

**HOLY NAME SCHOOL
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Hello everyone,

This is the final newsletter of the year.
Once again, we ask... where has the year gone?

School Captains

It was my absolute pleasure to announce last Monday at assembly, the two school captains for 2016.

Congratulations to **Kirsten P and Jimmy T**, I know they will be terrific in their role.

Other School Leaders are Siena B, Alyssa L, Jordan F and Jacob R.

Farewell

We say farewell to Mrs Qin Zhang, Mr Chris Borg, Miss Lauren Davis and Miss Kim Staples, who are retiring or moving on to other schools.

We will sorely miss their enthusiasm and love of the children. Each one of them has made a significant contribution to the education of many children and I thank them wholeheartedly for what they have given to Holy Name.

We welcome back Ms Wendy Hoare, Mrs Joanne Furness and Mrs Megan Agar, who all return from leave, as well as Mrs Maria Buttifant.

Year Six Graduation

Next Wednesday night, we celebrate the Year Six Graduation Mass and ceremony, followed by supper in the hall.

We are sad to have to say goodbye to the following families (some of whom have been at Holy Name for many, many years!): Ali Nizar, Antony, Bollas, Castillo, Cooper, Cotic, Dali, Do, Duong, El-Sheikh, Furlan, Gangi, Grillinzoni, Jin, Katsis, Knight, Kondilis, Kyriakopoulos, Lee, Marchesan, Masters, Materis, Mercuri, Milenkovska, Oman, Ozalp, Padovano, Pargari, Perisanidis, Sandeep, Sinikoska, Taranto, Thomas, Thornton, Tomasello, Trajceski, Tran & Zisis.

Carols Rescheduled

Due to the weather forecast and the fact that the church is holding a rosary at the same time, we found it necessary to reschedule the Christmas Carols from tonight to **next Monday, commencing at 5.00pm**. The Choir will go first, followed by the Year Threes, who will then go to their disco. We know this is not ideal for working parents, but we are running out of days for all the functions before the end of the year. The forecast at this stage is a lot kinder.

*****Due to the funeral wake tomorrow, there may be extra cars at school pick up time.***

School Reports

Semester Two reports are being sent home tomorrow (Friday). In the report envelope will be the name of your child's teacher for next year and the time of their half hour testing, on either Tuesday 31 January or Wednesday 1 February.

School Reports will be withheld at the Parish House if there are any outstanding school fees and levies that haven't been discussed with Father Peter or me.

2017 Transition

Transition for 2017 will be on Thursday at 9.00am. The class lists have been carefully prepared over a length of time by your child's current teachers, in the best educational and social interests of your child, and are *not* negotiable. Our new students transferring in from other schools for 2017 will also be in attendance.

Next Friday - End of School at 1.00pm. All parents are welcome to attend and send the Year Six children off in style.

School Board

There was an error in last week's newsletter, where I prematurely retired Vittoria Montesano-Sloan from the school's Advisory Board, this is not the case, as she has one more year involvement. We are still looking at people to join the Board next year; contact me if you are interested.

Before and After School Care 2017

The program will run the same as this year with a different provider. Camp Australia have taken over the service and I'm confident they'll run a terrific program. We tried to retain AnnaMaria as the program co-ordinator, but this hasn't been able to happen. I'd like to thank her for her involvement in the after school care program over many years and we wish her all the best in the future.

**** Parents, please check your child's bag for a notice from Camp Australia about their exciting new 2017 program at Holy Name.**

Parish Mass Times for Christmas are:



Christmas Eve :

6.00pm **Carols & Family Christmas Mass** (in the school grounds)
8.00pm Vietnamese Christmas Eve Mass
10.00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day :

9.00am Italian Christmas Mass
10.30am English Christmas Mass

Thank you for a terrific year!

The office administration staff, Leanne and Rosemarie, the teachers and support staff, the SSO Ian Edwards; the P & F committee; the School Advisory Board; the School Leaders; House Leaders and the SRC; the Class Representatives; the Hot Food Day, Icy Pole Sale and Chocolate Drive Co-ordinators; the magnificent Fete Committee, the icy pole sellers; the School Crossing Supervisors and AnnaMaria from ASC.

And to all the parents who have helped out in any way to enhance the school community, I sincerely thank you for your efforts. Also, a big thank you to Father Peter for his support throughout the year and the Parish Team, Anne, Carolyn & Susy.

