



Holy Family School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

On behalf of our staff I would like to thank all of you for your support, patience and understanding during remote learning.

Last week I had the privilege of meeting with at least 50 families and it was pleasing to hear from them about the 'growth' their child/ren had made during remote learning. This 'growth' not only in academics but also socially would not have been possible without the strong connection between our staff and parents.

Term 4 will look different once again

The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria stated that there are 3 priorities for schools next term -

Priority 1 – Wellbeing and Equity

The wellbeing, and particularly the mental health, of every student and member of staff is the highest priority.

Priority 2 – Learning and Excellence

Literacy and numeracy across the curriculum, remain a focus.

Priority 3 – Transitions

A key focus of Term 4 will be to make every effort to ensure kindergarten into Prep and Year 6 into Year 7 transitions occur as successfully as possible.

Remote/Onsite Learning

- First week of Term 4 - 5-9th October (remote learning for all Year levels)
- Second week of Term 4 - 12th October (Prep-Year 2 Onsite Learning) The existing remote learning program will not continue for these year levels)
- All students from Year 3-6 will continue with remote learning until further notice. A date for the return of these year levels to onsite learning will be subject to further health advice.

Prep – Year 2 (Onsite)

When our Prep to Year 2 students return to onsite learning the school day will commence at 8.45am and conclude at 3.15pm.

No parents are allowed on school grounds or within school buildings until further notice.

Students will need to bring their own drink bottle to school as the school drinking taps are not to be used.

Please be mindful that details regarding return to school may change over the holidays. I will ensure that you are kept up to date with the latest information during the holidays.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS/TRANSITION

Further advice regarding these orientation and transition days and end of year celebrations will be provided shortly.

Semester 2 Reporting Guidelines (Catholic Education Commission of Victoria)

As was the case in Semester 1, 2020, student reporting in Semester 2, 2020 will look a little different to previous years. Reports will reflect adjustments that schools have made to their local curriculum programs in response to the needs and aspirations of their school communities, and the disruption caused by COVID-19.

In many cases, this will mean that less curriculum content was covered than was planned. Student reporting in Semester 2, 2020 should focus on what progress has been made and what has been achieved by each child. Schools are encouraged to keep reports simple but make them meaningful.

Our Education Board and staff decided not to hold Parent/Teacher Conferences or provide school reports this term. The decision was made to focus on carrying out authentic assessment tasks and providing timely feedback on student progress. This information was shared with the community in our newsletter which was published on Thursday 20th August 2020.

Royal Children's Hospital Webinar

Over the weekend I viewed a webinar from the Royal Children's Hospital. The content of the webinar focused on remote learning, mental health and transitioning students back to onsite learning.

The link for the webinar -

<https://www.facebook.com/rchmelbourne/videos/2377194795910801/>

Condolences

Please keep the Fillipou family (Zoe PJ, Sophia 3/4M) in your prayers. Con's mother passed away last week.

School Closure Days (Term 4)

Our school will be closed for students on the following days next term -

- Friday 23rd October (Grand Final Day/Thank You Day Public Holiday)
- Monday 2nd November (Report preparation and writing)
- Tuesday 3rd November (Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday)
- Friday 27th November (2021 Staff Planning Day)
- Wednesday 16th December (last student day of 2020)

School Assemblies (Term 4)

Our Monday morning assembly will continue remotely at the start of next term. The google meet code is 'assembly'. It was great to see nearly 200 students on Monday morning this week.

Our first assembly will be on Monday 5th October -

- 8.50am Years 3-6
- 9.20am Prep-Year 2

Social Media

Don't forget to hop onto our social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram) to keep up to date with what is happening at Holy Family.

Vinnies Bin

Our Vinnies bin is relocated to the north facing wall of the hall in the roundabout. Donations of clothing would be welcome, placed in bags and tied off. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.



2021 Planning and Class Placement

We are beginning to look at class sizes and structures for 2021. Please notify the office if your child will not be returning to Holy Family in 2021.

Please email me principal@hfmw.catholic.edu.au if you have any requests for placement in 2021 and these will be taken into consideration. I ask that you respect the professionalism of

all of our teaching staff and do not make specific requests for certain teachers. Teaching staff are yet to be allocated for 2021 and may not be in the same level next year.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing holiday,

Julie David

(Principal)



Celebrations at Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY READING CHALLENGE

Thank you to all our sensational students who participated in the 'Holy Family Loves to Read' challenge. It was pleasing to hear about the number of minutes/books read and to view your book responses. I was amazed at how creative you and your parents were. Well done!

ROALD DAHL'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Last Friday I was greeted by Miss King as BFG with her HUGE ears and scared by one of our Year 6's dressed as a witch to celebrate Roald Dahl.

Thank you to our families for taking the time to be part of this wonderful community celebration.





