



Holy Family School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see so many parents on Monday morning during our 'Learning Pack' pick up time. Just a reminder that packs have been prepared for ALL students (Prep-Year 6) so if you haven't collected your pack yet it is still waiting for your child in the office.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Please read the attached information in relation to the transition from Parish Education Board to School Advisory Council in 2022.

I have included the 'Terms of Reference' for the SAC which has been developed by our current Parish Education Board members (Father Justel, Julie David, Eithne King, Adam Portman, Nicole Mardell and Prisca Lock).

I would welcome parents to email me their interest in being part of this group.

The SAC meets 4-5 times a year (once a term). The composition of this Council is the Principal, Parish Priest, Parish Representative and Parent Representatives.

Please express your interest via email by 8th October 2021.

The SAC is a key way that we can all work in partnership.



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Tie-rrific

Don't forget to walk up to school and place your 'tie' on the front fence to say thanks to the amazing males in your lives (dads, uncles, brothers, grandpas). We hope you have a wonderful time with these people on Sunday.

Thank You

I would like to thank our families for supporting 'Good Deeds' and 'Green Time' weeks. It was also wonderful to see our students sending ideas to Miss King in relation to what equipment they would like to have in our updated playground.

'Good Deeds' Winners

Yanik Jegan

Evie Miles

Will Lloyd

Lea Pejic

'Green Time' Winners

Zoe Banbury

Joshua Moore

Zoe Molinaro

Lily Mae Dague



'Playground Survey' Winners

Will Browne

Xavier Lianto

Piper Miller

Aaron Budiman



Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week

Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week is an opportunity to acknowledge the important role of teacher aides, whose hard work and dedication make a difference to students, teachers and the school community. The week-long celebration means there is plenty of time to make sure all teacher aides in schools are acknowledged.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our classroom teachers are looking forward to catching up with our parents to discuss the learning direction for Term 4.

Formal assessments are difficult to carry out and gain authentic feedback for each student during the 'lockdown'. Your child's teacher will discuss with you how your child has engaged in the online learning environment.

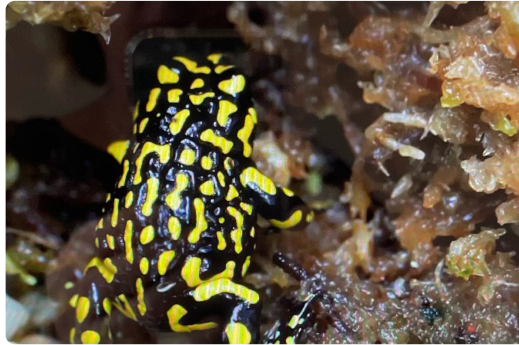
More information will be sent in relation to booking details soon. The dates for the interviews are Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th September.

Year 4 First Eucharist

Unfortunately we have had to postpone our Year 4 First Eucharist celebrations until Term 4.

The new dates for our First Eucharist ceremonies will be celebrated on **Saturday 16th October at the 4pm Mass** or **Sunday 17th September at 12pm**. A new booking on trybooking.com as soon as we are out of lockdown and can confirm these dates will work. Please place them in your calendar for the meantime.

Melbourne Zoo Webinar



Our Prep students dressed up as animals and joined the Melbourne Zoo Keepers online on Tuesday. I had the privilege of going on this virtual excursion with them.

The learning intention for the students was to find out what certain animals need to survive in their environment and how we can care for animals.

Jump Off Day

Our students are getting ready for their 'Jump Off' Day this Friday 3rd September. Students are invited to wear red on this day to acknowledge the cause they are raising money for. Students can purchase skipping ropes from Kmart for \$2-4 (deliver in 5-7 days) or use a rope from home. Heart Foundation also sells ropes for \$6-7.

<https://shop.heartfoundation.org.au/collections/ropes>.

We have 70 students registered and have raised \$1865. and skipped a total of 34 hours.

