



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 4 19th February 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Kindergarten

Parent Information
Night 6pm
(Kindergarten Room)

FRIDAY

5/6B Mass 9.45am
(Chapel)

Assembly 2.45pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to our dedicated Parents and Friends Association for orchestrating a delightful evening at the Town Bowling Club this past Friday. Families came together for a lovely social evening. Your presence and support made the event truly memorable, and we extend our gratitude to all who attended.

Congratulations are in order for our talented swimmers who proudly represented Holy Family School at the recent Central Cluster Carnival held in Parkes. Their dedication and hard work paid off with remarkable success, including several students qualifying for the upcoming Diocesan Carnival on March 1st. Not only did our swimmers showcase their skills, but they also exemplified outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the event.

We're thrilled to announce the installation of new Clevertouch units in all classrooms! Last week, our dedicated teachers underwent training to familiarise themselves with this innovative technology. The possibilities these units offer to enhance teaching and learning experiences are boundless, and our educators are eager to incorporate them into their lessons.

We're excited to kick off the school year with our first assembly, scheduled for this Friday at 2:45 pm in the school hall. Parents and friends are invited to join us as we come together to celebrate achievements, share important updates, and foster a sense of community within our school.

As always, we extend our appreciation to our students, staff, and parents for their ongoing support and dedication to Holy Family School. Together, we continue to strive for excellence in education.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Hamish Newham is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being focussed and hardworking.

Interview with Hamish



What is your favourite subject?	Mathematics
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play rugby league with my friends
What is your favourite food?	Pizza
What do you like most about our school?	The teachers
What are your strengths?	Sport & Mathematics
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A fireman

Term 1 Week 4: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

◆ Support others to achieve positive results

This fortnight's challenge is to conduct some research and fill in the correct answers.

Country	National Animal
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

Religious Education

First Week of Lent

This week is the first week of the liturgical season of Lent.

Congratulations to the Stage 1 teachers and students for organising a beautiful Ash Wednesday Liturgy. It was heartwarming to witness the reverence of the children and how well they responded to the readings, prayers and reflections.

Year 5/6B will be attending morning Mass at 9:45am in the Chapel on Friday, 23rd February.

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



All classes have a **Project Compassion Mission Donation Box** so that all students have the opportunity to share what they can with those less fortunate.

ALTAR SERVING-

We are looking for some new altar servers so if anyone in Years 4 to 6 who have made their First Holy Communion is interested, please let the Parish Office or Holy Family School Office know. You can also inform Mrs Berger at school and training will be organised. New rosters begin from 6th April, 2024.

School office- 6862 1610

Parish Office- 6862 2469



Sacrament of Confirmation.

All Catholic students in Year 6, 2024, have the opportunity to make their **Sacrament of Confirmation**. The Sacrament of Confirmation Mass will take place at **Holy Family Parish Church at 6:00pm on Friday, 22nd March, 2024.**

A note with more details will be sent home on Monday. Please fill in the details required as soon as possible and return to the school office.

Mass/Liturgy	Date & Time	Church/Chapel/Hall	Class
Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)	Friday, 22 March, 2024 6:00pm	HF Church	Stage 3
Holy Thursday School Whole Liturgy	Thursday, 28 March, 2024 12:15 pm	HF Hall	Whole School

We look forward to the Masses/Liturgies in Term 1.

- *Further information regarding the Masses/Liturgies will be sent home closer to their dates.*

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Notes

Reminder!

Pupil Free Days in Term 1

Monday 4th March

Tuesday 2nd April



DID YOU KNOW?

You can link via your Google Calendar to the Holy Family Parent Calendar. How to do this?

1. On your computer, open Google Calendar.
2. On the left, next to "Other calendars," click Add From URL.
3. Enter this below calendar's address (copy paste):
https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=wf.catholic.edu.au_r8odqnoaihvo7aj7mc934raj0%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Australia%2FSydney
4. Click Add calendar. The calendar appears on the left, under "Other calendars."

Tip: It might take up to 24 hours for changes to show in your Google Calendar.



OPEN DAY

Sunday, March 17, 2024

10am to 1pm

Guided tour - Light refreshments provided

'Inspiring Minds, Heart and Spirits'

Red Bend Catholic College, FORBES

For more information contact the College on 02 6852 2000

Notes

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP AT SCHOOL

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.



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

BE BUS AWARE

Bus Safety Week



Millions of trips

Each year millions of children catch a bus to school for all or part of their journey.

Parents and carers - always hold your child's hand

Adults have an important part to play in keeping children safe around roads. School-aged children might seem independent, but they still need a hand around traffic. Remember:

- Always meet your child **at** school or the bus stop. **Never** wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across
- Until they are at least 10 years old, always supervise your child and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing the road
- Remind your children to always wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road.

Drivers

Drivers should:

- Look out for children on footpaths or crossing the street, especially around schools, buses and bus stops
- Leave plenty of space when you're driving or stopped around buses, to keep children safe and improve bus drivers' vision of the road environment
- Slow down to 40km/h when lights flash on the front and back of buses. These warn motorists that the bus is picking up or dropping off kids. You should always slow down when buses stop as children can be nearby, even when lights aren't flashing
- Give way to buses pulling out from bus stops and avoid merging too closely in front of buses.

Passengers

- Wait until the bus has stopped before you get out of your seat
- Take care stepping on and off the bus
- If standing, hold on and keep alert.



BeBusAware.com.au