A Message from the Principal

I feel that I am looking in the face of God. I can see how it might be possible for someone to look around on earth and not believe in God, but I cannot conceive how anyone could look up into the heavens and say there is no God. Abraham Lincoln commenting when looking into a clear night sky

School Captains
Today, I spoke to the Year 5 students about nominating for School Captain in 2016. They need to present their nomination to me this week and be able to discuss ways they have demonstrated our values in their lives at Holy Family Catholic Primary School. If their nomination is accepted, they will present their speeches on Friday of Week 9 (4th December). If your child is intending to nominate but will not be here on that day, please let me know. I’m sure we can accommodate their speech somehow.

Official Opening of Hard Court Cover

Last Friday, we officially opened our hard court cover. Unfortunately, Natasha Griggs was unable to attend due to other commitments. Lorraine King, our School Board Chair, presented a wonderful speech outlining how we committed to this project. We were fortunate enough to have Bishop Eugene present to speak to our students and Delia Lawrie, our local member, was also able to make the opening. It was noted by all that attended how ‘cool’ it was under the cover considering the heat and humidity we are experiencing at the moment. It certainly will be an asset to our school for years to come.
**God Bless**
Shane Donohue
Principal

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**Diary Dates—Term 4 —2015**

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**Christmas Concert**

Please remember our Christmas concert will be Tuesday evening, December 1st beginning at 6.30pm. This year, we will be holding the event in the O’Loughlin gym which is a little larger than our assembly area and hopefully, a little cooler. The P&F will be selling drinks and small candles on the evening.

**No Parking Signs (A reminder from last week)**

More and more it has been noticed in the morning that parents are parking in the drop off zone and bringing their students into the school. Please remember to use the car parks provided as this will allow for better traffic flow off Calytrix Road and be much safer as our students enter the school.

**Shane Donohue**
Principal
AROUND THE SCHOOL...

Advent Groups

Last Friday marked the beginning of our early Advent season here at Holy Family. Year 6 students led their groups in discussion about Advent and introduced them to the Jesse Tree. Four symbols were discussed, decorated and added to the Jesse Tree during prayer circles.

iPad Parent Sessions – Term 4

Lauren O’Shea will be running weekly iPad sessions for parents covering a range of iPad tips, tricks, settings and instructions on how to use various applications. The sessions are available for all parents and any infants are welcome and can be kept occupied with toys and games. These sessions will go for approximately 20 minutes and will be held after Monday morning assemblies in the After School Care room. If you have your own iPad feel free to bring it along, otherwise you can borrow from the school. The topics below are a guide; ideas and suggestions of what you would like to be covered are encouraged. Hope to see you there!

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**AROUND THE SCHOOL...**

**BYODD Online Survey**

Thanks to the parents who completed the online survey at the tech expo.

If you did not complete the survey I would really appreciate you taking five minutes to share your thoughts and feedback. To complete the survey please visit this website: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9LPGD0S](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9LPGD0S)

Lauren O’Shea  
REC & BYODD Project Leader

**Christmas Raffle**

Have you seen the fantastic Christmas Hamper on display in the front office that the P&F have put together? Raffle tickets have been sent home.

**Vacation Care**

We will be running our usual Vacation Care programme over the Christmas Holidays. The centre will be open from:

- Monday 14th December—Friday 18th December
- Monday 4th January—Friday 22nd January 2016

Booking forms and costings will be available soon.

**Rainbow Closure Dates**

Rainbows will shut at 12.00pm Thursday, 24th December and re-open Monday 4th January 2016. The centre will be closed on Monday 25th January for a whole staff professional development day.

**Year 6 Graduation**

Monday 7th December

Commencing at 5.30pm at Holy Family Church, followed by dinner at 7.00pm in the Music/Drama Room.

Smarter casual dress required

$27.00 per person

Tickets to be purchased from the office by Monday, 30th November.

**O’Loughlin College Day**

Students from O’Loughlin College joined us last Friday. The students worked with classes taking face painting, Christmas craft and sporting activities.
**Student Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at Assembly last week.

**Room 15 Tran** – Maddison Kennedy & Eliza Van Duijne de Kruijf  
**Room 14 Yr T/1** – Mia Peachey & Jonas Senga  
**Room 13 Yr 1/2** – Dyzel Lambino, Illyssa King & Alex Plews  
**Room 12 Yr 2/3** – Phoebe Turnbull, Christian Lai, Noah Freire, Kyneton Hewitt & Chaiyce De Satge  
**Room 11 Yr 3/4** – Jordan Lai, Xavier Chandler, Nikolaos Petrakis & Desmin Yovich  
**Room 9 Yr 3/4** – Lucy Weatherald, Dylan Mende & Ciara Shakes  
**Room 6 Yr 5/6** – Chloe Blanch & Tia-Rose O’Callaghan  
**Room 7 Yr 5/6** – Jahman DeSatge, Maya Kruger, Mikaela Kempster, Anisha Damaso & Erin Vea  
**ICT Awards** – No awards this week

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**Notes Sent Home**

★ Year 6 Graduation tickets for sale

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**Happy Birthday**

This week we wish the following students a Happy Birthday.

