



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 8 18th March 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 8

TUESDAY

NAPLAN Language

WEDNESDAY

NAPLAN Numeracy

Kindergarten
Transition Starts

THURSDAY

Assembly 2.45pm
(Hall)

FRIDAY

Hockey Gala Day
Confirmation 6pm
(Holy Family Church)

SUNDAY

Parish Picnic 11am
(Hall and Grounds)

Reminder

Pupil Free Day
Tuesday, 2nd April



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the academic year and navigate through the month of March, I wanted to take a moment to highlight some significant events and initiatives taking place within our school community.

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students are currently engaged in the NAPLAN assessments. These tests are an important benchmark in their academic journey, and I commend both the students and their teachers for their dedication and hard work in preparing for these assessments.

We welcome all the children that begin their Transition Program on Wednesday, 20th March. It is a very exciting time and a big step in their educational journey.

On the 21st of March, we will be celebrating Harmony Day with the theme "Everybody Belongs." This is an opportunity for us to celebrate the cultural diversity within our school community and to promote inclusivity and respect for all. Our teachers have been busy organising special lessons and activities to foster understanding and appreciation for different cultures. We embrace this day with open hearts and minds, remembering that unity in diversity is one of our greatest strengths.

We have 37 students across Stages 2 & 3 who will be representing Holy Family at the Hockey Gala Day on Friday, 22nd March. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to showcase their sportsmanship and teamwork. We hope that they have a great day and represent our school with pride.

Our Catholic students from Year 6 will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 22nd March at Holy Family Church. This is a significant milestone in their spiritual journey, and we wish them all the best as they continue to grow in faith and understanding.

The students from Year 2 participated in a League Tag Gala Day in Parkes on Thursday, 14th March. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thanks also to their wonderful coaches Gill Calabro, Tony Ross and Mr. Ken Hanstock.

All students from Year 5 were encouraged to apply directly to Parkes Shire Library for the role of Library Ambassador. Congratulations to Nina Jiang and Niamh McTiernan, who have been chosen to represent Holy Family School this year.

Finally, thanks to the parents and children who helped out at the P&F stall on Saturday during the Parkes Homegrown markets. Their dedication and commitment to our school community is greatly appreciated. We wish them all the best and thank them for their continued support.

Andrew Berger
Assistant Principal



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★ Star of the Week ★

Frankie Clarke is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being hardworking and kind.

Interview with Frankie



What is your favourite subject?	Science
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Draw
What is your favourite food?	Pizza
What do you like most about our school?	The teachers
What are your strengths?	Maths & footy
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A teacher

Term 1 Week 8: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

➤ **Listen to the opinions of others and act sensitively**

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

<i>Here are six quiz questions on Australia: Please highlight the correct answer.</i>	Country
<i>Which Australian city is often called the "Harbour City" and is famous for its iconic Opera House and Harbour Bridge?</i>	a) Melbourne b) Sydney c) Brisbane
<i>Which city is the capital of the state of Victoria and known for its vibrant arts and culture scene, as well as its famous laneways and coffee culture?</i>	a) Perth b) Sydney c) Melbourne
<i>Cairns, a popular tourist destination, is located in which Australian state?</i>	a) New South Wales b) Queensland c) Western Australia
<i>The city of Perth is situated on the western coast of Australia. Which ocean does it overlook?</i>	a) Pacific Ocean b) Indian Ocean c) Southern Ocean
<i>Which city is known as the "City of Churches" due to its numerous historic churches and religious institutions?</i>	a) Perth b) Melbourne c) Adelaide
<i>Which Australian city hosted the 2000 Summer Olympics?</i>	a) Melbourne b) Brisbane c) Sydney

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



Fifth Week of Lent

The children who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 22nd March, participated in the First Rite of Reconciliation (Individual Confession) last Friday in preparation for their special day. We wish them many blessings as they take the next step in their faith journey.

Confirmation is an opportunity for those who were baptised as children to confirm their commitment to the Christian faith that was made on their behalf by their parents and godparents at their Baptism.



Sacrament of Confirmation:

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

Saint Patrick's Day-17th March



Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. It is said that Saint Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity (God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

Feast of Saint Joseph- 19th March

Saint Joseph was Jesus' earthly father and husband of Mary, mother of Jesus. Symbols often portrayed with Joseph include a carpenter's square and a lily. Saint Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travellers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people.