Please feel free to send through photos or videos of your children participating in this activity.

School Concert

As you are aware it is very difficult to plan ahead during COVID-19 therefore we have cancelled our booking with The Besen Centre (Friday 29th October) for our concert this year. We are still hoping to have our concert but it may be a bit different this year depending on restrictions.

I will keep you informed.

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.

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 everyone a wonderful day on Sunday,
Julie David (Principal)

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

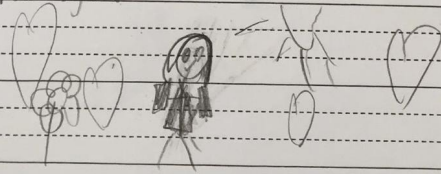
“Unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help ... when they need it”

This week I was inspired by my Priest's homily. He spoke about how we are all unique, but how we all have something in common as Christians. To share our faith authentically as people of God. Before you ask me how, I'm going to be honest, I can't tell you the answer. The reason, because everyone is different and we all show the face, heart and hands of Jesus in a different way. Maybe by sharing knowledge, or wisdom with those around us. Maybe through acts of service and love to others. Overall, the message is our faith is as unique as our personality.

This week we asked the Preps to write a prayer of thanks to God for their body parts that help them to be special. Below are some of their answers. It was interesting that many said thank you for things that they could help others with. Their hearts, their arms, their legs. These little people seemed to get the meaning of the second reading from Sunday's Mass and authentically live the message in their lives.

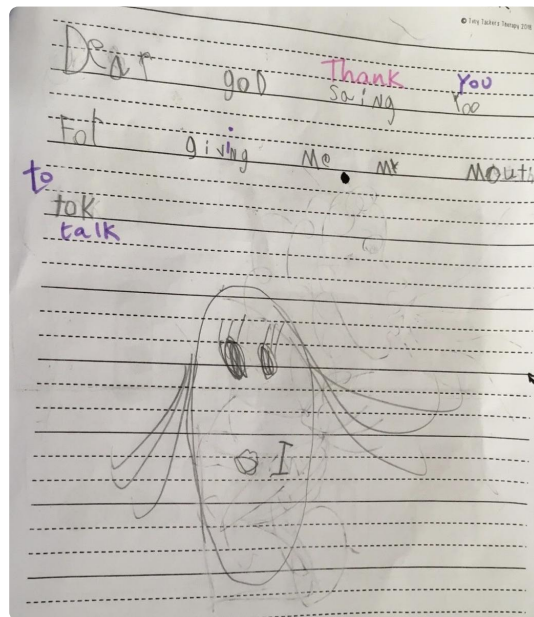
This week you might like to think about how you can help others when they need it, in your own special way as the Heart and Hands of Jesus. Take care, and enjoy the sun!

Dear God,
Thank you for making
me, me! I am kind,
smart and helpful.
I am fabulous at
skipping. I am also
good at many other
things.



Dear God I thank you
for my legs that allow me
to run very fast and my
arms to hug my mum.
Amen.





Name _____
Dear God
Thank you for my
heart that allows me
to love others.
Thank you for my ears
that allows me to
listen to music.
Thank you for my brain
that allows me to learn.
Amen.

Name: _____

DICTION

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Thank you God ^{heart}
for making my ~~heart~~
to love my whole
family.

Design our new
Playground

Miss King





Are you ready for a family challenge?



Design our New Playground!

We'd love you to help design our new playground, so we are calling all families to have a go at designing a new adventure playground for Holy Family.

The area where the playground will go is 14m x 35m.
You might need mum and dad to draw out this space for you!.

Go to the following websites to find some awesome equipment that will suit everyone in Prep-6.
You can either have a go at designing the whole space or just suggesting some equipment you would like.

