



OUR SCHOOL VISION



Holy Family School aspires to be a school community where all are celebrated and challenged to be the very best they can be in the image of Jesus with a desire for life long learning.

H.E.A.R.T

Trust

Empathy

Term 1 Week 2

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Dates:

Wednesday February 12

Prep rest day

Friday February 14

Whole School Mass 2.30pm

BBQ 3.30pm

Wednesday February 19

Prep rest day

Wednesday February 16

Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15am

Prep rest day

Wednesday March 4

Prep rest day

Monday March 9

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday March 10

Whole School Closure day

Thursday March 12

Reconciliation Workshop (Grade 4 students)

Thursday March 19

Sports Day and Twilight event

Friday March 20

Whole School Closure Day

Tuesday March 24

Harmony Day

Wednesday March 25

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Grade 4 students)

Thursday March 26

Whole School Mass

Friday March 27

Last day of term

Halo Masyarakat Keluarga Holy Family,

I started back at school on Monday after having an extra few days of holiday in order to celebrate my mother in law's 90th birthday.

It is great to see our children back safe and sound after the holidays. A special welcome to all our new children and their families. I would like to thank all our staff for the big effort they have put in over the Christmas break organising their classrooms and preparing for the students that they will be teaching this year.

During the break we had some new fencing installed on either side of the small hall as well as repairs to the existing fencing. During this term the new gate will get an electric lock on it and have an intercom connecting it to the school office installed. This will enable the gate to be controlled from the school office.

School Uniform

It is important for children to be wearing the correct school uniform. School uniform promotes a sense of belonging for students and creates a positive identity for the school community. School uniforms also contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students inside the school and in the community.

It is expected that students wear the correct uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours, while taking into account individual circumstances.

Also no dangly earrings please- small sleeper (no bigger than a fingertip) or studs. Dangly earrings are a hazard for children when playing or participating in sport. Children wearing rings on their fingers is also a hazard in the playground and during sports and are not to be worn at school.

Leggings or long sleeve tops worn under school uniform must be school colours.

During the school year we have a number of days where students can wear their own clothes. If this is going to happen a note will be sent home to inform parents.

All the children are settling into the routine of school, some being in new classrooms and most children having new teachers. If parents have any questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher. Teachers are in the classrooms at 8:30am if you want to have a quick chat or you can leave a message at the office and they will call you back for either a discussion or to make an appointment to meet at school.

Next Friday we are having Mass at 2:30pm followed by a BBQ at 3:30pm. Everyone is invited to join us for Mass and the BBQ as it is an opportunity to meet the teachers and other parents.

Steve Twomey
Principal



What's happening in the classrooms!

Junior

Preps..Off to a great start!

Holy Family School welcomed its newest members .. the Preps! The Preps have settled very well into primary school life -- meeting new friends, reading new books together and playing nicely with each other. During their very first week, the Preps participated in



wellbeing activities and craft, liturgy and sports rotations. To top it all off, the children loved eating lunch with the grade 1s and 2s and always look forward to being with their Grade 6 buddies. The Preps can't wait to share their learning with a wonderful book they are putting together to showcase the school's HEART values. Mrs. Elicano had been busy taking photos and will share these on Seesaw. Don't forget to sign up so you can see the wonderful journey the Preps will have this year



Middle

Welcome back. Grade 3/4 has had a great start to the year. We have been focusing on our H.E.A.R.T values and our school expectations and what it will look like to work in the 3/4 community. This term we will continue developing our Literacy skills and focus on place value concepts in Numeracy. Grade 4's will be getting ready for Reconciliation and this will be our main focus for Religious Education. Our Inquiry unit this term is "Identity and Diversity" with our big question for the class "How does my identity help me to discover myself, my world and my God?" Miss Newbound and Mrs Sykes welcome any parents to come in, have a chat and see your child's progress. We look forward to a fun-filled year of learning.



Senior

Welcome Back!

The seniors have had a great start to the year. We have spent the last two weeks learning the routines and expectations of the learning area, and had lots of experiences getting to know each other. We had a big focus on our HEART values and what this looks like for us as a senior learning community.

This term may be a short one but it will be jam packed full of learning! We will be developing our literacy and numeracy skills. Our Inquiry big concept this term is **Identity and Diversity** which will drive much of our learning. Our big question is "How does my story shape my identity as part of a culturally diverse Australia?". We will be learning about our own personal histories as well as the history of our country.



Welcome to our new teachers

Grade 1/2

I am Miss Serena Jordan-Munro and I will be co-teaching 1/2 this year alongside Mrs Annette Papas. I am an experienced teacher who has taught all Primary year levels. I enjoy incorporating music into the classroom, including singing and the ukulele, as well as coding and computer programming. I am new to Holy Family School this year and look forward to getting to know the students and families.

Serena Jordan-Munro



Grade 3/4

Hello, my name is Marnie Newbound. I am the new 3/4 teacher joining the middle teaching team at Holy Family in 2020. I am currently in my 5th year of teaching and I am looking forward to a fun-filled year in 3/4. When I am not teaching, I love going to the beach, spending time with my family and looking after my cat Skye.

This year, I am excited to get to know all of the staff, students and families at Holy Family and share wonderful memories with everyone. Please come and visit the 3/4 learning area! I'd love to properly introduce myself to you all.

Marnie Newbound



Performing Arts:

Hello my name is Josie Formichelli and I am the new Performing Arts teacher at Holy Family. Here's just a little bit about myself: I am a mother of 3 beautiful children, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, cooking, reading and watching movies. I also teach Italian and Performing Arts at Holy Trinity Primary.

