



HFS Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2 1st May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our 2023 Kindergarten Transition Program commenced last Wednesday and was a great success! The children arrived very excited to be at 'big school' for the very first time. We are looking forward to watching the development of these children throughout the year. I am sure there were some very tired children last Wednesday evening!

Congratulations to the following students who were named in Polding teams at the Polding Winter Trials which were held in Tamworth last Friday: Daisy Rice and Alyra Williams will now represent Polding at the NSWPSA Carnival in Tamworth.

Good luck to the students representing our school at the David Peachey Shield/Russell Richard Cup in Condobolin tomorrow.

On Wednesday evening, Louis Smith and Elizabeth Toomey will represent our school at the Action Club Public Speaking Competition. Good luck to both students.

Our Year 6 students are visiting RBCC on Wednesday. This is a great opportunity for students to see what RBCC has to offer to them in Year 7.

On Thursday and Friday, students in Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 who have nominated to attend, will participate in the Hockey Gala Day here in Parkes.

Our Week 2 Assembly will be held on Friday at 2.45pm in our school hall. All parents are invited to attend.

A reminder that there will be a P&F Meeting on Tuesday evening at 6.00pm at the Coachman Hotel. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

Holy Family is hosting the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival on Monday 8th May at Northparkes Oval. Parent volunteers are required in both the canteen and on the cross country course. Please contact the school office if you are able to assist in any way on the day.

Denise Gersbach
Principal



Week 2 Events

TUESDAY

**Peachy/
Richardson
Cup (Condo)**

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

WEDNESDAY

**RBCC Year 6
Visit**

**Action Club
Public
Speaking**

THURSDAY

**Hockey Gala
Day (Yr 3 & Yr4)**

FRIDAY

**Hockey Gala
Day (Yr 5 & Yr6)**

**Assembly
2.45pm**

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Star of the Week

Gracy Allen is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being self-motivated and consistent.

Interview with Gracy



Favourite subject	Mathematics
Favourite pastime	Playing hockey
Favourite food	Spaghetti bolognese
What do you like most about our school?	The classrooms are very spacious
What would you like to be when you grow up?	Professional hockey player

Term 2 Week 2: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value -PRAISE)

Appreciate and celebrate others' successes

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

This fortnight's challenges -

Easter Codebreaker
Work out the answers to the maths problems to reveal words related to Easter.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
14	6	22	10	24	2	16	20	4	18	12	26	8

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
3	17	9	23	1	11	15	19	5	21	25	7	13

1 (44+2) (10x2) (34+2) (30-8) (14+3) (40-14) (7x2) (30+2) (12x2) (55-31) (32+2) (8x2) (20-9)

2 (40-16) (48+3) (51-35) (13+7) (7+12) (33+11) (100-85)

Reveal an Easter image by using the key to correctly colour each part of the picture.

white	0 - 10
red	11 - 20
light blue	21 - 40
yellow	41 - 60
brown	61 - 80
dark green	81 - 100
orange	101 - 110
light green	111 - 121
purple	122 +

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 Easter



Our Holy Family community will be celebrating **Catholic Schools Week** in Week 5.

Catholic Schools Week is a special time in the year when we celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our Catholic schools.

Save the Date!

Holy Family Parish Primary School
Celebrates
Catholic Schools Week 2023 (22-26 May).
Learning Together In Faith, Hope & Love



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***Thursday, 25th May, 2023**

⇒ Whole School Mass 9.45am (Hall)

⇒ Recess -Families enjoy Recess together outdoors
10.45am-11.20am

⇒ Open classrooms 11.30am-12.30pm

ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

➤ Reminder about the Sacraments-

★ Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

Date- Sunday, 21 May, 9:30 am Mass, Holy Family Church.

★ Sacrament of Confirmation

Date: Friday, 16 June, 6:00pm, Holy Family Church

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Notes

Chickenpox

Please note a case of chickenpox at our school has come to our attention. Please be on the lookout for any symptoms. Select link for more information:

[Chickenpox Fact Sheet](#)

DIO CROSS COUNTRY

Volunteers Needed

Our P&F will be running the canteen at the Cross Country Carnival on Monday 8th May as a fundraising event.

This is a great opportunity for the school to raise funds.

There will be a large number of schools attending the carnival.

Helpers are needed from 7am to 1pm. The timeslots will roughly be:

- 7-8 (Setup, cooking)
- 8-9
- 9-10
- 11-12
- 12-1 (Pack up)

If you can assist, please contact the office:

admin.parkes@wf.catholic.edu.au
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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

President

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Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 12th May 2023

8.00 am - 9.00 am

School Hall

All mums are invited to attend the breakfast at 8.00 am

The P&F will be running a Mother's Day stall where children can go shopping for gifts.

We look forward to seeing all our wonderful mums

Junior Netball

Tuesday nights 5:00-6:00

nets, sets & go/jnr

Rego link in the comments

Active vouchers excepted

10 week comp

Starts – 2nd May

*additional games allowed for up to 8th Aug. if required.



Uniform- white polo netball shirts

To be ordered at Worklocker Parkes.

