



HFS Newsletter

Term 4 Week 7 20th November 2023

Week 7 Events

MONDAY

**Year 5 Captains
Speeches**

THURSDAY

**Year 3-6
Swimming**

**Disco - 6pm
(Upstairs RSL)**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to extend my congratulations to our Year 2 students who concluded their Intensive Swimming Program last Friday. The growth in their swimming skills was truly remarkable, with many of our young swimmers successfully completing the full length of the pool on the final day. I would like to express my gratitude to Miss Westwood for her dedication and hard work in coordinating this program for our students.

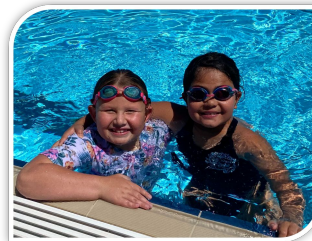
Last Friday, Holy Family School had the honour of hosting the Mini Vinnies Conference, welcoming students from Catholic schools around our region. Our 5/6 students participated with great enthusiasm, fostering connections with students from other schools and embodying the spirit of community and service. I would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Casperson for her outstanding catering efforts on the day, ensuring that everyone was well-fed and comfortable. Additionally, I want to recognise Mr. Berger for his tremendous effort in cooking over 400 sausages to make the day a success.

Today, our Year 5 students delivered their speeches for the 2024 school and sports captains' roles. Their speeches were both articulate and inspiring, showcasing their leadership potential and dedication to our school community. I have no doubt that the upcoming voting process will be a challenging one, given the calibre of these young leaders.

As we move toward these last weeks of the school year, let's continue to support and encourage our students in their endeavours. The sense of community and collaboration within our school is wonderful, and it is through your continued involvement and support that we can nurture our students' growth and development.

Denise Gersbach

Principal



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★ Star of the Week ★

Star of the Week

Bentley McGuire is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being positive and listening well in class.

Interview with Bentley



What is your favourite subject?	Mathematics
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play footy with my brother
What is your favourite food?	Sushi
What do you like most about our school?	The teachers and my friends are very kind
What are your strengths?	Sport and Mathematics
What would you like to be when you grow up?	Mechanic or an electrician

Term 4 Week 7: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

❖ **Respect everyone in the school community**

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

Country	Main Language(one is sufficient)
Australia	
Sweden	
United States	
Mexico	
Argentina	
Japan	
France	
Russia	
Ireland	
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–Third Week in Ordinary Time

The Mini Vinnies Gathering on Friday, 17th November, was a great success. Our Stage 3 students attended with other schools in the diocese. Red Bend Catholic College Mini Vinnies students and their teacher Talia Harding organised interesting activities and the St Vincent de Paul members attended as well. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet Mini Vinnies students from other schools in our diocese.



Students attended workshops on **Homelessness, Mental Health, Social Justice, Bullying, Migrants and Refugees & Poverty.**

Christmas Appeal

Our Mini Vinnies students will drive the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal to support families in our Parkes community that are struggling to make ends meet. As a school community we are collecting non-perishable items to make Christmas Hampers which we will pass on to St Vincent de Paul, who will in turn give them to the families that are in need. Please send your donations to the Christmas Hamper at the school office. Thank you!



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

Wiradjuri



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Wiradjuri

Year 6 Trip to Bushman's Hill

Our Year 6 students visited the Garradyang Cultural Garden on Bushman's Hill on Thursday, 14th September for their Wiradjuri Lesson. Mr Geoff Anderson spoke to them about the historical significance of the area as they all sat near the Wiradjuri Amphitheatre and then walked through the bush tucker garden to observe the preserved remains of four ancient scar trees that are on display. The students also had the opportunity to appreciate the indigenous artwork, carvings and stone work.

All the students were very engaged and respectful throughout the lesson.

Notes

**BLACK
& White**

DISCO!!
*Come dressed in your favourite
Black and White outfit*

Year 6 to wear neon colours

**23rd
November**

PARKES SERVICES CLUB UPSTAIRS
6PM - 7.30PM
\$3.00 ENTRY

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Attendance on Student Reports

The Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes will be reporting on student attendance in Semester Two Reports in the following way:

The Attendance Period and number of Attendance Days which are being reported upon will be displayed.

The report shows Whole Days and Partial Days Absent (Explained) and Whole Days and Partial Days Absent (Unexplained).

Please note that a partial absence is counted as anything that is not a full day at school e.g. arriving to school 15 minutes late is counted as a partial absence.

STUDENT'S 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

Having conversations with children and young people

The National Office for Child Safety has provided a series of resources on how to start sensitive conversations with children and young people as part of its 'One Talk at a Time' campaign.

The national initiative is part of the Australian Government's recently launched child protection and safety campaign, and encourages adults in the lives of children to talk with them about feeling safe and where to seek support and help.

The campaign aims to prevent child sexual abuse by encouraging adults to learn about the issue and have preventative conversations with children, young people and other adults.

The initiative is a key measure under the [National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Child Sexual Abuse 2021-2030](#) and fulfils a recommendation of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Find out how to have these conversations and access resources and guides for parents and carers at www.childsafety.gov.au.

