



# HFS Newsletter

Term 4 Week 7 21st November 2022

## Week 7 Events

### **TUESDAY**

**Captain  
Speeches**

**Dads in School  
Day  
(Kindergarten)**

### **THURSDAY**

**Kinder  
Transition  
9.15-11am**

**Swimming for  
Sport  
(Yr 3 - Yr 6)**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we are having a Mufti Day for the Eugowra Flood Appeal. Students are wearing mufti clothes and have made a \$2 donation to be in mufti clothes. Should any parents wish to make any additional donations to this appeal, please contact the school office.

Tomorrow our Kindergarten students are looking forward to welcoming their dads to school for Dads in School Day. This will be a lovely day for our dads and their children.

Tomorrow our Year 5 students will be presenting their captain speeches to the school. Students from Year 2 to Year 5 are involved in the voting process with 2023 captains announced at our Presentation Evening.

Presentation Night will be held on Monday 12th December. All students are to attend wearing Christmas coloured clothing e.g. red, green, white, gold, etc. Students may choose to wear neat bottoms such as denim shorts/skirts matched with a Christmas coloured top. Presentation Night will commence at 6.00pm sharp and should be finished by 7.00pm. All students need to be seated by 5.45pm. All parents, grandparents and friends are invited to this end of year celebration.

This Thursday is the final day of our 2023 Kindergarten Transition Program. The children have had a wonderful time getting to know school and classroom routines. We can't wait to welcome them to Holy Family next year.

This Thursday, our primary classes will commence four weeks of swimming for sport. Students are to pack swimmers, a towel, goggles and sunscreen.

Denise Gersbach  
Principal



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## **Star of the Week**

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

### Interview with Minaga



Favourite subject	Mathematics
Favourite pastime	Reading books
Favourite food	Pizza
What do you like most about our school?	The play equipment
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A train driver


Term 4 Week 7: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - In Praise)

### **☐ Act with humility and patience**

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 -*



There are 2 trees in a garden (tree "A" and "B") and on the both trees are some birds. 

The birds of tree A say to the birds of tree B that if one of you comes to our tree, then our population will be the double of yours.

Then the birds of tree B tell to the birds of tree A that if one of you comes here, then our population will be equal to that of yours.

Now answer: How many birds in each tree?

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-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

As our local flood-affected communities face unprecedented challenges, let us keep them in our prayers. Our **Mufti Day** on Monday, 21st November, is dedicated to supporting the Flood Appeal.

One of the highlights for our graduating Year 6 students is their **Year 6 Retreat**, a day of reflection, thanksgiving and appreciation, usually towards the end of the year. The main aim of the retreat is to highlight the students' awareness that we are always in the presence of a loving God, even as they go on to experience the next phase of their lives in high school and face the challenges of adolescence. It is relationship building and

## Season of Advent



**Sunday, 27 November - Saturday, 24 December**

Choir practice has begun for the **Parkes Carols in the Park**. Many students from Year 2 to Year 6 have put their names down to join the school choir.

### **Parkes Carols in the Park**

**Where-** Cooke Park (*If wet weather- Parkes Leagues Club*)

**When-** Sunday, 11 December from 6.30pm (Parkes Shire Band)

7.30pm Community/School Choirs Carols

***More information with details will go out to the choir members shortly.***

### Masses/Liturgies in Term 4.

Mass/Liturgy	Date & Time	Church/Chapel/Hall	Class
Kindergarten Liturgy	Friday, 1 December, 2022 12: 15pm	HF Chapel	Early Stage 1
Year 6 Graduation Mass	Thursday, 8 December, 2022 6pm	HF Church	Stage 3

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

I hope everyone has a wonderful week!

