



HFS Newsletter

Term 1 Week 9 20th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

NAPLAN continues this week for our Year 3 and Year 5 students with the Reading test being held today, Conventions of Language on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday. Please ensure your child is on time to school on these days.

Congratulations to our netball team for their great success in the NSW Schools Cup last Tuesday here in Parkes. Our team were winners on the day and have now progressed to the next level of the competition.

Parent/teacher interviews for our Kindergarten class will be held on Wednesday. If you have not yet completed your booking, please do so via the Compass portal. Please contact the office should you have any difficulties making a booking.

On Friday our Year 5 students will be participating in Eco Day with other Year 5 students from around the region.

A reminder that next Monday is school photo day. Class and individual photos will be taken by the photography company on the day. Photos will be returned to parents early Term 2.

Denise Gersbach
Principal



Week 9 Events

MONDAY
NAPLAN
(Reading)

WEDNESDAY
NAPLAN
(Conventions of Language)

Kindergarten
Parent Teacher
Interviews

THURSDAY
NAPLAN
(Numeracy)

FRIDAY
Eco Day

MONDAY
School Photo
Day

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Star of the Week

Amelia Gersbach is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being trustworthy and thoughtful.

Interview with Amelia



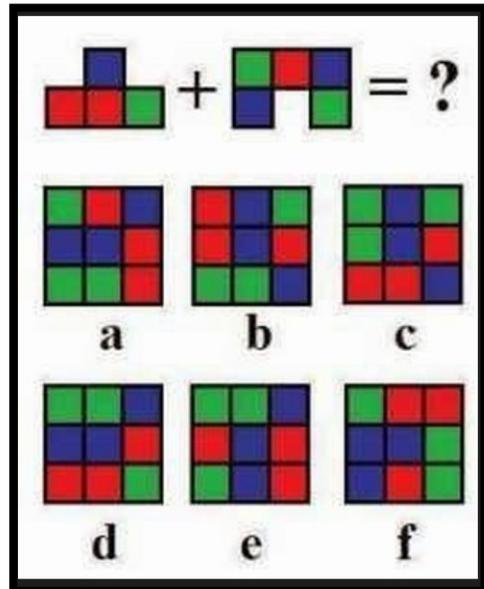
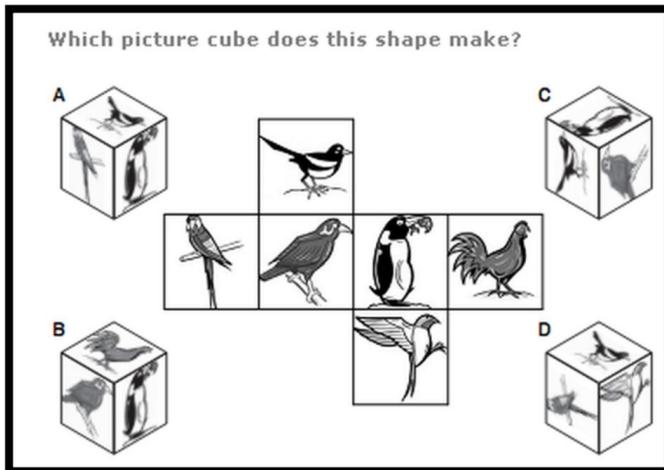
Favourite subject	Science
Favourite pastime	Playing with my baby dolls
Favourite food	KFC
What do you like most about our school?	My friends
What would you like to be when you grow up?	A Policewoman

Term 1 Week 9: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value -TRUST)

□ Listen to the opinions of others and act sensitively

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

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

Religion

Religious Education

Fourth Week of Lent

Our staff attended an informative and inspiring Religious Education Spirituality Day on Friday, 17th March, facilitated by Dr Dan White. There were 90 staff from 5 Diocesan schools present on the day. Holy Family School hosted the event in the school hall.



★ Solemnity of Saint Joseph - 19th March

The key figure who supported Mary was St Joseph.

