



Holy Family Catholic School

Honesty

We are your community school

Experience the benefits of a small, family school

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



09/08/2019

Term 3 Week 4

Parish Priest:

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Mass Times:

Saturdays

5:00pm Mass -Spanish

6:30pm Mass

Sundays

9:30am Mass

11:00 Mass

7:00pm Healing Mass

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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

Halo Masyarakat Keluarga Holy Family,

Last week our youngest students celebrated 100 days of Prep. It has been marvellous watching the growth in their learning as well as their social and emotional development. Over the past 100 days they have been learning to navigate primary school in different ways; by understanding routines, developing literacy and maths skills, acquiring the ability to work and play with others and in some incidents learning a totally new language. The list of their achievements is amazing and we are very thankful for Cristina Elicano's guiding hand. Her patience and dedication has been instrumental in the growth and progress of these children.

We were recently discussing the transformation of students prior to coming to primary school and those who will soon be leaving it. A number of our Year 5/6 students (plus Daisy once) have been participating in a community program linking two of our local pre-schools - Mission Australia and Autumn Place with Holy Family. Over the past two terms we have watched these young 4 year olds learn and grow too.

On Tuesday our student volunteers worked with 25 children, each of our older students mentoring a group of 5 pre-schoolers and working with them to create an art piece based on a fairy tale. We thought about how much has changed since our first interactions with these pre-schoolers in Term 1. Would those 25 children have sat silently and listened to a 12-year old read them a story and put up their hand to answer questions about what they had listened to? Would they have been able to follow instructions as their mentors explained what they had to do, without wandering off? And on the flip side, would our students have had the confidence to lead a group of 4-year olds, to tap into their curiosity, to acknowledge and validate them? And so too, we observe how our older students have grown in so many ways; through mentoring, by taking on additional tasks at school and through accepting greater responsibility for their own learning and behaviour.

I would also like to mention all those year levels in between, especially in relation to their current Inquiry units. The children have been bubbling with excitement over their work and we have all had the opportunity to hear 'facts' about animals, habitats and adaptations over the past few weeks. I was especially amused to hear that some students in 3/4 were wondering about whether they would learn about 'sole fish,' which they had read about 15 texts ago!

Our juniors had a very enjoyable day at the Aquarium this week and our seniors will no doubt enjoy their experience at Werribee Zoo next week. Excursions are very important opportunities for all students. Firstly, they provide children with first hand experiences which helps them to develop language skills and vocabulary. Secondly they empower children to explore and investigate the world around them, to ask questions and seek solutions. I have found myself recently viewing my weekend excursions (walks) through their eyes - thinking wouldn't the kids would love to see the seal that has found its way to Balnarring Beach or wouldn't they get a kick out of watching the mud crabs scurry to their holes at the mangroves at Crib Point. Any opportunity that families have to engage in exploration and experiences contributes immensely to their children's learning journey.

Finally, I would like to finish off by reminding people that next Tuesday, the 13th of August there is a Parents and Friends Meeting at 5.00pm. We encourage as many parents as possible to come along and support our school. You are welcome to bring your children along with you if necessary.

Have a good week

Connie Drossaert



Respect

Acceptance

H.E.A.R.T

Trust

Empathy

RE News



Feast of St. Anne & St. Joachim

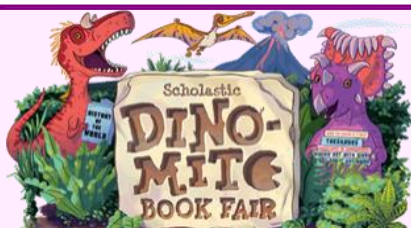
This week the Church celebrates Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop). Mary MacKillop founded the 'The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart', an order dedicated to education and caring for the poor. The Order was officially recognized in 1885 by Pope Leo XIII. Sister Mary through the Order worked for establishing schools, orphanages, and homes for the ill, across Australia, and New Zealand. Mary died in August 1909.



Just over 100 years later, Pope Benedict XVI declared Mary a Saint in the Universal Church at a Canonisation Celebration in Rome on 17 October. Mary named 'St Mary of the Cross MacKillop' - Australia's first Saint.

Prayer

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage,
trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen.



**Decorate your Book Fair and create excitement
with this fun theme for Terms 3 and 4, 2019!**



It's Book Fair time!! Our Scholastic Book Fair starts next week. Students have been given a catalogue today which outlines prices for some of the items available at the book fair. Each class will have time to look at the books and create a wish list. The Book Fair will start on Monday 12th August and finish on Thursday 15th August between 8:30-8:45am & 3:30-3:45pm. All the profits we make will go towards the purchase of new books for our school.
We thank you for your support.



Community News

Together as One



Monday 12th August

&

Thursday 15th August

Book Fair

8:30-8:45am

& 3:30-3:45pm



Thursday 15th August

Assumption of Mary

Whole School Mass

9.15am



Sunday 18th August

Confirmation

Commissioning

Mass 9.30pm



Monday 19th August

&

Friday 23rd August

Book Week



HELP NEEDED

A mum from Prep is looking for casual child-minding after school. Please contact the office if you are willing to help!
Many Thanks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations

to

Dviti, Pranathi, Jalishan,
William, Noah and Henry



STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations

to

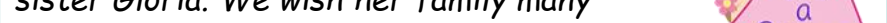
Faith, Lathusan, Noah, Jane,
Celeste, Nathaniel, Tabitha,
Jane. A, Aydeen, Ahjay, David,
P.J and Nisan



Student News

Preps celebrate 100 days at school

1st of August marked the Preps 100 days at school! We kicked off the celebrations on Monday when the Preps led a special assembly in front of the whole school. They sang, danced and showed a video showcasing all the wonderful things that they have done at school. On Thursday, the party continued with crafts, stories, counting and making fairy bread with 100s and thousands. And best of all, a party! It was an enjoyable day and we can't wait to see what the next 100 days has in store for us!



Congratulations it's a Girl!

Congratulations to Josephine in Year 1 and her family on the exciting news of her baby sister Gloria. We wish her family many blessings.



Day out at the Aquarium

On Monday 5th, the junior school went to the Aquarium in the city. First we were put into two groups. Then we went and saw lots of different coloured fish. After that we saw a crocodile named Pinjarra. There were little fish cleaning her. We walked up some stairs where the camouflaged frogs lived. Next we went to see the penguins. We found that all penguins wear different coloured bands to tell who they are and if they are boys or girls. The whole day was amazing except eating outside because there were too many seagulls trying to eat our food. *BY Jessica Year 2*

