



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 5 26th February 2024

## EVENTS

THIS WEEK 5

### FRIDAY

WF Swimming  
(Parkes)

### MONDAY

(Week 6)

Pupil Free Day

### TUESDAY

(Week 6)

WF Winter Trials  
(Soccer, League,  
Netball )



Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all our students for their dedication and hard work in the classroom so far this term. Your enthusiasm for learning is commendable and your efforts are being rewarded through the progress you are making. Our teachers are equally delighted with the remarkable learning journey that is taking place within our school walls.

We extend our best wishes to all our swimmers who will be proudly representing Holy Family School at the upcoming Wilcannia-Forbes Diocesan Carnival. This exciting event will be hosted here in Parkes this Friday. A big thank you to the parents who have offered their assistance in ensuring the smooth running of the carnival on the day.

This week, I will have the privilege of attending the Diocesan Principals' Conference in Forbes. It presents a wonderful opportunity for me to collaborate with fellow principals and engage in enriching professional learning experiences alongside our Education Office staff. I look forward to sharing insights and gaining valuable knowledge to further enhance our school community.

A friendly reminder that next Monday, March 4th, is a Pupil Free Day. While students enjoy a day off, our dedicated teachers will be actively participating in professional learning activities related to the new English and Mathematics curriculums. This valuable time allows us to further develop our teaching practices, ensuring that we continue to deliver the highest quality education to our students.

*Denise Gersbach*

Principal

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## ★ Star of the Week ★

William O'Bryan is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being honest and conscientious.

### Interview with William



What is your favourite subject?	Art & Sport
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Draw
What is your favourite food?	Spaghetti Bolognese
What do you like most about our school?	Everyone is kind
What are your strengths?	Drawing
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	An artist

Term 1 Week 5: 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.

<i>Through which countries do the following rivers flow- (Choose the correct answers from the yellow box below)</i>	<i>Country</i>
Amazon River	
Nile River	
Ganges River	
Yangtze River	
Rhine River	
Mississippi River	
Volga River	
Murray River	
Thames River	

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



## Second Week of Lent

Well done to the 5/6B students who attended Mass last Friday in the Chapel. They were very reverent throughout the Mass. They did the Readings, Offertory and Altar-serving.

*\*Year 5/6N will be attending morning Mass at 9:45am in the Chapel on Friday, 8th March.*

## PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



### Project Compassion Boxes

It is heartwarming to see students generously drop a coin into the Project Compassion Boxes in the classrooms.

All money collected from the Project Compassion Boxes will be collected on Holy Thursday and sent to Caritas Australia for Project Compassion. Click on the link if you would like some information on Project Compassion-

<https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/>

### STAFF MARIST SPIRITUALITY

All staff will attend 2 Twilight Marist Spirituality Sessions (after school) on Tuesday, 12th and Wednesday, 13th March.

### 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.

**Holy Family Parish Church at 6:00pm on Friday, 22nd March, 2024.**

*A note with more details has been sent home. Please fill in the details required as soon as possible and return to the school office.*

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

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



# Assembly Awards

## Week 4

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
<b>Student of the Week</b>	KJC	Ellie Gersbach
	1S	Frankie Clarke
	2CH	Tessa Dugan
	3NC	Sydney Tarry
	4W	Olivia Culhane
	5/6B	Max Dwyer Mulligan
	5/6H	Tilly Murray
	5/6N	Aidan van der Merwe
<b>Recognition of Learning Award</b>	Infants - KJC	Cohen Calabro
	Primary - 3NC	Ceff Anasta
<b>Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)</b>	Infants - 1S	Dave Jeffress
	Primary - 4W	Max Crowe
<b>Playground Behaviour Award</b>	Infants - 2CH	Emanuel Townsend
	Primary - 5/6B	Liam Quade
<b>Leadership Award</b>	Infants - KJC	Iris Burt
	Primary - 5/6HR	Ruby Galvin
<b>Living the Gospel Values</b>	Infants - 1S	Angelina Jobz
	Primary - 5/6N	Stephanie Chen

# Notes

**Easter Hat Parade**  
Come along and parade your finest Easter Hat  
**Wednesday 27th March 9.15 am**  
Parents and Friends are welcome to attend  
**AND**  
**Caritas Mufti Mission Day**  
There will be stalls at recess from  
11am - 11.45am to raise money for  
**Caritas Australia.**  
A Gold Coin Donation on the day will be collected.  
Children are to wear casual clothes.

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## Holy Family P&F Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm**

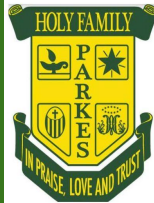
**Coachman Hotel**

Includes election of the following positions;

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Communications Officer (New)
- Grants Officer (New)
- Committee Members

Don't miss this opportunity to get involved in your school community

Many hands make light work



# HELLO SUNSHINE WE NEED YOU!

HOLY FAMILY P&F BREAKFAST PROGRAM

**We still are in need of  
volunteers that can help on  
Monday or Wednesday  
mornings.**

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



## HOLY FAMILY PARISH - EASTER PICNIC on

**Sunday March 24, 2024**

Devonshire Tea and

Games to start at 11 am

BYO picnic lunch, drinks, and chair

(NB: alcohol-free event)

Family and friends

*Venue: Holy Family School hall and grounds*

**ALL WELCOME**

Contact Pat McCallum

0408 623 199

badger47@bigpond.net.au

or

Parish office 6862 2469

**RSVP Wednesday 20 March**

# Notes

## STUDENT AMBULANCE COVER CONDITIONS

Student Ambulance Cover applies to transportation following a student accident, not an illness or medical condition. School policy is to call an ambulance in the event of a serious injury or illness (eg severe asthma attack, anaphylactic reaction, seizure etc). If your child has a pre existing medical condition that falls into this category, please be aware that the cost of the ambulance may be at the parent's expense if you do not have family ambulance cover.



## STUDENTS 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



# 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