Holy Family Catholic School
We are your community school
♦ We welcome everyone
♦ We provide spiritual and personalised learning for your children
Experience the benefits of a small, family school
07/03/2013

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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
(except in January & October)

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School Hours:
8.50 Students in Class
9.00 Meditation
9.10 1st period of lessons
11.00 Recess
11.40 2nd period of lessons
1.40 Lunch
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.

Principal’s Message
Hello Holy Family Community,

We had a very busy week last week with Sydney to Hobart, Holy Family Day and Our Mass on Sunday. All of the staff were involved in the preparation and running of these school events. Also our student leaders were involved. We are all very proud of the way that our grade 6 students have stepped up to the plate with their leadership roles. This year we are trialling a new way of meeting with the year 6 children to provide them with opportunities to develop their leadership and sense of community. If the start of the year is a guide of how it is going to work, this year will be a big success for them.

I sent home a flyer yesterday about our before and after school care programme. It is my wish that it is a success but it needs to be used by our families for it to be long term. We have a few children using it at the moment but not enough to make it viable. If you intend making use of it we need to know otherwise it will end up closing and end up part of our history instead of our future.

We are having a few issues with parking outside the school on Pittosporum Grove. The driveway into the school is a no parking zone, so that whoever is on duty has no obstructions to their view. There is plenty of parking around that area without using the driveway.

On Thursday 14th of March at 6:30pm we will be having a camp meeting for the year 5 and year 6 students and their parents. This evening is for us to give you information about camp and to organise the forms that need to be filled out. Camp is an important experience for the children. They will extend themselves, learn how to better work with others and improve their leadership skills. I am sure camp will be a rewarding experience for all the children.

Principal

Reminders & Dates

Monday 11th March
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL

Thursday 14th March
Year 6 Leadership Excursion

Friday 15th March
Senior Sports Gala Day

Thursday 21st March
Harmony Day Mass 9.15
Shared Cultural Lunch

Thursday 28th March
Holy Week Liturgy

Term 1 ends at 1.30pm

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Together as One
Last Sunday we had the Commissioning Mass for our teachers and our Year 6 leaders. Thank you to all the students and families in the school who came to show their support. Well done to the Year 6 students who did the readings and offertory at Mass. You did a wonderful job and made the Holy Family community very proud.

Our next whole school Mass celebration will be on Thursday 21st March at 9.15am for Harmony Day. Everyone is welcome. I am looking for parents to help do the prayers of the faithful in different languages. If you would be interested in reading at Mass please fill in the form that will be going home next week.

This week is the 4th week of Lent. Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our lives, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we’ve failed to do, and to be generous to those in need. As part of their Lenten action, the year 6 students are collecting money for Project Compassion. Each year, Project Compassion runs during Lent to help raise money and offer hope to the millions of families who fight for justice, peace and survival every day. Project Compassion 2013 carries the message: “Open doors into the future” which is taken from Pope Benedict XVI’s 2007 encyclical “We work towards a brighter and more humane world so as to open doors into the future”. The Year 6 students are coming to the classrooms each day to collect money for this very worthy cause. If you can spare some loose change it would be much appreciated as we hope to raise as much money as we can to help some of the world’s poorest communities and give them a better future. Together we can make a difference!

Last Friday we organized a Family Sports Gala afternoon for Holy Family Day. We split everyone into eight groups and they participated in activities. The activities were based on old-fashioned games because we are learning about early Australian history. Some of the games were: the 3-legged race, gold-mining, marbles and tug-of-war. It was a great day because we got to try some games we had never done before and get involved in our Holy Family Community.— Oskar Abdalla & Gael Rose Year 6
**Community News**

**Together as One**

Year 6 Students receiving their Leadership badges

**Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Lina, Kelisha, Hannah, Jozsef Meayjowk & Alexandria

**Stars of the Week**

Congratulations
Jack, Thiven, Joseph, Leonard & 4/5CV

**Thank you!**

We would like to thank Corey's Mum who has kindly donated a whole cartoon on tissues to the school. We thank you for your generosity

**Bereavement**

We would like to give our sincere condolences to Jeremiah's family over the sad loss of his grandparents. May they be in God's hands.

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**Big Kids Little Kids**

**Sydney to Hobart**

Thank you to all families who joined us last Tuesday evening for our Big Kids Little Kids event: The Sydney to Hobart Race. It was great to see families working together to create amazing sea vessels. Some very colourful yachts (and the occasional ocean liner) adorned our playground. Who knows what we will make next time. Planes? Trains? Hot air Balloons?

My mum, my brother and me made a boat. Our boat was colourful and pretty big. I enjoyed having the race. I went fast.

Jade Grundy 3/4

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Thank you Mrs Gemmell for your time
Last Wednesday the Year 1 & 2 students set off for Coal Creek, Korumburra to find out what life was like in the olden days.

I learnt that teachers hit children on the bottom when they were naughty. Methya

The people in the olden days didn’t have what we have now. Alana

At school the children used slate to do their writing on. Alexandra

I got to try on a pinafore, which is a dress that the girls used to wear. Kim

We went there because we are learning about history. Charlie

In the general store we saw flour bags that were used for making underwear. Kuirowl

At the Barber’s there were no hairdryers. Hannah

We went to the Chemist and saw medicine. Andrew

I learnt how to make peg dolls. Shinnika

I learnt about the Church, that they got married and baptised there. Sanindhi

I learnt that the children in the olden days played with peg dolls. Kees

My mum came and sat on the bus with me on the way to Korumburra. Harman

We went to school at Coal Creek and we saw some books. Trinity

At Coal Creek there was a very old steam train. Ella-Mae