- **Isobel Lovegrove**  
  - 16th November
- **Max Hildred**  
  - 17th November
- **Jordan Lai**  
  - 18th November
- **Elise Moore**  
  - 20th November

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**Holy Family School App**

At Holy Family Catholic School we are always looking for the best way to communicate within our school community, and we believe this app will help. Download this app and stay up to date with all the latest news and events from us and view the latest editions of the school newsletters. We will keep you up to date regarding urgent reminders and notifications about events we are holding within the school. Stay connected to our Holy Family Catholic School community by searching for ‘Holy Family Karama’ in the app store.
Photo Gallery

**RAK’ed Award**
*(Random Acts of Kindness)*

Congratulations to Zoe Holloway who won our RAK’ed award this week and received a $5.00 Scholastic book voucher.

**Student Birthdays**

**Student Awards**

**Official Opening of our Hard Court Cover**

**Winners—Lunch time Basketball Competition**

**School, After School Care, and Early Learning Centre Fees**

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fee account. It would be appreciated if fees could be paid as soon as possible. If you need to discuss your fee payment please speak to Janet in the office.
Mrs Cassandra De Silva has vacancies for this term for piano lessons. For enquiries, contact Cassandra directly on 89450119. Lessons are held during school hours. Mrs De Silva also has Piano lessons after school hours in Karama at $25 per lesson. As well as weekly lessons, Cassandra is now offering students fortnightly lessons to those who find it too costly, so they can still keep fingers moving and not lose technique and skills.

1 Day Bronze Medallion Course - Customised

Darwin  
21st November 8.30-4.30
LEARN THE SKILLS IN WATER RESCUES
BECOME A COMMUNITY LIFESAVER
This course is customised for people who have a strong understanding of water safety, have a good level of fitness and are able to complete the theory workbook using the manual provided prior to course commencement.

Enrolments close: 4PM 17th November, with all packs picked up by Wednesday 18th November
For bookings & further information Contact Ph: 8941 6087
Email: trainingmanagernt@rlsa.org.au
Online Bookings: nt.training.royallifesaving.com.au

Wet Season Series 2015
Top End Orienteers are holding a short series of orienteering events around Darwin on Monday evenings. You can compete individually or in groups and visit as many or as few checkpoints as you want.

Each Monday there will be two options:
Easy course: suitable for novices (2-2.5 km) or Scatter: handicapped course where you decide how many checkpoints to visit (3.5-5.5 km)

Events
Starts available between: 5:30-6:15 pm
Courses close: 7:00 pm

Monday Yanyula Park in Anula
23rd Nov near Anula Shops
Monday Malak Place
30th Nov Malak

Cost
$5 per entry

Further information: John Shanahan
0406 876 168 fshanahan2@bigpond.com
Holy Family School Board

2015 has been another successful year of partnership between the school, the Parish and our Board. Earlier in the year we welcomed Michelle Elliott and Shannon Russell as parent representatives. Michelle accepted the position of Finance Representative and Shannon accepted the position of Secretary. We thank our outgoing members, Pamela Stedman and Janice Plews for their commitment during 2014. This year, our Board members were:

Fr Mon
President

Shane Donohue
Executive Officer (Principal)

Lorraine King
Chairperson

Matt Bernasconi
Vice Chairperson

Shannon Russell
Secretary

Michelle Elliott
Finance Representative

Andree Totham
Staff Representative

Cerise Sherwell
P&F Representative

Janet Kirby
Finance Officer

Highlights of the Board’s efforts during 2015 include:-

- Finalisation of the school’s financial commitment to the construction of the cover over the hard court.
- Consideration of the school’s marketing plan and the creation of a flyer showcasing many unique elements of our school for distribution during Term 4.
- Consultation with parents and staff to develop a maintenance and building plan for the next 12 months and beyond.
- A continued strong working relationship between the Board and the school to provide consideration and support to school initiatives including the BYODD Program, the Learning Powers Project and upgrades to classroom furniture.
- Alignment of the Board’s governance with its responsibilities as a Catholic School Board.

Thank you to all our Board members for your commitment to ensuring that Holy Family Catholic Primary School continues to be a school of excellence where our children have the opportunity to thrive academically, emotionally and spiritually.

Lorraine King
Lorraine King
Chairperson

Shane Donohue
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Executive Officer (Principal)