



# HFS Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8 12th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all families are enjoying an extra day on their June long weekend as the staff participate in professional learning at school today.

Good luck to Nate Calabro who is representing the Diocese at the Polding Cross Country Carnival at the Sydney Equestrian Centre today.

Our Athletics Carnival will be held at Northparkes Oval tomorrow. We are looking forward to a wonderful day of competition. Please ensure your child has tracksuit pants and warm sports clothes on the day. At this stage, no rain is forecast, but please pack your child some wet weather gear if the forecast changes. Parents who are able to assist with track and field events, please report at the oval by 9.00am to be allocated jobs. The canteen will be operating on the day selling drinks and snacks as well as lunch orders through Compass. Please ensure your child is on time to school as students in Year 2-6 will be walking to the oval at 8.55am. Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 will come to the oval at recess time.

Last week we celebrated the Feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. Congratulations to the students who received Champagnat awards on the day and to our staff members who received Years of Service awards. A full list of the award winners is later in the newsletter.

A big thank you to all students for their efforts at our Mufti-Mission Day last Friday. We raised \$1150 for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, an amazing effort!

On Friday night, students in Year 6 will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Family Church. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this special occasion.

Denise Gersbach  
Principal



## Week 8 Events

### MONDAY

**King's Birthday  
Holiday**

### TUESDAY

**Pupil Free Day**

### WEDNESDAY

**Athletics  
Carnival**

### FRIDAY

**Assembly  
2.45pm**

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## Star of the Week

Hamish Newham is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being conscientious and compassionate.

### Interview with Hamish

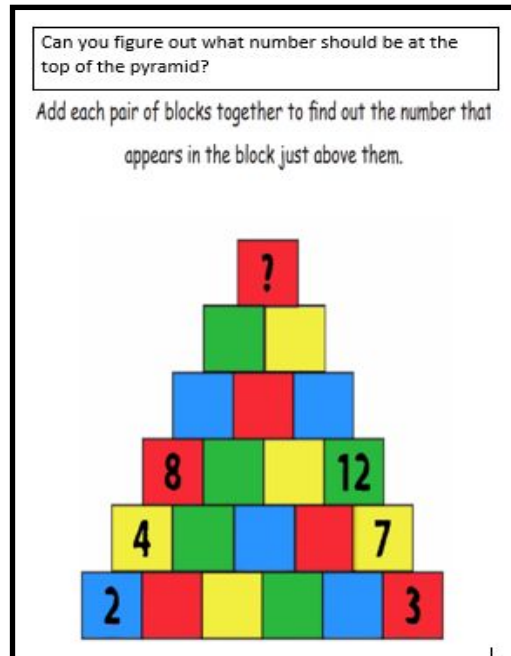
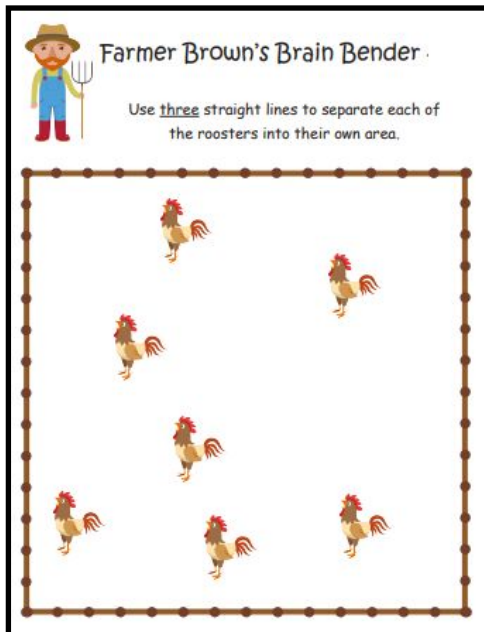


Favourite subject	Sport
Favourite pastime	Playing on my Xbox
Favourite food	Rump Steak
What do you like most about our school?	The canteen
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	An olympian

Term 2 Week 8: 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 -*



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

## The Religious Education

### Ordinary Time

Thank you to all the families and friends of Holy Family for so generously donating towards our Mufti Mission Day which was a great success. The money raised will go towards St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal.

The children making their Sacrament of Confirmation on the 16th of June, went for Reconciliation with Fr Barry in the Chapel last Friday and are to be commended for their reverence. We are all looking forward to the 16th of June for their Confirmation.

- **Sacrament of Confirmation: Date: Friday, 16 June, 6:00pm, Holy Family Church**
- ★ *The children need to be at the Fr Pat Centre latest by 5:45 pm as they will need to organize themselves for the Entrance Procession.*

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger



# Champagnat Awards

## KINDERGARTEN

*Georgie Harris  
Molly McCabe  
Piper Slaven  
Braith Stevenson*

## 2CA

*Ceff Anasta  
Jack Burt  
Farrah Edmonds  
Matilda McGrath  
Sydney Tarry*

## 4F

*Addison Murray  
Issac Allen  
Max Dwyer Mulligan  
Matthea McGrath  
Ceinwyn Farrell*

## 5/6 B

*Ashton McQuie  
Louis Smith  
Willow Culhane  
Mary Gray*

## 1S

*Finley Gibbons  
Aurora Sapkota  
Alessandro Villella  
Tessa Dugan*

## 3HW

*Poppy Dswonitzky  
Harvey Gray  
Daniella Anasta  
Rhys Hetherington*

## 5/6 H

*Stephanie Chen  
Liam Quade  
Ruby Hackett  
Zahli Gillingham*

## 5/6 N

*Ruby Galvin  
Bea Tomson  
Scarlett Lawryk  
Emily White*

## STAFF SERVICE AWARDS

*10 years - Donna Payne  
- Shevaun Brown*

*25 years - Julie Herring  
- Sue Caldwell  
- Bernadette Clowry*

# Notes



## Pupil Free Days

Please note the following days for Term 3:

- Tuesday 29th August - 12 pm (Half day Show)
- Friday 15th September

### ICAS Registration

ICAS is an online academic competition that is open to students from Year 2 - Year 6 and is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

To register go to: [Here](#)  
Use School Code: **CFK496**



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NAIDOC 2023

**Please join us in  
celebrating NAIDOC week  
Tuesday 27th June 2023**



ASSEMBLY -9:30am

Smoking ceremony • Guest speakers • School Choir performance

WITH GUEST PERFORMANCES FROM

Red Bend Catholic College Dance Group • Parkes High School Dance Group

GROUP ACTIVITIES -11am

Dance Workshop • Scratch art • Painting

Dreamtime stories • Beading • Making Johnny Cakes & loads more!

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH 1pm

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR MORNING ASSEMBLY FROM

9.30AM TO 10.30AM & VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH OUR MIDDLE

SESSION ROTATIONAL ACTIVITIES FROM 11AM

**CHILDREN TO DRESS IN NAIDOC COLOURS  
(RED, YELLOW, BLACK, GREEN & BLUE)**

**For Our  
Elders**

**HONORING  
OUR ELDERS:**

*Past, Present, and Emerging*



# 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 (including parents, volunteers and contractors) 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 NSW 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