



# HFS Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6 29th May 2023

## Week 6 Events

### MONDAY

**WF Rugby  
Union**

### THURSDAY

**Dads in  
Schools Day**

### FRIDAY

**Assembly  
2.45pm**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful day we had last Thursday celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Our Year 5/6 students prepared a beautiful Mass for our whole school with Fr Barry delivering a moving homily. We had so many visitors enjoy morning tea with the students in lovely sunny weather. Our children were so proud to show off their classrooms, artwork and school work to parents, grandparents and special friends. Thank you for making it such a special day for us!

Good luck to Daisy Rice and Alyra Williams who are representing Polding at the NSWPSA Hockey Carnival at Tamworth this week. I am sure you will have a fantastic week!

On Thursday our Kindergarten dads are invited to join their children for Dads in School Day. We look forward to seeing our dads at school for this fun day.

Our Week 6 Assembly will be held on Friday at 2.45pm in our school hall. All families are invited to join us for assembly.

Denise Gersbach

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## Star of the Week

Finley Gibbons is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being well mannered and attentive to the needs of others.

### Interview with Finley



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| Favourite subject                            | Art                                   |
| Favourite pastime                            | Playing 'Fast Phonics' on my computer |
| Favourite food                               | Pizza                                 |
| What do you like most about our school?      | Playing soccer with my friends        |
| What would you like to be when you grow up ? | Policeman                             |

Term 2 Week 6: 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 -*



Times are hard, and even Superheroes have to use public transport.

The Number 4 and Number 5 train leave the station at 8am. No.4. leaves every 20 minutes and the No.5. leaves every 24 minutes.

When will they next leave together?

### The Chocolate Boxes

Jimmy's family received ten boxes of chocolate for Christmas.

When they opened them and counted the contents they found that altogether there were 100 bars of chocolate.

- 2 of the boxes held 10 chocolate bars each
- 3 of the boxes held 7 chocolate bars each
- 4 of the boxes held 10 chocolate bars each

How many chocolate bars were there in the last box?



mathsticks.com

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

**Tenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**MAY – The Month of Mary**

Last Sunday, 28th May, was Pentecost Sunday, the day the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helped the apostles to be courageous in spreading the good news.



It was wonderful to see our school community come together to celebrate Catholic Schools Week last Thursday. Many parents and friends attended our special Mass, which was organised and led so beautifully by Stage 3 staff and students.

➤ **Sacrament of Confirmation:** Date: Friday, 16 June, 6:00pm, Holy Family Church

*A reminder to please complete and return the Enrolment Form with details of your child's Confirmation Name and name of their sponsor. The form was sent home a couple of weeks ago but if it has been misplaced please find a copy in the link below-*

[CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT FORM](#)

### Saint Marcellin Champagnat Feast Day- 6 June

Founder of the Marist Brothers  
(a religious congregation of brothers in the Catholic Church devoted to Mary and dedicated to education).

Born: 20th May 1789- Died: 6th June 1840

**Whole School Mass**

**Tuesday, 6 June, 12:00pm at HFS Hall**

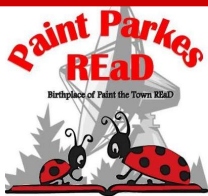
**All are welcome to attend.**

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger



# Notes



## EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Time to take a bow, Parkes! 8th September 2023 marks the 25th anniversary of Parkes Community Reading Day...

...and, of course, the theme this year is “ (the silver anniversary!)

From a local campaign, “Birth to Kindergarten”, to a nationwide movement, “PAINT THE TOWN REaD” (the other exciting news is that Parkes is the venue for the 9th PTTR National Conference, 6th 7th September. Delegates intend to stay an extra night to experience a Parkes Reading Day... no pressure Parkes but we have a widespread, impressive reputation, especially in the area of the many, different ways our community participates. Meanwhile, any help in “stockpiling” red and/or silver decorations at home would be much appreciated.

NB: Whilst there's been a name change to this movement the message is steadfastly unchanging...and that is the vital importance of a language rich, home environment right from birth to kindergarten and particularly from birth to 3yrs of age. To grow in readiness for learning to read at school, babies' brains need parents/ caregivers to read, sing, talk and rhyme to them every day.

### Parents and Carers: What you need to know about curriculum reform

#### **New Reporting for the English and Mathematics Syllabus**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce changes to the way we report on student progress in K-2 English and Mathematics, in response to the NSW Curriculum Reform. Our new reporting system will provide you with more comprehensive and detailed information about your child's progress, including specific skills and concepts they have mastered and areas where they may need additional support.

We understand that you play a crucial role in your child's learning and development, and we believe that open communication and partnership are essential to achieving this goal. We encourage you to communicate with us regularly, share your questions, and work with us to support your child's learning.

By working together, we can ensure that your child receives the best possible education, in line with the NSW Curriculum Reform. We will also ensure that we communicate regularly with you about your child's progress, and provide you with opportunities to participate in their education. We believe that these changes will provide you with a clearer understanding of your child's strengths and weaknesses, and help us work together to provide the best possible support for their learning.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education

### YOUR GUIDE TO

## DRIVING AND PARKING SAFELY NEAR SCHOOLS

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)