Joseph, according to the canonical Gospels, was married to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and was the legal father of Jesus. Devotion for St. Joseph goes back to around the 9th century, when he was often referred to as “nutritor Domini” or “guardian of the Lord.” Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, craftsmen, engineers and working people, house sellers and buyers, among others.



Calling for Altar Servers! We NEED YOU!

All Catholic students who have received their First Holy Communion (Years 4-6) are invited to altar serve for school Masses and Weekend Masses. New roster starts 15th April 2023. A parental permission note with details was sent home. You can ring the school office to confirm your interest and we can follow it up.



Holy Week 2023 Dates-

Palm Sunday- 2nd April

Holy Thursday- 6th April

Good Friday- 7th April

Holy Saturday- 8th April

Easter Sunday- 9th April

Upcoming Masses & Liturgies Term 1 2023

Term 1 2023	Masses and Liturgies	Stage/Classes
6 April 2023	Holy Thursday - Whole School Liturgy - HFS Hall 12:30pm	Stage 3

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

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Assembly Awards

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJC	Georgie Harris
	1S	Emrys Cassidy
	2CA	Chase Baker
	3HW	Olivia Culhane
	4F	Elizabeth Toomey
	5/6B	Louis Smith
	5/6H	Archie Edmonds
	5/6N	Eli Allen
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 2CA	Roy Clyburn
	Primary - 5/6B	Levi McIntyre
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - KJC	Blaire Crisp
	Primary - 5/6H	Ruby Hackett
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - 1S	Emanuel Townsend
	Primary - 5/6N	Madilyn Donnelly
Leadership Award	Infants - 2CA	Farrah Edmonds
	Primary - 3HW	Layla Al-Maliky
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - KJC	Molly McCabe
	Primary - 4F	Lori-Jayde Gee

Notes



HOLY FAMILY PARISH SCHOOL PARKES

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM

An exciting opportunity at Holy Family School!!

Transition program is now available from Term 2 to Term 4 for children starting Kindergarten in 2024.

- FREE - No Cost
- Starts Term 2 - 26th April
Finishes Term 4 - 6th December
- Runs EVERY Wednesday 8:55am - 3:15pm
- Children will be provided a FREE Holy Family sports shirt for the program.
- Contact the Office to register 6862 1610 or admin.parkes@wf.catholic.edu.au



Book Now's

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Holy Family School

Day of Photography

27/03/2023

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter this code:
541 4X4 1CQ
3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or Latitude Pay
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact **advancedlife** directly:
www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

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MONDAY!



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL
Easter Hat Parade
Wednesday 5th April 9.15 am

Come along and parade your finest
Easter Hat at the School. Parents and
friends are welcome to attend.

Children to wear Casual Clothes



COLOUR RUN UPDATE

We're less than two weeks out from your *School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day!* We hope students are working hard towards their fundraising goals!

Currently we have raised **\$9,558** of your **\$20,000** target, so there is a way to go and I hope you'll keep supporting us!

Remember, the money raised will be going towards a Kitchen Garden Program at Holy Family School. This is a fun, hands-on learning program delivering pleasurable food education. With strong curriculum integration and a focus on student wellbeing, collaboration and leadership, students learn to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh, seasonal, *delicious* food – forming positive food habits for life. More information on the program can be found at <https://www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au/content/primary-schools>.

Please reshare you children's profiles every few days to maximise fund raising opportunities. Did you know one of the most successful methods is sharing profiles with family and friends via messenger apps.

Did you know that there are more great prizes to be won along the way;

- You can **WIN a \$20,000 Ultimate Family Package** by setting up your student profile online and raising \$1 online. Just head over to schoolfunrun.com.au. Once you've created your page there are some great things you can do. You can sign up for online fundraising, pick your target prize and even become a fundraising superstar!
- Every student that raises **\$150 by Friday 24th of March** goes in the draw to win one of 10 free canteen lunches
- Every **\$5000 raised** a teacher will be slimed on the event day
- The Highest Fundraising Class on the Event Day get a VIP Tent
- Get ready to colour bomb Mrs Gersbach! Any student that has created an online profile and raised at least **\$150** by the day of the event will go in a draw to colour bomb Mrs. Gersbach at the colour day. We'll be drawing out 5 names, so make sure you're sharing your link!

