



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 9 25th March 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 9

TUESDAY

WF Touch Trials
(Parkes)

WEDNESDAY

Easter Hat Parade
(Mufti) - 9.15am

Caritas Mufti Mission
Stalls

THURSDAY

Whole School Liturgy
(Holy Thursday)
HFS Hall 12:15pm

Reminder

Pupil Free Day
Tuesday, 2nd April

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reflect on the past week's activities, I am delighted to share with you some highlights from our vibrant school community.

First and foremost, I congratulate our Year 6 Catholic students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday. This was a significant event in their faith journey, and we are immensely proud of their commitment and dedication.

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students completed the NAPLAN Assessments last week. I commend their hard work and determination throughout this testing period.

Last week, we celebrated Harmony Day with the theme "Everyone Belongs," promoting inclusivity and cultural diversity within our school community. It was rewarding to see our students actively participating in various activities, fostering a sense of unity and respect for one another.

Our youngest learners had a wonderful experience during the first Kindergarten Transition Day on Wednesday, 20th March. It was wonderful to witness their excitement and enthusiasm as they took their first steps towards formal education.

On the sports front, our students from Years 3 to 6 had a fantastic time at the hockey gala day. Their sportsmanship and teamwork were truly commendable, reflecting the values we strive to promote in all our students.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting week planned. Our Easter Hat Parade and Mufti Mission Day will take place on Wednesday, 27th March, offering students an opportunity to showcase their creativity while supporting a worthy cause. Additionally, we will come together for a whole school liturgy on Holy Thursday, 28th March, as we reflect on the significance of the Easter season.

Once again, thank you to all the parents and friends who helped out at the school garden working bee on Saturday, and to all the parents and children who assisted last weekend, both at the stall and through the supply of baked goods for the Homegrown Parkes markets. You all contributed to raising \$1,158. Well done!

As Easter approaches, I extend my best wishes to our entire school community. I hope this time brings happiness and peace to you and your loved ones.

Andrew Berger

Assistant Principal



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★ Star of the Week ★

Navy Edwards is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being helpful and reliable.

Interview with Navy



What is your favourite subject?	Science
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play with my dolls
What is your favourite food?	Chicken nuggets & chocolate
What do you like most about our school?	The playground
What are your strengths?	Writing numbers
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A veterinarian (vet) because I want to help animals

Term 1 Week 9: 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.
Famous landmarks. **Highlight the correct answer**

1. In which country is the Taj Mahal located?	Thailand India Bangladesh
2. Approximately how tall is the Eiffel Tower?	30 metres 330 metres 3300 metres
3. In which U.S. state is the Grand Canyon located?	Arizona California Texas
4. In which country is Machu Picchu located?	Brazil Argentina Peru
5. The Great Sphinx of Giza in Egypt is a statue with a human's head and which animal's body?	a lion a camel a cat
6. How long did it take to build the Sydney Opera House?	14 weeks 14 months 14 years

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



Holy Week

Congratulations to the 14 children who received the Sacrament Of Confirmation last Friday. They were very reverent throughout the Mass, making a personal commitment to grow in the knowledge, love, and practice of their Catholic faith. Thank you to Bishop Columba and Fr Barry for celebrating the Mass.



Palm Sunday, celebrated on the 24th of March this year, leads us into Holy Week. Holy Week is the most sacred time of the year for Christians. The **Sacred Triduum** falls within this week. The three days of the Triduum are counted from dusk to dusk, as the Hebrews counted their days. The evening Mass on Holy Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum, followed by Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday celebrates Christ's resurrection.

Holy Thursday: *Commemorates the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist*

Good Friday: *A day of fasting and penance, remembering Jesus' crucifixion and death*

Easter Vigil: *The first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, on the Saturday before Easter Sunday, reminds Christians that Jesus is the light of the world who has conquered darkness and death. It marks the last day of Lent and Holy Week.*

Easter Sunday: Celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion.

