



HFS Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 6th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of our staff, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back to another great year. We hope you all had a safe, happy and peaceful start to 2023. It has been wonderful seeing so many familiar faces walk through the gates, as well as meeting lots of our new families.

Our staff are excited and ready for a fabulous year ahead. All teachers reported that the children in their classrooms were very settled and were intently listening to instructions with energy and enthusiasm for learning.

This year we are very lucky to have 2 new teachers join our team. Miss Hayley Farrugia is teaching Year 4 and Miss Teagan Armour will be teaching Year 2. We are also lucky to have Mrs Virginia Rice back on staff. Mrs Rice is a very experienced teacher and will be an asset to the school.

Welcome to the following students who commenced at Holy Family last week: Aava Dhakal (3HW), Jasper Vigurs (3HW), Bella Allen (4F), Lori-Jayde Gee (4F), Eli Allen (5/6N) & Kyan Gee (5/6H)
We are thrilled to have you join our school community.

A big welcome to our Kindergarten students who had their first day at Holy Family last Friday. It was a very smooth transition into their first official day at primary school. The kindies looked fantastic in their school uniforms.

We held our Induction of School Leaders Mass on 3rd February. Congratulations to all students who have been appointed with leadership roles at Holy Family this year.

Our P&F AGM will be held on Tuesday, 7th February at 6pm. We would love to see a large number of parents participate in this meeting. It is a great way to be involved at Holy Family as a parent.

Our Swimming Carnival will be held this Wednesday, 8th February at the Parkes Pool. Detailed information has been sent out via the Compass Parent Portal.
All the best to the children who will be attending the Polding Trials in Lismore and Port Macquarie on Friday, 10th February.

I wish the staff and students all the best for a wonderful school year and look forward to connecting with all parents throughout the year.

Andrew Berger
Acting Principal



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Week 3 Events

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

**Swimming
Carnival**

FRIDAY

**Polding Cricket
(Lismore)**

Star of the Week

Scarlett Lawryk is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being hardworking and helpful.

Interview with Scarlett



Favourite subject	Art
Favourite pastime	Watching movies
Favourite food	Sushi
What do you like most about our school?	The teachers
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	Firefighter

Term 1 Week 3: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - LOVE)

➤ **Act with humility and patience**

I have two challenges for you this week. You can attempt one or both and there will be two prizes.

This fortnight's challenges -

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Pyramid structure:

- Level 1 (top): 1 box
- Level 2: 2 boxes
- Level 3: 3 boxes (leftmost contains 8)
- Level 4 (bottom): 4 boxes (left to right: 3, 5, 1, 7)

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

Religion

Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

A warm welcome to all as we venture forth together in 2023. We look forward to sharing many liturgical celebrations as a school community and engaging our students in enriching learning experiences that develop growth in faith and learning.

It was wonderful to begin the school year by attending the Induction of School Leaders Mass on Friday, 3 February, at Holy Family Parish Church with our students from Year 1 to Year 6 and many parents there to support our 2023 school leaders. The School Captains, House Captains, School Representative Council, Junior AECG and Year 6 leaders received their badges. It was impressive to see how reverent all the students were.

Ordinary Time in the Church's Liturgical Calendar-

The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time are days of growth and harvest - days of hope and time to mature in one's faith. Green is the colour of on-going life in nature: the renewal of spring grass, flowers and trees. Green signifies hope and growth. The green weeks, 1 to 34, provide time to be refreshed with the Sunday Scriptures, sequentially following the life and works of Jesus in his public ministry.

Term 1 2023 Masses & Liturgies

Term 1 2023	Masses and Liturgies	Stage/Classes
22 February 2023	Ash Wednesday Whole School Liturgy- HFS Hall	Stage 1
6 April 2023	Holy Thursday- Whole School Liturgy-HFS Hall	Stage 3

All students get the opportunity to attend Daily Mass-

Stage 1 attend Daily Mass in the Chapel- Friday, 17 February, 9:45am

Stage 2 attend Daily Mass in the Chapel- Friday, 24 February, 9:45am

Stage 3 attend Daily Mass in the Chapel- Friday, 31 March, 9:45am

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Notes

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.

RESPONDING TO RISK OF HARM

All school staff are mandatory reporters. This means that if there are reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is at risk of 'significant harm' from abuse or neglect, then a report must be made to the Department of Communities & Justice Child Protection Helpline (CP Helpline).

School staff are to inform the Principal if they are concerned that a child may be at risk. It is the role of the Principal to make the report to the CP Helpline.

In making a report the Principal will consider all of the information and seek appropriate advice from the Catholic Education Office. Any information about a child at risk is kept confidentially by the Principal.

In situations where a child is considered to be at risk, the school will work with the child and family to assist them as much as possible.

If you have any concerns about a child who you consider may be at risk, please discuss your concerns with the Principal as soon as possible and maintain confidentiality.

School Fees

Please note that school fees will be generated in the next week and invoices will be sent home with the students. Parents who chose to pay their school fees in full by the 28th February will receive a 5% discount off their fees.

Pupil Free Days

Please note that the following dates will be pupil free (no school for students):

- ❖ Friday 17th March
- ❖ Tuesday 13th June
- ❖ Friday 11th August
- ❖ Monday 9th October
- ❖ Tuesday 10th October



Would you like to play music?



Whether you're an expert, novice, visitor, or an old timer, the Parkes Shire Concert Band welcomes you!!



-play, teach, and learn with others, get to know a fantastic new community, and make new friends



-Be involved in exciting community events/competitions like the ABBA and Elvis festivals, local fetes, [Eisteddfod](#), and ANZAC DAY!



WHERE: The upstairs room of the town pool complex (Look for our logo).



WHEN: Every Tuesday at 7:00-9:00 pm (except in school holidays)

COST: Band membership costs \$50 dollars per term



Instrument Hire: \$50 per term



BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

We are a [registered Creative Kids provider](#)! Any kids interested in joining may be eligible for a NSW Government voucher of up to \$100 per calendar year towards fees!



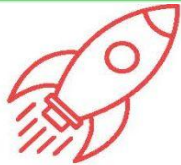
Follow us on Facebook! *Parkes Shire Concert band*



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President, [Rhonda Redenbach](#): 0459 373 624



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Holy Family Parish School For Years 1&2 only.

Every Tuesday for 8 weeks during Term 1

Starting: 13/02/23 Time: 3:15- 4:15 pm

\$160 per term or 4 payments of \$40.



Register via our website: www.stemgineers.com.au
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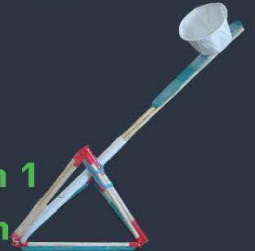
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