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From the Principal



"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life..." John 10:27-28

Father Richard Leonard SJ captures the essence of this gospel for me and reminds me of the importance of having a trusting relationship with God.

'In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we follow him, not because we are too dumb to know otherwise, or because we are anxious or fearful of our alternatives, but because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock.'

Richard Leonard SJ

Happy Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mums! I hope that you are well and truly spoilt on Sunday and enjoy a happy and relaxing day. I also hope that Sunday serves as a reminder to the rest of us 'mere mortals' that we should show our appreciation of all you do in the name of love more often than just on this one special day each year! Thank you to all who helped with the morning tea on Thursday, it was great to see some dads behind the tables serving our mums!

I have been working through enrolment applications and seeing 'Home Duties' as a job descriptor for some mothers has left me feeling a bit empty. I soon realised that if you expanded on those two words to describe what that actually involves there would never be enough room on the form! Happy Mother's Day!

NAPLAN

Wishing our Year 3 and Year 5 students all the best next week when they will be taking part in NAPLAN. Apart from the Year 3 Writing test, all NAPLAN tests this year will be completed electronically online. The online testing means that students who are doing well in their responses can be directed to more challenging tasks. It also means that results should be provided to us in a timelier manner providing more relevant information about student learning. Assessment helps us understand where each child's point of learning is and while NAPLAN is part of our school assessment plan and we do analyse and use the data the tests provide, NAPLAN is only one part of a much broader range of assessment tools. The tests will take place in the morning and it is important that all students are here on time to start the day in as calm and normal a way as possible.



Winter Uniforms

The cooler weather is a timely reminder that we all move to winter uniform as of next week.

Mum's the work - Michael Grose

Michael Grose begins the latest 'parenting ideas insights' with a sentence I can now relate to, 'Watching my own children become parents is an unexpected parenting joy.' I encourage you to read the complete article 'Mum's the work' attached to the newsletter email.

Lou Dogao - Principal

Diary Dates

	May
13	8.40am Assembly - 2W
13	12.30pm Chess Coaching (Music Room)
14	NAPLAN - Language Conventions
14	Seniors to Primula
14	7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

15	NAPLAN - Reading
15	2.30pm Volunteer Induction
16	NAPLAN - Numeracy
16	8.40am Volunteer Induction
18	7.30pm Year 1 Cocktail Party
20	8.40am Prayer Assembly - 3G

From the Assistant Principal

Stranger Danger

With cases of children being approached or followed by strangers in cars being reported in our local area, please have some conversations at home around stranger danger. Giving your child strategies to use in these situations and teaching them to be aware of what is happening around them, gives them confidence to know when a situation is not right and to seek help.

If you are looking for some ideas, go to:

<http://istaysafe.com.au/outdoor-safety/personal/stranger-danger/>

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Drop off and pick up safety

Coles car park is very busy and dangerous for unattended students. There have been some reports of parents using the Coles car park as a "Kiss and Drop" zone. Please come through drive thru if you intend to "Kiss and Drop" so that your child can safely disembark from the car. Alternatively, please park in the Coles car park in the marked car spaces and walk your child through the car park to the school playground.

Volunteer Inductions

If you would like to volunteer within our school or at a school event, you need to have completed a Working with Children declaration and attended a school based induction.

I will be running 2 induction sessions next week - Wednesday 15th May at 2:30pm and Thursday 16th May at 8:40am.

Seasons for Growth



Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Holy Family, we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce and other circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth which will commence in week 5.

This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on

issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

Every family will receive a notice in the near future with more details about the Seasons for Growth program. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program.

We are pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved. If you require further information please contact me.

Have a lovely weekend

Maree Board - Acting Assistant Principal

From the REC

Mother's Day Mass

Our Mothers are always there for us, often working quietly behind the scenes to keep our lives running smoothly. This weekend is a perfect time for us to remember to show our Mums how much we love them. Thank you to all of our Mothers who came to celebrate our beautiful Mass with us on Thursday.

