



HFS Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4 13th February 2023

Week 4 Events

MONDAY

**Kindergarten
Parent
Information
Night - 6pm
(Kindergarten
Room)**

THURSDAY

**Cluster
Swimming
Carnival
(Parkes)**

FRIDAY

**Assembly
2.45pm**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was an amazing first full week of school especially for our kindergarten students. Everyone settled into their routines of primary school with ease. Our older students have taken on the responsibility of looking out for the kindergarten children on the playground and ensuring that they are happy and have someone to play with at recess and lunch.

Our teachers have been busy completing the MAI Assessments for each student in their class. The Mathematics Assessment Interview is an individual assessment to determine a student's existing mathematical knowledge. The data we gain from these tests is invaluable to the teachers as it helps in indicating each student's prior knowledge at the start of the year.

Our school swimming carnival last week was amazing. Congratulations to all children who participated on the day and tried their very best. It was wonderful to see such amazing sportsmanship on display at the carnival. Congratulations to Bushman House for winning the championship and to Phoenix for winning the Spirit Award. Good luck to our swimming team who have been selected to represent Holy Family at the Central Cluster Carnival this Thursday, 16th February, in Parkes. A big thank you to Miss Westwood and Mrs Herring for their efforts in coordinating the carnival and to all the parents and grandparents who assisted on the day.

The P & F is a vital part of our school community as it provides a means to connect all parents and friends through community-based events and supports the students and the school with a number of key initiatives. Last Tuesday our P & F held its Annual General Meeting. All parents are encouraged to help the P & F as we need more than just the members who hold the four key roles to make the P & F function over the year. A big thank you to all who attended the meeting and took on roles of responsibility on the committee. Mike Wood - President; Simran Villella - Vice President; Kate Walsh - Secretary; Michelle Hoey - Treasurer.

Last Friday, Daisy Rice and Ari Albert attended the Polding Cricket Trials in Lismore. They were wonderful representatives for Holy Family. Congratulations to Daisy on making the Polding Team.

We have our Kindergarten Information Night at 6:00pm today. It is a great opportunity for parents and guardians to meet the kindergarten teachers and get to know more about the routines and requirements of the class.

We will be holding our first assembly for the year on Friday at 2.45pm in the school hall. All are welcome to attend.

Andrew Berger
Acting Principal



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Star of the Week

Hannah Wood is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being diligent and creative.

Interview with Hannah





Favourite subject	Mathematics
Favourite pastime	Sporting activities after school
Favourite food	Lasagne
What do you like most about our school?	The kind students and staff
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A childcare worker



Term 1 Week 4: 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 -

 +  = 14

 +  = 8

 x  = 2

 +  x  =

 =  =  =

8

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

Religious Education

Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

The Liturgical Season of Lent will begin on **Ash Wednesday**, 22nd February. Lent is a period of 40 days during which Christians remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus Christ. The 40 days mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert and is a time of prayer, penance and fasting for Catholics around the world.



Every year during Lent, Holy Family students participate in Caritas Australia's **Project Compassion** charity program, which helps them learn about poverty and social justice. The theme for this year's appeal is again "For all Future Generations," reminding us that our choices today can positively impact the lives of generations to come.

Mufti Mission Day- Friday, 24th February, 2023.

***Fundraising for Project Compassion**

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

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP AT SCHOOL

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



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



Fridays 5:30-6:30
Weeks 6-10
of Term 1



Spicer Oval
Albert Street,
Parkes



\$20
Per Person
Shirt and water bottle included

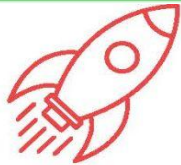
Come along and
learn the skills for
rugby in a fun
setting.

AGES 5-16

REGISTRATION

Please see our facebook
page to find instructions for
registration

Facebook:
Parkes Boars RUFC



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After School Club

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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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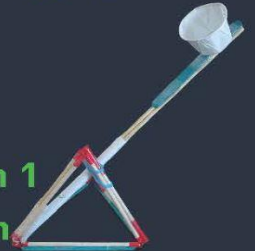
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