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From the Principal



When Jesus takes Peter, James and John with him up on a mountain to pray, it was as though they were leaving earthly pursuits behind to be closer to God. In his book, 'The Heart of Christianity', theologian Robert Borg talks about 'a thin place where our hearts are opened' (Borg, 2003, p. 157). These 'thin places' are anywhere we feel a real connection and presence with God, a great sense of awe. I was in a 'thin place' at the birth of my children, but I have also found myself transported at times through music, quiet spaces, literature, family... Perhaps Peter, James and John shared similar feelings high on the mountain!

Fr John Frauenfelder's Words of Wisdom:

When the sun goes down, the natural world is plunged into darkness. The brightest light at night, out in the country, comes from the full moon. In ancient times, candles and torches lit the way for people after hours. Their shadows danced on the walls in the flickering light. As we imagine the story of Jesus' transfiguration, we can envision people in the nearby seaside villages looking up at the dark mountainside to see a bright light on the distant summit.

On the mountaintop itself, the disciples cowered in terror as the whole place lit up with impossible incandescence.

The Transfiguration of Jesus in today's Gospel was overwhelming because, like Moses, the disciples got a glimpse of God.

May our faith turn on the lights and illuminate Christ in our lives.

The story of the transfiguration, when Jesus appears in his true glory, is not an easy concept to grasp the meaning of, even the apostles struggled! The transfiguration is described in terms of the physical changes the apostles saw in Jesus. When we climb the mountain, spend time in the desert or wherever it is that we can separate ourselves from our daily lives and allow God to be present to us we open ourselves up to being transfigured, changed, into someone even more beautiful than we already are! This transformation is what we can all aim for, especially during Lent. The challenge is to give ourselves permission, and make the time, to venture be in our own special 'thin places'!

Staff Development Day
Friday 5th April, 2019
Pupil Free Day
Science

Diary Dates

March			
15	7.30pm Art Show Cocktail Party	20	7.30pm Year 6 Mums Dinner (El Karim)
16	9.30 am - 3.00 pm Art Show and Fair	21	Harmony Day
17	9.00 am - 2.00 pm Art Show	22	Years 3 & 4 excursion to Aquarium
19	9.15am - 10.40 am Open Morning	25	School Photos
19	6.30pm - 7.30 pm Open Evening	25	8.40am Assembly - Year 6
		26	No Primula for Seniors today

Art Festival

Outstanding, superb, tireless, committed! Another amazing effort comes together this weekend for the 43rd year! I can only say 'Thank You' and assure you that your children will benefit from your efforts. The Cocktail Party will be a perfect way to start the weekend off with great art, wonderful company and a very big sigh from some very tired people! Looking forward to seeing you there.

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Lou Dogao - Principal

From the Assistant Principal

This week, our school has been a hive of activity as our wonderful volunteers ready our school for the Art Show this weekend.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and to all of the new volunteers who have come for inductions over the term. . If there are any parent volunteers for the Art Show who still need to be inducted, I will be available to run a quick session at 8am on Saturday 16/3.

Well-being Week and the National Day against bullying

This week has been Wellbeing Week at Holy Family. Each day the children have participated in activities which have been designed to "Sharpen the Saw" and develop not only positive thoughts and happiness but also positive relationships with others.

It is fitting that during this week we have also focused on the National Day of Action against Bullying. Today the children added a small touch of orange to their uniforms and over the week they have discussed and participated in lessons with this focus. Bullying can be a term we use quite loosely whenever something happens we don't like, so it is important to understand the term. Bullying is defined as an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It is not mutual arguments and disagreements; not liking someone or a single act of social rejection; one-off acts of meanness or spite or isolated incidents of aggression (from Bullying No Way website <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>). Needless to say these incidents do need to be dealt with but they don't constitute bullying as such.

We do not only teach about strategies around bullying and relationships in this one week, it is embedded in our PDH and Social Emotional learning programs K-6. In library lessons this term students have also been learning about cyber safety and cyberbullying and the importance of being respectful and caring for self and others online. For more information and other resources, please visit: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

Maree Board - Acting Assistant Principal

From the REC

Lent

The following ideas for fasting are attributed to Pope Francis:

Do You Want to Fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Dates for your diary Whole School Masses Term 1

10th April 9.15am

Lenten Mass- Year 5G Wednesday

Have a lovely weekend
Carmel Hogan

From the Tuckshop

Tuckshop Roster
9.00 am - 1.30 pm

Monday 18th March

Jaime Huynh

VOLUNTEER NEEDED (4G)

Thursday 21st March

Kris Giffin

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From the PBL Committee

Well Being Week at Holy Family

What a great week we have had at Holy family this week.