A big thank you to the children of Year 4G for all of their hard work preparing for our Mass. It was a lovely celebration of our mothers. Thank you to Mrs McNally, Mrs Overton and the choir for leading our fabulous music. A special thank you also to Mrs Pollock and Mrs Thomas and the parents who helped organize such a beautiful morning tea following the mass.

Wishing all of our wonderful Mums at Holy Family (including our lovely staff Mums too!) a fantastic Mother's Day on Sunday.



St Lucy's Wahroonga School Visit.

Members of the Social Justice club have written about their experiences on Tuesday morning to share with you. A special thank you to Requel Burden and Janine Zilifian for making this possible by accompanying and transporting the students.

Dates for your Diary

Whole School Masses

Easter Mass	Wednesday 22 nd May	9:15am - Year 6
Pentecost Mass	Thursday 6 th June	9:15 am - Year 2

Class Masses and Liturgies

Year 6 Mass	Wednesday 12 th June	11am
K/1 Liturgy	Thursday 13 th June	11am
Year 5 Mass	Thursday 20 th June	11am
Year 2 Liturgy	Friday 21 st June	1pm

Have a lovely weekend
Carmel Hogan - Acting REC

From the Social Justice Club

St Lucy's Visit

On Tuesday 7th of May, some members of the Social Justice Club went to St Lucy's School at Wahroonga to see all the wonderful work they do for children with disabilities. While we were there we found out a snippet of what it felt like to not be able to talk and to have a disability just like them. We joined them in their assembly where they said a prayer in sign language and sang some songs to us. When they went off to class two children stayed behind to demonstrate some ways they communicate. Their names were Finlay and Maye. Some of the ways they communicate include using sign language, an app on the iPad, eye gaze devices and pictures. On the app you click the word that you want to say and a voice on the iPad would speak the word out loud. Maye used the app to tell us a little bit about himself. Finlay came around with his therapist and asked us a few questions in sign language such as "What is your name?" All the teachers around the school have a lanyard with some pictures on the end of it so the children could point to the picture of what they needed to say. To top it all off they had a morning tea waiting for us outside, where we could interact with other schools and talk to the Principal of St Lucy's.

It was a wonderful experience and we hope to go again. St Lucy's is a very special school and they provide such a wonderful education to children with special needs.

By Nina, Annelise, Neave and Emily!



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From the Tuckshop

Tuckshop Roster
9.00 am - 1.30 pm

Monday 13th May

Volunteer Needed (2G)

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Thursday 16th May

Joanne Blayney

Bona Chang

Volunteer Needed (2G)

From the Office

Intention to return to Holy Family in 2020

Thank you to all of the parents who have returned the Intention to return to Holy Family in 2020 form. We still have a number of forms outstanding, please complete the form if you haven't already done so by Wednesday 15th May 2019. These forms assist with class organisation, school budget and staffing for 2020.

Earn & Learn

Don't forget to collect your earn and learn stickers from Woolworths, with every \$10 spent, one sticker is collected. We'll be able to use the stickers you collect to purchase equipment for Holy Family – so start collecting those stickers! Completed collection sheets can be dropped into collection box at school or at Gordon Woolworths.



From the Learning Support Team

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability 2019

All Australian schools are required to participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

A Parent Fact sheet can be found at the following link:

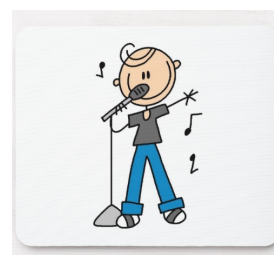
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For further information please contact
Cathy Chapman - Learning Support Teacher

From the Music and Drama Department

Morning of Music and Song

Our musical morning for both infants and primary students will be held on Wednesday 26th June, commencing at 9am. Nomination forms with act details need to be returned by Friday 7th June. Nomination forms will **not** be accepted after this date. Students can perform in only one solo act and one group act, (not including Choir or Band). Remember, this is a showcase of musical talent, it is not a competition. As usual, we will be looking for performances of a high caliber. Auditions will be held in Week 7 and Week 8.
Brigid McNally - Music & Drama Teacher





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Our
Mum's

