



# HFS Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4 15th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to have so many mothers and grandmothers join us for our special Mother's Day breakfast last Friday. Bacon and egg rolls, scones and fruit platters were on offer for breakfast whilst our children shopped at the Mother's Day stall organised by our P&F. It was a special morning and I hope all mums had a very special day yesterday at home with their families.

Last week we hosted the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival in very cold conditions at Northparkes Oval. Congratulations to all of our students who represented our school at this event. Congratulations to Nate Calabro (1st - 8/9 year boys) and Daisy Rice (3rd - 12/12 year girls) who have qualified to represent the Diocese at the next carnival in Sydney. A big thank you to all of our parent volunteers who worked tirelessly in the canteen to provide great food for all competitors and their families.

This week I am attending the ACSP Principals' Conference in Wollongong with all principals in our Diocese. The conference is for all Catholic principals in NSW. Please refer any enquiries to Mr Andrew Berger in my absence.

A reminder that our 2024 Kindergarten Information Evening will be held on Monday 22nd May commencing at 6.00pm in our school hall. All prospective and current families are invited to attend to find out further information about our great school. Please share this date with anyone who may be interested in joining us at Holy Family.

Denise Gersbach  
Principal



## Week 4 Events

### FRIDAY

**Assembly  
2.45pm**

### SUNDAY

**First Holy  
Communion  
9.30am (Holy  
Family Church)**

### MONDAY (22/5)

**2024 Parent  
Information  
Evening- 6pm  
(Hall)**

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Holy Family Parish School, Parkes

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## Star of the Week

Harvey Gray is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being supportive and responsible.

### Interview with Harvey



Favourite subject	Art
Favourite pastime	Drawing
Favourite food	Pizza
What do you like most about our school?	My friends and all the teachers
What would you like to be when you grow up?	A Harvey Norman worker

Term 2 Week 3: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

**Be trustworthy and honest**

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

*This fortnight's challenges -*

**The Restaurant Problem**

Three waiters delivered three different meals. The cost of each meal is shown. What is the cost of each item?

Can you find two identical umbrellas among those sixteen shown in the illustration? The umbrellas can be rotated but not mirrored.

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 Easter**    **MAY** – The Month of Mary

Congratulations to Mrs Caldwell, Mr Somers, Ms Armour and the students of Stage 1 for the beautiful Mother's Day Liturgy last Friday.

We wish all the 17 students who are going to receive their First Holy Communion (Sunday, 21st May) many blessings as they prepare themselves for the Sacrament of Eucharist.

★ **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**



### First Reconciliation

Congratulations to Kyan Gee, Lori–Jayde Gee, Eli Allen & Bella Allen on receiving the Sacrament of Penance for the first time last Friday.

**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**

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.  
Beverly Berger





Parkes Local  
Aboriginal Education  
Consultative Group

## 2023 AECG MEETINGS

Term 2 Week 5: Parkes Public 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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# SAVE THE DATE

## FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

### National Walk Safely to School Day

## STUDENT AMBULANCE COVER CONDITIONS

Student Ambulance Cover applies to transportation following a student accident, not an illness or medical condition. School policy is to call an ambulance in the event of a serious injury or illness (eg severe asthma attack, anaphylactic reaction, seizure etc). If your child has a pre-existing medical condition that falls into this category, please be aware that the cost of the ambulance may be at the parent's expense if you do not have family ambulance cover.

## STUDENTS ON VISAS

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

## TOY DONATIONS



### Kindergarten Transition Program

Thank you very much for the generous donations we have received from our wonderful families. Any donations of second hand toys in a good condition will be much appreciated.

Toys can be dropped off at the office.

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



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](mailto: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.