



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.

Term 4 Week 10

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DATES:

Friday 13th December
Parish Carols

Wednesday 18th December
Prize giving and Carols
Last Day Term 4

Thursday 19th December
Curriculum Day

NO SCHOOL

Friday 20th December
Curriculum Day

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 25th December
Christmas Day



Thursday 26th December
Boxing Day

Wednesday 1st January
New Years Day

Wednesday 29th January
1st Day of Term



2020

Halo Masyarakat Keluarga Holy Family,

The school year is fast coming to a close. Everyone is thinking about Christmas and the holidays. This is a high pressure time of the year for most occupations including education. The end of the year for the school had the added component of completing a First Aid Course. This required our staff to do around 8 hours of online course work after hours and then the full day practical component on Friday.

Most of our new staff were at our First Aid course last week and that gave them an opportunity to meet their new colleagues and learn a bit about Holy Family. They will be at school a number of times before the start of 2020 to get familiar with how the school operates and prepare for their first day here teaching our children.

Semester 2 reports will be sent home before the end of year so that it gives parents time to read them and talk to staff if they wish. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the end of year reports contact your child's teacher.

Prize Giving and Carols is on Wednesday December 18. We are starting with a BBQ at 5pm which will be followed by the Prize Giving at 6pm in the Hall. The event will finish with the raffle being drawn. There are a number of prizes to be won.

I would like to thank our staff for all their efforts this year for the children of Holy Family. We have a number of staff leaving and I wish them all the best in their new schools. In the same way our graduating students are moving to new schools next year, it is exciting for teachers to go to a new school and focus on the children there.

Wednesday evening marks the end of the school year for the children. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and be safe during the holidays.

Prayer for Christmas Day

Eternal God, This joyful day is radiant with the brilliance
of your one true light.

May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our
words and deeds.

May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented
by the birth in Bethlehem fill our lives and become part of
all that we say and do.

May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ,
even as he humbled himself to share our humanity.

Bless us and the feast that You have provided for us.

Let us be thankful for the true gift of Christmas, your Son.
Amen.

Principal

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What's happening in the classrooms!

Junior

The Junior students began the time of Advent with a liturgy. The focus of the liturgy was waiting and preparing in hope for the coming of Jesus Christ. They listened to readings from Isaiah and sang Advent songs. The students shared their prayers of hope for their family, friends, themselves and the world. Some of their prayers are:

"I hope that my dad who is working hard will not get sick." -- Anastashia P.

"I hope that the world will be clean and have less rubbish." -- Reshan JK.

"I hope that I will get a kitten." -- Jane A.

"I hope that my friends will be nice and continue to play with me." - Wiktoria B

Our prayer: Thank you Jesus for coming to earth, just like the prophets said, and for your promise to come again. Thank you Jesus for being our light so we know how to live. Amen.



Middle

In Inquiry, the students have continued their learning in sustainability by focusing on fire and how heat can produce energy. They all participated in a fun experiment where heat from the hot water drew the colour out of smarties and skittles. In Mathematics the students are revising fractions and decimals. In Religious Education students have been focusing on Advent and the importance of waiting.

"Heavenly Father, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. May the Lord find us watching and waiting in joy when He comes. We pray in Jesus' name."

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you in 2020.



Senior

The year 5/6 students have been busy over the past few weeks completing their apps in Inquiry and Digital Technologies. They have incorporated parts of their learning in the app and have uploaded it to SeeSaw for families to view.

Our Advent focus has been on the Jesse tree. We have been reflecting on the stories and have created symbols for each of them.

The year 5 students have dedicated a lot of time working on their leadership speeches and presented them to the school community yesterday.

The year 6 students have been creating their own personal PowerPoint presentations looking back on their years at Holy Family. Their graduation celebration on Monday was a memorable event for all.

It has been a busy and productive year for the seniors this year. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday break. See you in 2020!



Specialists News Indonesian/Visual Arts

I would love to share some fantastic snapshots from our Indonesian/Visual Arts classroom. The senior students have immersed themselves in creating a conventional portrait painting. Our junior students have learnt the Indonesian vocabulary to describe our school and home environment. They have created collage artworks about various buildings as well as an imaginative character to express their ideas. Selamat Natal dan Tahun Baru 2020. (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2020) Have a safe and relaxing holiday ahead. Tuhan memberkati (God bless). Kris Sapoetra.



Community News

On Thursday we had our school leadership speeches and everyone did theirs well. We had two sessions. It was an exciting moment but some of us were a bit nervous. We wont find out who becomes the school leaders 2020 until prize giving night. We are all excited for one another.

By Shreya Year 5

Good Luck!



