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## Diary Dates & Reminders

Dear Students, Staff and Families,

One of the strengths of Holy Family Catholic School is the clear sense of direction that you all have about the Ethos and Mission and Purposes of the school. You may be interested, for example, in the Vision our staff have about their Image of the Child and the priorities of our school. You can view what our staff think about these matters on Youtube at the following link:

<http://youtu.be/Zwns6UeEnKw>

Once you have viewed it I would be very interested in your responses to this vision exhibited by our staff. You can email me at [kerry.white@holyfamily.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kerry.white@holyfamily.catholic.edu.au)

PARENT FORUM: Monday March 24th 7pm-9pm

Another of the strengths of our school is that we always have an eye on the future and we are continually planning for future needs. The School Board is currently considering how can best meet the future needs of our community. My attitude to planning is that there needs to be an element of listening carefully to the needs of the people who will be effected by the plans you are undertaking.

I am anxious to understand your needs in the following areas:

How are people relating to local Church? How can we help?

Are we a welcoming, inclusive community? How can we improve?

Is the Playgroup meeting a need? Any changes needed?

Would we benefit from having a Pre School? Child care?

Are there health services which could be based at the school? Speech Therapy? Psychological Support? Other?

Educational pathways for our students.

Any other planning we need to undertake?

Consequently, I would like to invite to attend our first P&F function for the year:

AN EVENING OF CONVERSATION WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Monday 24th March, 7pm

Crèche provided.

Supper provided.

RSVP [kelly.johnston@holyfamily.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kelly.johnston@holyfamily.catholic.edu.au) by Friday March 21

Before I see you at the Forum, if I can assist in any way please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

KERRY WHITE  
PRINCIPAL

**Tuesday 18th March** Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival Board Meeting @6:30pm

**Thursday 20th March** Mass 3/4 CA, 3/4ZS, 3/4LM & 3/4LA @ 11:30am

**Friday 21st March** HARMONY DAY Assembly F/ 1ET & F/1CM

**Monday 24th March** Parent Forum

**Friday 28th March** Assembly F/1RN & F/1MC

**Friday 21st March**  
Harmony Day

**Friday 4th April**  
Sports Day

**Monday 7th - Thursday 10th April**  
Parent Teacher Interviews

## From the APRIM

*Next Monday, March 17th is the Feast of Saint Patrick*

### Here are some interesting facts about him:

Saint Patrick Symbol on UK Flag

Saint Patrick's Cross is red on a white background.

It was added to the Union Jack of Great Britain in 1801, when Ireland became part of the United Kingdom.

### Shamrock:

There are 3 different kinds of shamrocks .

The Black Medic and the Lesser Yellow Trefoil which both have yellow flowers.

The White Clover which has long streamed pink or white flowers.

No-one is quite sure which is the fifth shamrock that is the one used by Saint Patrick as an emblem of the Holy Trinity.



Saint Patrick's Day was first observed in Australia in 1810.

Saint Patrick's Cabbage was a plant grown as a cure for warts, bruises and fevers. People grew it on rooftops to keep off thunder and lightning.

### Important Dates:

1. Saint Patrick's Day, March 17th, dates back to 1713.
  2. Starts with a parade where everyone wears green and a shamrock in their hat.
  3. Many Gaelic games are played on this day including hurling, where a ball the size of a tennis ball is thrown and caught by a metre long stick.
  4. Irish traditional music is played on this day featuring musical instruments such as the harp, tin whistle and fiddle.
  5. Potatoes are the key ingredient in many Irish dishes on this day.
- These include pancakes, stew and shamrock rolls.

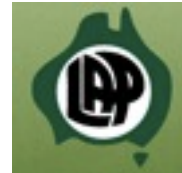
### Saint Patrick

1. Saint Patrick was born in England in 389 AD.
2. At the age of sixteen he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland.
3. At this time he devoted his life to God and converted to Christianity.
4. He escaped to Rome and studied to be a priest.
5. He was consecrated as a Bishop and returned to Ireland to preach the Good News.
6. The shamrock he explained was the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
7. Patrick was given permission by the Druid Chieftain to preach the Word of God all over Ireland.
8. Saint Patrick was a compassionate man who cured many people.
9. He adapted pagan celebrations into Christian feasts.
10. He set up Churches, monasteries and convents throughout Ireland.
11. Legend has it that he drove all the snakes into the Irish Sea.
- 12 He died in 461AD



# Learning Assistance Programme

## Holy Family



The Learning Assistance Program is a special program developed to assist students experiencing difficulties with their emotional growth, relationships, self-esteem and/or behavior management. The program helps student to develop individual/personal skills to enable them to effectively cope with the education process. The Learning Assistance program or 'LAP' offers additional support to students. LAP offers something different for each individual child by offering individual time and mentoring with a caring adult.

