

Dear Students, Families and Staff,

At this time of the year we learn and reflect on the liturgical events of **Holy Week**. This year the classes shared and presented each event from Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Resurrection. Throughout the week many students opened dialogue about their thoughts on deeper meanings within the scripture of the events being forgiveness and love. A significant memory was a Year 6/7 class who outlined the Stations of the Cross. What was amazing was the reverence and engagement shown by the whole school community watching this presentation.



**Playgroup** every Thursday morning has been a wonderful opportunity to welcome new members to our community and to share in the awe of creating learning opportunities. Kelly Johnston has led many engaging activities for children aged in between 1 to 4, including Fish Farm

excursions, sand pit play, log park exploration, paints, crafts, sports, drawing, making and gym activities. This group has continued to grow as the year has progressed. Having the opportunity to visit the children at Playgroup, the strong connections between the capabilities of creativity, collaboration and curiosity are strongly on display by all learners.



Over the past two weeks the school has held a 'Refugee Week Art Competition.' The students were provided with the provocation to plan and create a unique piece of work. The quality certainly highlighted the incredible artistic talent we have here at Holy Family. Some examples of the entrants are:



Lastly, I wish everyone a happy and safe term break. Upon reflection, the first term has been full of many specks of gold. We look forward to seeing you all again in Term 2 commencing on Monday 30th April.

ADAM SLATER  
Deputy Principal



# SHOW AND TELL

Please see below the top 10 pieces of artwork (as voted by staff) to represent our school in the Refugee Week Art competition.





<b>TERM 2 Commences</b>	<b>Monday 30th April - 8.50am</b>
6/7HM & 6/7ND Camp	Wednesday 2nd May to Friday 4th May
Mother's Day Stall	Friday 11th May
Mission Week	Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June
Mission Day	Friday 1st June
<b>Public Holiday</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday - Monday 11th June</b>
Athletic's Carnival	Tuesday 12th June
Catholic Identity Day	Friday 29th June
Music Assembly	Friday 6th July
<b>Last Day of TERM 2</b>	<b>Friday 6th July at 3pm</b>
<b>TERM 3 Commences</b>	<b>Monday 23rd July</b>
<b>Last Day TERM 3</b>	<b>Friday 28th September at 3pm</b>
<b>TERM 4 Commences</b>	<b>Monday 15th October</b>
<b>Last Day of TERM 4</b>	<b>Friday 14th December at 3pm</b>

# CANTEEN NEWS

## ***Exciting New Items*** coming next term

As we are heading to the cooler months we will have a winter menu with some exciting new items. Check out the new menu on the website. Remember you can order on line through the QKR app.

We also have yummy daily homemade recess specials, so check out the notice boards at the front of the canteen.

We would like to thank Aurora, Linda and Hao for all their hard work volunteering this term. We are always looking for more volunteers to spread the work around, so if you are interested please come and talk to us in the Canteen.

See you next term



# UNIFORM SHOP

Winter uniform is required for Terms 2 and 3, and is now available from the Uniform Shop.

Winter Uniform is as follows:

## GIRLS:

Pinafore (Reception to Year 4);

Skirt (Years 5-7);

Cream blouse with logo;

Tie;

Red Jumper

Black knee hi socks or black tights.

## BOYS:

Black trousers with Holy Family logo;

Long sleeved striped Holy Family shirt;

Tie;

Red Jumper;

Black socks with Holy Family stripe.

## SPORTS: (Boys and Girls)

Holy Family trackpants;

Holy Family zip jacket (optional);

Holy Family striped polo shirt;

White sport socks with Holy Family stripe.

## Secondhand Uniforms

Only uniforms in good condition are accepted for sale in the Uniform Shop.



## CASH Only

**Effective immediately**  
secondhand uniforms  
may only be  
purchased using cash.

Lay-by is NOT  
available on  
secondhand clothing.

A reminder if you are  
selling secondhand  
uniforms 20% is  
deducted for  
administration costs.

16th February 2018



Items that are stained, marked, torn, patched, frayed, faded or damaged in any way cannot be accepted for sale. Any items that are not suitable for sale will be disposed of or provided to student reception if suitable.

## HOLIDAY OPEN TIME

Thursday 26th April - 10am to 12pm

Friday, 13 April 2018



# Playgroup at Holy Family Catholic School



## Come and join us!

Holy Family now offers playgroup for children aged from 0- 5 years old. Our playgroup is based on the principles of continuity, transition and pathways for children and their families. Stay and spend the morning with your little one watching them play and learn and build friendships and social skills in a safe and supported environment.

Who: Everyone is welcome to join playgroup, you don't need to have children attending the school.