Easter Hat Parade & Mufti Mission Day- 27th March



Click on the link if you would like some information on Project Compassion- <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/>

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

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

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

P & F

Annual General Meeting Outcomes

Your P&F had a busy & successful 2023 collaborating closely with the staff and students to raise over \$28,000. This was used to provide financial support for the following school initiatives to help enhance the overall education experience at Holy Family for your children. Many of these initiatives also provide opportunities for the broader school community to get together, support each other and the school.

- **New sporting equipment**
- **Shirts for the Kindergarten Transition Program**
- **New books for the library purchased through the Grandparents Day stall**
- **P&F Sports Scholarship recipient – Daisy Rice**
- **School Music Program**
- **Stage Awards Program**
- **HFS Branded school bags**
- **School Breakfast Program**
- **Back to School Bash**

Your newly elected P&F committee members for 2024 are.

President: Sam Jordan

Vice President: Mike Wood

Secretary: Carmen Edwards

Treasurer: TBA

Communications Officer (New Role): Elissa Gillingham

Grants Officer (New Role): Cathy Treasure

Committee Members: Mick Gibbons, Michelle Hoey, Mike Walker, Gill Calabro, Skye Harris

We still have one vacancy being the Treasurer's position, if this is something you can help with please contact the office or one of the Committee members.

A big thank you to our outgoing committee members for all your hard work throughout the year. Welcome to all our committee members for 2024 and great to see some new faces keen to help out. We look forward to the support of all the parents as we reach out for volunteers for various fundraising events across the year.

Committee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm at the Coachman Motel. Next Meeting is Wednesday 3rd of April. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Notes

School Garden Program Working Bee



**SATURDAY 23RD APRIL
8 AM-12 NOON
INSTALL AND FILL NEW GARDEN BEDS
BYO GARDEN TOOLS
CONTACT THE OFFICE
IF YOU CAN HELP OUT**

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**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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**THURSDAY
4TH APRIL**

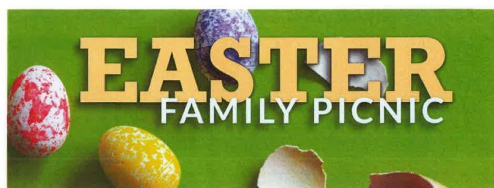
**THEME: BRIGHT
COLOURS**

Children are to be dropped off and
picked up from upstairs in the
(Starlight Room)
Snacks will be available to purchase

**\$3.00
ENTRY**

6 PM - 7.00PM

Parkes Services Club



The Easter Family picnic will be held on
Sunday 24 March, 11am
At Holy Family School Hall and grounds.
Come along and bring family, friends, neighbours.

A fun day
starting with a delicious Devonshire Tea and
games.

BYO picnic lunch, drinks and chair
(alcohol free event)

ALL WELCOME

Contact Pat McCallum

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HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

TUESDAY, 21ST MAY

- ✓ Take a tour around the school and classes
- ✓ Check out our teachers and students at work
- ✓ View facilities and infrastructure
- ✓ Ask us your questions

EVERYONE WELCOME!

- **ANYTIME BETWEEN 9.30AM AND 1PM OR FOR THE EVENING SESSION BETWEEN 5PM AND 6PM.**
- **TOURS BEGIN FROM SCHOOL OFFICE (HIGH ST ENTRANCE)**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT US: 6862 1610
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WEARING HELMETS AND RIDING SAFELY

Wearing Helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels:

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Roller Skates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades

Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 12 and their accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! procedure.

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

Always keep safe on the road, protect yourself with Helmet.



Marramarra Makerspace

HOLIDAY

WORKSHOPS



LEGO Games

timed, themed and fun
15th April, 10am-11.30m
Marramarra Makerspace
Kindy - Year 6, \$2

Waste Warriors

design and build a Waste Warrior
using packaging

17th April, 10am-12pm

Marramarra Makerspace

Year 5 - Year 12, \$2

Start collecting your packaging now



Hanging Out

create a mobile out of packaging

24th April, 10am-12pm

Marramarra Makerspace

Kindy - Year 6, \$2

Start collecting your packaging now

In person bookings are essential. Call into the library today.