The program facilitates the learning of each student by:

- Providing a range of experiences and activities based on particular needs and interests within a positive, affirming context
- Fostering effective social interaction
- Encouraging good communication
- Providing positive learning experiences
- Promoting a strong sense of self-worth.

The program for each child is developed to ensure that each student's individuality is recognised and celebrated, through considering the diverse background, different needs and interests, and different learning style of each child.

The Learning Assistance Program

- Provides the opportunity for each child to establish a positive rapport with a trusted adult
- Offers valuable 1:1 interaction for forty minutes, once a week
- Embraces the child's interests in a relaxed and non-competitive environment
- Ensures success and a sense of achievement at the child's level
- Develops a sense of connection and belonging in the school community.

LAP will provide a meaningful way for parents and other adult volunteers to participate in the support of our students by bringing their individual skills and talents to enrich the lives of our children. The students, volunteers and teaching staff will work as partners in student learning. The learning can be wide and varied, being tailored to the interests and needs of each student and the interests and talents of their volunteer.

If you think this could be you and you could offer forty minutes a week, to help our students on a regular basis, please email your details to: [Giulia.Imbrogno@holyfamily.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Giulia.Imbrogno@holyfamily.catholic.edu.au) or return the bottom slip to the school office.

**LAP VOLUNTEERS – Please return to Front Office by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**TIMES AVAILABLE (circle when available):**

Mon AM/PM   Tues AM/PM   Wed AM/PM   Thurs AM/PM   Fri AM/PM

# Lets Move!

Jessica Franklin

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A fun, exciting and dynamic day of sports, games and healthy competitions to help encourage kids to work as a team and develop new skills, improve confidence and a love and respect for themselves and others.

## Easter School Holidays

Age: 6-14 years

April 14-16th from 9-12pm

Gardens rec centre, Cnr Kings & Martins Rds,  
Parafield Gardens

The above prices are early bird specials, depending on numbers there may be spots available on the day but the prices may differ accordingly.

**\$40** for a day,

**\$75** for two days

**\$100** for all three

Please ensure all children bring a hat, water bottle and towel.

**Consideration:** please ensure that nobody brings or is present with any trace of nuts or nut products to the clinic out of respect for other children's allergies. Please also enclose any required medical equipment e.g. Asthma reliever etc. With directions if necessary. Please advise prior to the clinic if this is important.

## Sacramental Program

A reminder to parents and students participating in the Sacramental Program that the next session on Eucharist is on Saturday, March 15th at 4pm or Sunday, March 16th, at 10:15 am at Siena Hall, next to Salisbury Parish Church, Salisbury.

## Masses, Morning Prayer and Liturgy

**Mass**, Thursday, March 20th 11.30am 3/4 ZS, CA, LM & LA Library

**Liturgy**, Thursday, March 20th 9 am R/1V, classroom

**Morning Prayer**, Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am 6/7AS classroom

## Playgroup at Holy Family

Playgroup is currently held on **Thursday**

**mornings from 9am to 11am.**

We have our own space next to the canteen.

Playgroup is completely **open door** between **9am-11am** so feel free to come **anytime!** You may have time to only come over for a quick

play and coffee or stay a while – the choice is yours.

We have been enjoying lots of **fun activities**, playing together and forming new **friendships** amongst parents and the children.

**You are welcome** to come see us next week!

Any questions come see the front office or

Sinead Diotallevi.

## ‘STEP, REACH, ACHIEVE’

Note: please contact for registration forms and further information

# Sport News:

Congratulations to our students from Holy Family who competed in the SAPSASA Swimming Carnival held Friday 28th February. They all swam extremely well and we could not be more proud of them. Many thanks to Leanne Crook and Nicole Peters for acting as officials on the day and to all parents who drove and supported our team.