We will also need parent volunteers to make the day a success. We've got a challenging obstacle course planned for the event, so will need some help to set it up. Set up will happen from 8am on Friday 31st March and the event will take place from 2pm & pack up after 3:15pm. If you can spare some time to assist with any of these activities please contact the school on 6862-1610. We can't wait to see you at the event!

If you're having any trouble setting up your student profile or fundraising online, please get in touch with the Fun Run team on 1800 FUN RUN (1800 386 786).

Thanks for supporting us with your fundraising efforts, we look forward to celebrating with an amazing day on the 31st of March.



Parkes Local
Aboriginal Education
Consultative Group

2023 AECG MEETINGS

Term 2 Week 5: Holy Family School

Junior- 9:30am, Tuesday the 23rd May
Senior- 9:30am, Wednesday the 24th May

Please note ALL community are welcome to attend our Senior meetings. Our Junior meetings are for our Local junior AECG school students only.

2023 AECG Executive Team

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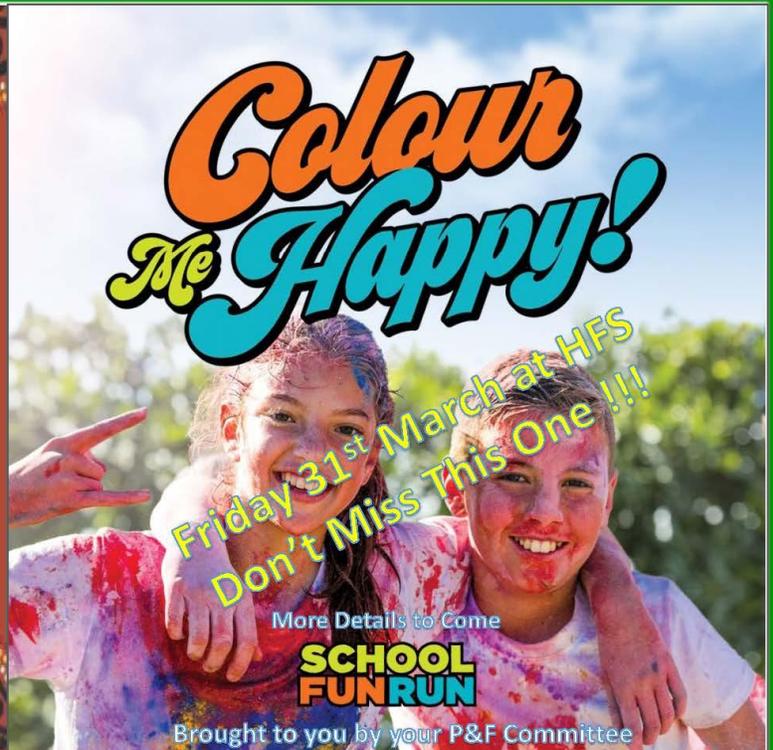
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CHILD SAFE SCHOOLS AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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.

MAINTAINING PROFESSIONALISM

All staff are expected to act professionally and in accordance with the school's expectations regarding staff conduct toward children. We understand that staff have a duty of care to:

- ensure no child is exposed to foreseeable risk of harm;
- take action to minimise risk;
- supervise actively; and
- if we see others acting inappropriately with children, report concerns to the Principal.

School staff also understand that they are in a position of trust, authority and influence in relation to children and that it is important that we do not take advantage of that position to mistreat or misguide students either intentionally or inadvertently.



HOLY FAMILY
PARISH SCHOOL

2024 KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT



Monday 22nd May at 6pm
In the school Hall

The information session includes a tour of the school and facilities.

**ENROLMENT PACKS CAN BE
COLLECTED ON THE NIGHT!**

For further information contact the school office -
(02) 6862 1610 admin.parkes@wf.catholic.edu.au

There will be opportunities to meet with staff and tour classrooms.

Come and see all our extracurricular activity spaces such as MakerSpace, Sensory Room and RE Room.