



# Holy Family Catholic School

Honesty

We are your community school

Holy Family School is a child safe school that promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.



Experience the benefits of a small, family school

17/05/19

Term 2 Week 4

## Parish Priest:

Fr. Michael Payyapilly

### Phone:

(03) 9792-4317

### Mass Times:

#### Saturdays

5:00pm Mass -Spanish

6:30pm Mass

#### Sundays

9:30am Mass

11:00 Mass

7:00pm Healing Mass

(except in January & October)

## Principal:

Mr. Steve Twomey

### Email:

principal@hfdoveton.catholic.edu.au

## School Secretary:

Mrs. Bernadette Blaney

### Phone:

(03) 9791 1853

### Fax:

(03) 9792 3113

### Website:

www.hfdoveton.catholic.edu.au

### Address:

100 Power Rd Doveton 3177

## School Hours:

8:45 School Commences

10:00 Fruit break inside

11:00 Children eat lunch

11:15 Play Break 1

11:45 2nd period of lessons commence

1:45 Children eat snack

1.55 Play Break 2

2:30 3rd period of lessons

3:30 Dismissal

## 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.

Halo Masyarakat Keluarga Holy Family,

This is a big week for Australia with the Federal election this Saturday.

Australian voters have a decision to make about their future as well as the direction of the country. It is important for all eligible voters to have a vote. By the next Federal election I will be an Australian citizen and able to vote too.

There appears to be a lot of discussion during the election campaigns about freedom of speech and Religious freedom. At the moment Catholic schools have the right to hire Catholic teachers over non Catholic ones. I would hope that in the next term of Government that this right is not tampered with. We need to retain the right to hire teachers who we uphold our Catholic Values.

This week the children in Grades 3 and 5 have completed NAPLAN testing. We initially planned to do the testing online which worked well during the practice period. However on Tuesday we received an email saying that were issues with it so we decided to switch back to pen and paper. Undertaking NAPLAN can be a daunting task for some children and we did not want them to start doing a test and have the system crash half way through. That would have meant that when the testing program restarted what they had done would have been lost. Hopefully by next year all the bugs in testing program are sorted out.

This week the children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation had their workshop. They will receive the Sacrament on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> May. This will be the first time that our new Parish Priest Father Michael will leading the children through a Sacrament which will make it even more special for everyone involved.

Next Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> May is a Curriculum Day so there will be no school for the children. Please contact the office if you are working that day and need us to look after your child.

I hope that all the mothers from Holy Family enjoyed Mother's Day last Sunday. Thankyou to the teachers for all their preparation in organising our Mother's Day event. These moments remind me of two things; firstly the effort that staff go to provide families with opportunities to engage with the school and secondly the importance and value of being part of a welcoming community.

Don't forget if you child is absent you must ring the office before 9am.

Enjoy the week ahead.

*S Twomey*



H.E.A.R.T

Trust

Empathy

Respect

Acceptance



# RE News

## RE DATES

**Thursday 16th May**  
Reconciliation  
Workshop



**Thursday 30th May**  
Sacrament of  
Reconciliation



**Sunday 9th June**  
Pentecost Sunday



## Andrew Chinn Concert

On Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Andrew Chinn will be visiting Holy Family. Andrew is a singer who regularly tours schools and parishes around Australia, New Zealand and in more recent times, North America. His concerts and workshops are celebrations of faith and fun through singing, actions and a bit of comedy as well. The children will attend workshops during the day. Parents are invited to attend a concert at 2:30pm in the Church to hear Andrew and the children performing the songs they learn during the day.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on  
**Thursday 30th of May at 7pm.**



## Reading Club



Some of our Junior children are practising their reading skills by attending Reading Club each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning outside the Learning Diversity Room. Reading Club begins at 8.30 and finishes at 8.45. The opportunity to practise reading helps children to develop accuracy, fluency and comprehension. Thanks to the senior children who are helping by listening to the children and asking them questions about the texts.



The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives school and Early Learning Centres around Australia the chance to earn amazing school equipment.

Please continue in collection as many stickers as you can until 25th May. Then drop them off into the collection box provided at our school near the office.



## Community News

Together as One



**Monday 13th to Friday 17th**  
Naplan

**Monday 20th May**  
School Photos

**Wednesday 22nd May**  
Andrew Chinn Concert

**Thursday 23rd May**  
Curriculum Day  
**NO SCHOOL**



**Thursday 30th May**  
Sacrament of  
Reconciliation

**Monday 10th June**  
Queen's Birthday  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Thursday 27th June**  
Whole School Mass



*On Monday 20th May  
will be our  
**School Photos**  
Please come dressed  
in your  
Full Winter Uniform*

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations  
To

Kanshika, William, Tabitha,  
Shakthivel, Josephine, Tamia,  
Zander, Karnvir, Shreya,  
Jasmeen, Mercy, Dviti, Emil  
and Kim

## Happy Birthday

Congratulations  
To  
Joseph, Blaze, Gabriel  
and Daniel

# Student Voice

## Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

On Thursday 9th May a few Year 5's and 6's helped out at the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. We all enjoyed serving tea and cake to the mums.

Meayjowk & Chapee and Faustina did two special dances for them all which they enjoyed.

We drew a Mother's day raffle which Sanny won. She was very happy with the prize and offered me one of the gifts. I didn't take it, because they are her gifts.

Thank you to all the teachers for helping us and Mrs Blaney. **Kephryn Year 5**



## Happy Mother's Day



# Mother's Day Activity

Last Thursday we made lovely flowers with our Mums. We had to cut out petals and then stick them together. It was a little hard but we mum really enjoyed doing the activity with my sister and me **Daniel Year 6**

I made beautiful flowers for my best mum with my dad and Paul. I had to cut the flowers and glue them onto the icy pole sticks. Paul glued the writing on the pot. Our Dad put the ribbon on the card for us. We gave our Mum the card on Mother's Day. She e was very surprised. **Clara Year 3**

