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# From the Principal Mrs Julie David

### 2022 SCHOOL THEME - 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware we have a number of staff leaving us at the end of this school year. Please keep in mind the following information -

- 5 staff are either retiring or leaving the profession of teaching
- 3 staff are leaving to work closer to where they live
- 1 staff member is beginning a career in a Secondary School setting

Teaching is not the only profession that has a number of employees moving on at the moment. This change in staffing also means that we will not have as many shared classrooms with 2 teachers. The majority of our classes will have one teacher.

Please be assured that Eithne King and I have interviewed and employed teachers with wonderful references and experience who will enhance our learning community.

### **Celebrating 2022**

In our previous newsletter I shared with you how we have 'Make A Difference' in 2022. I met with our Staff Leadership Team on Monday and we reviewed staff feedback on the 'difference' we have made in terms of our 4 Year School Improvement Plan and our 2022 Annual Action Plan.

These plans have 4 priority areas which were developed from our External Review last year.

The feedback from our staff is listed below under each priority area.

### Priority One

Goal: To build a trusting and rigorous professional learning culture

- Use of professional knowledge of behaviour strategies across all teaching staff
- Team Teach professional learning for all staff
- Student Case Management study sharing, goals, feedback
- Regular Professional Learning Team Meetings
- Support from Leaders at staff curriculum planning
- Respect each other
- Learning Support Officer/Staff team support
- Staff are accepting of feedback and trust the judgement of leadership

### Priority Two

Goal: To enable explicit connections between faith, life and the wider community

- Kindergarten visits
- Class Masses students reading
- Reinstating Friday morning Mass
- Celebrations of Learning/Grandparents Day/Welcoming Mass
- Parent Welcome Events (Dinner and Drinks)
- Brother and Sister Program (Year 3/4 students)
- Parent helpers in classrooms, at Kid's Cafe and on excursions

### Priority Three

Goal: To empower student voice and agency to promote student engagement in learning

- Student voice through Inquiry
- Genius Hour
- Year 6 Leadership Roles
- Students leading Weekly Assembly
- Student Voice in decision making (surveys)
- Catering for different learning styles
- Student learning celebrations made students talk about their learning more ownership
- Student Representative Council Meetings presence in classrooms weekly
- School Captains assisting with school tours
- Whole class say in class expectations

Whole school say in our new 'vision'

Priority Four

**Goal:** To embed evidence-based pedagogy and practices across the school

• Bump It Up Walls What are Bump It Up Walls?

Maths - productive struggle (new Maths structure)

6 Key Principles of effective teaching

• Guided reading and focus on comprehension

• Different reading strategy used

Reading (4 resource model)

· Upskilling teachers with new learning structures

Consistency of teaching across the school

Effective use of student data - more driven for learning and teaching

Behaviour Plans

Personalised Learning Plans for some students

Math Sprints

#### 2023

Our 2023 school year will continue to focus on these four priorities for teacher/student growth, community building and faith experiences.

The Holy Family School theme for 2023 is 'Belong'. Staff, students and members of our School Advisory Council worked together to develop our new school vision and mission statement which will be launched next year. Our 2023 school theme has been taken from our new vision statement.

### **2023 Open Classrooms Afternoon**

All families and students are invited to attend our 'Open Classrooms' afternoon on Monday 30th January from 2-3pm. This is an opportunity to visit your child's 2023 classroom and meet their 2023 teacher.

### 2023 Staff Leadership Team

Our Staff Leadership Team for 2023 -

- Principal (Julie David)
- Deputy Principal/Wellbeing Leader (Eithne King)
- Religious Education Leader (Vicky Pejic)

- Learning and Teaching Leader/Maths Leader/Digital Technologies Leader (Jennifer Young)
- Literacy Leader (Natalie Dib)
- Learning Diversity Leader (Jacqui Prosser)

### Year 6 2022

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate our 2022 Year 6 students and their families. Some families have had a long and others a shorter association with our school but each family has made an impact on our school community.

Thank you for your support and trust over the years.

I wish each of our incredible Year 6 students all the best as they transition into secondary school. I know that our teachers at Holy Family have prepared these students well. It has been a pleasure to work alongside our Student Leaders this year to ensure that we have a dynamic and safe learning environment for everyone.