ACTS OF KINDNESS

Over the last couple of weeks our staff and students have been displaying acts of kindness towards others. Some of our students have -

- Created face masks for grandparents
- Made cards for residents of a local Nursing Home
- Collected and donated food for a community in need
- Been there to hold mum's hand
- Made cupcakes for elderly neighbours
- Walk the next door neighbour's dog
- Caring for a sick pet
- Helping younger siblings

It has been heartwarming to see these acts of kindness from the youngest members of our community.





From the REC Lauren Considine

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment

As we end another term, it is incredible to think about all that we have achieved. At school we have learned, loved, laughed, celebrated and connected as a community. We read books, created our own Spoonville and recognised Fathers day, celebrated 50 days of remote learning and completed hundreds of set tasks. We did projects as a family and looked forward to daily walks and rides. All of these things have taken a toll and we are all deserving of a rest.

It can be overwhelming to think of two weeks of holidays cooped up in the house but what if we took time to think of it as a blessing? God has gifted us with this time of Sabbath. To rest and keep connecting as a family. What if instead of stressing and worrying about how to fill the days with endless opportunities and activities we just enjoyed time as a family. Enjoyed conversation over a meal, enjoyed reading a favourite story or watching a family movie.

As we start to think about the other side of Covid and the world reopening to a previous normal, who knows when we will have this chance again to just 'be still' as a family. Yes it's stressful and at times we yearn for 'me' time, but I'm sure in the near future we will again yearn for 'we' time as well.

Take some time to reflect as a family at the end of the week and ask your children these questions:

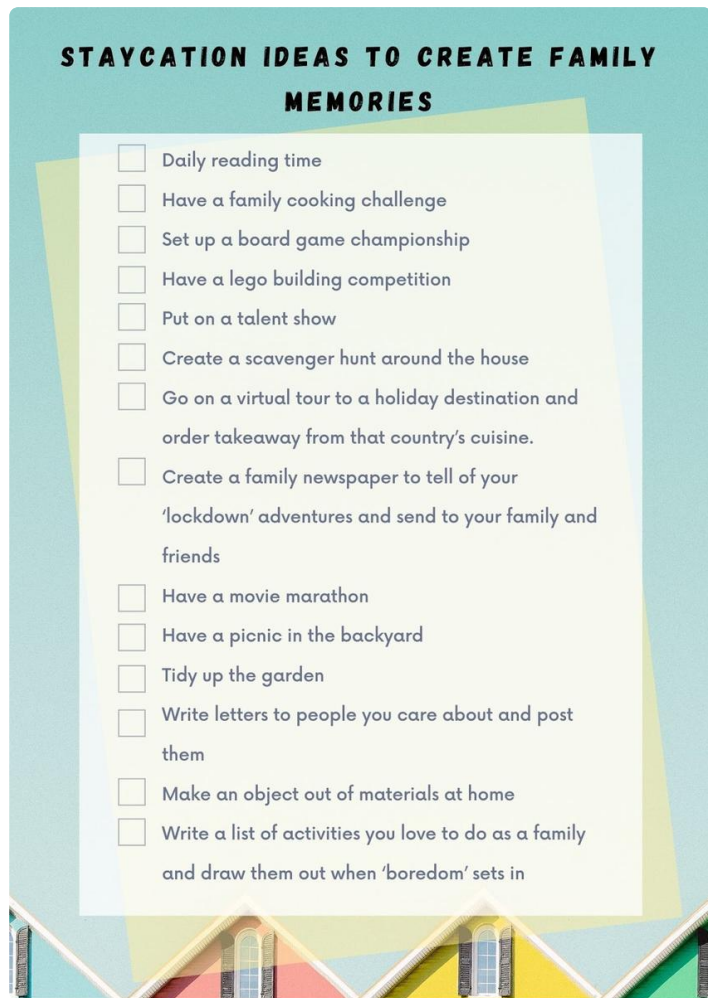
- What have you loved about our time at home?
- What new family routines would you like to keep when lockdown is over?

- What are you looking forward to doing when we are allowed to get back to normal?

In the end, we can look at this forced 'sabbath' as a curse, or more rightly as a blessing from God. 2020 has not been what we imagined and many plans have been delayed, but it has also been a time to switch off and to reconnect to what is important. We have forcibly removed all the busyness and reflected upon what and who is actually important in our lives. In the end, we simply can't return to the 'normal' as the same person that we were before.

Don't forget to remember that God's plans for us are always better than the plans we make for ourselves. This time is a blessing and the memories made will be recalled with fondness from your children for years to come.

May you all have a safe and blessed staycation,
Lauren Considine





Do you know someone that would like to join our Holy Family Community?

