



HFS Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1 17th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope all families had a lovely two week break.

This week will see the commencement of our Breakfast Program for families who have indicated that this would be of benefit to them. The program will commence this Wednesday and will then be available every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in our school hall. A big thank you to our P&F for coordinating this program for our families.

On Friday we will be having a special farewell Mass for Mrs Tanya Haskell who has retired from teaching. Mrs Haskell has been a long serving teacher at our school, teaching here at Holy Family for 34 years. Mrs Haskell has had an outstanding career and we are looking forward to giving her a fitting farewell. Mass will commence at 9.45am in our school hall and all parents and friends are invited to join us for this special occasion.

Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed as Library Monitors for 2023: Piper Brownlow, Zahli Gillingham, Emerson Kaden, Josie Baker, Willow Culhane, Aidan McTiernan, Hannah Wood, Mary Gray, Ceinwyn Farrell, Minaga Ralage, Harper Edmonds and Poppy Lawryk. These students were presented with their Library Monitor badges at assembly this morning.

A warm welcome to the following students who commences at Holy Family this week: Jaxon Clarke (5/6B), Claire Liu (5/6H) and Yiqian Liu (KJC). We are excited for you to join our school community.

Sports day will return to Friday in Term 3. Sports uniform will be worn on this day.

Denise Gersbach
Principal



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Star of the Week

Nina Jiang is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being hardworking and honest.

Interview with Nina



What is your favourite subject?	Art
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Read or draw
What is your favourite food?	Honey chicken
What do you like most about our school?	All the different activities available at school
What are your strengths?	Drawing & Mathematics
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	Doctor or Artist

Term 3 Week 1: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

□ Communicate openly and consistently

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

Puzzle time
Anagrams

Mathematical anagrams.

An anagram is a word or phrase made up of the letters of another word.

These are all made up from maths words.

Can you work them out?

ANGEL	RENUMB	CAR
DOD	CAGEDON	TRAIN LEG
SITE TEAM	MOLERKITE	UMS
LIB LION	BART SUCTION	A CROFT

Using any whole numbers as many times as you like make each line of the rectangle add up to 20.

Can you find more than one way to do this?

Can you make up your own puzzle like this?

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

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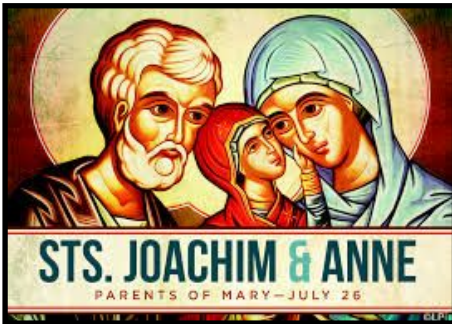
Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Term 3 has sauntered in, happily sashaying to the beat of children's footsteps as they scamper in through the gates of Holy Family. As we find ourselves past the halfway mark of the school year we know there is much to look forward to, especially our wonderful liturgical celebrations.

A special **Farewell Mass to wish Mrs Tanya Haskell** all the best on her retirement will be celebrated on **Friday, 21 July, 9:45am, HFS Hall**. Mrs Haskell has spent many years of her life dedicated to teaching the students of Holy Family School, and for that we are very grateful.

All are welcome to attend the Mass.

FEAST DAY OF SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE MASS- 26 July, 12:00pm, HFS Hall



Term 3 2023	Masses and Liturgies	Stage/Classes
Wednesday, 26 July 2023	Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne- Grandparents Day Whole School Mass 12:00pm - HFS Hall	Stage 2 (4H)
Tuesday, 8 August 2023	Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop- Liturgy 12:15pm - HFS Hall	Stage 1
Tuesday, 15 August 2023	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Whole School Mass 12:15 pm - HFS Hall	Stage 3
Friday, 1 September 2023	Father's Day Liturgy- 12:15pm - HFS Hall	Stage 2 (3HW)

