



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 4 20th May 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 4

Monday

School Photo Day

Tuesday

HFS Open Day
CWA Public Speaking

Wednesday

Catholic Schools
Week Mass 9:45
Recess for all
Families 10:45-11:20
Open Classrooms
11:20

Friday

3NC Chapel Mass
9:45
Athletics Trials

TERM 2

Parent/Teacher
Interviews K-6

Monday, 3rd June

Pupil Free Day

Monday, 24th June

[Google Calendar](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have much to celebrate and look forward to this week at Holy Family School.

First, congratulations to our Year 3 students who made their First Holy Communion yesterday at Holy Family Church. The reverence and preparation displayed by all children were commendable. This sacrament is a significant milestone in their faith journey, and we are incredibly proud of each one of them.

This week marks Catholic Schools Week, and we have a series of special events planned:

- Today, all classes and students will have their school photographs taken. We expect the photo packages to be delivered before the end of this term.
- Tomorrow, we are hosting an Open Day for prospective families. School tours will be available between 9:30 am and 1:00 pm, and again from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for potential new families to see our students actively engaged in their learning. Please spread the word to anyone interested in joining our wonderful school community.
- Good luck to Ashton McQuie, Ruby Smith and Joey Hazelton who are representing our school at the CWA Public Speaking Competition in Condobolin tomorrow.
- On Wednesday, we will hold a whole school Mass in our hall at 9:45 am, followed by an outdoor recess for all families. Our classrooms will be open for visits from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Our students are eager to share their fantastic work and achievements with you.
- Athletics field event trials will continue on Friday for all students aged 8 years and older. We have seen great enthusiasm and talent so far, and we look forward to more impressive performances.

This week, I have observed exceptional work across the school. Our Year 4 students have produced insightful texts related to their studies on Ned Kelly, while our Year 5/6 students have been diligently working on Fractions and Decimals in their Mathematics lessons. It is wonderful to see such dedication and effort from our students.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.

Denise Gersbach
Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Aiyshu Thammitalage is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being polite and hardworking.

Interview with Aiyshu



What is your favourite subject?	Art
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Drawing
What is your favourite food?	Pizza
What do you like most about our school?	The teachers and children are very kind
What are your strengths?	Singing
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A doctor

Term 2 Week 4: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

□ **Appreciate and celebrate others' successes**

This fortnight's challenge is to conduct some research and fill in the correct answers. Olympics- Please **highlight** the correct answer

1. What sport involves sliding down a track of ice headfirst on a small sled?	a) Skiing b) Bobsleigh c) Figure Skating
2. What sport involves athletes riding horses and performing predetermined movements in an arena?	a) Dressage b) Show Jumping c) Eventing
3. In which event do athletes perform flips and twists on a trampoline, aiming for the highest degree of difficulty and execution?	a) Trampoline Gymnastics b) Diving c) Acrobatic Trampoline
4. Which event features athletes running around a track, passing a baton to teammates?	a) Sprint b) Hurdles c) Relay
5. Which sport involves hitting a shuttlecock back and forth over a net using racquets?	a) Badminton b) Tennis c) Squash

6. Which event combines skiing and shooting, requiring athletes to ski a certain distance and then shoot at targets?	a) Biathlon b) Nordic Combined c) Ski Jumping
7. What sport involves skiing down a slope with a series of gates to navigate through?	a) Ski Jumping b) Alpine Skiing c) Cross-country Skiing
8. Which event involves gymnasts performing routines on different apparatus such as the balance beam and uneven bars?	a) Gymnastics b) Trampoline c) Rhythmic Gymnastics
9. Which event involves jumping off a platform into a pool and performing acrobatic moves in the air?	a) Synchronized Swimming b) Water Polo c) Diving

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

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
 - is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please **update this within 7 days** on the Compass Parent Portal or explain the reason by phone, e-mail or written note as soon as possible. Late arrivals and/or early departures can only be entered via the Compass Kiosk at the office.

After 7 days, the absence will remain as 'Unexplained' and cannot be changed
(NSW Education Act 1990).

Religious Education

Seventh Week in Ordinary Time



Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday, 19th May at Holy Family Catholic Church. It was an extra special celebration as it was also Pentecost Sunday. All the First Holy Communicants were reverent and participated in the Mass with sincerity and enthusiasm. A big thank you all to the staff who helped in the preparation and organisation of a milestone occasion on the children's faith journey.

The 19th of May was Pentecost Sunday.



***CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Week: 20th-24th May 2024**
'Come, live life in all its fullness' (Jn 10:10)

Catholic Schools Week Mass is on 22nd May, 9.45am (Hall). This will be followed by **Recess with all families outdoors 10.45am-11.20am** and **Open classrooms 11:30-12:30pm.**

Please view the video below for some interesting information on Catholic Schools- [Catholic Schools in Australia](#)

Feast OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS
- 24th May

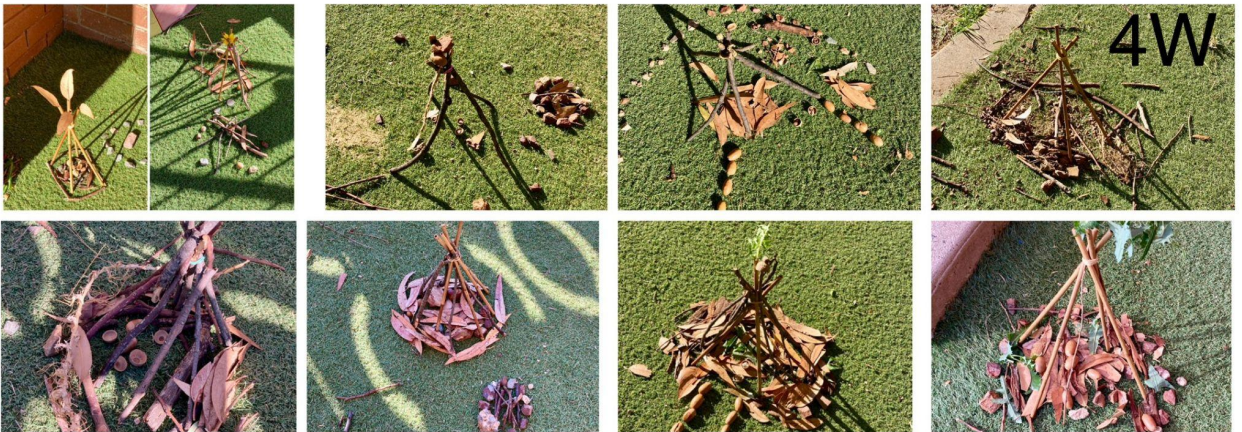
'Never see a need without trying to do something about it.'
- Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.
Beverly Berger



Wiradjuri Lessons

In Wiradjuri Lessons 4W had the opportunity to make a humpy/hut outside with what they could see and find. They worked together in pairs as a team and came up with these wonderful designs. In Indigenous cultures, humpies were used as houses and shelters from the natural resources around them.





Holy Family's Got Talent Auditions 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Holy Family's Got Talent! We're excited to witness the amazing talents your children have to offer. Please carefully read through the following instructions and fill out the audition form for your child.

Important Dates and Information:

1. **Audition Online Form Submission Deadline:** Monday 29th July (Week 2, Term 3).
2. **Entry Fee:** \$3.00 per student. Please submit to the Office in a labeled envelope or zip lock bag by Monday 29th July (Week 2, Term 3). Late entries cannot be accepted.
3. **One Act Rule:** Your child is allowed to enter only ONE ACT. This means no solo and group performances for a single participant. Due to timetabling complexities, each student can only showcase one talent this year.
4. **Group Performances:** If your child is performing in a group, please organise ONE parent to fill in and submit this audition form for the entire group. Each group member still needs to bring in \$3 entry fee to the front office.
5. **Sibling Coordination:** We'll aim to organise siblings to audition and perform on the same day.
6. **Appropriate Content:** Parents, please ensure that the music and lyrics chosen for the performance are suitable for a younger audience.
7. **Items for Act:** Participants are responsible for bringing all necessary items for their act, including props, costumes, instruments, etc. Music can be downloaded at school. The school sound system and microphones will be available for use.
8. **Audition Dates:** Auditions will be held during Week 6, Term 3 on Wednesday 28th August & Thursday 29th August. The number of days required for auditions will depend on the number of entries received. Participants will be informed in advance of their audition date.
9. **Finalists:** Both Infants and Primary finalists will be selected to compete in the Grand Final.
10. **Grand Final Concert:** The Grand Final Concert will be held in Week 8, Term 3 on Wednesday 11th September.

Please fill out the form accurately and completely. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing the incredible talents of our students!

Warm regards,
Mrs Rachael Jones & Mrs Hayley Wheeler

[Holy Family's Got Talent Registration](#)

Notes



STUDENTS ON VISAS

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

ICAS

If you would like your child to participate in ICAS this year, don't forget to register them.

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices [here: \(icasassessments.com/products-icas/\)](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/)
2. Read the Privacy Collection Statement below.
3. Read the terms and conditions [here: \(icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf\)](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf)
4. Go to the Parent Portal to sign up to chosen subject areas [here: \(shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps\)](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps)
5. Enter our school's access code – UE1950
6. Enter your child's details, select the subject areas your child would like to participate in, then proceed to payment.

Notes

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY

WHOLE SCHOOL
MASS IN THE
SCHOOL HALL
9.45 AM

RECESS FOR ALL
CHILDREN AND THEIR
FAMILIES OUTDOORS
10.45 AM - 11.20 AM

OPEN
CLASSROOMS
11.30AM - 12.30-PM

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.

NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK

An annual initiative from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, partnering road safety organisations and Government. The week highlights the impact of road trauma and ways to reduce it. roadsafetyweek.com.au

*Marist Association Local Gathering:
with Guest Speaker
Br Michael Green*

"Marists - the rock from which we're cut, the stream we can become."

*Tuesday, 21 May 2024
3:45pm - 5:00pm
Red Bend Catholic College*

(1482 College Road Forbes, NSW, 2871)

Contact matthewpearce@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au if you would like any extra details.



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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