



HFS Newsletter

Term 4 Week 4 31st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to the teachers and parents who accompanied our 5/6 students on their 3 day excursion to Sydney last week. The children had a fabulous time and enjoyed the many attractions they were able to visit. Our infants students are excited to be visiting the Alpaca Farm for their excursion this Friday.

Last Thursday was the second session of our 2023 Kindergarten Transition Program. The children have been most settled and are enjoying getting to know the routines of 'big school'. We have 20 children commencing school with us next year.

There will be a P&F Meeting tomorrow evening at 6pm in the back dining room of the Coachman Hotel. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

This week we have three special liturgical celebrations. Tomorrow we will be celebrating Mass in our school hall at 12.15pm for All Saints Day. Our Year 2 students will make their First Reconciliation at Holy Family Church at 6pm on Thursday. On Friday we will hold another special Mass to celebrate St Vincent de Paul. All families are welcome to join us for these celebrations.

Our Week 4 Assembly will be held on Thursday this week instead of Friday due to our infants excursion on Friday. It has been wonderful to see so many children progressing through our stage awards at each assembly.

We are currently confirming all staffing arrangements for 2023 at Holy Family. I can advise the class structure for next year which will be:

Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, and 3 x Year 5/6 classes which will see a total of 8 classes next year, one more than this year.

Welcome to Georgia Kearney and Tegan Armour who have commenced their university practicum placements on 1W and 5/6B today.

Denise Gersbach
Principal



Week 4 Events

MONDAY

**Year 6 Red
Bend
Orientation Day**

TUESDAY

**All Saints Day
Mass 12.15pm
(Hall)**

**P&F Meeting
(Coachman)
6pm**

THURSDAY

**Kinder
Transition
(9.15 - 11am)**

**Assembly
2.45pm**

**Yr 2 First
Reconciliation
(HF Church)
6pm**

FRIDAY

**Infants
Excursion
Alpaca Farm**

**St Vincent de
Paul Mass -
12:15pm**

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Star of the Week

Allie O'Brien is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being a kind and generous student.

Interview with Allie



Favourite subject	Art
Favourite pastime	Drawing animals
Favourite food	Biscotti bolognese
What do you like most about our school?	The teachers
What would you like to be when you grow up?	A Vet (Veterinarian)

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

□ Listen to the opinions of others and act sensitively

An Amazing Fact a Day

Crack the Code

Emperor Penguins can dive down up to 565 metres below the water's surface, which makes it the deepest diver of any bird.

Crack the code to learn more about penguins.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. How many different species of penguin are there?

19	5	22	5	14	20	5	5	14

2. How fast can penguins swim?

20	23	5	14	20	25	20	23	15	13	16	8

3. Where can all species of penguin be found?

19	15	21	20	8	5	18	14	8	5	13	9	19	16	8	5	18	5

4. Which is the smallest species of penguin?

12	9	20	20	12	5	2	12	21	5	16	5	14	7	21	9	14

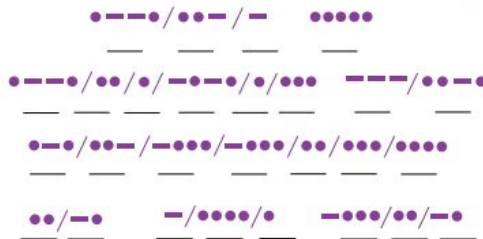
5. Which is the tallest species of penguin?

5	13	16	5	18	15	18	16	5	14	7	21	9	14

Morse Code Alphabet Chart

A	● —	B	— ● ● ● ●	C	— ● — ●	D	— ● ● ●
E	●	F	● ● — ●	G	— — ● ●	H	● ● ● ●
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Use the Morse Code Alphabet Chart to help you translate this message.
Complete the task once you have decoded it.



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

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

There are two important days in the Liturgical Calendar coming up this week-

- All Saints' Day (November 1)
- All Souls' Day (November 2).