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Assembly Awards

Week 10

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJC	Mavis Jordan
	1S	Bruce Burt
	2CA	Mary Drooger
	3H	Jonti Lee
	4F	Poppy Lawryk
	5/6B	Levi McIntyre
	5/6H	Tilly Murray
	5/6N	Madilyn Donnelly
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 2CA	Indigo Gillingham
	Primary - 3H	William O'Bryan
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - KJC	Georgie Harris
	Primary - 5/6H	Liam Quade
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - 1S	Liyana Basnayake
	Primary - 5/6N	Mia Sipple
Leadership Award	Infants - 2CA	Curtis Arndell
	Primary - 5/6H	Harrison Rowbotham
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - KJC	Evie Clarke
	Primary - 3H	Florence Crawley-Watson

Parent Calendar - Term 3

Term 3 - 2023 Planner

June/July	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Holidays	3	4	5	6	7	8/9
Holidays	10	11	12	13	14	15/16
Week 1 July	17 First Day - Term 3 (Staff and Students)	18	19	20	21	22/23
Week 2 July	24	25	26 Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne Grandparents Day Mass Stage 2 12pm- Hall	27 Cluster Athletics - Trundle	28 Assembly - 2.45pm	29/30
Week 3 July/Aug	31 Todd Woodbridge Cup	1 P&F Meeting - 6.00pm	2 Red Bend Interviews Yr6 into Yr7 4.30pm (Hall)	3	4	5/6
Week 4 August	7 ICAS Digital Technologies	8 ICAS Writing Feast of Mary MacKillop Stage 1 Liturgy- 12:30pm	9	10 Assembly - 2.45pm	11	12/13
Week 5 August	14 ICAS English	15 Junior AECG - 9.30am Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Stage 3 Mass-12:15pm	16 Senior AECG - 9.30am Holy Family's Got Talent Auditions	17 Holy Family's Got Talent Auditions	18 WF Athletics Carnival (Parkes) National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence	19/20
Week 6 August	21 ICAS Science	22 ICAS Spelling Bee	23 Holy Family's Got Talent Auditions	24 Holy Family's Got Talent Auditions	25 Assembly - 2.45pm	26/27
Week 7 August	28 ICAS Mathematics	29 Half Day Show (12pm)	30	31	1 Father's Day Breakfast (8am) Father's Day Liturgy Stage 3 - 12.15pm	2/3 Father's Day Sun 4 Sept
Week 8 August/Sept	4	5 P&F Meeting - 6.00pm Parkes Shire Library Production(K-2 students attend)	6	7	8 Paint the Town ReAd Assembly - 2.45pm	9/10
Week 9 September	11	12	13	14 Mufti Mission Day Disco - 6pm-7.15pm	15 Pupil Free Day (Diocesan)	16/17
Week 10 September	18	19	20 Assembly - 2.45pm	21	22 Last Day of Term 3 (Students and Staff)	23/24

Notes



Treasure Hunt Competition

Catholic School Guide is offering one lucky family the chance to win \$2,000 worth of school fees. Runner-up prizes also include Roblox Robux vouchers.

Every student attending a Catholic school in Australia is invited to enter this competition which closes 5.00pm Friday 1 September 2023.

To enter the competition visit catholicschoolsguide.com.au/competition



Holy Family School GRANDPARENTS' Day

WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY 2022

12pm - A Mass will be held in the school Hall

1pm - A Sausage Sizzle lunch will be available to purchase at 1pm

(If you would like a sausage sandwich please order on Compass under "Grandparents' Day Sausage Sizzle")

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OUR GRANDPARENTS

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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.

USE SCHOOL CODE: CFK496

[Register Now](#) 

Registration closes
31st July



Grandparents & Friends Library Book Fair

The PandF would love to commemorate this year's grandparent's day with a special book fair. Grandparents and Friends are invited to join us for snacks whilst browsing a selection of books available for purchase to **DONATE** to our school library. Each book will have a personalised plaque so your grandchildren and all students may share in your gift of reading for years to come.

