Congratulations to 8 of our students who have made it to District Athletics. They will be competing on the 9th October. Please pray for Beth, Shavonn, Josh U, Julius, Tobila, Jeremiah, Jordan and Nyatieem.

Principal’s Message

Hello Holy Family Community,

Term 3 is nearly finished. It seems to have gone by very fast. I am sure the children will enjoy the break and look forward to the warmer weather ahead. I would like to thank the Holy Family staff for all they have done this term for the children in their care.

On Wednesday morning we had a Change2 meeting where we had some children, parents and staff looking at the work that the Change2 Team has been doing. The team has been looking at personalised learning, which enables the staff to better cater for the individual educational needs of our children. They have focused on assessment practices and policies in the school. They have worked out a timeline that outlines the changes that will be implemented over the next year, beginning next term. We will be having regular meetings to see how we are going with this and we will be giving feedback to families.

Lately we have had a number of children arriving at school at around 8am. Teachers are on duty from 8:30am. This means that there is half an hour with no supervision for the children. The school has a before school care program for children that need to be dropped off early. There are two options here. Children can be dropped off at 8:30am or they can come early and go into before school care. With the Government funding available, before school care is quite affordable, with a cost of around $5 per child per morning. All the children who attend before school care get a healthy breakfast as well. For around $5 this is pretty good value.

You may have noticed that the shade sails are missing from the senior playground. The big sail got damaged in the wind two weekends ago. It is getting repaired so we have also removed the other two sails so they could be cleaned. As soon as the damaged one is repaired they will all go back up.

We will also be getting some painting done inside the school during the holidays. This term the children have been learning and investigating about being stewards of the planet the prayer below fits that theme.

I hope everyone enjoys the holiday.

St Twomey

Creator God,

Your beauty and wonder are seen in your gifts of creation. We praise you and thank you for all your works, and for creating us in your image and likeness.

May the light you have put into our hearts shine brightly, as we grow to be more caring and respectful of all creation, and of one another.

This we pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.

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

19/9/2013

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.

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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:
8.50 Students in Class/Meditation
10.00 Fruit break inside
10.55 Morning Recess
11.30 Children eat lunch
11.40 2nd period of lessons
2.20 Children eat snack
2.30 3rd period of lessons
3.30 Dismissed

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Friday 20th September
Whole School Mass 9.15am
Term 3 ends 1.30pm
Monday 7th October
Term 4 begins
Thursday 10th October
Confirmation Retreat 9am-3pm
Friday 11th October
Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm
Curriculum sent home
Monday 21st - Wednesday 30th
Whole school swimming program

"Together as One"
Preparing for Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is fast approaching. It will be taking place in the first week back after the school holidays. This first week back at school will be a big week for the Confirmation candidates as there is the Bishop’s visit on Wednesday, Retreat on Thursday and the Sacrament on Friday night.

Bishop Elliott will visit the school on Wednesday the 9th October to meet with the teachers and Confirmation candidates. He will be asking the children questions about Confirmation to ensure that they are fully prepared and ready to receive the Sacrament. Unfortunately his visit clashes with the District Athletics, so parents of these children may choose to either transport their child or from the athletics in order for their child to attend both or may have to make the decision about which event to attend.

Thank you to all the families who attended the Confirmation Family Workshop, last week. Could you please ensure that all retreat permission slips and sponsor cards are returned to school by tomorrow so that I am not chasing them up after the holidays.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jenny and her son Peter for making a gorgeous banner for Confirmation. It was a really nice experience helping out our visitors. They were really nice and helpful and the kids. They were really nice and cooperative and cute.”— Dayne 4/5

RE News

Wellbeing

Two groups of children from Autumn Place Kindergarten came for a visit to Holy Family on Monday. Mrs Jacka read them the story, "The Hungry Caterpillar" and they all made a caterpillar with a cut out paper head and hand print feet. Some of the year 4/5 students went down the hill, and up the hill, and down the hill again and up and down once more. The big kids had fun helping out our visitors.

"It was a really nice experience helping out the kids. They were really nice and cooperative and cute.”— Dayne 4/5

How Full Is Your Bucket?

The children from Years 3/4 have finished their run of the play, How Full Is Your Bucket? We have some great talent in the school. Thankyou to the parents, teachers and children who came to watch the play. Thanks to Ms. McHugh for letting the children have time to practise the play throughout the past few weeks. And a BIG, BIG thankyou to the children who were in the play. You were fantastic bucket fillers.

Heart Values

Next term we will be introducing our HEART Values to the School. Each letter in the word HEART represents a Value we will be teaching the children:

H = honesty, E = empathy, A = acceptance, R = respect & T = trust

In Week 5 will be having a Whole School HEART day. More information about our program and the day will be sent out next term.

However, I am looking for any parents who would be able to help us out with SEWING. If you are handy with a sewing machine and are interested in supporting us please contact Bern in the office for further information. THANKYOU.

Community News

Together As One

Condolences

We offer our condolences to the Pega, Kola and Omar families for the sudden loss of their loved one Joseph Paul Kelekolio.

PFA News

Keep the 8th of November free for our 2nd Annual Trivia Night.

Last year we all had a wonderful time. It would be lovely to see you all again this year. Everyone is welcome it’s a great night!!!

Start practising!!

Mission Day

We will be having our Mission Day Fair on 18th October. Any items that could be donated for the trash ‘n’ treasure would be greatly appreciated.

Talent Quest & Footy Parade

Footy Parade and School Talent Quest will be held tomorrow Friday 20th September.

Come dressed in your footy team’s colours. The parade will start at 10am followed by morning tea and our Talent Quest at 11.40am

Everyone is welcome!!!

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to

Santiago, Dina, Nikki, and Monica.

Green Day

Last Friday we had our second Green Day. We got to wear green coloured clothes for a donation of $1.00 and there were other different events, such as frog in a pond, clinkers, shulbuck (a game that was kindly given to us by Ms. Drossaert,) trash ‘n treasure, face painting, cake stall, icy poles, goal shooting, fruit salad, cordial, guess the lollies and the scary haunted house.

We thoroughly enjoyed the day and we thank everyone who attended.

Green Day 2.

We hope that you enjoyed the day as much as we did.

Thanks again

By Monica and Iva Year 6

Professor Maths Travelling Road Show

What a fantastic DAY !!! Fun was had by all the children, teachers and we even had some parishioners join in, which was great.

Mr Professor Maths was hilarious. We played maths games after he explained the activities, (making the children laugh A LOT!!)

The activities catered for Prep-2 and then year 3-6 in the second group. As you can see in the photos, students who finished tasks were able to wear a ‘professor wig’. It was very funny.

His finale was a range of magic tricks – we still can’t work out how he tricked us. It was a great day, Cath Fisher (Maths leader)