

# Holy Highlights

## Term 2, Week 3 - 17th May, 2019

#### **Dates to Remember**

#### May

7.30pm Year 1 Cocktail Party8.40am Prayer Assembly - 3G

20 12.30pm Chess Coaching (Music Room)

21 Seniors to Primula 22 9.15am Easter Mass 23 - 24 Band Camp (Namaroo)

8.40am Assembly - 3/4W
12.30pm Chess Coaching (Music Room)
Diocesan Cross Country - Fagan Park

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 7.00pm P & F Meeting - School Staffroom

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"And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love on another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples." John 13:34-35

'The love Jesus encourages us to have in today's Gospel is a very particular love. He tells us not just to love one another, but to 'love as I have loved you'. The core of Jesus' love for us is sacrificial love, where he laid down his life that we might live...

Sacrificial love is demonstrated in deeds not words.' Fr Richard Leonard SJ

The challenge for me is not about sacrificial love for family or those I already love but, as a friend used to say, how much am I prepared to love those I believe least deserve it?

#### Principal's Conference

I will be attending the Association of Catholic Schools Principals in New South Wales (ACSP) biennial conference Wednesday through Friday next week. It is always a wonderful opportunity to work, share and learn with colleagues from across NSW. The theme of the conference is 'What Matters Most: Faith, Learning and Wellbeing', three key priorities in Catholic education today.

Lou Dogao - Principal

∠From the SRC & PBL Teams

PBL FOCUS\_—Include Others

HABIT-Synergise



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Tuckshop Roster 9.00 am - 1.30 pm

Monday 20th May
Volunteer Needed (2W)

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Please join us next Wednesday May 22nd at 9:15 am to celebrate this joyful Easter season with a special mass. Year 6 are busy preparing for this.

**Dates for your Diary** 

**Whole School Masses** 

Pentecost Mass Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 9:15 am - Year 2

**Class Masses and Liturgies** 

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

Have a lovely weekend Carmel Hogan - Acting REC

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Scholastic Book Club orders for Term 2 are now open, and orders need to be completed by Wednesday, 22nd May. The easiest way for families to order and pay for Book Club is to use the online LOOP platform.

Visit <a href="www.scholastic.com.au/loop">www.scholastic.com.au/loop</a> to register and start your order. LOOP is also available as an app on Apple and Android devices. Families who order via LOOP will receive a free reusable book bag with their second order for the year, and a poster and bookmark for those who place their third order. Please note that we do not accept cash.

Thank you to everyone who purchased from Book Club in Term 1, and from our Book Fair at the Art Fair in March. So far this year, Holy Family have earned \$632 in Scholastic Rewards from your purchases. Your support has allowed the school to buy books and other learning resources.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mark Vassallo on 0439 499 674 or email <a href="mailto:vassallomd@gmail.com">vassallomd@gmail.com</a> if you have any questions.

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The students in Stage three have been participating in a da Vinci Decathlon Program this term. On the 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, two teams will represent Holy Family Catholic School at the 2019 Knox Grammar da Vinci Decathlon. The Knox Grammar da Vinci Decathlon is an academic competition designed to challenge and stimulate the minds of school students. Students compete in teams of



eight across 10 disciplines: engineering, mathematics and chess, code breaking, art and poetry, science, English, ideation, creative producers, cartography and general knowledge.

For more information please visit the website or contact Cathy Chapman.

http://www.davincidecathlon.com/davinci/da-vinci-decathlon-2019

We wish our teams all the best for the 30th May! Cathy Chapman - Learning Enhancement Teacher

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Please note we have a change of date for the term 2 P&F meeting. It will now be held on **Tuesday 28th May at 7pm.** If you have anything you'd like to add to our agenda for the meeting please contact one of your executive committee.

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Greetings to you all as we make our way through Term 2. I just wanted to take a moment of your time to draw your attention to several activities which I hope will be enriching for you and your children:

The first is our annual Outdoor Mass (11am) and Parish Picnic this Sunday 19th May at Queen Elizabeth Oval in West Lindfield. This is a great way for the kids to experience their local parish community. If you want to have a rest and not have to prepare a picnic lunch the parish Dads' Group will be running a sausage sizzle. Our youth ministry team will also be organising some games for the children.

Secondly, our Classroom Masses for Years 3 - 6 will be starting up soon. This is a wonderful way for the children and their families to experience the celebration of the Eucharist in their own classroom. I do hope that you as parents will be able to be part of your child's classroom Mass. Siblings and grandparents are also welcome of course. For the children in Years K, 1 and 2 who have not yet received their First Holy Communion we will have special liturgies appropriate to their age in the hall.

Thirdly, we very much want the children to be part of our Sunday celebrations of the Mass. We have Children's Liturgy of the Word every Sunday at the 9:15am Mass at Killara and the 10:15am Mass at Lindfield. On the second and fourth Sundays of each month we have morning tea after the 9:15am and 10:15am Masses.

Also, as you know, we have our special Youth and Family Mass at the earlier time of 5:30pm on the first Sunday of each month, followed by a parish pot-luck dinner upstairs in the parish centre. The kids always have plenty of fun with their friends during this time and you as parents can arrive home afterwards knowing that you don't have to prepare dinner.

Finally, please encourage your children in Years 3-6 to take part in our monthly junior youth group ('Blast') which always takes place before the monthly Youth and Family Mass. You can always find out about our youth activities via the special hotlink box on the homepage of our parish website (<a href="www.lindfieldkillara.org.au">www.lindfieldkillara.org.au</a>)

I hope these various opportunities can help us all grow as a community centred on God and serving one another. Father Colin