TEACHING STAFFING 2017

Principal - David Delaney

Deputy Principal- Mark Tierney

Teaching & Learning – Susan Mitchell

Student Services - Geraldine Sloan

Prep - Belinda Iudiciani

Prep –Joanne Furness/ Megan Agar 0.2

1 – Lynda Bakas/Anna Bregu 0.2

1 - Rosa Zannoni/Anna Bregu 0.2

2 – Antonella Catalano

2 – Amanda Mastroianni

3 – Maureen Gough/Anna Bregu 0.2

3 – Nives Foresio/Grace Ciorciari 0.2

4 – Meagan Baldwin

4 – Frank Catalano

5 – Donna Monteleone/Grace Ciorciari 0.1

5 – Wendy Hoare/Amanda Pacella 0.4

6 – Peter Koulaxizellis

6 – Derryn Ling/Mark Tierney 0.2

Performing Arts – Maria Buttifant

Visual Arts – Luisa Vivarelli

Physical Education – Ryan Hartnett

Italian – Amanda Pacella

Reading Recovery – Sue Torney

Support Staff:

Angela Gangi

Angela Tomasello

Vivien Costa

Linda Gigliotti

Clara Salmanidis

Megan Papa

Gordana Jordanovska

Admin Staff:

Leanne Fraser

Rosemarie Zihlmann 0.4

Maintenance:

Ian Edwards

Parents & Friends Great Donation

A cheque of **\$71,310** was officially handed to the school last night.

As per the school's wish list, it was agreed that funds are to be spent as follows:

1. Shade Structure along McColl St replicating existing structure, but smaller
2. Concrete slab & paving for structure
3. Table & seating for new structure
4. 20 x ipads plus ipad trolley for Prep class

After the above-mentioned items have been accounted for, the P&F agreed to allocate the remaining funds to the following :

1. Playground climbing teepee
2. 2 x New Basketball Backboards
3. 3D Printer
4. Ozobots (Preps to Grade 2)
5. 2 x Mobile Soccer Goals
6. 4 x Art Room tables

I'd like to personally thank our magnificent P&F body for their generosity of money and effort over the course of the year. Diana, Joanna and Bernadette are all stepping down from the leadership roles after many years of fantastic service, so we will need people to assume these positions next year.

I have a long term vision of replacing the adventure playground.

Restoration of Bell Tower and Disruption to Church Carpark

Next week, from Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th inclusive, the Church carpark will be out of bounds (blocked off), due to the Bell Tower restoration.

****A reminder that school finishes next Friday at 1.00pm****

Finally, I would like to thank all the children and their families for a wonderful year. Wishing you all a safe and Merry Christmas and I look forward to the children's return on **Thursday 2 February**.

David Delaney
Principal

END OF YEAR MASS

We celebrate the end of the school year with a mass on the 16th December at 9.15am. It will be a celebration of the leaving Year Six students, as we thank them for their contributions to our school over the past seven years. We will also acknowledge our Year Six students for 2017, by presenting their graduation windcheaters and giving out the leadership badges to our 2017 leaders.

As with all our school masses, parents are warmly invited to attend.



YESTERDAY'S REPORT FROM EMILY R – 'PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY'

Today has been the best day ever!
I will remember this day and hopefully so will all the kids. Today, I have got to walk around the classrooms, play games, go out for lunch, look after kids on yard, set up for advent, send notes, talk to kids that I have not talked to before, made a long lunch break, gave extra sports time, sat in the Principal chair AND NOT DO WORK!



It has been amazing.....

Thank you to my family for paying money for an amazing day!
From Emily R, Principal for the Day and regular Gr5N student

FROM THE LIBRARY

We still have quite a number of overdue/outstanding library books. These MUST be back by next Tuesday 13th. Please have a good look around at home, as **any books not returned must be paid for.**

Thank you to Grades 3F, 4C & 6P who have returned all their books.
Gordana Jordanovska, Library Tech

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR HEALTH CARE CARD/PENSION CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS



Application forms for the Education Department CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund) for 2017, are at the office on the counter.

If you are eligible as at the 30th January, 2017 (holder of a current and valid Health Care card/pension concession or are a foster parent OR Veteran Affairs pensioner), you can apply for your primary school student. CSEF payment is \$125 per year paid directly to the school and can **ONLY** be used for camp/excursion/incursion type activities.

We would like all forms to be returned BEFORE 28 February, so that payments will be received around March.

HOLY NAME HONOUR ROLL

The week's Honour Roll recipients are:

PrepD	Antonio D
PrepI	Stella V, Caden B & Joseph R
1B	Akshay R & Abby B
1Z	Angelique K
2C	Vanessa D & Natalia D
2M	Brock D
3F	Alexander K
3G	Patrick B & Nina P
4B	Eshkaa S
4C	Thomas P
5D	Sophia K
5N	Sienna K & Eli W
6K	Stevie M
6L	Jamie K
6P	Lachlan M



P.S. Don't forget to check out our honour board in the Office Corridor

STUDENT BANKING

Has finished for 2016.

Student banking will resume on Tuesday 7th February, 2017.