This term all classes will be participating in some drama games, learning some new songs and dancing. I love teaching Performing Arts and am looking forward to a fun term of learning!

Josie Formichelli



Physical Education:

Hi, my name is Elke Hayen and I am the new Physical Education teacher at Holy Family. About me: I love spending time outdoors doing a lot of different activities including hiking, bike riding and snowboarding. When I was in school, my favourite sport was basketball. Last year I returned from Canada, where I lived for 2 years! Before moving to Canada I worked as a Secondary School PE teacher. I am looking forward to meeting you all and teaching PE this year. It will be a lot of fun!



This term we will be focusing on Athletics in preparation for the Sports Day. We will also be

Mass Times:

Friday February 14

Whole School Mass
2.30pm led by 5/6

Wednesday February 16

Ash Wednesday Mass
9.15am led by 3/4

Wednesday March 25

Sacrament of
Reconciliation (Grade 4
students)

Thursday March 26

Whole School Mass led by
1/2



Education in Faith



Hello Holy Family Community! Welcome to our new families. Some Sacrament dates for your 2020 calendar are as follows;

Reconciliation (Grade 4 students)

- Reconciliation Workshop - Thursday 12th March 6pm
- Sacrament - Wednesday 25th March 5.30pm

Eucharist (Grade 4 students)

- Commissioning Mass - Sunday 31st May 9.30am
- Eucharist Workshop - Thursday 4th June 6pm
- Eucharist Retreat - Thursday 18th June (during school time)
- Sacrament of Eucharist - Sunday 21st June 11am

School Masses for term 1 are as follows;

- Beginning of the year whole school Mass
- Friday 14th February 2.30pm, led by 5/6 team
- Ash Wednesday whole school Mass
- Wednesday 26th February 9.15am, led by 5/6 team
- End of term whole school Mass
- Thursday 26th March 9.15am, led by 1/2 team



Wellbeing



Over the past two weeks the children have participated in a range of Start-Up week activities. A big focus of the two weeks was exploring our Heart Values through the lens of Religious Education and Social and Emotional Learning.

Children were introduced to our new expectations. These expectations are across all year levels, however how the focus for the behaviours in Prep may look different to the focus in Year 6. For example, showing sportsmanship in Prep may be about sharing playground toys, while for those at the senior level, it may focus on behaviours such as persistence, self-control and building team-work.

Although the children addressed the values during the first fortnight they will delve further into these throughout the year to help us develop a Holy Family Wellbeing scope and sequence. A copy of the expectations is included in this week's newsletter for all parents to see the values and behaviours we are teaching the children. Your continued support is helping your children develop these skills is appreciated.

Connie Drossaert—Wellbeing Leader

Heart Values Awards

All students who were at school in the first week received an empathy nomination as we had such a successful beginning to the school year. Children were kind, thoughtful and friendly towards one another.

In addition the following children received an additional nomination as they displayed thoughtfulness to children during whole school gathering and playtime:

Mara



Learning And Teaching

2020 is set to be an exciting year of learning for all members of our community- students and staff!

Inquiry Learning

Students from Prep- 6 will engage in learning in Inquiry through the big concept of Identity and Diversity. Inquiry is a collaborative process, involving higher order thinking, in which teachers and students negotiate aspects of the curriculum including Science, Humanities (Civics and Citizenship, Economics and Business, Geography, History), Technologies (Design and Technologies, and Digital Technologies), Capabilities (Critical and Creative Thinking, Ethical, Intercultural, Personal and Social) and Religious Education.

Students will be sharing their learning on SeeSaw and at a learning expo at the end of the term. Families who have not signed up to SeeSaw have received their individual child's details. Please sign up as soon as possible so you are able to see your child's fabulous learning!

Suzanne Deefholts



Star of the week



*Tishayini, Margaret,
Jessica, Blaze, Noah,
Harout*

Happy Birthday



Nisan, Bas, Nisayini

Literacy

Welcome back to our returning families and a warm welcome to our new families!

Students are currently completing Literacy assessments to help teachers determine students' individual strengths and areas for future learning. These assessments include reading (including decoding and comprehension), phonics and spelling and for our Prep students, concepts about print and oral language as well. These assessments are conducted one on one with your child's teacher in a relaxed and informal setting. They help teachers identify students' needs, measure their growth and understand how to best support them to reach their full potential.

Simone Crist

Literacy
Leader



Maths



Welcome back everyone!

All teachers have been very busy getting to know your children over the past two weeks and as part of that they have been administering maths assessments. These assessments help determine the best ways to support all students and to measure their growth. Before beginning any maths unit teachers collect information from these assessments to help plan lessons that will develop students' skills and understandings about the mathematical concepts the unit focuses on.

Lea Drury

Mathematics Leader



Child Safety

The Victorian Government is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. As part of the Victorian Government's commitment to preventing and responding to child abuse in our community, there are compulsory Child Safe Standard for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility



At Holy Family School the Child Safety Officer is Suzanne Deefholts.

Student Attendance

Parents are required to ensure their child attends Holy Family Primary School every day, during normal school hours of each term. Where their child is unable to attend school it is the parent's responsibility to contact the school office on that day by 9am to inform and provide the school with an explanation for their absence. The school is required by law to follow up any unexplained absences.

For further information please see Holy Family School Attendance Procedure Policy found on our website <https://www.hfdoveton.catholic.edu.au/childsafe.html>

