



HFS Newsletter

Term 4 Week 9 4th December 2023

Week 9 Events

MONDAY

**Presentation
Night 6pm (Hall)**

TUESDAY

**P&F Meeting
6pm (Hall)**

THURSDAY

**Year 6
Graduation Mass
6pm (Hall)**

**Year 3 - 6
Swimming**

FRIDAY

Year 6 Retreat



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the term, it's incredible how quickly time has flown by.

Last week, our Kindergarten students graced us with a heartwarming Advent Liturgy in our Chapel, where they beautifully retold the Christmas story. It was a joyful occasion and we were thrilled to see so many parents and grandparents in attendance, supporting our beautiful children.

Our students had an absolute blast last Friday during our Bike Safety Day. It was delightful to see their excitement as they brought their bikes to school and learned important lessons about safety. Thank you to Mrs Herring for coordinating this important day for our students.

Tonight is an important evening as we gather for our Presentation Night. We will come together to celebrate the achievements of all our students at this special occasion. To ensure a smooth start, please have your children seated by 5:45pm for a 6:00pm commencement in our school hall. Children are to wear Christmas-coloured clothing. We look forward to seeing all our families at this special event.

On Wednesday, our Kindergarten Transition Class will celebrate their final day of transition with a special graduation in our hall at 2:45pm. It's an emotional moment as we watch our young learners take this significant step forward in their educational journey.

Thursday evening marks our Year 6 Graduation Mass in our school hall at 6:00 pm. Please note that due to the predicted high temperatures later in the week, we have changed the venue. Our Year 6 students have displayed exceptional leadership throughout their time here, and it's with high emotion that we bid them farewell. Their journey continues, and we're proud to have been a part of their formative years.

Our Year 6 students will then have a special retreat day in our hall on Friday, a time to reflect and bond before they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

Our deepest sympathies go to Mrs Shevaun Brown and her family on the recent passing of her mother. Please keep Mrs Brown in your prayers during this sad time.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Star of the Week

Ashton Albert is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being committed and persevering in class.

Interview with Ashton



What is your favourite subject?	Religion
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Draw and colour in pictures
What is your favourite food?	Peanut butter on toast
What do you like most about our school?	The teachers and students are very kind
What are your strengths?	I'm a good listener
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A lawyer

Term 4 Week 9: 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.

Country	<i>On what continent would you find the country</i>
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 9

First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Congratulations to the Kindergarten students and teachers for organising such a beautiful **Advent Liturgy** last Friday. The children participated with such reverence and kept us all enthralled with their dramatisation of the Nativity of Jesus.



An **Advent wreath** is made from a circle of evergreen leaves which symbolises God's love for the world as never-ending. The candles signify the 4 Sundays of Advent and the white 'Christ Candle' represents the life of Jesus and the light he brought into the world. It is lit on Christmas Day.

- ★ The **Year 6 Graduation Mass on 7th December, 6pm at Holy Family School Hall** 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. 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
7th December, 2023	Year 6 Graduation Mass - 6:00pm HFS Hall	Year 6

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Assembly Awards

Week 8

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJC	Frankie Clarke
	1S	Aiyshu Thammitalage
	2CA	Mary Drooger
	3H	Jasper Vigurs
	4F	Isabel Siju
	5/6B	Billy White
	5/6H	Colin Wood
	5/6N	Aidan van der Merwe
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 2CA	Nelson Sutton
	Primary - 5/6H	Archie Edmonds
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - KJC	Angelina Jobz
	Primary - 5/6N	Brydie Coleman
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - 1S	Aurora Sapkota
	Primary - 5/6B	Louis Smith
Leadership Award	Infants - 2CA	Indigo Gillingham
	Primary - 5/6B	Daisy Rice
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - KJC	Dave Jeffress
	Primary - 4F	Elizabeth Toomey

Notes



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



HOLD YOUR CHILD'S HAND

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you can't be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted or tired and often not concentrating on their own safety.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au

In memory of all children who have died.

