



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 10 2nd April 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 10

TUESDAY

Pupil Free Day

WEDNESDAY

**Polding Swimming
(Homebush)**

**P&F Meeting 6pm
(Coachman Hotel)**

THURSDAY

**Peachey/Richardson
Cup (Condobolin)**

**School Disco 6pm
(Upstairs RSL)**

FRIDAY

**5/6H Chapel Mass
9.45 am**

**Assembly 2.45pm
(Hall)**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a fantastic Easter weekend, filled with joy and relaxation. Last week was bustling with activity and excitement here at Holy Family. We kicked off the week with a colourful hat parade, showcasing our students' creativity and spirit. It was a joy to see everyone getting involved and having fun!

I'm pleased to announce that our Mission Day for Caritas Australia was a huge success, raising an impressive \$1131.20. Along with the contributions from our mission boxes, we raised a total of \$1330. This truly reflects the compassion and generosity of our school community. Well done to everyone involved!

Additionally, Stage 3 organised a beautiful liturgy for Holy Thursday. The atmosphere was reverent, and our students' depiction of the events of Holy Week was outstanding. Their dedication and reverence were truly commendable.

As we move forward, we have several exciting sporting events coming up. We would like to extend our best wishes to Curtis Arndell, Bruce Burt, Knox Calabro, Nate Calabro, Emrys Cassidy and Hamish Newham, who will be representing our school at the Polding Swimming Trials at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024.

Congratulations also to Ruby Galvin, Luca Barnes, Jack Kaden, Jaxon Clarke, Max Dwyer Mulligan, Billy White and Max Hackett, who have been selected to represent Wilcannia Forbes at the Polding Touch Trials. These trials will take place in Parkes on Friday, June 14th, 2024.

We're also excited to support our students from Stages 2 and 3 who will be participating in the Russell Richardson Cup and David Peachey Cup in Condobolin on Thursday, April 4th. We have no doubt they will represent our school admirably and have a fantastic day.

Looking ahead, our students are eagerly anticipating our school disco on Thursday, 4th April with the theme 'Bright Colours.'

Next Monday, April 8th, our Years 3-6 students will be participating in Public Speaking. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop their communication skills and showcase their talents. We're looking forward to seeing our students shine on stage and share their thoughts and ideas with confidence.

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

Can we please also keep the Judd family in our thoughts and prayers. Fred Judd, who served as the groundsman at Holy Family until his retirement in 2019, passed away on Friday, March 29th. Fred was a hardworking, friendly and dedicated member of our school staff.

As always, thank you to our staff and parents for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Andrew Berger
Assistant Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Addison Murray is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being thoughtful and kind.

Interview with Addison



What is your favourite subject?	Mathematics
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Art
What is your favourite food?	Bacon & Egg Rolls
What do you like most about our school?	The teachers
What are your strengths?	I'm good at painting
What would you like to be when you grow up?	A hairdresser

Term 1 Week 10: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

➤ **Communicate openly and consistently**

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



First Week of Easter

Happy Easter and welcome back after a short but refreshing Easter break. Last week at the Holy Thursday Liturgy, the Easter story was brought alive by the Stage 3 students who portrayed the events of Holy Week through an enactment of Christ's last days before his crucifixion and death, which preceded his triumphant resurrection. The children are to be commended for their reverence.



Thank you to all parents, staff and students who worked together to raise funds for Project Compassion with their involvement in the Mufti Mission Stalls and Project Compassion Boxes.

Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

All Catholic students in Year 3 are invited to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion) on **Sunday, 19th May, 2024, 9:30am Mass at Holy Family Parish Church.**

The students will be prepared by their class teachers during their RE lessons. A note to parents with further details will be sent home this week.



"The great gift of Easter is hope." -Basil C. Hume

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.
Beverly Berger



Notes

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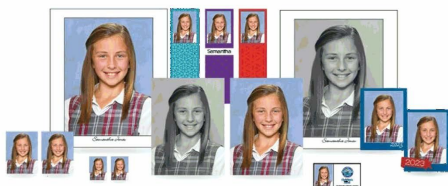
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PARKES LIBRARY
(Marramarra Makerspace)

Tuesday, 23 April 2024

10:30am - 11:30am: for students in Kindy -Year 6
2:30pm - 3:30pm: for students in Year 7-12

In person bookings are essential.



TRUNDLE LIBRARY

Wednesday, 24 April 2024

10:30am - 11:30am: for students in Kindy -Year 12

Bookings are essential.
Phone Parkes Library 6861 2309



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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

Musica Arioso

DRAMA FOR FUN WORKSHOPS

Explore, Create, and Have Fun!

Parkes - 17th April 2024 Forbes - 18th April 2024

Girl Guide Hall Uniting Church Hall
Cecile Street Browne Street

SESSION TIMES

Session 1: 10am - 12pm (Drama for Fun)

Session 2: 12:30pm - 2:30pm (Puppetry)

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CHILD SAFE SCHOOLS AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

We take our responsibility to protect children seriously. All staff are expected to promote child safety by having a clear understanding of their legal child protection responsibilities and act in accordance with those responsibilities.

In particular the school will:

- Maintain professionalism in our interactions with children at all times by exercising appropriate duty of care and maintaining professional boundaries.
- Follow an established process to address allegations of inappropriate behaviour by staff towards children.
- Ensure all people working in our school who are required to undertake a Working With Children Check have a valid clearance.
- Respond appropriately when we suspect a child is at risk of significant harm due to possible abuse or neglect by a parent/carer or other adult.

MAINTAINING PROFESSIONALISM

All staff are expected to act professionally and in accordance with the school's expectations regarding staff conduct toward children. We understand that staff have a duty of care to:

- ensure no child is exposed to foreseeable risk of harm;
- take action to minimise risk;
- supervise actively; and
- if we see others acting inappropriately with children, report concerns to the Principal.

School staff also understand that they are in a position of trust, authority and influence in relation to children and that it is important that we do not take advantage of that position to mistreat or misguide students either intentionally or inadvertently.

DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK

We are pleased to advise that a new edition of this valuable safety resource is now available online.

The Child Safety Handbook App has also been produced by NSW Police Legacy and includes everything we need as a community to protect our most valuable and vulnerable resource – our children. From preventative measures at home to safety outdoors, from cybersafety to dealing with peer pressures, this App is a resource for every family and school community. The app can be downloaded via the Apple store and Google Play.

Link to the digital handbook – [Digital Child Safety Handbook](#)
Here is a link to the childsafetyhub.com.au website.



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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