



Holy Family School Newsletter

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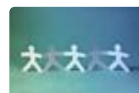
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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs David

Dear Families,

I hope that you were able to get out and about last weekend and enjoy the beautiful weather.

There has been great excitement throughout the school over the last couple of weeks around the Tokyo Olympics. I have had the privilege of classes popping into my office to watch some of the events - an experience they will remember for a long time.



On behalf of our Parish and School communities I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Carissa Bright for her dedication, professionalism, passion, enthusiasm and commitment to Catholic Education over many years at Holy Family Mount Waverley. Our staff and families have been fortunate to have the opportunity to work alongside you!

Year 4 First Eucharist

Our Year 4 students are continuing to prepare to receive the sacrament of First Eucharist in a couple of weeks.

Some key dates for these students are -

- Thursday 12th August (First Eucharist Family Night)
- Friday 20th August (First Eucharist Reflection Day)
- Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd August (First Eucharist Celebrations)

Please keep in mind that the number of people that can attend the First Eucharist celebrations will be dependent on Coronavirus Restrictions at that time. We will keep you informed.

'Green and Gold' Day

Thank you to those students who dressed up in 'green and gold' or who came to school dressed as an Olympic athlete last Friday. This was a great way to acknowledge the magnificent efforts of all of our athletes in Tokyo.



Prep '100 Days' Celebration

Our Preps are looking forward to celebrating '100 Days' at school this Friday. I look forward to being part of this celebration with them.

Classes 2022

We are beginning to look at class sizes and structures for 2022. Please notify the office if your child will not be returning to Holy Family in 2022.

Please email me principal@hfmw.catholic.edu.au if you have any requests for placement in 2022 and these will be taken into consideration. I ask that you respect the professionalism of

all of our teaching staff and do not make specific requests for certain teachers. Teaching staff are yet to be allocated for 2022 and may not be at the same level next year.

***It is important for parents to follow this process and submit requests to me by
Friday 17th September 2021.***

Prep 2022 Interviews

Our interviews for students entering Prep in 2022 started online this week. These interviews provide us with a unique opportunity to get to know a little bit more about your child to support a successful transition to school next year.

School Advisory Council

Our School Advisory Council met last Wednesday. This committee replaces our Parish Education Board under our new governance structure.

The role of the School Advisory Council is to be an advisory body which forms an important expression of the educational partnership that exists between parents, schools, parishes and the wider community to support all students.

Our meeting last week was to review the draft 'terms of reference' for this Council. I will share this with you in the coming weeks.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools - School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS)

Staff, students and families will be invited to complete the MACSSIS survey between 30th August and 17th September.

I encourage all families to spend the time to complete this survey to provide our Leadership Team with relevant feedback on the things that our school is doing well and the areas in which we could improve.

Further information will be sent out soon.

MACSSIS

Imagine if, in about 20 minutes,
you could help improve your
child's school.



The MACSSIS family survey is open 30 August–17 September 2021.

Student Disco

Please refer to the Parents and Friends page for information in relation to our Annual School Disco which will be held on Friday 20th August. Thank you to our Parents and Friends Committee members for organising this fun event for our students in Prep-Year 6.

Term Three Class Masses

Our students will attend weekly Mass on Friday with Father Justel and their class teacher.

This is dependent on COVID restrictions.

	9.15 Mass (Friday)
Week 4 (6 August)	5/6P and 3/4DG
Week 5 (13 August)	3/4S and Prep
Week 6 (20 August)	Year 4 Eucharist Reflection Day
Week 7 (27 August)	3/4M and 3/4S
Week 8 (3 September)	3/4DG and 1/2WK
Week 9 (10 September)	Buddies and Preps
Week 10 (17 September)	No Mass

School Closure Days - 2021

Our School Closure Days for the remainder of 2021 will be -

- Monday 1st November (Report Preparation)
- Friday 26th November (2022 Planning)

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Holy Family Enrolments for Prep 2022

School Open Day

Let your neighbours, friends and relatives know that 2022 enrolments are OPEN.

Early enrolment assists us greatly with 2022 planning.

EVERY DAY IS OPEN DAY

Tours are also available on any school day throughout the year by appointment.

We request that parents already with children in the school enrol as early as possible.

'Unexplained Student Absence' - Notifying the School Office of Student Absences

It is essential that parents contact the school either by phone, from 8am, via email - office@hfmw.catholic.edu.au, or via the Skoolbag App, if your child will be absent from school. Parents who do not contact the school will be phoned throughout the day seeking clarity on the whereabouts of their child.

As a means of saving our administration team from making multiple phone calls we ask that parents contact the school to advise of student absences. If a child is to be absent for a number of days then parents are asked to advise the class teacher of an extended time of absence. This may be applicable to family holidays, extended periods of illness etc.

This process has been put in place as a matter of safety for the children in our care. We thank parents for your support of this new procedure.



From the REL Miss Considine

Bread of Life

'I am the bread of life'. This week's Gospel fits in beautifully with my new display in the office foyer for Eucharist.