<https://adventureplus.net.au/>

<https://aspace.com.au/>

<https://www.safeplay.com.au/>

Email your plans or ideas to Miss King
eking@hfmw.catholic.edu.au

Miss King





HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

PARENTS & FRIENDS
COMMITTEE

Parents and Friends News

Congratulations to our footy tipping prize winners

1st

Susan Scardamaglia

2nd

Adrian Cassar

3rd

Luke Mathers

Well done, and thank you to everyone who took part in our competition this year.

We would also like to thank Efi for organising it again this year.

Cancellation of Events

Sadly again we find ourselves having to cancel events, our Fathers Day Stall, and the children's disco. We will not give up, and we will continue to plan events so that we can come together and celebrate as a community as soon as we are able. If you have bought tickets for the fathers day stall and the disco through CDF pay, we will put a credit on your account. This means that when we can come together, you will have money in your CDF Pay account.

You can call the office if you need any further information.



Time to Celebrate our Dads



We're celebrating all the
TIE-rrific males in our
community!

This week we challenge
all families to make a tie
from materials at home,
write a message on the
tie and then come and
tie it onto the school
fence on Stephenson's
Road.

What a way to show how
grateful we are for all
our Dad's and TIE-rrific
males in our lives.

**try to make your tie
weatherproof if possible.**



Student Awards

23rd August

Prep CS	Levi Hendricks - For a fantastic effort in your reading groups online. Well done on fantastic focus.
Prep S	Sam G - fantastic effort completing all of your home learning tasks!
1/2L	Nick Efstathiou - For fantastic effort in all his home learning tasks. Well done Nick!
1/2H	Veronica Freeman - For her incredible Comic Book creation about the Haunted House! A masterpiece!
1/2WK	Oscar Ge -for asking questions and sharing his ideas during online focus groups. What a fantastic effort!
3/4DG	Immy Weerakoon - For fantastic improvement in the area of Division. Well Done Immy!
3/4SG	Joshua Jiang - for his hard work and dedication towards improving his mathematics.
3/4M	Isabel Italia - For her positive attitude during Remote Learning and asking meaningful questions during our Reading sessions. Well done Isabel!
3/4S	Alexander Siega for his fantastic attendance and attitude in online meets and work. Well done Alexander!
5/6YW	Sofia Fillipou - For her preparation and remote learning club proposal
5/6BG	Juliet Desperles - For consistent effort in her work and showing positivity and encouragement towards others.
5/6D	Stella Higgins - For the positive attitude she brings to all of our google meets!
5/6B	Rose Dixon - For always being ready to learn and to share during remote learning. Great job Rose!
5/6P	Fleur Hijner — For being a part of the 5/6P News and entertaining us during

30th August

Prep CS	Zoe Banbury - Amazing effort in all tasks. Thanks for your creativity and enthusiasm!
Prep S	Riley Morrison - For trying so hard in your online reading and CVC word practice!
1/2L	Ruby Siega - For working hard on her reading and her sight words! Great job Ruby!
1/2H	Winston Lim - For his enthusiasm in sharing his learning with the class.
1/2WK	Samantha Lewis -for writing an information report about kangaroos, with great skill and enthusiasm. 30-08
3/4DG	Olivia Wilson - for always being ready to learn and share her ideas during online focus groups. Amazing effort Olivia!
3/4SG	Olivia Sheehan - for her hard work and perseverance during our mathematics lessons
3/4M	Hayden Morrison - For your hard work and determination to push yourself during Remote Learning! Keep up the fantastic work!
3/4S	Anthony Bellochi for working so hard online! Keep up the great work!
5/6YW	Will Davies - For your amazing writing. What an effort
5/6BG	Piper - For demonstrating great resilience during a tough week and for her super effort in understanding her division work. Well done!
5/6D	Leila Trettel - For consistently clarifying instructions throughout remote learning. Well Done Leila.
5/6B	Ryan van Langenberg - for bringing a sense of fun and humour to the class during remote learning
5/6P	Isabella Breen for participating and sharing her ideas in google meets and asking interesting questions. Terrific effort Izzy