This Year we are pleased to present

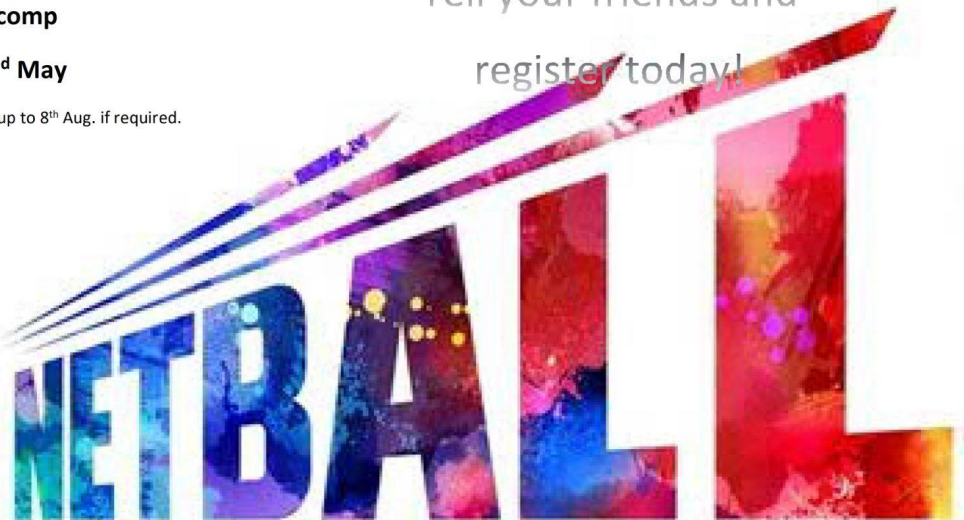
Parkes Netball Hoodies as well!

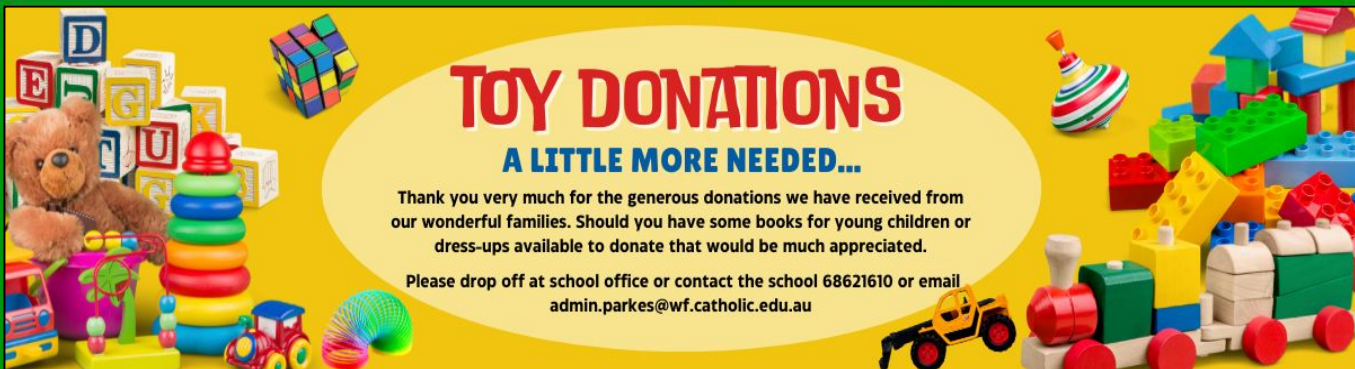
These are to be ordered at Worklocker as well.

*pictures in comments

Tell your friends and

register today!





TOY DONATIONS

A LITTLE MORE NEEDED...

Thank you very much for the generous donations we have received from our wonderful families. Should you have some books for young children or dress-ups available to donate that would be much appreciated.

Please drop off at school office or contact the school 68621610 or email admin.parkes@wf.catholic.edu.au

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.

ADDRESSING COMPLAINTS OF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR BY STAFF

We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for both students and staff. This includes addressing complaints of inappropriate behaviour by staff towards any child or young person.

Such complaints are handled differently to other types of complaints which may arise in the school because of legal obligations established by the Children's Guardian Act 2019. The Office of the Children's Guardian is a government agency which requires schools and other organisations working with children to ensure systems are in place for recording and responding to all allegations of a child protection nature against staff. You should be aware that 'staff' includes volunteer helpers (including parents), contractors as well as paid staff.

If you have concerns about alleged inappropriate behaviour by a staff member towards any child or young person it is important that you discuss your concerns with the Principal who in turn will consult with the Catholic Education Office.

All complaints are investigated and resolved through a fair and confidential process which involves listening to 'both sides of the story' and giving all involved an opportunity to be heard. If the concerns involve alleged criminal behaviour they will be reported to the Police and the Catholic Education Office will wait for the outcome of the Police investigation before continuing its own investigation.

At the end of an investigation a finding will be made and appropriate follow up determined. In relation to the staff member this may include no action, increased support, professional development, increased supervision/monitoring or disciplinary action, removal of duties or termination of employment.

If harm has occurred to a child, counselling or other support will be offered to the child.



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.