



# HFS Newsletter

Term 4 Week 5 6th November 2023

## Week 5 Events

### MONDAY

Red Bend  
Transition Day

Year 2 Intensive  
Swimming

### TUESDAY

Year 2 Intensive  
Swimming

Kindergarten  
Library Visit

P&F Meeting -  
6pm

### WEDNESDAY

Year 2 Intensive  
Swimming

Burrendong  
Excursion

### THURSDAY

Year 2 Intensive  
Swimming

Burrendong  
Excursion

### FRIDAY

Year 2 Intensive  
Swimming

Burrendong  
Excursion

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Thursday evening, our Year 2 students and Mrs Townsend participated in a significant milestone on their spiritual journey by making their First Reconciliation at Holy Family Church. It was a touching and reverent ceremony, and I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the students for their devotion during this special sacrament. I'd also like to express our gratitude to Mrs. Caldwell and Miss Armour for their efforts in preparing the children so beautifully for this event.

Today marks the beginning of an exciting two-week Intensive Swimming Program for our Year 2 students. This program is designed to equip our students with essential swimming skills and water safety knowledge. It is essential for our children to be well-prepared for any aquatic challenges they may encounter, and this program ensures just that.

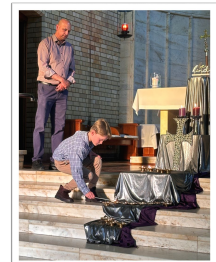
On Wednesday, our Year 5/6 students will embark on a thrilling adventure as they head to Burrendong for a three-day sport and recreation camp. This promises to be a fantastic experience filled with fun, learning, and team building. I'm sure our students and accompanying staff will have a memorable time.

I would like to commend all our students for their dedication and hard work in the classroom. Recent whole school assessments have shown impressive progress, with notable growth in Spelling. This is a testament to the commitment of our teachers and the diligence of our students. Keep up the excellent work, everyone!

A warm welcome to Aiyshu Thammitalage, who is commencing Year 2 at Holy Family School this week.

*Denise Gersbach*

Principal



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# ★ Star of the Week ★

Connie Fryer is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being kind and hardworking.

## Interview with Connie



What is your favourite subject?	English
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play netball
What is your favourite food?	Noodles
What do you like most about our school?	Everyone at school is caring
What are your strengths?	Netball and Touch Football
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	Beautician

Term 4 Week 5: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - LOVE)

### ◆ Show empathy, tolerance and understanding

From this fortnight I will be giving you a new challenge. The challenge is to do some research and fill in the correct answers. **Currency**

Country	Currency
Australia	
Germany	
United States	
Canada	
India	
Brazil	
France	
Russia	
Thailand	
China	

If 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

### Thirty–First Week in Ordinary Time

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Penance (also called First Reconciliation or Confession) for the first time last Thursday evening, 2nd of November, at Holy Family Parish Church. They were all very reverent and participated with enthusiasm, especially with their beautiful singing.

The Solemnity of All Saints Mass was celebrated with reverence on

Wednesday, 1st November and was led by the students in Stage 3. It was wonderful to see so many parents and parishioners attend.



### \*Mini Vinnies Gathering

All Mini Vinnies students from Parkes, Condobolin, Forbes, Peak Hill and Trundle will be participating in a *Mini Vinnies Gathering* on 17th November, 10am-2pm, at the Holy Family school Hall. All Stage 3 students are part of the Holy Family School Mini Vinnies group.

The Mini Vinnies Gathering is an opportunity to reward Mini Vinnies members for their hard work and to celebrate what they do for their school and community. The Mini Vinnies Gathering is a day to meet other MV groups from other schools, to pray together for the needs of our community, to hear what other groups are doing, and to get new ideas about what MV groups can do in the future.

The meeting will be facilitated by members of the Red Bend Catholic College SVDP School Conference.

Term 1 2023	Masses and Liturgies	Stage/Class
30th November	Kindergarten Liturgy - 12:15pm Chapel	Kinder
7th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass - 6:00pm HF Church	Year 6

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

# Assembly Awards

## Week 4

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
<b>Student of the Week</b>	KJC	Owyn Reedy
	1S	Emanuel Townsend
	2CA	Timothy James
	3H	Florence Crawley - Watson
	4F	Samuel Kaden
	5/6B	Angus Gillies
	5/6H	Jackson Adam
	5/6N	Mia Sipple
<b>Recognition of Learning Award</b>	Infants - KJC	Mavis Jordan
	Primary - 5/6B	Jamison Lee
<b>Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)</b>	Infants - 1S	Alessandro Villella
	Primary - 4F	Bella Allen
<b>Playground Behaviour Award</b>	Infants - 2CA	Ceff Anasta
	Primary - 5/6H	Angus Jones
<b>Leadership Award</b>	Infants - KJC	Elyse Hodges
	Primary - 3H	Max Crowe
<b>Living the Gospel Values</b>	Infants - 1S	Sophie Ross
	Primary - 5/6N	Eli Allen

# Notes



## GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.



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**1800 024 413**

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*Everything is Awesome*

## LEGO Club

Join us for the *Everything is Awesome*

Lego Club and explore different themes and challenges

Open to children in year 5 to year 9

Beginning Tuesday 14th November runs for 4 weeks 4 - 5pm

Bookings in person at the Library FREE event, numbers limited



**PARKES**  
It all adds up.

## Bike Safety Day

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

**BRING YOUR BIKE TO SCHOOL!**

The day will include a 30 minute presentation on road rules, bike maintenance, safety tips and more!

Session provided by Parkes Road Safety and Injury Prevention Officer and the PCYC.

### WHAT TO BRING

- WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM
- PUSH BIKE
- HELMET

### INFANTS

AFTERNOON SESSION:  
FUN RIDE

### PRIMARY

AFTERNOON SESSION:  
BIKE TREASURE HUNT



# Notes

## Annie

Parkes Musical & Dramatic Society are searching for some talented people to star in our 2024 production of Annie

**AUDITION WORKSHOPS**  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2023  
@ The Little Theatre, Bogan Street, Parkes

Audition information is available on our website  
[www.parkesmandd.com.au](http://www.parkesmandd.com.au)

For more information:  
[Parkesmandd2870@gmail.com](mailto:Parkesmandd2870@gmail.com)  
0429 623 829  
(after 5.30pm or weekends)

**SHOW SEASON APRIL/MAY 2023**  
Children must be six years of age to audition.

## 2024 Back to School

### Start Dates

Staff Start - Wed 31st January  
Year 1 to 6 - Thurs 1st February  
Kindergarten - Mon 5th February

### Kindergarten Assessments

1st and 2nd February 2024

For your information please contact school office:

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Call : 6862 1610

## Stranger Danger

Stranger Danger, a term that is familiar for most adults, exists on the World Wide Web. Paedophiles and other people who may wish to hurt children use the Internet to search for potential victims. Often these people pretend to be someone other than who they really are to establish inappropriate relationships on-line that may result in a physical meeting of some description. The following information guides for parents may be of interest and assistance in ensuring that your children are able to reduce the risk of stranger danger encounters when using the internet:

**Online grooming and procuring of children over the internet is the illegal act of an adult or adults making online contact with a child under the age of 16 with the intention of facilitating a sexual relationship. More information is available from the Australian Federal Police which investigates suspected cases of online grooming.**

Learn more about how to protect your children from these threats via access to detailed information provided by the [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#), Australia's peak Cyber-safety Authority.