



Holy Highlights

Term 3, Week 3 - 9th August, 2019

Dates to Remember August

12	Assembly 2G
12	12:30 pm Chess Coaching
13	12:15 pm Seniors To Primula Park
13	7.00 pm P & F Meeting Dr Tony Bracken speaking
15	9.15 am Assumption Mass
16	10:00am Public Speaking Finals
19	8.40 am Prayer Assembly
19	12:30 pm Chess Coaching
20	Cluster Athletics Carnival (Narrabeen)
20	9:00 am Pop up Playgroup
20	12:15 pm Seniors to Primula Park
22	Kindy Excursion to Golden Ridge Animal Farm
22	Author Visit for Years 3 - 6

From the Principal

"Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes...You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Luke 12:37;40

Many in the early Church believed and expected that the 'hour' the Son of Man would return would be within their lifetime. The realisation that this may not be the case made the idea of being ready more of a challenge, a challenge that remains with us today. At times, and for many different reasons, we find ourselves faced with reality checks and question what is important in our lives and what we are doing to keep our spiritual houses in order. These can be times of great clarity and understanding because we realise what is important to us and acknowledge what it means to be ready, how to go about doing God's work and building the kingdom of God in our world today.

In his reflection on the Gospel Father Richard Leonard quotes a student, injured in the shooting at Columbine High School, reflecting on the world and what in their eyes the next generation will inherit:

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but less solutions; more medicine, but less health.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our value; we talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years. 'We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet our neighbour. We've conquered outer space; not inner space, we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice. We have higher incomes, but lower morale; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality. 'These are the times of tall men (sic), and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic violence; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition. 'These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes. It is a time when there is so much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.'

When Jesus tells us that we need to be ready he reminds us that more than merely staying awake this means using our talents, our gifts, to make life better for others. "When a man has a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him." Luke 12:48.

Athletics Carnival

A very big thank you for the great response for volunteers at our athletics carnival today! An event such as a carnival can't happen without your support. Thank you!

HF Parent Survey - 2019

Your voice is important! A few minutes spent completing the Parent Survey is an important way you can contribute to improving our learning community. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey. Please copy and paste into your browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HFLParentSurveyfor2019>

Compass

We began rolling Compass out late last term and many have already enjoyed the ease of using the Compass kiosk to register when helping in the school or to check in or check out your children. The roll out will continue shortly you will receive details about a Compass Parent Portal and App which will enable you to access information online about your child/ren, anytime, anywhere, from any modern web-enabled device.

Initially you will be able to –

- View information on your child/ren's attendance
- Enter explanations for absences
- Receive communications
- Update your contact details

Please keep a look out for an email with login information and instructions.

Lou Dogao - Principal

From the REC

Bishop's Art Prize Competition Reminder

Entries are due in at school On Friday August 30th- Term 3 Week 6

Mary's House Assembly Visit

A representative from Mary's House will be joining us at our Monday morning assembly on August 19th. The Social Justice committee will be making a presentation on behalf of the school. Our winter appeal efforts were much appreciated. Thank you again for your generosity. Please join us if you can.



Dates for your diary Whole School Masses

Mass for the Assumption: Thursday 15th August
9.15 am- 3/4W
Friendship Mass Wednesday 18th Sept
9.15 am- Kindy
Class Mass Year 3G Thursday 19th Sept
11.00 am Room 7

Have a lovely weekend
Carmel Hogan - Acting REC

From the P & F

Guest Speaker - Dr Tony Bracken

The P&F is pleased to let you know that we will have a guest speaker at our term 3 P&F meeting on 13th August from 7.00 pm and we extend an invitation to our whole community to attend.

Dr Tony Bracken is currently the Assistant Director of School Improvement and, following Peter Hamill's resignation, is the acting Director of Schools for the Broken Bay Diocese. We have invited Dr Bracken to present to our school community about BBD schools (specifically our own), the Catholic schools office strategy for the future of our schools, school improvement (including evidence based approaches) and school performance.

