

WELCOME TO 5 DP & 5 HN

Weekly Specialist Lessons

Spanish

5HN: Monday and Tuesday with Senora Maria-Teresa Opazo.

5DP: Tuesday and Wednesday with Senora Virginia Nunez-Scalzi.

Music

5HN and **5DP:** Tuesday with Mrs Sarah Crisp.

Sport

5HN and **5DP:** Wednesday with Miss Lisa Roberts.

****Please note:** Sports uniform is not to be worn on any other day unless specified. If for some reason your child needs to wear it on another day, a note explaining why will be required.

Library Time

5HN and **5DP:** Our Library returning and borrowing day will be on a **Monday**.

Team Teaching

In 5HN, students will have two part-time teachers. This means that Dani Higgs will teach every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, whilst Virginia Nunez-Scalzi will teach every Thursday.



Welcome to 2018

Welcome to the 2018 school year! We are looking forward to working with you and your child this year and would like to make you aware of a number of house-keeping matters, which will hopefully help with a smooth transition into a new year of learning.

Morning Organisation

School begins at **8:50am**. Students are responsible for their learning and belongings, and therefore need to:

- ◆ Put their lunchbox in the fridge.
- ◆ Ensure that they have taken their lunch order to the Canteen (if required).

If for any reason your child is going to arrive late or be absent, we ask that you let the teachers (email/note) or Office staff (phone) know so that we can meet our absentee requirements. If your child arrives at school after 9.30 am, they will be required to sign in via the Office before coming to class.





Parent Information Night

Our Parent Information Night will be held at **6:00 pm on Tuesday Week 2**, in the classroom. We strongly encourage you to attend this session, as important aspects of your child's learning and classroom routines will be explained. It will also give us all an opportunity to get to know each other and to establish a working partnership.

Parent Helpers

There are numerous opportunities where parents can become involved in our classroom. We are very keen to have parents help out so if you are interested please let us know. You must have a Catholic Police Clearance to help and these forms can be obtained from the Office and will also be available at the Parent Information Night.

Term 1 Key Dates:

Tuesday 13th February (Week 3) - Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

Wednesday 14th Feb (Week 3) - Ash Wednesday MASS (whole school)

Friday 16th Feb (Week 3) - 5 DP/HN Assembly

Wednesday 21st Feb (Week 4) - 5DP Morning Prayer

Thursday 15th March (Week 7) - 5 DP/HN Saint Patrick Mass

Sports Day - TBA

Communication Between Home and School

General notes and newsletters will be given to your child at the end of the day for them to carry out of the classroom or put in their bag, so please ensure that you look out for this correspondence regularly. We encourage you to use email when notifying us about issues such as absences, appointments, changes in pick up details etc. We will endeavour to respond to your email in the nearest possible break, and will certainly have time to provide more depth if required, after school hours.

Our email addresses are:

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Class Blog

All classes across the school will be using an online Blog as another way of communicating between home and school. To be able to access this blog at home, you will need to use the following URL:

<http://blogs.holyfamily.catholic.edu.au/5dp5hn/>

Please read and return the form '**Making Learning Visible at Holy Family**'. This form includes information about how to subscribe to the blog and a return slip about giving permission to use photographs of your child. Once we have received your consent, your child's learning can be included on our blog.

Nude Food/Brain Food

As Ecology is a part of our mission at Holy Family we are taking big steps in reducing our waste. This will require your cooperation. We want to move towards being a 'waste free' school and we wish to promote and endorse the 'Nude Food' initiative. This encourages families to place all food items in containers, including **fresh fruit or vegetables** for your child to eat in the classroom for Brain Food. These containers can be taken home and washed every night and reused, rather than using glad wrap, alfoil, plastic zip-lock bags and paper bags. Your help in this matter is very important.

We plan to take steps this year to remove most of the bins from the yard, meaning that any non recyclable rubbish will be sent home with them in their lunchbox at the end of each day. In every classroom students can recycle their food scraps, paper and 10c recyclable cans and bottles. Any 'nude food' container is welcome.

We look forward to teaching your child this year and working with you to help them achieve their potential. Please come and introduce yourself to us soon!!

*Warm Regards,
Daniel, Dani & Virginia*