- ⇒ On Monday we did all sorts of things with Marshmallows
- ⇒ On Tuesday we thought of our three great things so far this year
- ⇒ On Wednesday we all came with way out hair styles
- ⇒ On Thursday we showed off our favourite toys
- ⇒ And On Friday we folded origami animals.

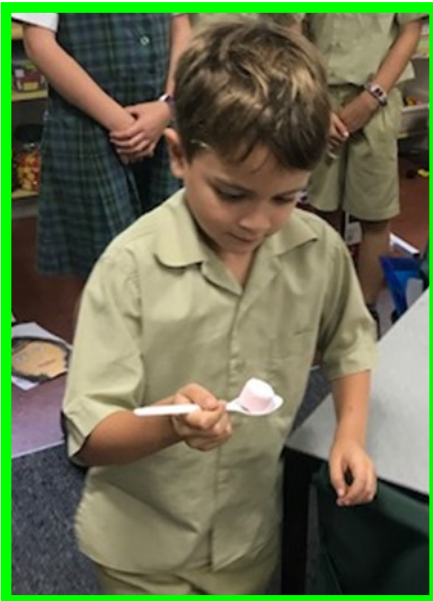
We had so much fun and all got to spend some time together working as a team, laughing, smiling, inventing, folding and creating with our friends and classmates. It was so good not to have Home Learning and just enjoy the week.

Being Kind To Others!



***PBL FOCUS - Kind Words &
Actions
HABIT- Think Win Win***





Are you a Soccer playing Holy Family Dad or friend? - If so, come and join us!

Looking to play Soccer? A group of Holy Family dads, who currently play Over 35 soccer, are looking for new players. If you are interested, please contact Richard Martin at richardianmartin@yahoo.co.uk

From the Lindfield Art Show & Fair

Lindfield Artshow & Fair Update

Our Art Gallery is ready and our Cocktail Party preparations are complete.

We look forward to welcoming everyone tonight - Artists, Parents, Friends and our school and local community.

Raffle tickets for the Disco Dining Package will still be available for purchase and will be drawn tonight.

The Big Score Draw: Holy Family Raffle

Please remember to bring in your raffle tickets by 10am Saturday, 16th for a chance to win some amazing prizes.

You have got to be in it to win it!

Thank You

A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful LASAF Committee for your time, effort, enthusiasm and commitment. You have put in so much effort to ensure this weekend is a success.

Thank you to all our parent volunteers for your involvement and igniting our school spirit. Without your involvement we could not make this happen.

Thank you to the fantastic office staff for all of your support and managing communications, and to Maree Board for the extra volunteer induction sessions.

Thank you also to all Holy Family parents who have donated lollies, drinks, lucky jars and baked! Without everyone's effort these things are not possible.

See you for the celebrations tonight at the Cocktail Party and tomorrow at the Fair!

Let's keep our fingers crossed and say an extra prayer for the weather to hold out!

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Art Show & Cocktail Party	7.30pm - late Friday 15th March
Art Show & Fair	9.30am - 3.00pm Saturday 16th March
Art Show	9.00 am - 2.00pm Sunday 17th March



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**HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2019

**ENROL NOW
FOR 2020**

Open morning 9.15am – 10.40am
Open evening 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Committed to achieving excellence in learning and teaching to nurture the individual child in a community built on strong relationships.

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Open Morning/Evening

Please let your family/friends/ neighbours about our Open Morning & Evening coming up next Tuesday. The Year 6 students will be conducting tours of the school and Mr Dogao will be there to answer any questions that the children are unable to answer!

Let's spread the word about our amazing school and community!

St Pius X College, Chatswood OPEN DAY Saturday March 16

Chatswood 10 am – 2 pm, Oxford Falls 8 am – 12 noon

- Meet the Principal, staff and students
- Principal's Welcome – 12 noon (Chatswood)

ALL WELCOME

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