



# HFS Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10 11th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we gather here today for the final newsletter of 2023, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the remarkable year we have had together. It has been a year filled with achievements, growth, and cherished memories that will stay with us forever.

Last week, we witnessed an abundance of special events that brought joy and celebration to our school community. From our Presentation Night to the Kindergarten Transition Graduation, the Year 6 Graduation Mass to the reflective Year 6 Retreat, our students have showcased their talents, character, and dedication to excellence.

I want to extend my appreciation to Mrs. Beverly Berger, who prepared our school choir to represent us so beautifully at the Carols by Candlelight event in Cooke Park. The choir were outstanding representatives of our school.

Today, at 2.00pm in our school hall, we will gather for the Year 6 Assembly, marking the last official function for our Year 6 children as they prepare to embark on the next chapter of their educational journey.

Looking ahead, our Week 10 assembly will take place in our school hall at 2.45pm on Wednesday. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

I am pleased to announce that the Semester 2 reports were released to all families via the Compass App last Friday. I want to extend my congratulations to all our students for their dedication and hard work throughout this semester, as reflected in these reports. Your commitment to learning and personal development is commendable.

As we approach the holiday season, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very happy and holy Christmas. May this festive season be filled with love, joy, and cherished moments spent with loved ones. I also wish you a wonderful New Year filled with hope and exciting opportunities.

I eagerly anticipate the return of our students to their new class groups next year, and I am confident that 2024 will bring even more successes and memorable experiences for our Holy Family School community.

*Denise Gersbach*

Principal



## Week 10 Events

### MONDAY

**Year 6 Assembly  
2pm (Hall)**

### TUESDAY

**Choir - Southern  
Cross Visit**

### WEDNESDAY

**Assembly  
2.45pm**

### THURSDAY

**Last Day  
Students and  
Staff**

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# ★ Star of the Week ★

## **Star of the Week**

Tessa Dugan is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being kind and helpful.

### **Interview with Tessa**



What is your favourite subject?	Mathematics
In your free time, what do you like to do?	I love to draw
What is your favourite food?	Chicken nuggets
What do you like most about our school?	I have many friends to play with
What are your strengths?	I am good at drawing pictures
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A vet

## Term 4 Week 10: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

### ❖ **Appreciate and celebrate others' successes**

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

<b>Country</b>	<b><i>On what continent would you find the country</i></b>
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 10

### Second Week of Advent (Year B)

We were all (staff and parents) so proud of our Year 6 students last Thursday at the **Year 6 Graduation Mass**. They participated with utmost maturity, decorum and reverence.

The **Year 6 Retreat** was also a great opportunity for our graduating students to reflect on their education at Holy Family, their friendships, family and future endeavours; appreciating their blessings and being thankful. **Mr Chris Kupkee** (Head of Catholic Identity & Mission Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes) and **Michael Gibbons** (Education Officer Identity & Mission Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes) conducted the reflective sessions on **LIFE, TIME, EXPERIENCES, ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES, HARD TIMES, HOPES AND DREAMS**. **Patrick Kupkee** and **Emily McGinnes** (2023 School Captains Red Bend Catholic College) were also special guests who spoke to our Year 6 students about transitioning to high school and how to make the best of all opportunities offered there. Thank you Chris, Michael, Emily and Patrick!



### Christmas Carols

The School Choir sang very beautifully at **Carols in the Park**. Thank you to all the choir for their commitment towards the choir and always being so enthusiastic during our practice sessions.

The choir will also perform at Southern Cross Retirement Village on Tuesday, 12th December, from 1:30pm-2:00pm. They will travel to and from the venue by bus.

### Christmas Appeal

What a wonderful response to the Christmas Appeal we have had! Thank you to all our school community for your generosity! We already have 3 large Christmas hampers to take to St Vincent de Paul.

*Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!  
May the Season of Goodwill bring peace to all.*

Beverly Berger

# Assembly Awards

Week 10

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
<b>Student of the Week</b>	KJC	Dave Jeffress
	1S	Kendall Hartwig
	2CA	Joey Hazelton
	3H	Isaac Siju
	4F	Allie O'Brien
	5/6B	Ari Albert
	5/6H	Jackson O'Brien
	5/6N	Luca Barnes
<b>Recognition of Learning Award</b>	Infants - KJC	Elyse Hodges
	Primary - 3H	Layla Al-Maliky
<b>Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)</b>	Infants - 1S	Ezra Sloane
	Primary - 5/6H	Jackson Adams
<b>Playground Behaviour Award</b>	Infants - 2CA	Davyd Mamulashvili
	Primary - 5/6N	Matthew Moon
<b>Leadership Award</b>	Infants - KJC	Georgie Harris
	Primary - 5/6H	Stephanie Chen
<b>Living the Gospel Values</b>	Infants - 1S	Ava Byrnes
	Primary - 3H	Harvey Gray



