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From the Principal

In learning, repetition can be our friend, but repetition is not merely saying the same thing over and over but presenting the same concept in a variety of ways. There is a reason why Jesus is referred to as 'teacher', he demonstrated all the best teaching strategies like repetition- the apostles needed 200 Hits! Last week we heard Jesus telling us that the first will be last and the last will be first and this week he tells us, 'For everyone who makes themselves great will be humbled, and everyone who humbles himself will be made great'. It's like he is saying, 'Is this making more sense now?' Putting ourselves last, humbling ourselves, puts us at the front of God's queue.



Father Richard Leonard captures another key message in this gospel: 'This gospel reminds us that at Christ's banquet, however, it's not the poised and perfect who are most welcome, but the vulnerable...God embraces those parts of us that are in greatest need of his love and healing – where we are poor, crippled, blind and lame.'

Happy Fathers Day

I would like to wish all our fathers a great day on Sunday, one day when you have total control of the television remote and there are never enough 'dad jokes'! Thank you for what you do for your families and your contributions to our Holy Family community.

Thank you also to the hard-working mums who organised a fabulous breakfast, made all 'us dads' feel very special!

*Loving God
You provide and care for all your children.
Grant that we may always love
Those who show us the love of a father.
May God
Who is the source of all life,
Give them joy, blessing
And the gift of peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Something for all fathers: 'Leaving your fathering mark', the latest 'parenting*ideas insights' article from Michael Grose to coincide with Father's Day. It makes for excellent reading.

The Resilient Child

Feedback following the parent presentation The Resilient Child has been very positive. It was encouraging to see so many come out on a cold and wet evening! Hopefully there will be a sharing of information, websites and Apps from those who were able to attend.

Diary Dates

<u>September</u>	
1	Tournament of the Minds
2	8.40 am Prayer Assembly 6W
2	12.30 pm Chess coaching
2	2:15 pm Band Concert
3	Diocesan Athletics Carnival (Narrabeen)
3	No Primula for Seniors today
3	7:30 pm School Advisory Board meeting
4	9.00 am Pop up Playgroup
5	ICAS Science (Years 3-6)
6	12.30 pm Australian Girls Choir Assessments
6	7:00 pm Year 2 Cocktail Party

For the diary: Mathematics Parent Information Evening

Tuesday September 10 at 6:30pm

NAPLAN

You may have read or heard reports about NAPLAN results earlier this week. To clarify, we do not have the full reports or any analysis data yet as the marking of writing has not been completed.

Tournament of Minds

We wish our 2 Tournament of Minds all the best when they compete this Sunday!

Have a lovely Father's Day weekend!
Lou Dogao - Principal

From the Assistant Principal Public speaking

This term has been full of public speaking at Holy Family culminating in the Cluster Finals which we hosted this week. The quality of this competition was amazing. The judges were very impressed with all of the student's speeches. Our two finalists, Emilie Thackray and Annie Hall, were amazing and should be congratulated for their wonderful efforts in this competition. Well done!!



From the REC

Godly Play - What is Godly Play?

Last term I attended a 2 day course to further my knowledge of Godly play. Godly Play is a Montessori method of telling Bible stories, developed by Jerome Berryman. It uses parables, sacred stories and liturgical lessons about religious traditions using simple materials. It invites the listener to connect faith stories with personal experiences through wondering questions and personal open-ended questions.

The children sit in a circle while the teacher tells the story using some felt, 2D or 3D figures or simple images. I have purchased some new resources for our school including the creation story. The materials are treated very reverently.

A key element in the Storyteller's role is to lead the 'wondering' period in response to the story or presentation. These could be 'I wonder what how Jesus felt. I wonder how you would have reacted in this situation. Key wondering questions are:

I wonder what you like best about this story I wonder which is the most important part? I wonder where you are in this story? I wonder if there is any part we could leave out, and still have all the story we need?

Afterwards they have some time to reflect on what they heard in whatever way that they like eg a picture, words that stood out to them. To make this a bit special we have purchased some beautiful art supplies which are used at this time. See below some photos and reflections from my class last week.

Student reflections about the Godly Play experience

I liked how it was done slowly and the finger movements on top of the picture cards felt like you were blessing each one. As if each one was as fragile as glass and precious. You didn't rush it and your voice was very calming.

You took it seriously, didn't rush it and you said it peacefully in a clear voice. It was like you were blessing each day.

I liked how the pictures fitted in with the words. I realised that you can't swap them around as they are place there for a special reason eg the sea before the sea creatures so they don't die

It showed me how there was more to the story than seeing it on a video. It made me see who I actually am as a person. I realise I am a better person than I think I am.



Please Note: The Year 3G class mass will now be combined with 4G on Thursday September 19th

Dates for your Diary Whole School Masses

Friendship Mass	Wednesday 18 th September	9:15am	Kindergarten
3G & 4G Class Mass	Thursday 19th September	11.00 am	Room 7/8

Have a lovely weekend
Carmel Hogan

From the Band

Holy Family Band Concert

All parents, carers and friends are warmly invited to a special Holy Family Band Concert this coming **Monday 2nd September at 2.15pm.** Both Junior & Senior Bands will be performing in the School Hall and the students would love you to be part of the audience. We hope you can make it.