When: Thursday mornings 9:00am - 11:00am

Where: Holy Family OSHC room

What to bring: Water, hat, fruit and a gold coin donation

For enquiries and bookings call 8250 6616 or email [kelly.johnston@holyfamily.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kelly.johnston@holyfamily.catholic.edu.au)

# FROM THE APRIM

Next Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Bernadette. She was born in Lourdes, France on January 7, 1844. Her parents were very poor and she was the first of nine children. As a toddler, Bernadette contracted cholera and suffered extreme asthma unfortunately, living the rest of her life in poor health.

On Thursday, February 11, 1858, fourteen-year-old Bernadette was sent with her younger sister and a friend to gather firewood, when a very beautiful lady appeared to her above a rose bush in a grotto called Massabielle (Tuta de Massavielha). The woman wore blue and white and smiled at Bernadette before making the sign of the cross with a rosary of ivory and gold. Bernadette fell to her knees, took out her own rosary and began to pray. On February 18, Bernadette said "the vision" asked her to return to the grotto each day for a fortnight. With each visit, Bernadette saw the Virgin Mary and the period of daily visions became known as "la Quinzaine sacrée," meaning "holy fortnight."

On February 25, Bernadette claimed to have had a life-changing vision. The vision had told her "to drink of the water of the spring, to wash in it and to eat the herb that grew there" as an act of penance. The next day, the grotto's muddy waters had been cleared and fresh clear water flowed. Church authorities and the French government rigorously interviewed the girl, and by 1862 they confirmed she spoke truth. Since Bernadette first caused the spring to produce clean water, 69 cures have been verified by the Lourdes Medical Bureau, and after what the Church claimed were "extremely rigorous scientific and medical examinations," no one was able to explain what caused the cures.

Bernadette believed it was faith and prayer that was responsible for curing the sick. Bernadette asked the local priest to build a chapel at the

site of her visions and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes is now one of the major Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world. Many other chapels and churches has been built around it, including the Basilica of St. Pius X, which can accommodate 25,000 people and was dedicated by the future Pope John XXIII when he was the Papal Nuncio to France.

On July 29, 1866, Bernadette took the religious habit of a postulant and joined the Sisters of Charity at their motherhouse at Nevers. Her Mistress of Novices was Sister Marie Therese Vauzou and the Mother Superior at the time named her Marie-Bernarde, in honor of her grandmother. Bernadette spent the rest of her life there working as an infirmary assistant, and later a sacristan. "Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with tuberculosis of the bone in her right knee and was unable to take part in convent life. She died in the Sainte Croix (Holy Cross) Infirmary of the Convent of Saint-Gildard at the age of 35 on April 16, 1879, while praying the holy rosary. Bernadette's last words were, "Blessed Marv. Mother of God. pray for me. A

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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## School routines:

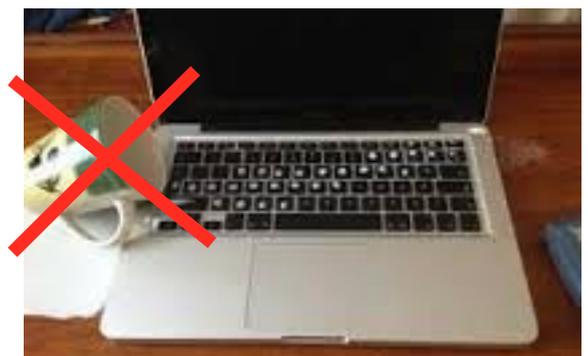
- **SCHOOL START** - School starts at 8.50am, children must be under supervision of adults at all times. Yard Duty begins at 8.30am, if they arrive earlier they need to attend OSHC;
- **LATE ARRIVALS** - If your child is later than 8.50am they **must** sign in at Student Reception;
- **SCHOOL FINISH** - School finishes at 3pm if you **cannot** collect your child by 3.10pm, they need to go to OSHC;
- **PICK UP/DROP OFF SAFETY** - Please use the Kiss and Drop Zone and **DO NOT** drop off your children in the car parks or park in Disabled Zones ... it is illegal;
- **SAFETY** - Please don't walk on the driveways, use the footpaths, don't walk in or out of the vehicle entry/exit gates;
- **LABELLING** - please label all removable clothing (ie. jumpers, jackets, hats), label school bags, drink bottles, lunch boxes and anything else your child may bring;
- **PERSONAL ITEMS** - No toys, electronics or sports equipment to be brought to school (laptops available for lease Years R-1 and provided for Years 2-7, sports equipment available from class teacher);
- **NUT FREE** - A reminder we are a **nut free** school. This includes but is not limited to Nutella, Peanut Butter and some muesli bars.

## Laptops

The laptops are a great tool for the students. Here are a few tips for looking after them:

- No food or drink near the laptop;
- Store in a safe and dry area;
- Use in a dry area (ie not near sinks or wash areas);
- Do not run or walk with the laptop in the open position;
- Do not run with the laptop;
- Always ensure the protective cover is on and not tampered with.

Thank you and enjoy.



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