We will provide more information about the content of Dr Bracken's presentation over the next week. While there will be Q and A at the presentation, if you have any questions that we can put to Dr Bracken now to assist him with preparation, please email the P&F at

elenaburnheim@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at what will hope will be an informative (and engaging) session.

Best wishes,

Fathers Day Big Breakfast 2019

All fathers, grandparents and special friends are invited to attend the Holy Family Big Breakfast on Friday 30th August 7.15am - 8.30am in the School Hall.

Tickets need to be pre-purchased and can be booked at

<https://www.trybooking.com/BEQCR>

Register now and make this our biggest Fathers Day breakfast ever and join the annual paper plane flying competition!

We need 12 volunteers on the day to help set up and clean up. If you are able to do a shift at 6.15am, 7am or 7.45am please contact Requel Burden

(requeltrev@gmail.com).



From the Library

Book Week 2019

We will celebrate Book Week 2019 at Holy Family during Week 5 and Week 6.

- Our Book Week Character parade (come dressed as your favourite book character) is to be held on Wednesday morning 21st August at 9.00 am.(Week 5).

- On Thursday 22nd at 11.00 am , the primary classes will hear a presentation from Andrew Traucki, the author of "Mashed Myths". The Year 3 and Year 4 classes have had the opportunity to hear "Mashed Myths" already, and are super excited to meet Andrew. Please see the attachment which tells how you can pre order Andrew's book for him to sign on the day.



- The whole school will be participating in an outdoor silent reading opportunity on Friday 24th August. Parents are welcome to come along and read with their children out in the -playground. Depending on the weather for that day, we are looking at just before lunch for our outdoor silent reading experience.

- The Infant classes will be hearing from author Jacqueline Harvey on Thursday 29th August (Week 6) at 11 am. (Author of the "Kensy and Max" series and others) If you have any of Jacqueline's books at home, she is happy for you to bring them in and she will autograph them for you.

- Once again a huge thank you to the lovely grandparents (and parents) who purchased books for our Library. I know the children are very keen to read all of our lovely new books.

Thank you for your continued support
Brigid McNally - Librarian

Save the Dates:

13th August at 7.00 pm - Dr Tony **Bracken** to speak at the
P & F meeting (7.00pm NOT 7.30 pm)

30th August at 7.15 am - Fathers Day
Big Breakfast - please pre book at Trybooking
<https://www.trybooking.com/BEQCR>

From the Tuckshop

Tuckshop Roster 9.00 am - 1.30 pm

Monday 12th August

Volunteer Needed (2W)
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Thursday 15th August

Sam Lloyd
Volunteer Needed (2W)
Volunteer Needed (2W)

To volunteer for the tuckshop, please use the following link to secure your place, [Sign Up Roster Link - SignUp.com](#)

PBL FOCUS - Care for your appearance

REMEMBER YOUR GOOD
MANNERS

HABIT- Be Proactive

THANK YOU

I'M SORRY

PLEASE

EXCUSE ME

From the Parish

Confirmation enrolment

Our Year 2 and older students are invited to enrol for Confirmation which is in term 3. Please go to <http://www.lindfieldkillara.org.au>, then to Sacraments and then Children's Sacraments. Scroll down until you see the enrolment letter for Confirmation and the link where you and your child can research and choose a Saint's name for their Confirmation Name. Please use this link only for Confirmation Names.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Sue-Anne Sherwood - *Sacramental Co-ordinator*

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Canberra

Our National Capital



Last week our Senior students undertook an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The school uses this funding to reduce the amount charged to parents for the excursion. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

What our Stage 3 students had to say ...

"On the 29, 30 and 31st of July, Stage 3 went to Canberra. First stop was Parliament House, we split into two groups and went to the House of Representatives and the Senate. While we were at the Senate, we were lucky enough to meet our local member Paul Fletcher. who spoke about his job and answered our questions. At the end of our visit to Parliament House, we went to the rooftop and saw the whole of Canberra.

We also got the opportunity to go to the National Gallery where we saw some amazing artworks. One of our favourites was Blue Poles, by Jackson Pollack. We were very grateful for the opportunity we had and it has definitely become a trip that we will always remember."