Annual Worldwide Candle lighting

The Compassionate Friends



Lions Park (Orange road)
on **Sunday 10th December 2023**
from **5.30pm**



Candles will be lit and poems will be read at 6pm
BYO nibbles and drinks and stay for a chat. We suggest you
bring a chair/rug to sit at the Park.

A casual and special get together
of the Parkes Chapter of the
Compassionate Friends..
to relax and enjoy some
company.

In case of rain - will be held at
Middleton School Hall.

Christmas tree photo board

Bring a photo
of your child to
place on the
tree.

*Those we have
loved and lost*



For more information contact Judy Fisher (0402 599 001)
Tony Fisher (042897055) or Fran Scurfield (041210359)



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 FBOOK PAGE OR DIRECTLY TO
THE P&F PRESIDENT MIKE WOOD 0418 818 372 / OR LET THE
OFFICE KNOW BEFORE END OF TERM



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

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TRIATHLON

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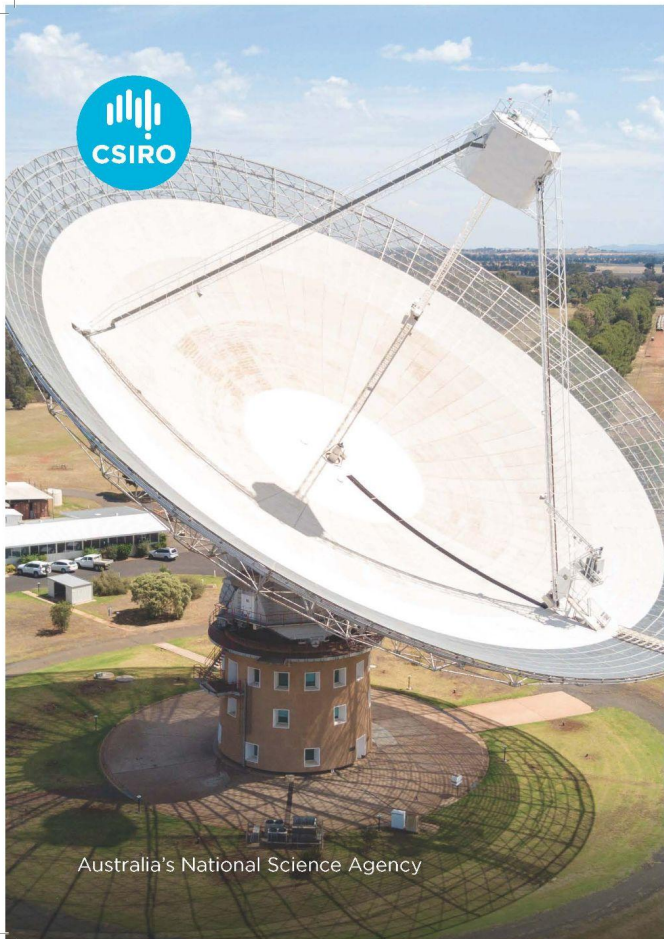
Holy Family Parish Primary Christmas Appeal

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



Australia's National Science Agency

Fizzics Education at CSIRO Parkes Observatory Visitors Centre

Come and meet the team from Fizzics Education during the Elvis Festival – this is a family event where you'll see science up close!

Wed 10 to Sun 14 January 2024
This one-hour show starts at 1:30 pm

It's free, no booking needed – just show up on the day
Outdoors event – in front of Murriyang, the Parkes radio telescope

Parkes Observatory Visitors Centre
(02) 6861 1777
parkes-vdc@csiro.au
585 Telescope Road, Parkes NSW 2870
20 km north of Parkes on the Newell Hwy

This is a **radio quiet zone**. Please assist by turning off phones and wi-fi devices or activating airplane or flight mode.

05/24 | 21/02/24

Book now for School Holidays!

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



School Holiday Activities

COST: \$53 per day
AGES: 9-13 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
Thur 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, Fore 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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