# YEAR 4 KINDESS

## Challenge

**Nina Jiang:** In 4F, we have been doing a 20 Day Kindness Challenge. The Kindness Challenge lasts for 20 days because when it ends, it will be the end of the magnificent school year. We started the kindness challenge in Week 7. Some of the kind things we have done are clean out the lost property, hi-five our friends and create bookmarks for our buddies. Even Miss Farrugia has done her part in the Kindness Challenge! She has sat with us at lunch and played our favourite games with us.

**Stanley Drooger:** Generally we do 3 challenges. The Student Challenge, Teacher Challenge and the Community Challenge. They all have different types of fun tasks that keep you pepped up all day. All the way from making a card to giving our friends a hi-five has all been a great experience for 4F. We do it to people that either aren't expecting or look like they're feeling down.

**Lillian Townsend:** Spreading kindness around the school has been a blast. When we were cleaning out the lost property box, we found a few of the lost things and returned them to their owners. Sorting out property is a really kind thing to do and we think we made the people who owned them really happy.

**Bella Allen:** Maybe you can make Kindness Challenges each day of the holidays for your family, siblings and even yourself. All you have to do is write kind things on a piece of paper and each day do one of the kind things you choose.



# 2024 Calendar - Term 1

## Term 1 2024 Planner - Parents

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun	
Jan/Feb	1	29 School Holidays	30	31 Staff Commence	1 Year 1-6 Students Commence Kindergarten Assessments	2 Kindergarten Assessments	3/4	
Feb	2	5 Kindergarten students commence	6	7 Induction of School Leaders Mass - 9.45am - HF Church P&F Meeting - 6pm	8 Swimming Carnival	9 Polding Basketball/Tennis Trials (Lismore)	10/11	
	3	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday Stage 1 Liturgy - 12.15pm	15	16 WF Central Cluster Swimming (Parkes)  P&F Back to School Bash - Parkes Town Bowling Club	17/18	
	4	19 Parent Information Night (Kindergarten) - 6.00pm	20	21	22	23 5/6B Chapel Mass - 9.45am  WF AFL (Hay)  Assembly - 2.45pm	24/25	
	5	26	27	28	29	1 WF Swimming (Parkes)	2/3	
March	6	4 Pupil Free Day	5 WF Hockey, Netball, Soccer, League (Parkes)	6 P&F Meeting (AGM) - 6pm	7	8 5/6N Chapel Mass - 9.45am  Assembly - 2.45pm	9/10	
	7	11	12	13 NAPLAN Writing  School Committee Meeting - 7.30pm	14 NAPLAN Reading  K-2 League Stars Mixed Tag Gala Day - Parkes	15 Eco Day - Year 5 (Parkes Racecourse)	16/17 Home Grown - P&F Stall - 16/3	
					NAPLAN TEST WINDOW			Parish Picnic - 17/3
	8	18 *	19 NAPLAN Conventions of Language	20 NAPLAN Numeracy	21	22 Hockey Gala Day Sacrament of Confirmation 6:00pm Holy Family Church Assembly - 2.45pm	23/24	
					NAPLAN TEST WINDOW			
9	25  NAPLAN TEST WINDOW	26 WF Touch Trials (Pks)	27 Easter Hat Parade (Mufti) - 9.15am	28 Holy Thursday Whole School Liturgy (Holy Thursday) HFS Hall - 12:15pm	29 Good Friday	30/31 Easter Sat/Sun		
Mar/Apr	10	1 Easter Monday	2 Pupil Free Day	3 Polding Swimming (Homebush)  P&F Meeting - 6pm	4 David Peachey/Russell Richardson Cup - Condobolin  School Disco - 6.00pm	5 5/6H Chapel Mass - 9.45am Assembly - 2.45pm	6/7	
11	8 School Public Speaking Competition - Year 3-6	9 Upstage (K-6) 9.00am-12.30pm	10 School Cross Country	11  NSW PSSA Swimming (Homebush)	12 Last Day of Term	13/14		