We hear this phrase all the time, but what does it mean? I guess we need to look back into what Jesus was trying to tell the people. It sounds remarkable to me that Jesus being there, teaching them, was not enough of a sign. Instead they wanted something more concrete, something that they could relate too. Using bread as a symbol, Jesus explains that by coming to him and to the Father through the Eucharist we can be nourished. So how do we do that?

I thought I would break it down for you in 5 simple letters B,R,E,A,D.



Blessings- Being grateful and humbled but the abundance of gifts that God has bestowed upon each and every one of us. Through prayer and celebration of all we have.

Reading- Get out the Bible and get to know God who loves us all. Get to know the person of Jesus and how he guides our lives.

Eucharist- The most precious gift we have been given. The nourishment to love and care for all those around us and the closest way we can get to know Jesus.

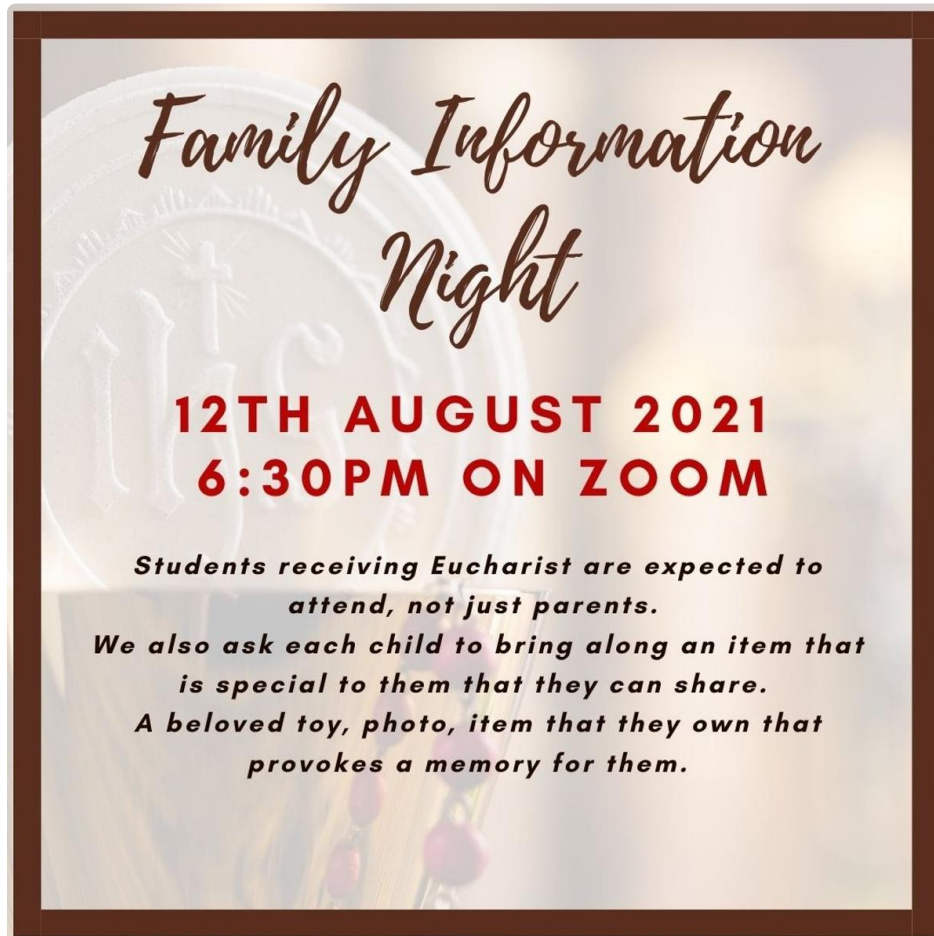
Acts- The way we treat others and bring the love of God alive in the world around us.

Discipleship- Community, looking after those around us and ensuring they are all loved and respected.

Take some time this week to think about how the 'bread of life" nourishes you and all you do. You might like to use one of the photos in the [gallery](#) below to support some reflection time. In a few weeks our year 4's will be celebrating the sacrament of Eucharist. Please pray for them at this time.

Eucharist Information night

We are still planning for Eucharist to go ahead as planned. Please see the information attached for the upcoming family information night. The meeting will be held online via ZOOM. A link will be sent early next week.





Book Week

Mrs Gleeson

Book Week - A Celebration of Reading

6th - 10th September



BOOK WEEK 2021

This term we look forward to celebrating Book Week in the week 6th to 10th September . Each year across Australia, The CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) brings children and books together celebrating CBCA Children's Book Week. During this time schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian children's literature.

The Book Week Theme this year is, '**OLD WORLDS, NEW WORLDS, OTHER WORLDS**'. On **Thursday 9th September**, students will come to school in a costume depicting a book character of their choice, or a character depicting the Book Week theme. We are very mindful that this year it could be more challenging to source items for costumes and therefore we encourage all families to use items they already have at home. This will be discussed with students at school also.

Further information about this exciting event will be forthcoming.