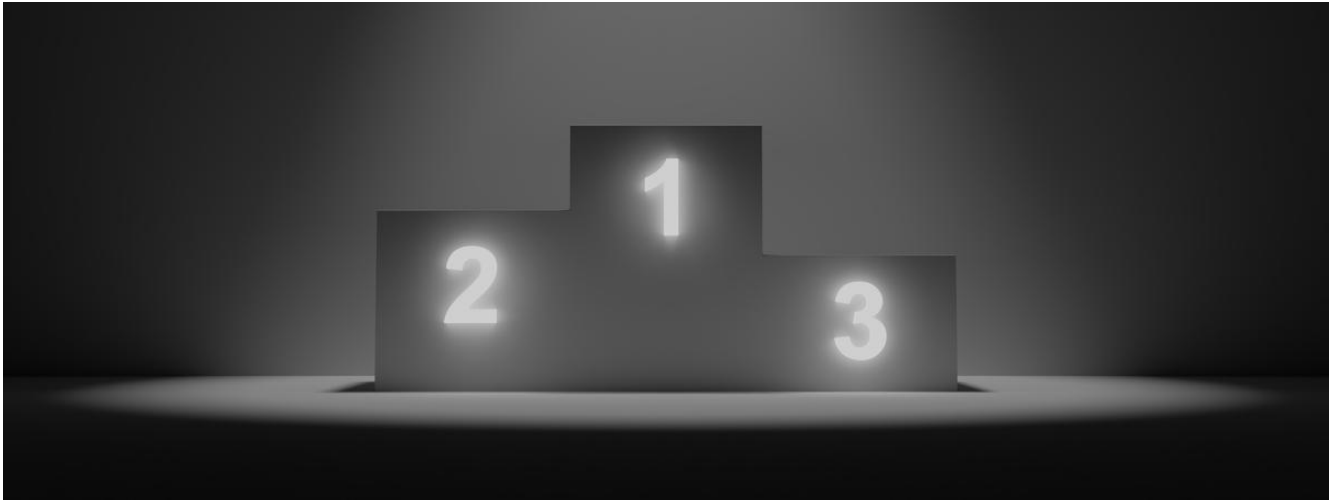
Holy Family Enrolments for 2021

Let your neighbours, friends and relatives know that 2021 enrolments are OPEN.

Early enrolment assists us greatly with 2021 planning.

Virtual tours are also available on any school day throughout the year by appointment.

We request that parents already with children in the school enrol as early as possible.



COMPETITION WINNERS

HF LOVES TO READ COMPETITION WINNERS

CLASS	MOST BOOKS/ TIME READ	READING RESPONSE
PREP J	Samantha Lewis	Ben Machuca Cipriano
PREP CS	Wyatt Lam	Emilia Raucci
1/2G	Kaitlyn Chua	Elliott Coombe
1/2H	Nuvee Jayasuria Grace Allison	Harper Shelley
1/2WK	Ben Harris	Mikael Looi
1/2SY	Ingrid Hijner	Cecilia Younane
3/4L	Zoe Makris	-
3/4S	Dylan Harris	Elise Hanafi
3/4M	Nicola Mathers	•
3/4D	Lily Mae Dague	Lea Pejic
3/4AG	Deklin Tran	Poppy Newell
5/6BW	Mietta Wadia	Hannah Jansen
5/6B	Fleur Hijner	Josh Jansen



LIBRARY NEWS FROM MRS GLEESON

Dear Parents,

What an amazing term we have had. Your children have absolutely shone throughout and are a constant reminder as to why we do this job.

Over the term, students in all levels have been busy in their Library sessions and enjoying their reading experiences. The main aim during this period of remote learning was to continue to develop a love of books and reading. Thank you for supporting your children in the Holy Family Loves To Read Challenge and their experience celebrating the wonderful author, Roald Dahl. We saw some wonderful characters in

our Google meets last Friday morning!!

During the second half of term three, Prep students have been enjoying the wonderful stories written by the authors, Pamela Allen and Stephen Michael-King. Year One and Two classes have been immersing in stories written by Libby Gleeson and Patrick Guest.

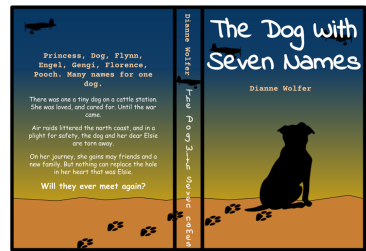
This week they have also had the opportunity to enjoy poetry. YearThree Four classes are enjoying listening to a serial read, 'As Fast As I Can'. They have also been learning about how non fiction books are sorted in the library to support them in being able to locate books of interest. The senior students have been listening to

a serial read. 'Will The Wonderkid' which is a true story of how a fourteen year old boy was instrumental in the discovery of opal and the settling of the opal mining town of Coober Pedy in South Australia. The Year Five and Six students have also been busy creating advertisements for books they are reading.

Students across all levels have worked hard and completed some amazing activities. Thank you for a wonderful Term Three. We look forward to an even better Term Four - Book Week will be an exciting event coming up in Term Four.

Thank you for always supporting your child to have a

love of reading and continue to become amazing readers.



Happy reading.
Susan Gleeson and Sarah Cuskelly.