# Notes

BACK TO SCHOOL

## BBQ BASH

PARKES BOWLING CLUB  
6 CECILE STREET

FRIDAY 16 FEB 2024  
4:30PM ONWARDS

\* BBQ \* POPCORN \* BALL GAMES \*  
\* JUMPING CASTLE \* BAREFOOT BOWLS \*



RSUP: MONDAY 12 FEB 2024 TO SCHOOL OFFICE



## 2024 Back to School

### Start Dates

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

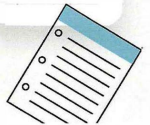
### Kindergarten Assessments -

1st and 2nd February 2024

For your information please contact school office:

admin.parkes@wf.catholic.edu.au

Call : 6862 1610



## FORBES



RUGBY  
LEAGUE  
TOUCH  
OZTAG  
PLAYERS  
8-14YRS



2HR CLINIC  
WED 20TH DEC  
8-14YRS | \$66

COVERS:  
**ACCELERATION  
BALL HANDLING  
PASSING & CATCHING  
QUICK DECISION MAKING**

NEW  
CLINIC

**FAST FEET  
& QUICK HANDS**

SPEED & PRECISION BALL SKILLS CLINIC



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## Holy Family Parish Primary Christmas Appeal

We are collecting non-perishable items to fill Christmas Hampers for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Please send your donations to the Christmas Hamper at the school office. Thank you for your generosity!



I have always thought of Christmas time... as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time.  
Charles Dickens



# HELLO SUNSHINE WE NEED YOU!

HOLY FAMILY P&F BREAKFAST PROGRAM

**We need volunteers for 2024 to keep  
this wonderful initiative alive.**

**Can you spare 1 hour on a Monday,  
Wednesay or Friday, 8.15am-9.15am?**

Please contact the office to volunteer, without  
you we can't keep bringing a smile and some  
brekky to our beautiful kids. Thank you!



## ART WORKSHOPS

WITH KAREN RITCHIE

For children 8 - 13 years old  
explore-create-have fun

**Watercolour Wonders, 15th January, 10am - 12noon**  
explore a variety of techniques with watercolours/acrylic paints and take  
home a beautiful whale painting

**Quirky Animals, 16th January, 10am - 12noon**  
explore acrylic paint techniques and take home a quirky animal painting  
bring a photo reference if you like

**Mono Printing, 22nd January, 10am - 12noon**  
explore mono-printing using a variety of mixed media and everyday objects to  
create unusual works

**Fun with Pastels, 23rd January, 10am - 12noon**  
explore working with chalk/pastel based products on coloured paper to  
create amazing effects

**Venue:** Marramarra Makerspace  
**Cost:** \$30 per workshop

**For bookings:** contact Karen Ritchie  
karenritchieart@gmail.com or  
0411 099 432  
all materials supplied  
bring drink bottle



## ELVIS IS BACK IN THE OVAL!

THE HFS OVAL WILL AGAIN HOST A  
CARAVAN SITE FOR ELVIS 2024!

**9TH TO 14TH OF JANUARY 2024**

100% OF PROCEEDS GO BACK TO OUR  
SCHOOL! CAN YOU HELP?

**SITE SUPERVISORS (1 OR 2 EACH DAY)**

TIME: 2PM -3PM

WHAT: HELP GUESTS CHECK IN, DIRECT THEM TO THEIR SITE, FIELD  
QUESTIONS, MAN THE PHONE & GET IN ON THE FESTIVAL ACTION.

**SITE INSPECTOR (1 EACH DAY)**

TIME: 30MINS AT ANYTIME

WHAT: WALKTHROUGH OVAL SITE AND MAKE SURE THINGS ARE  
TIDY AND UNDER CONTROL, WIPE OVER BATHROOMS, REPORT  
ANY MAJOR ISSUES.

**BBQ BREKKIE HELPERS (1 OR 2 PEOPLE, SATURDAY ONLY)**

DATE: SATURDAY 13TH OF JANUARY

TIME: 7AM TO 9AM

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER VIA THE P&F F'BOOK PAGE OR DIRECTLY TO  
THE P&F PRESIDENT MIKE WOOD 0418 818 372 / OR LET THE  
OFFICE KNOW BEFORE END OF TERM**



## REMINDER

*A reminder to all our parents  
ahead of the break at the end  
of Year, that school zones  
remain in place for the safety  
of our children and families.*

*School zones operate on all  
gazetted school days, which  
are all days the school is open,  
even pupil free days.*



# Reach for the Sky Australia Day Kite Festival January 26 8am till 11am North Parkes Oval



Bring your own kite which you have made or purchased. For all ages from toddlers to those a little bit older who want to return to their childhood. Decorate your kite with an Australian theme or maybe make it into the shape of the Parkes Dish. What a great present for the Christmas stocking.



For more information phone 0448 166 016  
A good range of kites are available at Parkes Newsagency

## INAUGURAL CSNSW SPORT AQUATHLON TUESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER 2023



Register Now!



