



HFS Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2 17th October 2022

Week 2 Events

WEDNESDAY
NSWPSSA
Athletics
(Sydney)

Canteen Closed

THURSDAY
NSWPSSA
Athletics
(Sydney)

Kinder
Transition

FRIDAY
Infants
Excursion
(Postponed)

Assembly
(Postponed)

Week 3 Events

MONDAY
Assembly
2.45pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I was fortunate to attend the Catholic Schools NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Conference in Leura with 22 representatives from our Diocese. Mrs Donna Payne and I, alongside Merindah Wilson from Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes, were invited to present at the Conference on 'Our Wiradjuri Journey' at Holy Family, Parkes. Our presentation was very well received and we have received some excellent feedback on the work we are doing in the area of Aboriginal Education at our school. Mrs Payne and I will now represent our Diocese this week at the Stronger Smarter Program in Cherbourg in Queensland. This week, Mr and Mrs Berger will also be on leave. Mrs Trish Cleal will be acting principal in our absence. Please do not hesitate to make yourself known to Mrs Cleal if you need to make contact with the school this week.

Good luck to Khan Jackson and Seth King who are representing Polding at the NSWPSSA Athletics Carnival at Homebush this week!

Our Kindergarten Transition Program commences on Thursday. At this stage we are welcoming 20 children to our 2023 Kindergarten class. I am sure they will have a wonderful first transition to school with Mrs Jones and Mrs Cannon.

The Alpaca Farm excursion has been postponed due to the wet weather forecast for Friday. This will now be held on Friday 4th of November.

A reminder that the Week 2 Assembly has been moved to Week 3.

Denise Gersbach
Principal



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Star of the Week

Farrah Edmonds is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being a kind and caring student.



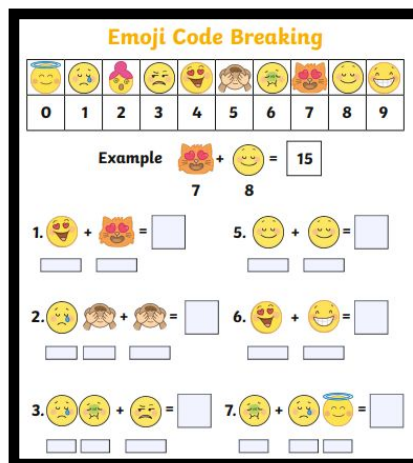
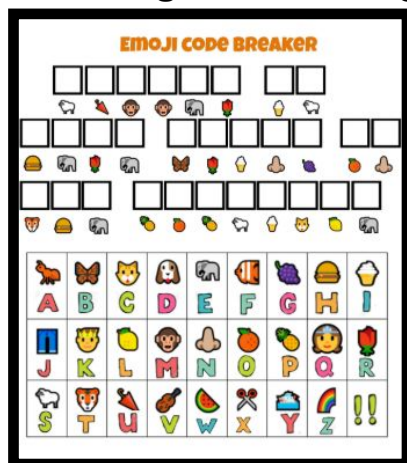
Favourite subject	Religion
Favourite pastime	Colouring in
Favourite food	Grandpa's famous spaghetti
What do you like most about our school?	I have many friends
What would you like to be when you grow up?	A doctor

Term 4 Week 2: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - In Trust)

Show empathy, tolerance and understanding

I have two challenges for you this fortnight. You can attempt one or both and there will be two prizes. Enjoy the challenges with your family and friends.

This fortnight's challenges -



If you solve the problems and there are multiple winning entries, your name will go into a draw. The winners will be drawn out of a hat and receive a prize at our School Assembly. Please write your name and answer on a piece of paper and hand it to me any time this week.

I hope everyone has a great week.

Andrew Berger

Assistant Principal

Religion

Religious Education

Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

All Saints Day- Tuesday, 1st November

The saints of the church are a diverse group of people who lived varied and interesting lives. Their ranks include martyrs, kings and queens, missionaries, widows, theologians, parents, nuns and priests, and “everyday people” who dedicated their lives to God and helping others.

There will be a special Mass for All Saints Day in the school hall at 12:15pm.

Masses/Liturgies in Term 4.

Mass/Liturgy	Date & Time	Church/Chapel/Hall	Class
All Saints Day Mass	Tuesday, 1 November, 2022 12:15pm	HF Hall	Stage 2
Sacrament of Penance First Reconciliation (Year 2)	Thursday, 3 November, 2022 6:00pm	HF Church	Stage 1
St Vincent de Paul Mass	Friday, 4 November, , 2022 12:15pm	HF Hall	Stage 3
Kindergarten Liturgy	Friday, 1 December, 2022 12: 15pm	HF Chapel	Early Stage 1
Year 6 Graduation Mass	Thursday, 8 December, 2022 12:15pm	HF Church	Stage 3

- *Further information regarding the Masses/Liturgies will be sent home closer to their dates.*

*Sacrament of Reconciliation-

Catholic students in Year 2

Thursday, 3rd November 2022, 6pm.

Holy Family Catholic Church.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week!

Beverly Berger

Notes

Alpaca Farm Excursion

Due to the rain expected this week the infant's excursion to the Alpaca farm has been postponed.

