



HFS Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8 27th November 2023

Week 8 Events

TUESDAY

**McDonald/Magill
Tennis**

WEDNESDAY

**Kindergarten
Liturgy 12:15pm
(Chapel)**

THURSDAY

**Year 3 - 6
Swimming for
Sport**

Friday

Bike Safety Day

**Christmas
Parade 5.30pm
(Cnr Caledonia &
Short Street)**

**Assembly
2.45pm (Hall)**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Thursday, we had the pleasure of hosting the final disco for this school year at the Ex-Services Club. It was an evening filled with laughter, music and dancing as our students came together to celebrate and bid farewell to our Year 6 students. The disco was a resounding success and it was wonderful to see everyone dance the night away. A special thank you goes out to DJ Sam for keeping the party going and to our dedicated Parents and Friends Committee for their hard work in coordinating this memorable event.

We have another special event to look forward to this week. Our Kindergarten Liturgy will be held in our school chapel on Wednesday at 12:15 pm. This is always a beautiful and heartwarming celebration and we can't wait to share this moment with our students and their families.

Primary swimming lessons are ongoing and we are delighted to see our students building their confidence in the water. Swimming is an essential skill, and we appreciate the efforts of our staff and instructors in helping our students become more proficient swimmers. Continue to encourage your children to participate and give their best effort during these lessons.

We're excited to be participating in the Parkes Christmas Parade on Friday evening. It promises to be a fantastic community event and we encourage all our students to get into the festive spirit by wearing Christmas-themed clothing and accessories like Santa hats, reindeer ears or tinsel. Please meet our teachers at 5:45 pm at the corner of Short Street and Caledonia Street to join the parade. We look forward to seeing as many of our children and their families as possible!

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★ Star of the Week ★

Star of the Week

Aava Dhakal is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being enthusiastic and motivated in class.

Interview with Aava



What is your favourite subject?	Mathematics & Art
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Swim
What is your favourite food?	Pizza
What do you like most about our school?	My friends
What are your strengths?	Times Tables
What would you like to be when you grow up?	A Youtuber

Term 4 Week 8: 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- Term 4 Week 8

Thirty–Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

This week on Wednesday, 29th December, at 12:15pm, we have a very special liturgy in the Chapel. Yes, it is the much-awaited **Kindergarten Liturgy!** Kindergarten's first liturgy is one of the highlights of our school year. They have been getting ready and are very excited. All are welcome to attend.

The **Year 6 Graduation Mass on 7th December, 6pm at Holy Family Catholic Church** is another highlight of the school year. All are welcome to attend.

The **Year 6 Retreat is on 8th December, from 9am-1pm** in the school hall. The Year 6 students will have a day of reflection, prayer and celebration.

Advent Dates: Sunday, 3rd December- Sunday, 24th December 2023.

The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Christmas Appeal

We are collecting non-perishable items for Christmas Hampers for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal to support families in our Parkes community that are struggling to make ends meet. 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

Assembly Awards

Week 6

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJC	Molly McCabe
	1S	Finley Gibbons
	2CA	Sydney Tarry
	3H	Bill O'Bryan
	4F	Lillian Townsend
	5/6B	Connie Fryer
	5/6H	Andrew James
	5/6N	Lila Thompson
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 1S	Travis Hodges
	Primary - 5/6N	Emily White
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - 2CA	Mary Drooger
	Primary - 5/6B	Louis Smith
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - KJC	Braith Stevenson
	Primary - 3H	Rhys Hetherington
Leadership Award	Infants - 1S	Liyana Basnayake
	Primary - 4F	Ted Dugan
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - 2CA	Ashton Albert
	Primary - 5/6B	Willow Culhane

Notes

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



NEW REPORTING FOR THE ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS SYLLABUS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce changes to the way we report on student progress in K-2 English and Mathematics, in response to the NSW Curriculum Reform. Our new reporting system will provide you with more comprehensive and detailed information about your child's progress, including specific skills and concepts they have mastered and areas where they may need additional support.

We understand that you play a crucial role in your child's learning and development, and we believe that open communication and partnership are essential to achieving this goal. We encourage you to communicate with us regularly, share your questions, and work with us to support your child's learning.

By working together, we can ensure that your child receives the best possible education, in line with the NSW Curriculum Reform. We will also ensure that we communicate regularly with you about your child's progress, and provide you with opportunities to participate in their education. We believe that these changes will provide you with a clearer understanding of your child's strengths and weaknesses, and help us work together to provide the best possible support for their learning.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education

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 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 NSW 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.