GUIDES ONLY**

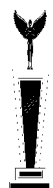
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1.30pm:Relays

1:45pm: PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Novelty Events & Water Play

Throughout the day





# Wellbeing

Have you seen our new website? Holy Family has worked hard to promote the wellbeing of our students, staff and community. Have a look at our recent updates and events. <https://www.holyfamily.act.edu.au/wellbeing>



Holy Family will once again join over 5000 schools to celebrate Bullying No Way Day on Wednesday 18th March. All children will participate in a range of activities throughout the day.



## HARMONY DAY 2020

Harmony day will be celebrated on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, coinciding with our Fun Food Day. **All students are asked to wear something Orange** and take part in the range of activities our Year 6 Hospitality leaders have planned for us.