Holy Family Catholic School took our the District Championship School on the day.

Congratulations to Nikki Tai, Ethan Crook, Taylor Brewer, Olivia Wilson and Hannah Peters who have been selected to represent Para Districts in the Metropolitan Swimming Championships.

Looking forward to seeing our team compete at our Catholic swimming carnival this coming Tuesday.

Good Luck and thanks for your support

Leanne and Lisa



## Uniform Shop

As you may be aware, students are required to wear winter uniform in Terms 2 and 3. Winter uniform is as follows:

### Girls

Pinafore ( years Rec - 4)  
Skirt (years 5 - 7)  
Blouse  
Tie  
Jumper  
Black knee hi socks or black tights

### Boys

Black trouser with HF logo  
HF striped long sleeved shirt  
Tie  
Jumper  
Black socks with HF stripe

### Sports ( unisex )

Black track pants with HF stripe  
Zip jacket or HF rugby top  
Striped polo shirt  
White sport socks with HF stripe

All winter uniform is now in stock in the Uniform Shop.

We ask that you purchase or place an order for any winter uniform items as soon as possible. This way we can be sure we have enough stock available and allow enough time to order more uniform if necessary.

*We cannot guarantee uniform will be available if you have not placed an order.*

**The Uniform Shop is open on**

**Mondays 8.30am - 9.30am**

**Wednesday 2.30pm - 3.30pm**

**Thursdays 8.30am - 9.30am**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jo and Maria

### ***Sports Day Teams Hair Ties***

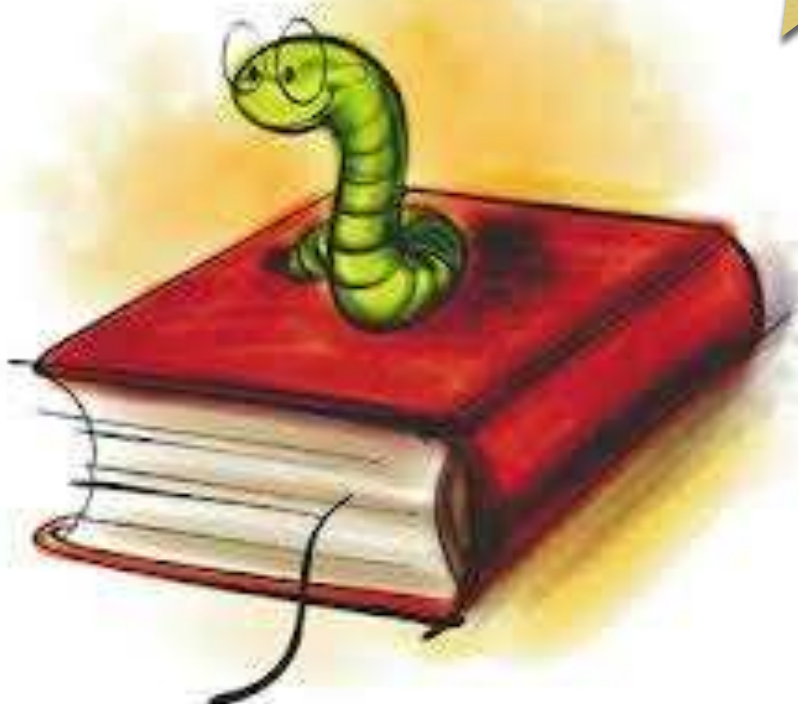
The Uniform Shop now has hair ties in each house colour available for Sports Day at a cost of \$5. Limited amount available.



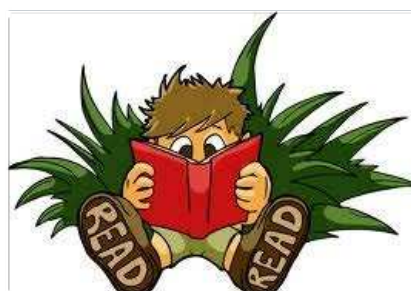
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## Book Fair

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*Please donate a good quality second hand book suitable for children. Please pass this book onto your child's teacher by Friday 21st March 2014*



A way to celebrate and share reading  
Week 9