Beverly Berger

# Assembly Awards

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJC	Nicola Piyatissa
	1W	Andrea Jobz
	2C	Seth King
	3/4H	Ashton McQuie
	3/4N	Max Hackett
	5/6B	Alyra Williams
	5/6H	Tiffany Chanthapanya
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 1W	Mia Townsend
	Primary - 5/6H	Ali Al-Maliky
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - KJC	Alessandro Villella
	Primary - 5/6B	Tom Chapman
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - 2C	Isaac Siju
	Primary - 3/4H	Bentley McGuire
Leadership Award	Infants - 1W	Mason Wild
	Primary - 3/4N	Hamish Newham
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - 2C	Poppy Dswonitzky
	Primary - 3/4H	Josie Baker

# Notes



## ICAS - Mathematics Results

<b>Merit</b>	Max Crowe, Minaga Ralalage, Quinn McTiernan
<b>Credit</b>	Stanley Drooger, Ted Dugan, Jack Kaden, Sienna Piyatissa
<b>Distinction</b>	Adrian McTiernan

### Compass Wallet - Credit Cards

There are two options for removing cards in your Compass Wallet.

#### Option 1:

Parents are to log into Compass on a laptop. Please let school know if you require a passwords reset to do this.

When in the wallet, click on the card and to the right a pop-up window will appear and you can delete the card.

#### Option 2:

Parents notify the school if they need to add a new card and Admins impersonate the parent and remove the old card from the wallet to allow the new card to be linked.

### Important reminder for Year 6 Parents if this is your last child leaving Holy Family

1. Stop automatic top-up, or you will have a credit remaining in your wallet at the end of the year.
2. Use all funds in Wallets



## SAVE THE DATES

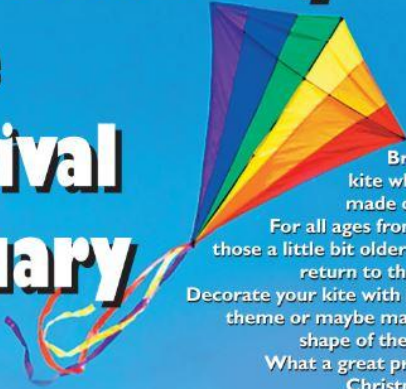
### TERM 4 DATES

Date	Event
Tues 22 Nov - 11.30pm	Dad's in School Day (Kindergarten)
Thur 1 Dec	Kindergarten Liturgy (12.15pm) Term 4 Disco (6pm)
Fri 2 Dec - 5.30pm	Christmas Parade (Cnr Bushman & Clarinda St)
Thur 8 Dec - 6pm	Year 6 Graduation Mass (HF Church)
Fri 9 Dec - 2pm	Year 6 Assembly (HFS Hall)
Sun 11 Dec - 6.30pm	Carols in the Park (Cooke Park)
Mon 12 Dec - 6pm	Presentation night (HFS Hall)
Thur 15 Dec - 2.45pm	Assembly
Fri 16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4



# Notes

## Reach for the Sky Australia Day Kite Festival January 26 8am till 11am North Parkes Oval



Bring your own kite which you have made or purchased. For all ages from toddlers to those a little bit older who want to return to their childhood Decorate your kite with an Australian theme or maybe make it into the shape of the Parkes Dish. What a great present for the Christmas stocking.

For more information phone 0448 166 016  
A range of kites will be available for sale at Northparkes Oval on the day

## Google Parent Calendar

Did you know you can access the Holy Family Parent calendar online? The link to our parent calendar is:

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=wf.catholic.edu.au\\_r8odqnoaihvo7aj7mnc934raj0%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Australia%2FSydney](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=wf.catholic.edu.au_r8odqnoaihvo7aj7mnc934raj0%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Australia%2FSydney)

Copy and paste into your browser and bookmark for easy access.

# BLACK & White

DISCO!!

Come dressed in your favourite  
Black and White outfit

**1st** PARKES SERVICES CLUB UPSTAIRS  
**December** 6PM - 7.30PM  
\$3.00 ENTRY

## Attendance on Student Reports

The Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes will be reporting on student attendance in Semester Two Reports in the following way: The Attendance Period and number of Attendance Days which are being reported upon will be displayed. The report shows Whole Days and Partial Days Absent (Explained) and Whole Days and Partial Days Absent (Unexplained). Please note that a partial absence is counted as anything that is not a full day at school e.g. arriving to school 15 minutes late is counted as a partial absence.

## STUDENT'S ON VISA

For our families from overseas, it is important that the school has details of your current residency status.

Please provide us with your new visa grant notice or Australian citizenship documents, if:

- there has been any change in your visa sub class or the expiry date, or
- if you previously had a visa but have now become an Australian citizen

# 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

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRAL ON 68623757