We look forward to a great week of fun and exciting activities!

Regards,

Karen Williams (Literacy Leader)

Susan Gleeson (Teacher Librarian)

Sarah Cuskelly (Library Technician)

Sport News

Mrs Michelsson



We're skipping through the term!



Jump Rope for Heart is well underway and it's great to see so many children out in the playground skipping with smiles on their faces. *Holy Family* has already raised \$1298.00 so far!

It's not long until our Jump Off Day on Friday August 13 so keep on practicing those tricks! Students may come dressed in RED on this day.

Don't forget to share your online fundraising page with friends and family to raise money for a great cause!

Still need to sign up online? It's easy just follow this link and enter your details.

www.jumprope.org.au/parents



Student Awards





READERS OF THE MONTH



RUNNING CLUB



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

PARENTS & FRIENDS

COMMITTEE

Parents and Friends News



FRIDAY AUGUST 20

\$5 ENTRY FEE

PAYMENT VIA CDF PAY AND PERMISSION

SLIP VIA OPEROO - DUE BY 16 AUGUST

ENQUIRIES: PAULATRCEK@GMAIL.COM

*Holy Family Crazy
Hair Disco*

Father's Day Stall – Friday 3rd September

The Father's Day Stall will take place on Friday 3rd September for the children to buy something special for Dad, Grandpa or a special friend.

At this year's stall there are two price points - \$2 and \$4. Your child will still be able to bring our recommended amount of \$6 and they will be able to purchase either 2 gifts or 3 gifts.

However, this amount is a guide only and your family can decide how many gifts; how much money you would like to spend; and at what price point.

Payments Open:

Please complete your payments through CDF Pay - hfmw.cdfpay.org.au - by

Wednesday 1st September.

For payments that are made through CDF Pay you are not required to send money with your child on the day, as they will be given tokens to buy their gifts.

Volunteers Required:

The Father's Day Stall cannot run without the assistance of volunteers. We are therefore putting the call out for volunteers to help set up and run the stall.

If you are able to volunteer on Thursday 2nd September from 3.15pm (to help set up) or on Friday 3rd September anytime between 8.30am and 11am (to help run the stall and pack up), please go to: volunteersignup.org/EEB7T to register your details.

There are a few different opportunities where you can volunteer but if the designated times do not exactly suit, please just let us know as any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Please don't feel restricted to only select one shift either. If you are able to offer more time that would be wonderful too.

If you have any questions regarding volunteering, please contact Mona McColl-Jones on monamccj@gmail.com or through the Volunteers Registration Page (link above).

Thank you,

P&F Committee



OSHC News

Newsletter

by  **Camp Australia**

National

Theme
Food: Different by Design

Science Week


in Your OSHC.

16th - 20th August, 2021


Join us for an exciting week all about the science of food! Learn about how we use food to fuel our lives and experiment with everyday foods to make awesome chemical reactions and see the magic of cause & effect!

Featuring: **Fizzy Fun**

In this activity children get to create their very own fizzy sherbet and learn about how the ingredients used to make it react when they hit their tongues and start to fizz.



To register and book, visit: pp.campaustralia.com.au



Win a cookbook featuring your recipe!
Find out more at www.campaustralia.com.au/cooking-comp

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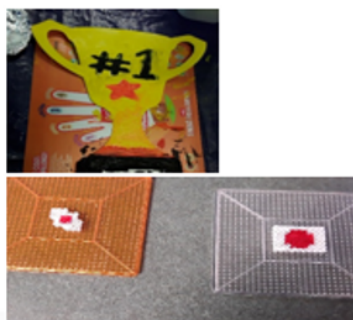


A message from your Coordinator

Welcome Back!

Dear Families and Friends,

It is great to be back at Holy Family OSHC. OSHC is buzzing with lots of activities. Last week we did Olympic-themed activities and this week we are focusing on Japan as part of our multi-cultural activities. We also extended on our Olympic games as suggested by children. We are playing some Japanese games. We tried writing our names in Japanese language! Many more activities are lined up!



It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustalia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Activities coming up

- Kendama
- Trivia
- Hanetsuki

What's on the menu

Rice Cakes
Honey Joys
Fruit n Vege Platter

Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

Your
OSHC.

www.campaustalia.com.au


ROCKETEERS



Community News



Calling all
Grade 5
students



Applications Closing Soon!

Applications for Year 7, 2023 close Friday 20 August

Don't miss your opportunity to join our learning community. Apply at avila.vic.edu.au



JUNIOR FOOTY STARS

STARS SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Junior Footy Stars are excited to announce that we are now running football programs in Primary Schools. See below how you can have Junior Footy Stars at your school during August and September in the lead up to the AFL finals.

OPTION 1:

Stars After School Program- A one hour session held after school for a max of 25 boys and girls. The cost is a set price \$149.99 (if 25 players = \$6 per player)

OR

OPTION 2:

Stars School Time Program- Have Junior Footy Stars at your school from 9am - 3pm teaching all things footy. Class by class or age by age, we cater to the needs of the school.