



HFS Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6 13th November 2023

Week 6 Events

MONDAY

Year 2 Intensive Swimming

TUESDAY

Year 2 Intensive Swimming

WEDNESDAY

Year 2 Intensive Swimming

THURSDAY

Year 2 Intensive Swimming

Year 3-6 Swimming

FRIDAY

Year 2 Intensive Swimming

Assembly 2.45

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, our Year 5/6 students embarked on a 3-day sport and recreation excursion to Burrendong. It was a journey filled with adventure and learning as the students actively participated in various challenging activities, including grass skiing, canoeing, kayaking, and archery. I must commend our students for their impeccable behavior throughout the trip, which made it an absolute pleasure to accompany them. I would like to extend my gratitude to the dedicated teachers and parents who joined us on this exciting adventure to supervise and support our students.

Our Year 2 students have dived into the Year 2 Intensive Swimming program with enthusiasm. The children are thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons each afternoon and are making remarkable progress with their swimming skills. We are proud of their achievements in the pool and look forward to further growth this week.

I am attending a Diocesan Principals' Conference in Forbes, which commences this evening. These conferences provide an invaluable opportunity for principals to collaborate, learn, and exchange ideas to enhance the educational experience we provide to our students. I look forward to bringing back valuable insights and strategies to continue improving Holy Family School.

On Friday, our school will proudly host a regional Mini Vinnies gathering, welcoming Mini Vinnies representatives from several schools in the area. This event is a testament to the compassion and generosity of our students who actively engage in charitable activities. We are excited to facilitate this gathering of young students and share our dedication to making a positive impact in our community.

Congratulations to our school choir and to Harrison Rowbotham and Alyra Williams for being outstanding representatives at the Remembrance Day service on Saturday.

Denise Gersbach

Principal



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★ Star of the Week ★

Stephanie Chen is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being responsible and generous.

Interview with Stephanie



What is your favourite subject?	Art
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Listen to music
What is your favourite food?	Noodles
What do you like most about our school?	Everyone is so friendly
What are your strengths?	Art and dancing
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	Teacher

Term 4 Week 6: 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–Second Week in Ordinary Time

The second half of Term 4 at Holy Family is always busy with preparations for all our end-of-year celebrations. With every celebration comes a time to reflect on all the opportunities, blessings and challenges that have come our way.

The Kindergarten Advent Liturgy on 29th November, Year 6 Graduation Mass on Thursday, 7th December and **Year 6 Assembly on Monday, 11th December** poignantly juxtaposes the beginning and ending of Primary School, reminding us also of the ebb and flow of students that begin their education at our school, timid and hesitant of the big world around them but leave our gates with confidence and self-belief gained from a holistic education.

The **Year 6 Retreat on Friday, 8th of December**, will give our Year 6 students time to gather their thoughts before they embark on a new journey through high school.

This photograph of the School Choir on **Remembrance Day** at Cooke Park showcases the students from Kindergarten to Year 6 who participated in the ceremony and sang 2 military songs.



Psalm 95:2

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!"

***Mini Vinnies Gathering** Friday, 17th November, 10am-2pm, at the Holy Family school Hall. All Stage 3 students are part of the Holy Family School Mini Vinnies group.

Upcoming Masses & Liturgies Term 4 2023

Term 1 2023	Masses and Liturgies	Stage/Class
29th November, 2023 (Date change)	Kindergarten Liturgy - 12:15pm Chapel	Kinder
7th December, 2023	Year 6 Graduation Mass - 6:00pm HF Church	Year 6

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Notes



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

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



DONATE NOW

www.caritas.org.au/gaza

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

NEW ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS SYLLABUS

What does the English K-2 Syllabus focus on?

The [English K-2](#) syllabus is grounded in research and is focused on building strong foundations in reading and writing. It recognizes that oral language development is crucial for building written language skills and includes outcomes and content that are inclusive of all students.

The syllabus places a strong emphasis on phonics instruction, daily reading practice with decodable texts, and developing fluency to support reading development. Sentence structure is emphasized to build writing skills.

Literature is seen as essential for building core knowledge in English, improving reading ability, and fostering a love of reading. The content is structured to highlight the connections between oral language, reading, and writing.

The overall goal is to provide students with a strong foundation in reading and writing skills while promoting an appreciation for literature.

What does the [Mathematics](#) K-2 Syllabus focus on?

- The new Mathematics syllabus clearly shows essential learning and supports students to make connections across concepts as outlined in the research for building foundations in Mathematics.
- There is a focus on developing reasoning skills to support a deeper understanding.
- Content is structured to highlight the parallel connections across Number and Algebra, Measurement and Space, and Statistics and Probability, underpinned by the latest research.
- Teaching advice for Mathematics includes examples to support the development of language and vocabulary. This will be particularly helpful for early-career teachers. Vocabulary knowledge influences the development of reading, writing, oral language and Mathematics skills.
- The new syllabus affirms the strong evidence base of outcomes and content, with an increased emphasis on place value.

When do the new syllabus commence?

All schools have access to the new English and Mathematics K-2 syllabuses.

The new English and Mathematics K-2 syllabuses will be taught in all NSW primary schools from 2023

Resolution of Complaints

The Catholic Education Office Wilcannia-Forbes (CEO) is committed to providing a harmonious and safe environment for all students, parents and staff. The CEO and the schools in its care strive to be communities of faith, hope and love, where communication takes place in an environment of openness and mutual respect.

The Concerns and Complaints Handling Policy provides guidance on the Complaint management system for students, parents, caregivers and community members who wish to raise a concern or make a complaint about a Diocesan School. It applies to all CEOWF Staff, School Staff and individuals engaged at the school including but not limited to external service providers, contractors, helpers and volunteers.

A Parents Concern and Complaints Brochure is available from our school office and downloadable from our website.