THANK YOU HELPERS

Thank you to all the parents and helpers who helped with the bagging of the lollies for Prize Giving!



Mass Times:



Sunday 15th December
3rd Sunday of Advent



Sunday 22nd December
4th Sunday of Advent



Tuesday 24th December
Family Mass
7.30pm



Spanish Mass
4.30



Christmas Carols
11.30pm followed by
Midnight Mass



Wednesday 25th December
Christmas Day
Mass 10am



Tuesday 31st December
Spanish Mass 4.30pm
Adoration 11.00pm



Followed by Midnight Mass



Wednesday 1st January
Mass 10am

R.E News



2nd Sunday of Advent

In the second week of Advent we are reminded to prepare a way for the Lord. As we light the second candle on our Advent wreath let us remember that Jesus is the light of our world.

May we always prepare a way for him in our lives.



Prayer

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
~AMEN.



Wellbeing



Over the past few weeks the staff at Holy Family have been revisiting our Behaviour Matrix. We have been reflecting on our current behaviour expectations and rewriting new ones in consideration of the 2019 Review feedback as well as current considerations of Child Safety Practices.

The Behaviour Matrix is an important component of our Behaviour Policy and forms a part of our Social and Emotional wellbeing practices. It is also reflective of our HEART values, which are firmly embedded in our school as the ideals we believe are important. We know that it is crucial that children are explicitly taught these expectations in their SEL sessions and that the values are modelled by the teachers. By teaching children consistent expectations, we help to foster a positive, calm and friendly learning environment.

The Victorian Department of Education and Training state that the implementation of Positive Behaviour Support leads to a more positive school climate and culture and helps to:

- improve social-emotional competence
- increase academic performance
- improve perception of safety
- reduce problem behaviour
- reduce bullying behaviour



Learning And Teaching

Assessment and Reporting

Your child's school report will be sent home this week. We hope you see it as a celebration of the efforts they have made in their learning this semester.

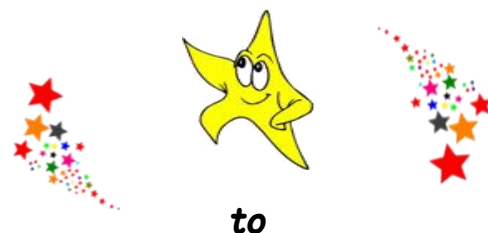
Assessment and Reporting at Holy Family School is made up of three components.

1. Students receive a written school report each semester; June and December. The reports indicates your child's achievement in relation to the standards.
2. Work samples are shared via the online platform SeeSaw demonstrating a sample of your child's achievement. Learning statements in the reports with an asterisk next to them have corresponding work samples on SeeSaw.
3. Parents are asked to attend parent teacher meetings at school with their child present so that progress over the first half of the school year can be discussed.

If you have not signed up to SeeSaw yet, we encourage you to do so.



Star of the week



to

**Amira, Jeremy, Shreya,
Noah, Taj, Ella L
and Gabriel**

Happy Birthday



to

**Ella, Frankie, Matilda,
Jacqueline, David
and Jeremy**

Literacy

Things to do in the school holidays to help your child develop his/her literacy skills:

- Read, read, read!!
- Send postcards from holiday destinations to friends and relatives
- Read a recipe and cook or bake something special
- Visit your local library to select and read books together, and to attend story time sessions.
- Keep a diary of all the special things you do on the holidays
- Encourage your child to select books, magazines, catalogues, or multimedia stories according to their interests
- Develop fine motor skills by cutting, folding and threading and create marvellous art works while you're at it
- Do crosswords and word finds together
- Listen to or read stories online using websites such as:

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>



Maths



The school year is almost over and the students will be at home for a number of weeks before returning to a new school year! What can you do at home to encourage your child to continue to learn mathematics?

- Use mathematical language every day. Some examples include:
- Using fractions and capacity when cooking
- Talking about money when out shopping
- Looking for shapes, objects and patterns when at a playground or on a walk. There is also a large number of websites children can explore and have fun with. These online games could help develop fluency in mathematics. Here are a few:

www.mathplayground.com

www.coolmathgames.com

www.splashmath.com

www.mathgames.com

Ask your child's teacher if she has any suggestions of things to do at home over the holidays to assist with your child's mathematical understanding.



Student News

Graduation 2019

On Monday 9th of December the year 6's celebrated their Graduation together with their families and teachers. We all went together to Mass. At the end we had a reflection and presented our Liturgical dance. Father Michael blessed us, then gave us our own Bibles. After Mass our families took photos of us in our gowns and then we all went into the hall to celebrate!

Everyone loved all the slideshows we made. *By Trinity Year 6*