Best wishes
Angela & Kelsie
Holy Family Band Coordinators

From the Green Team

Exciting Environmental initiative at Holy Family School 'Green Day'

Holy family is going green!! There are three new environmental projects happening at Holy Family. We have purchased a compost bin and a worm farm and we are in the process of ordering vege pods in which to grow salad, herbs and vegetables. To launch these "green" initiatives, we will be having a "Green" launch day on Thursday 12 September (Week 8). The children are encouraged to dress up in the theme of the day. Children can wear their green sports uniform and add to this in any way that has something to do with the environment. eg-flowers, items that we can recycle, favourite fruits or vegetable as part of their costume, etc.



The children are also asked to bring a "nude" lunch. A "nude" lunch means no plastic wrap, no plastic bags, and no materials that are not biodegradable. Lunches can be brought in a reusable plastic/Tupperware container or wrapped in paper in a paper bag. Thursday is Tuckshop day and our wonderful tuck shop already serves lunches in brown paper bags. Drinks should be in containers that can be taken home and re-used, otherwise children can drink from the bubbler.



There will be various activities throughout the day on the 12th to involve the children in our new environmental initiatives. One of these initiatives is to show the children the containers we will be using in the classroom and on the playground to collect their salad and veggies scraps. These will then be added to the worm farm and compost bin. Every fruit and veggie scrap we put in the worm farm and compost bin keeps those scraps from landfill, and cuts down on the methane gasses produced in those landfills. We will also be collecting the brown paper bags on Tuckshop days as these are great in the compost too.

We are very excited about our "Green Projects" here at school. We have a fantastic "Green Team", which includes our Year 5 students and an "Environmental leader" from each classroom, as well as an enthusiastic core group of staff who are very keen for these projects to succeed. But...we will need help going forward. We are looking for parent/grandparent support for this project. Please see the office staff if you are interested.



When: Thursday 12th September

What: "Green Day"

How: Come dressed in green and/or something from the environment.

What: Bring a "Nude" lunch

From the staff "Green Team"-Brigid McNally, Julia Busseler & Anthea Thomas

From the Tuckshop

Tuckshop Roster
9.00 am - 1.30 pm

Monday 2nd September

Audre Arnautovic

Volunteer Needed (4G)

Thursday 5th September

Chantelle Moylan

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From the Library

Book Week 2019

We were thoroughly entertained last week and this week by two fantastic authors who visited our school for Book Week. Andrew Traucki (Mashed Myths) and Jacqueline Harvey (Kensy and Max, Alice-Miranda). They gave wonderful presentations to the children.

Andrew's Website: <http://mickandandrew.com/>

Jacqueline's Website: jacquelineharvey.com.au



Jacqueline will be at St Ives this Saturday 31st August doing a book signing at "Book Review" from 11-1 pm.

From the Maths Coordinator

Maths 2019. What's Happening at Holy Family ?

How does your child learn maths?

Interested in learning how to help your child at home?

What are the current initiatives and practises used at Holy Family?

We are holding a **Parent Information Night** on Mathematics covering:



Hands on activities

EMPC

Growth mindset

Open ended tasks

When: Week 8, Tuesday 10th September at 6:30pm

R.S.V.P: by Friday 7th September to info@holyfamily.nsw.edu.au
(numbers required for resourcing)

From the P & F

**Are you loving our fabulous photos?
They can be yours to keep!**

Remember you can purchase all these (on a USB) for very low cost.

\$60.00 for one year of your child at school or

\$175.00 for all years per child at school.

Log onto the Qkr app to purchase.

Well-Being Week – Term 3, Week 7



Mindful Monday

Set yourself up for a great week



Trumpet it Tuesday

Write down something fantastic about someone in your class.



Warm Up Wednesday

Wear your pyjamas to school and keep cosy and warm. Remember sneakers please no Ugg Boots or Slippers.



Teddy Thursday

Bring your favourite Teddy to school for the day.



Family Friday

Picnic with your family on the grass.

 *From the SRC and PBL Teams*

PBL FOCUS - *Be Prepared*

HABIT- *Begin with the End in Mind*



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You are invited

To Holy Family's picnic



To celebrate Well Being Week Together.

Dear Parents and families,
You are invited to join our Holy Family community for a picnic lunch.

When: **Friday, September 6th**

Time: **12:30-1:20pm**

Where: **School grass area**

Please bring along a picnic rug and your own lunch and enjoy
Sharpening the Saw with your children.

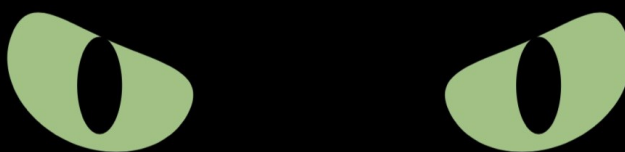
We hope to see you there.



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the 13th



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Happy Fathers Day