There will be a Mass for All Saints' Day on Tuesday, in the school hall. All are welcome.

All Saints' Day is a Christian solemnity, or dignified remembrance. The Church celebrates and honours all the saints, whether known or unknown. It is also known as All Hallows' Day, the Feast of All Saints, the Solemnity of All Saints, and Hallowmas.

The Church celebrates the lives and good deeds of many saints.

"Most saints, however, are not known to us. They lived good and quiet lives that helped to prepare them for life in heaven. These are the saints we remember on All Saints Day". (Educating in Christ)

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 Penance (First Reconciliation) Catholic students in Year 2
Thursday, 3rd November 2022, 6pm (Chn. need to be there at 5:45pm).
Holy Family Catholic Church.**

I hope everyone has a wonderful week!
Beverly Berger

Assembly Awards

Week 2

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJC	Samara Lovegrove
	1W	Mason Willd
	2C	Hunter Wythes
	3/4H	Tyson Smith
	3/4N	Rebekah Brown
	5/6B	Tom Chapman
	5/6H	Coco Byrnes
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - KJC	Knox Calabro
	Primary - 3/4H	Aidan Van der Merwe
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - 2C	Rhys Hetherington
	Primary - 3/4N	Max Dwyer Mulligan
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - 1W	Jack Burt
	Primary - 5/6B	Ari Albert
Leadership Award	Infants - KJC	Elsie Galvin
	Primary - 5/6H	Jorja Hetherington
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - 1W	Farrah Edmonds
	Primary - 5/6H	Adrian Day

Notes

YEAR 6 FAMILIES

Year 6 Assembly - Change of Date

Please take note that the Year 6 Assembly will be held on Friday 9 December at 2pm.

Enrolment Transfer Form

An enrolment transfer form was sent to Year 6 parents via Compass today. This form needs to be completed for all students going to high school next year. Please complete and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Compass Canteen Wallet

Please note, parents who use the auto top up feature on Compass Wallet, we suggest that you cancel this in a timely fashion to avoid having a balance remaining at the end of the year.

Canteen Closed

Please note that the canteen will be closed on Tuesday - 8th November.

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

School Attendance

Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnerships with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences. Schools, in providing a caring teaching and learning environment, which addresses the learning and support needs of students, including those with additional learning and support needs or complex health conditions, foster students' sense of wellbeing and belonging to the school community.

Parents are responsible for:

- enrolling their children of compulsory school age in a government or registered non-government school or registering them with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) for home schooling;
- ensuring that their children attend school every day the school is open for their instruction;
- explaining the absences of their children from school promptly and within 7 days to the school;
- working in partnership with the school to plan and implement strategies to support regular attendance at school, including communicating with the school if they are aware of issues impacting on their child's attendance or engagement with school.

Indigenous Homework /Cultural Groups

Who can attend?

Secondary and year 6 students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

Location

Neighbourhood Central, 80-82 Currajong Street Parkes
Neighbourhood Central Community Hub, 87 Caswell Street Peak Hill

Time:

Parkes: Monday 3-5pm

Peak Hill Tues: 3-5pm

Contact Information

Parkes:
Micheal Anderson 68623757

Peak Hill:
Lisa Cohen 68691037

What We Offer

- Free afternoon tea
- Cultural education
 - Language
 - Elder visits
 - Cultural day trips during school holidays
- Help with assignments
- Monthly visits to Country Universities Centre
 - Access to computers
 - Access to workshops including resume building, scholarship applications and many more



Parkes Homework Centre Centre

Monday 3pm to 5pm

17th October	24th October What is Wiradjuri Country?	31st October What did Wiradjuri do instead of school?	7th November Country University Centre
14th November What did Wiradjuri use for medicine/healthcare?	21st November How did the Wiradjuri people use the stars?	28th November Did Wiradjuri people grow food?	5th December Country University Centre
12th December Christmas theme:	School Holidays		

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRAL ON 68623757