New Date: Friday, 4th November

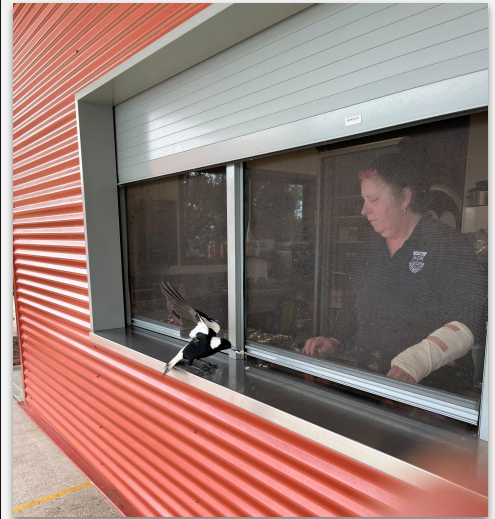


Head Lice

There has been cases of head lice reported to the school. Please check your child if they are showing any symptoms.

Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2024

- Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2024 must be made online between 18 October 2022 and 16 November 2022.
- Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>
- shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au
- All candidates are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 4 May 2023.



Canteen

The canteen will be closed this week on Wednesday. On a lighter note... Mrs Casperson not only does an outstanding job of taking care of our students but also her pet magpie!

Reminder

The Young Engineers Program starts this week:

Year 1 & 2

Tuesday: 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Year 3 - 6

Wednesday: 3.15pm - 4.15pm

School Travel

Term 4 2022

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Travel from Term 1 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH SCHOOL, PARKES

KINDER TRANSITION SESSIONS



When: Thursdays from 9.15 - 11AM
Sessions: 20th & 27th October
3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th November



Please supply hat, fruit and waterbottle



Free Trial -
Week 2

Program Starts -
Week 3



TERM 4 - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Because we know how important it is for your child to be engaged in physical activity to ensure they remain on the path to living an active lifestyle.



8 week program

Targeting primary-aged children, one afternoon a week for 1.5 hours which will involve a variety of game based physical activities targeting FMS, object manipulation, balance, coordination + more.



Approved Providers

We accept Active Kids vouchers (so **the program is almost free**). Receive your voucher here sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids If you have already used your two Active Kids Vouchers per child this year, the cost is \$110 (inc. GST) for the entire program.



Simple 2min Registration

Option 1 - Scan the QR Code above to sign up.

Option 2 - Head to our Facebook page 'Exergames Central West' and follow the prompts. Or head to our website www.exergames.com.au

Why choose us?

Our qualified staff are highly experienced in delivering 'one of a kind' game-based programs to children throughout the Central West. Just check out our promotional video on our website.

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BIODIVERSITY IN FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Calling all young nature enthusiasts and photographers!



Submit your most intriguing photos of native:

**Flora | Fauna | Fungi
Natural Landscapes**

found within the Shire!

ENTRIES OPEN TO
PRIMARY & SECONDARY STUDENTS

**1 SEP -
28 OCT
2022**

PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!

For more information visit www.parkes.nsw.gov.au and search "biodiversity in focus".

www.parkes.nsw.gov.au

It all adds up. **PARKES**

PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

St Joseph's Eugowra P&F Association's

COLOUR MY RUN

& 23 Oct

FAMILY FUN DAY

Sausage Sizzle
available

Adults: \$10

Children 4-16yrs: \$5

Family: \$30

**First run 10.30am
Last run 12.30pm**

**Bookings ESSENTIAL
No tickets available on the day
Bookings close 16th October**

Purchase tickets:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CCDCI>



CHILD SAFE SCHOOLS AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We take our responsibility to protect children seriously. All staff are expected to promote child safety by having a clear understanding of their legal child protection responsibilities and act in accordance with those responsibilities.

In particular the school will:

- Maintain professionalism in our interactions with children at all times by exercising appropriate duty of care and maintaining professional boundaries.
- Follow an established process to address allegations of inappropriate behaviour by staff towards children.
- Ensure all people working in our school who are required to undertake a Working With Children Check have a valid clearance.
- Respond appropriately when we suspect a child is at risk of significant harm due to possible abuse or neglect by a parent/carer or other adult.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

Screening of those working in schools

Working With Children Checks are undertaken by staff working in our school. Non-exempt school volunteers, outside tutors, external providers and any staff engaged by an external organisation are also expected to provide schools with their WWCC which is verified prior to engagement.

Exemptions from Working With Children Check are:

- Children (under the age of 18);
- A 'parent of a child' includes a carer or person who has legal responsibility for a child;
- A 'close relative' includes a spouse or de facto partner, child, step-child, parent, step-parent, sibling, step-sibling, grandparent, step-grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew.

This exemption does not apply where the work is part of a formal mentoring program or involves intimate, personal care of children with a disability, or when volunteering on overnight camps.

The purpose of the check is to exclude people from working with children who are not suitable. A person who has been convicted or found guilty of a listed serious offence against children (whether in NSW or elsewhere) is prohibited from working in a child related role.

The participation of parents and close relatives of students at the school as volunteers is welcomed and appreciated for various activities in the school. It is important that all volunteers are aware that they are subject to child protection legislation. This means all volunteers must:

- sign in on the Compass Kiosk at the front office and obtain a visitor's badge or slip as per school procedure;
- check with the school to ascertain the current legal requirements for working with children;
- not engage in any inappropriate behaviour towards any children. In particular, although parents and volunteers are not employed by the school, they are considered to be 'staff' for legal purposes and are subject to an investigation if an allegation of inappropriate behaviour towards a child or children is received.

Volunteers who are not the parent or a close relative of a child at the school will be expected to undertake a Working With Children Check.

Further information on the Working With Children Check can be found on the website for the Office of the Children's Guardian at <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/>