UNIFORM ITEMS FOR SALE AT THE OFFICE

The school office has legionnaires hats for \$11 (gone up by \$1) and replacement sunglasses for \$15.

Also house colour t-shirts (all colours & sizes @\$8 each)

ORDER ACADEMY UNIFORMS ONLINE - academyuniforms.com.au

If you order online (our password is – reservoir), or by phone with your credit card, Academy will deliver the item to the school in 2017, at no extra cost.

CLASSROOM CUISINE LUNCH ORDERS –FRIDAY SERVICE

Go to the website: classroomcuisine.com.au for prices and how to order.

Reflection of the Week

There is no better time than now, this very Christmas season, for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the principles taught by Jesus the Christ.

*It is the time to love the Lord, our God, with all our heart –
and our neighbours as ourselves.*

Thomas S. Monson

With today's newsletter the attachments are:

- Holy Name Parish newsletter to eldest (white)
- Camp Australia notice to all families (via eldest)
- Grade One Mums' Christmas get together notice to all Gr1 mums
- Education Today magazine to all families via eldest
- Parish letter to some families (envelope)

COMMUNITY NEWS

WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM

St Peter's Primary School (32 Wedge St, Epping), invite you to 'Walk through Bethlehem', on 21, 22 & 23 December – 9pm – 12 midnight. Food and entertainment from 7pm. For details, go to www.walkthroughbethlehem.com.au or check out [facebook.com/walkthroughbethlehem](https://www.facebook.com/walkthroughbethlehem)

DAREBIN YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Looking for an exciting way to keep your children entertained over the school holidays? Let them enjoy a wide range of fun activities at Darebin YMCA Holiday Program!

With a variety of exciting incursions and activities, the kids are sure to have a fun, action packed day. For more information go to www.darebinstadium.ymca.org.au or call us on 9471 4935.

Calendar of Known Dates

**Reminder – some dates may need to change
(Added dates in green)**

TERM FOUR

DECEMBER

PREP TO TWO SWIM ENDS	FRI 9 DEC
END OF YEAR REPORTS GO HOME	FRI 9 DEC
GR SIX FUN DAY OUT	FRI 9 DEC
GR5 END OF YEAR CATCH-UP	FRI 9 DEC @6pm
SPECIAL VISITOR TO PREPS	MON 12 DEC
GR 3 END OF YEAR DISCO	MON 12 DEC (early evening)
CAROLS EVENING	MON 12 DEC (5pm start)
YEAR SIX GRADUATION EVENING	WED 14 DEC
TRANSITION FOR 2017 CLASSES	THURS 15 DEC
END OF SCHOOL YEAR	FRI 16 DEC (1.00pm finish)
GR6 DISCO	FRI 16 DEC (6.30pm)
GR1 MUMS' GET TOGETHER	FRI 16 DEC (evening @7.30pm)

KNOWN DATES FOR 2017

TESTING DAYS FOR GRS 1 TO 6

ALL STUDENTS PREP TO SIX START	TUES 31 JAN & WED 1 FEB
YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION	THURSDAY 2 FEB
	SUN 21 MAY - 10.30am

****Assembly is on Wednesdays, beginning 3.00pm.**

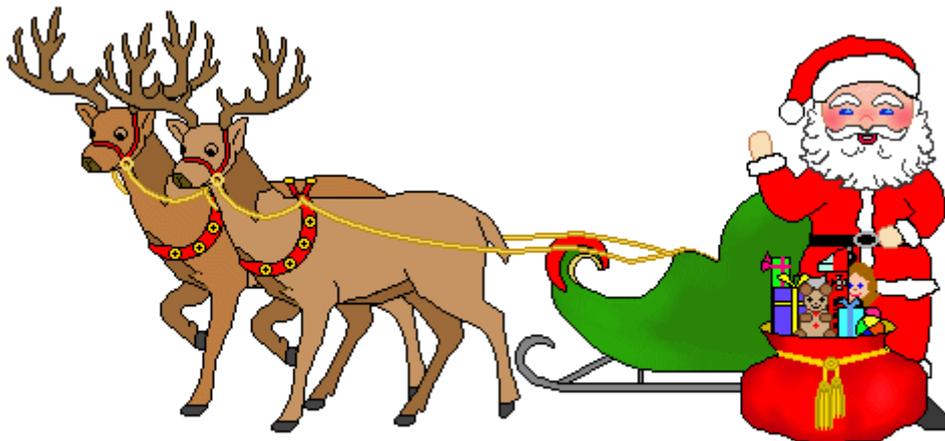
Children's Lunch & Afternoon break times:

10.50am – children eat in classroom

11.00 – 11.45am – children play outside & 11.50am class begins

1.50 – 2.20pm – children play outside & 2.25pm class begins

(If it is raining, children remain inside under teacher supervision)



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year...
Have a safe & happy holiday break!**