***Easter Hat Parade & Mufti Mission Day- Wednesday 27th March**

***Holy Thursday Liturgy- Thursday, 28th March, 12:15pm HFS Hall**

Mass/Liturgy	Date & Time	Church/Chapel/Hall	Class
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

Assembly Awards

Week 8

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJC	Archie Thomson
	1S	Blaire Crisp
	2CH	Amelia Gersbach
	3NC	Mia Townsend
	4W	Nate Calabro
	5/6B	Louis Smith
	5/6H	Ruby Galvin
	5/6N	Elizabeth Toomey
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 2CH	Emrys Cassidy
	Primary - 5/6B	Nina Jiang
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - KJC	Emmerson Pope
	Primary - 5/6N	Minaga Ralalage
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - 1S	Piper Slaven
	Primary - 5/6H	Luca Barnes
Leadership Award	Infants - 2CH	Elsie Galvin
	Primary - 4W	Arlo Cassidy
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - KJC	Rusty Gibbons
	Primary - 5/6B	Mary Gray

Holy Family P&F Updates

Homegrown Markets

Thanks to all the parents and children who helped out on Saturday 16th March, both on the Holy Family stall and through the supply of baked goods for the Homegrown Parkes event.

You all helped to raise \$1158 and we also got a lot of positive feedback on how great a job the children were doing, helping on the stall and how well-mannered you all were.

These funds raised will go towards initiatives to further enhance the education program at HFS. Well Done to all involved!



Kitchen Garden Program

Last Saturday the P&F held a working bee to install new fruit and vegetable garden beds outside the office building. A big thank you to the volunteers who made this happen. This program was funded by the colour run you all had so much fun taking part in last year.

We look forward to seeing the children growing fresh produce and learning about the whole lifecycle of fruits and vegetables.

For this program to be sustainable, we will need your help. If you are able to help with the Kitchen Garden program as the children start to grow seasonal fruits and vegetables, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Office.



P&F Committee Positions all filled

We have now filled our last vacant P&F committee position with Kylie Cronin joining the committee in the role of Treasurer. Welcome Kylie!

Your P&F Committee for 2024 is.

President: Sam Jordan

Vice President: Mike Wood

Treasurer: Kylie Cronin

Secretary: Carmen Edwards

Communications Officer (New Role): Elissa Gillingham

Grants Officer (New Role): Cathy Treasure

Committee Members: Mick Gibbons, Michelle Hoey, Mike Walker, Gill Calabro, Skye Harris, Kate Walsh (Breakfast Club Coordinator)

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



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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**THURSDAY
4TH APRIL**



**THEME: BRIGHT
COLOURS**

**\$3.00
ENTRY**

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

6 PM - 7.00PM

Parkes Services Club



**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)

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April School Holiday Program

Price: \$53 per day

April Special Offer- For every day booked, receive the 2nd day 1/2 price!

BOOK NOW



Ages- 5-13years | Time 8-4pm | Extended 7:30 - 8:00am - 4:00-5:00pm
WHAT TO BRING- Water bottle, morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea, hat, enclosed shoes

15/04/2024	Basketball, soccer, mixed games, Gymnastics, arts and crafts, lego masters, Nurf wars
16/04/2024	Tennis, bubble soccer, archery tag, rockwall climbing, painting, playdough making
17/04/2024	Lego masters, gymnastics, bubble painting, mixed games, basketball, soccer
18/04/2024	Mixed games, gymnastics, tennis, bubble soccer, hockey, arts & crafts
19/04/2024	Rock wall climbing, taco making, tennis, mixed games, gymnastics, lego masters
22/04/2024	Tennis, bubble soccer, archery tag, rockwall climbing, painting, playdough making, Nurf wars
23/04/2024	My future career day theme, slime making, arts & crafts, basketball, soccer, mixed games
24/04/2024	Anzac cookie making, paper poppies, gymnastics, court games, mixed games, rockwall climbing
26/04/2024	Lego masters, gymnastics, bubble painting, mixed games, basketball, soccer, Nurf wars
29/04/2024	Basketball, soccer, mixed games, Gymnastics, arts and crafts, lego masters

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April School Holiday Work Shops

School Holiday workshops |
Gymnastics | Basketball

BOOK NOW



PCYC Parkes is offering additional activities this school holidays, please contact our club directly for bookings and further information. Spots are limited, so book in advance!

15/04/2024	Junior Gym (4-5yrs) 9-10am WAG 9-12pm Ninja Warriors (5-9yrs) 2-3pm
16/04/2024	Kinder Gym (1-4yrs) 9:30-10:15 Rec Camp (5+) 11-2pm Senior Rec Camp (adults) 5-6pm
17/04/2024	Junior Gym (4-5yrs) 10-11am
18/04/2024	Basketball Camp 12-2pm
19/04/2024	Kinder Gym (1-4 yrs) 09:30-10:15am
22/04/2024	Junior Gym (4-5yrs) 9-10am \$15.00 Intro to Indigenous Cultural Art 22nd & 23rd 10-12pm
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