26th of July 2023
School Mass 12pm
Fair + Lunch 1pm



Notes

PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR REMAINDER OF 2023

TUESDAY 29TH AUGUST (HALF DAY SHOW)

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 9 OCTOBER

TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER

MONDAY 30 OCTOBER

TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER

NAPLAN Reports

The NAPLAN 2023 student reports will be dispatched to schools from 20 July. The student reports will be distributed to the parents shortly thereafter.

STUDENTS ON VISA

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



Parkes Local
Aboriginal Education
Consultative Group

2023 AECG MEETINGS

Term 3 Week 5: Holy Family School

Junior- 9:30am, Tuesday the 15th August

Senior- 9:30am, Wednesday the 16th August

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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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.

NAPLAN 2023 results: Information for parents and carers



What's changing?

From 2023, proficiency standards replace the previous reporting of student NAPLAN results that used numerical bands and the national minimum standard.

What are proficiency standards?

Proficiency standards describe what students are expected to know and should be able to do in literacy and numeracy at the time of NAPLAN.

There is a proficiency standard for each test area within each year level.

Students' results are measured against 4 levels of proficiency:

- **Exceeding:** The student's result exceeded expectations at the time of testing.
- **Strong:** The student's result met challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- **Developing:** The student's result indicated that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- **Needs additional support:** The student's result indicated that they did not achieve the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.



Has there been a change in what NAPLAN assesses?

No, there has not been a change in what NAPLAN assesses. NAPLAN continues to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Detailed information on the knowledge and skills being measured in each NAPLAN assessment is available at www.nap.edu.au

Your child's teacher can provide more information into how your child's NAPLAN result relates to their other school-based assessments and classroom learning, and any additional support your child might need.

Why has the reporting changed?

Proficiency standards provide clearer information about a student's NAPLAN achievement based on reasonable expectations of what students should be achieving at the time of testing.

The standards will allow you and your child's teachers to easily identify areas of strength, as well as any areas that may need more support.

How do I know if my child is meeting expectations?

A result in the *Exceeding* or *Strong* level means your child has met and/or exceeded expectations for their current stage of schooling.

A result in the *Developing* or *Needs additional support* level means your child has not yet demonstrated they are meeting expectations for their year level at the time of testing.

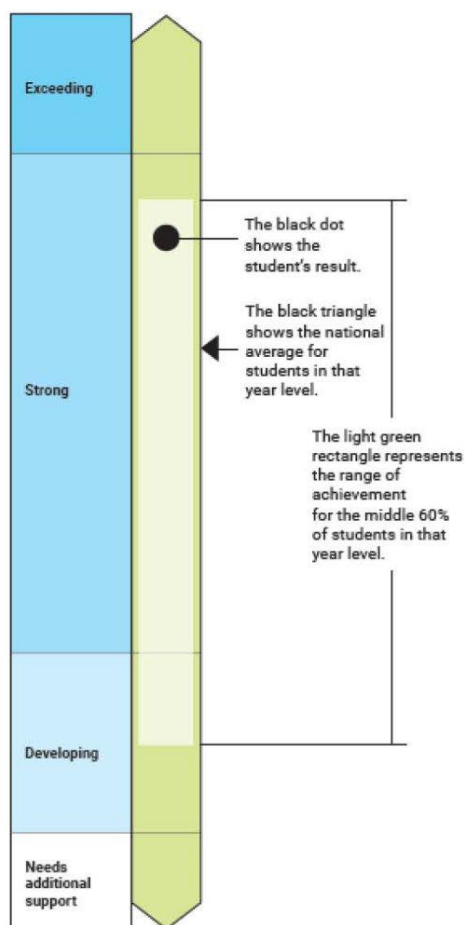
The results are simple to interpret and will allow you to easily identify areas where your child may require additional support.