Age Groups:  
8 Years - 19 Years

Cost:  
Entry - \$35 4th Dec  
Late Entry - \$55 11th Dec

Eligible Students:  
Affiliated schools to  
Catholic Schools NSW

First Race: 8:30AM

Max Parker Leisure & Aquatic Centre

NSW TRIATHLON

[csnsw.sport/sports/csnsw-sport-programmes/aquathlon](https://csnsw.sport/sports/csnsw-sport-programmes/aquathlon)



### School Holiday Activities

COST: \$53 per day  
AGES: 5-13 years  
TIME: 8:00am - 4:00pm  
EXTENDED: 7:30-8:00 - 4:00-5:00

WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.  
Children need to bring a hat everyday and wear enclosed shoes.  
A SMILE ON YOUR FACE!!

BOOK NOW



Mon Dec 18th	Fitness Fun, Court Games, Twister, Arts and Crafts, Playdough Making, Musical Chairs, Red Light Green Light, Wind Down	Tues Jan 16th	Giant Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, Fruit Kebab Making, Painting, Gymnastics, Wind Down
Tues Dec 19th	Mini Olympics, Obstacle Courses, Nerf Wars, Capture The Flag, Dodge Ball, Simon Says, Wind Down	Wed Jan 17th	Show and Tell, Hockey, Red Rover Cross Over, Face Painting, Fort Making Competition, Wind Down
Wed Dec 20th	Hide and Seek, Tug of War, Archery Skills, Archery Tag, Meet a Hero, Dance Party, Wind Down	Thurs Jan 18th	Floor is Lava, Rock Wall Climbing, Silly Science, Twister, Archery Skills, Wind Down
Thurs Dec 21st	Christmas Activities, Christmas Arts and Crafts, Reindeer Food, Cookie Decorating, Colouring In Competition, Wind Down	Fri Jan 19th	Pickle Ball, Dodge Ball, Messy Art, Thick Shakes, Creative Drawing, Wind Down
Fri Dec 22nd	CLOSED	Mon Jan 22nd	Obstacle Course, Humongous Skipping rope, Giant Soccer, Gymnastics, Wind Down
Mon Jan 1st	CLOSED	Tues Jan 23rd	Nerf Wars, Story Time, Boxing Skills, Court games, Hide and Seek, Gymnastics, Wind Down
Tues Jan 2nd	Soccer, Basketball, Capture The Flag, Scavenger Hunt, Water Balloon Fight, Rock Wall Climbing, Wind Down	Wed Jan 24th	Table Tennis, Running Races, Relays, Sack Races, Skills and Drills, Wind Down
Wed Jan 3rd	Gymnastics, Floor is Lava, Fort Building, Twister, Milkshake Making, Hockey, Table Tennis, Wind Down	Thurs Jan 25th	COME IN YOUR BRIGHTEST CLOTHES!! Archery Tag, Capture the Flag, Hockey, Wind Down
Thurs Jan 4th	Dance Competition, Show and Tell, Taco Making, Boxing Skills, Dodge Ball, Wind Down	Fri Jan 26th	CLOSED
Fri Jan 5th	COSTUME DAY!! Parkour Obstacle Course and Races, Rock Wall Climbing, Smoothie Day, Wind Down	Mon Jan 29th	Rock Wall Climbing, Gymnastics, Fort Making, Musical Chairs, Giant Soccer, Wind Down
Mon Jan 8th	PJ DAY!! Gymnastics, Painting, Cupcake Decorating, Popcorn Making, Movie Trivia, Wind Down	Tues Jan 30th	Hockey, Table Tennis, Dance Party, Scavenger Hunt, Packman, Red Rover, Wind Down
Tues Jan 9th	Court Games, Tug of War, Pickle Ball, Table Tennis, Giant Soccer, Hide and Seek, Wind Down	Wed Jan 31st	CRAZY HAIR DAY!! Arts and Crafts, Lucky Dip, Day full of competitions and surprises, Gymnastics, Movie Trivia
Wed Jan 10th	Silly Science, Watermelon Fans, Mini Pizza making, Face Painting, Gymnastics, Wind Down		
Thurs Jan 11th	Twister, Musical Chairs, Simon Says, Scavenger Hunt, Boxing Skills, Wind Down		
Fri Jan 12th	Dance Party, Skits, Milkshake Making, Relays, Egg and Spoon races, Gymnastics		
Mon Jan 15th	Arm Wrestles, Running Races, Red Light Green Light, Packman, Red Rover Cross Over, Wind Down		

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### Book now for School Holidays!

Join us for school holidays with loads of activities and fun! Scan the QR code and book today!

