



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 5 11th November 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 5

Monday

Remembrance Day

Thursday

Stargazers Camp

Friday

**WF Tennis Trials
(Dubbo)**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Thursday, 7th November, 14 students from Year 2 received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. It was a beautiful and reverent ceremony and the children were well prepared. Thank you to the Year 2 teachers Mrs Sue Caldwell and Mr Ken Hanstock for guiding them through this important milestone with such care.

This morning, our school choir had the honour of performing at the town's Remembrance Day service in Cooke park. The students sang beautifully and we should all be proud of their dedication and poise. A big thank you to Mrs Beverly Berger for the time and care put into preparing them for this special occasion.

We held a Remembrance Day service at school as well, taking time to reflect and honour those who have served and sacrificed their lives for peace and freedom. The students participated with deep respect and sincerity.

We are thrilled to congratulate Willow Culhane for winning the NAIDOC Week Schools Initiatives - Poem Writing Competition with her poem on the theme 'My Voice - My Culture'. The aim of the competition was to capture the essence of cultural diversity and the importance of friendship. Her entry won her the NAIDOC Medal of Excellence, one of only 25 awarded across the state. Well done, Willow!

Our Year 4 students are eagerly looking forward to their upcoming Stargazers Camp on Thursday, 14th November. They have been preparing with excitement, and I know it will be a memorable experience for all.

On another note, I encourage parents to stay involved and vigilant in monitoring your child's social media activity as this is crucial for their safety and wellbeing. It is essential to promote safe practices online. Social media sites usually require children to be at least 13 years old before they can have their own accounts.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education.

Your sincerely,

Andrew Berger
Assistant Principal



NAIDOC Medal of Excellence

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★ Star of the Week ★

Emerson Kaden is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being thoughtful and responsible.

Interview with Emerson



What is your favourite subject?	English
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Dance or play tackle footy
What is your favourite food?	Chicken Pad Thai
What do you like most about our school?	My friends and all the activities organised by the school
What are your strengths?	Dance & football
What would you like to be when you grow up?	Events Manager

Term 4 Week 5: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - FAITH)

☐ Believe in yourself and trust others

This fortnight's challenge is to conduct some research and **highlight** the correct answers.

Mathematics Vocabulary Quiz:

What does "average" mean?	A) The middle value in a set of numbers B) The most common number in a set C) The total divided by the number of items D) The largest number in a set
What does "radius" mean?	A) The distance around a circle B) The distance from the centre to any point on the circle C) The diameter of the circle D) The area of the circle
What is a "line segment"?	A) A straight line that extends forever B) A part of a line with two endpoints C) A curved line D) A type of angle
What is a "multiple"?	A) A number you get by multiplying another number B) A number that divides evenly into another C) The amount left over after division D) The result of a subtraction problem

What does "equation" mean?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) A number with no value B) A statement with an equal sign showing that two expressions are the same C) A shape with four equal sides D) A process of subtracting numbers
What is a "pattern"?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) A set of numbers that repeats in a specific way B) A random arrangement of shapes C) The total of a group of numbers D) A type of measurement
What is "volume"?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) The distance around a shape B) The amount of space inside a 3D object C) The weight of an object D) The size of a 2D shape
What does "ascending" mean?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) To go from the largest to the smallest B) To move from the smallest to the largest C) To find the middle number in a list D) To multiply numbers in order
What is "estimation"?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) The exact answer B) A close guess based on rounding C) The answer to a problem D) The distance around a shape
What is "symmetry"?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) A number that is even B) A line that shows equal halves C) The length of the longest side D) A type of graph



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 answers 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

Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Congratulations to all the children that received the Sacrament of Penance last Thursday, 7th November, at the Holy Family Parish Church. A big THANK YOU to Fr Barry Dwyer for presiding over the liturgy and Mrs Caldwell and Mr Hanstock for preparing the students. Mrs Caldwell created a beautiful



Prayer Focus at the altar where each child lit a candle after their individual confession. Candles in the biblical context serve as metaphors for divine presence, guidance, and the call to believers to be visible bearers of God's light in a dark world.



Christmas Eve Family Mass

Holy Family Parish School will be performing a **Nativity Play** at the

Christmas Eve Family Parish Mass on Tuesday, 24th December, 6:00 pm at the Holy Family Catholic Church.

Some children will be given reading parts in the Mass as well as an opportunity to be part of the choir and act in the Nativity Play. A note was sent home to all parents last week via COMPASS. If you would like your child to participate in the Mass, could you please fill in the permission note as soon as possible so that I can allocate parts.



***Season of Advent 2024-** Sun, 1 Dec 2024 - Tue, 24 Dec 2024

***Year 6 Retreat-** Friday, 13 Dec 2024- 9:00am-1:00pm, HFS Hall

Thursday, 28th November, Year 6 Graduation Mass	6.00pm Holy Family Church	Stage 3
Wednesday, 4th December, Kindergarten Liturgy	12:15pm Chapel	Early Stage 1

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.
Beverly Berger

Assembly Awards

Week 4

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJC	Cohen Calabro
	1S	Braith Stevenson
	2CH	Knox Calabro
	3NC	Indigo Gillingham
	4W	Sage McArdle
	5/6B	Bea Tomson
	5/6H	Charls Chen
	5/6N	Addison Murray
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 2CH	Charlie Crowe
	Primary - 3NC	Joey Hazelton
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - KJC	Noah Ross
	Primary - 4W	Olivia Culhane
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - 1S	Jerrick Varghese
	Primary - 5/6B	Rachel Gumbo
Leadership Award	Infants - 2CH	Tessa Dugan
	Primary - 5/6H	Levi McIntyre
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - KJC	Jhaan Joshi
	Primary - 5/6N	Issac Allen

Notes

Colour Run – Prize Ordering Closing Soon

Congratulations, you have all helped to raise \$15,277.45 with funds going towards the school library upgrade. Prize ordering is now open and closes on Friday the 8th of November so get in quick to order your prizes.

PRIZE ORDERING IS CLOSING SOON

CLOSES FRIDAY 8TH



Claim Your Prize Here:

schoolfunrun.com.au



Nativity Play

24 December 2024
Holy Family Catholic Church
29 Currajong St, Parkes
NSW 2870

5:30pm Students arrive
6:00pm Start



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Notes



RESOURCES & SUPPORT FOR BULLYING PREVENTION

Supporting Australian school communities with evidence-informed resources and activities for a proactive approach to bullying prevention and education.

First Nations

Culturally responsive resources are available to support schools, students, families and carers to address and respond to bullying.

Schools can use these resources to help First Nations students experiencing bullying to feel respected, heard and supported. They can also help non-Indigenous students to understand the lived experience of First Nations students. Families and carers will find resources to support their child. Resource page [Here](#)

CYBER-BULLYING

Cyberbullying may be defined as “any form of bullying that utilises technology such as instant messaging, online chat rooms, online bulletin boards and email. In many ways this is a more insidious form of bullying since it may reach into a victim’s home.” In other words, technology now allows the bully to inflict psychological harm on his or her victim anywhere and any time without respite. (Schools and the Law - Des Butler and Ben Matthews p.46)

Learn more about how to protect your children provided by the [Catholic Network Australia Digital Citizenship](#) web portal.

SCHOOL SAFETY - NEW ROAD SAFETY PARENT RESOURCES

School-age children might seem independent, but they still need a hand. Young [children learn how to safely use the road](#) from you. The habits they learn stay with them when they’re old enough to travel alone.

- [Walking to and from school](#)
- [Driving to and from school](#)
- [Getting the bus](#)