How will proficiency standards appear on individual student reports (ISRs)?

The report shows 4 levels of proficiency - *Exceeding*, *Strong*, *Developing* and *Needs additional support*.

A student's result is shown as a black dot on an achievement scale for each assessment area, which shows increasing levels of knowledge, understanding and skills demonstrated in the assessments.

The new report continues to show each student's achievement against the national average (black triangle) and the range of achievement for the middle 60% of students in their year level (light green rectangle).



What skills are expected at each proficiency level?

Proficiency levels are set at a challenging but reasonable level expected for your child at the time of NAPLAN testing, based on what has been taught in previous years of schooling.

Page 4 of the ISR includes a summary of the skills expected at each level of proficiency.

Detailed proficiency level descriptions are available at www.nap.edu.au

Can I check my child's progress against previous NAPLAN reports?

Results from 2023 cannot be directly compared with results from 2008 to 2022 as:

- all schools now complete NAPLAN online
- the tests are held earlier in the year
- a new measurement scale that is more suited to the online tests has been introduced.

Questions?

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

Your child's teacher can provide insight into how your child's NAPLAN result relates to their other school-based assessments and classroom learning, and any additional support your child might require.

**NSW Education Standards Authority
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Notes

Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes Attendance Information for Parents



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Compliance with Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes (CEWF) Attendance policies and procedures allows schools, students and parents to meet their obligations under the NSW Education Act 1990.

As stated in CEWF's Attendance Policy parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence.

If details regarding the explanation for absences are insufficient, principals may register the absence as unjustified.

It is most important that parents provide details for an absence of their child when using the Compass Parent Portal or when sending in a note to the school.

In Compass, parents have the following absence reasons to select from when entering an absence via the Parent Portal:

- Medical Illness - to be used for sickness, medical and dental treatment
- Medical appointment - appointments with medical professionals, dental practitioners
- Travel - student does not attend school due to a student/family holiday
- Other Explained Absence - school has received a satisfactory explanation for a student's absence. Includes: misadventure or unforeseen event, participation in non-school events, domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member, attendance at funerals, recognised religious festivals
- Natural Disaster - a student is unable to attend school due to an extreme weather event or other natural disaster. Includes: bushfire, flood or storm events

Please note that when selecting a reason for the absence, parents **MUST** also fill in the Details/Comment section in the Parent Portal. Examples as follows:

- Medical illness - details 'has a stomach bug'
- Medical appointment - details 'doctor's appointment'
- Travel - details 'family holiday to the Gold Coast'
- Other Explained Absence - details 'attending funeral of a relative'
- Natural Disaster - details 'road to town cut off by flood waters'

Whole day/s absences can be entered via the Compass Parent Portal however **late arrivals and/or early departures** are to be entered via the Kiosk Lite at the school office.

Should you have any questions regarding the use of absence codes, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal for further information.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WILCANNIA-FORBES

Year 12 Education Scholarship

Are you interested in a career in teaching?



Open to all Catholic students undertaking a Bachelor of Education (Primary) with any approved tertiary education institution and interested in pursuing a teaching career in the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes.

What's on offer?

Financial Support

A total benefit of \$20,000 distributed over a 4 year period, sponsored by CEWF, subject to satisfactory academic progress.

Support during your study

Ongoing support throughout your study, inclusive of professional placement within CEWF.

Guaranteed Teaching Position

After graduating, employment within a Catholic School in the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes is guaranteed for a minimum of 3 years.

Who can apply?



Students who are:

- Completing the HSC in a school located within the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese
- Expecting to gain admission to a Bachelor of Education (Primary) degree program on the basis of their predicted ATAR results
- Committed to teaching in the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese for a minimum period of 3 years, following successful attainment of a Bachelor of Education (Primary)

How to apply

- 1 Complete the Application form & email to recruitment@wf.catholic.edu.au
- 2 Applications shortlisted will be required to attend an interview via zoom

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