Talia Adams	Arabella Gray	Tahlia Rajapakse
Diya Anup	Max Heberle	Thomas Romanin
Macy Beaton	Alexander Kasambalis	Jack Ryan
Clare Bernado	Zacharias Katsionis	Unique Salinas
Cohen Billing	Juliana Lembovski	Rafael Sergianis
William Brooks-Gay	Cameron Lloyd	Max Shaw
Joshua Cassar	Xavier MacFarlane	Connor Sheehan
Abigail Chila	Vivienne Maurice	Jake Siega
Benjamin Crestani	Joshua McColl-Jones	Suhani Singh
William Davies	Jack Millington	Kelly Smith
Dhavien De Alwis	Chloe Moore	Max Sollecito
Cate Deayton	Jake Murawski	Coco Suszko
Juliet Desperles	William Nenos	Noah Suszko
Amelia Di Fede	Rafael Ortega	James Talj
Alessia Di Guglielmo	Emily Panagakos	Deklin Tran
Grace Evans-Wilson	Lea Pejic	Emily Tresider
Sarah Ferns	Zianne Pereira	Leila Trettel
Sofia Filippou	Cartia Quadara	Aidan Vu
Christopher Ghannoum	Joseph Quadara	Olivia White

### **School Advisory Council Communication Survey Feedback**

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### **Thank You**

On behalf of St Vincent de Paul I would like to extend a BIG thank you to all of our families

for your generosity this Christmas. The food and Christmas items donated will surely make Christmas a special time for some families in our community.



### Filming Onsite

We have had an exciting week at Holy Family!

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) selected our school to film their advertisement which will be aired over the Christmas break during Carols by Candlelight and in cinemas.

Our School Captains had the privilege of meeting our MACS Acting Executive Director Dr Edward Simons and the opportunity to view filming in progress and speak to some of the crew.

Thank you for your understanding with 'Kiss and Drop' being closed for two days.

### **End of Year Mass**

Everyone is invited to come along and celebrate the end of the 2022 school year at our Mass on Tuesday 13th December at 9:15am.



### **Community Christmas Carols**

We are looking forward to everyone joining us this afternoon to celebrate the end of the 2022 school year with our Community Christmas Carols from 3:30-5pm. Families are encouraged to dress up in the Christmas theme and bring along a picnic rug and afternoon tea to share as they sing along to our Christmas tunes in our quadrangle. If it is raining then we will relocate to the Church.

### Final Assembly

We invite current families to join us at our Final Assembly on Thursday 15th December at 2pm. Please note that this is not an event for secondary students whose families have left the school to attend. These children will be asked to leave.

#### **Christmas**

Christmas for my family will be a time of 'togetherness'. A time of love, joy and hope. We will gather to support each other as it will be our first Christmas without my gorgeous dad. I wish each of you a Holy Christmas and restful break and hope that you have the opportunity to be together to celebrate and share memories.

### **Spirit of Christmas**

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Rochester has been heavily impacted by the recent flooding so our staff have donated a variety of items to create 'care' packs for the staff at this school.

I sent a photo to the Principal of the school on Saturday morning and she said that this is what her staff needs right now. There have been up to 7 teachers and many students off with COVID in the last week.

Staff and students are boarding buses from Rochester to attend school in either Elmore or Bendigo each day. Travel times of up to 110 minutes return trip before and after school. The staff and families in this school have been displaced twice (home and school). Please keep this Catholic community in your prayers as they near the end of this year with

uncertainty leading into 2023.

Thank you to our caring staff for being people of action to help others in need.

### **2023 Medical Action Plans and medications**

Action plans have been sent home with students who require an anaphylaxis, asthma, allergy or other medical plan. We ask



that these are completed during the holidays before returning to school, and the original copy sent home is returned to school either before the first day of school or before.

Medication will also need to be sent in (in original packaging) and clearly labelled.

All medications stored in the first aid room this year, will be sent home next Thursday.

### **Some Key Dates**

### Term 4 (2022)

- Thursday 8th December Community Christmas Carols (3:30-5pm)
- Monday 12th December (Move Up Session 1)
- Tuesday 13th December (Move Up Session 2)
- Tuesday 13th December (End of Year Mass) 9:15am
- Wednesday 14th December (Year 6 Graduation)
- Thursday 15th December (Final Assembly 2pm) Only existing families invited to attend
- Thursday 15th December (Last day finish at 3:15pm)

### Term 1 (2023) TBC

### Morning coffee each Friday after drop off

- Friday 27th January (Staff Return)
- Monday 30th January (2023 Open Classrooms Afternoon) 2-3pm (Everyone welcome!)
- Tuesday 31st January (All students return)
- Sunday 5th February (Prep Playdate)
- Tuesday 7th February (World Safer Internet Day)
- Tuesday 7th February (Parent Cyber Safety Session) 6pm
- Wednesday 8th February (Year 1-6) Parent Curriculum Evening
- Friday 10th February (Parents and Friends Welcome Event)
- Thursday 16th February (Playground installation commences)
- Tuesday 21st February (Shrove Tuesday)

- Wednesday 22nd February (Ash Wednesday)
- Wednesday 22nd February (SDSSA Swimming Trials)
- Thursday 2nd March (2023 Welcome Dinner)
- Tuesday 7th March (NAPLAN commences)
- Friday 10th March (Holy Family School Sports) onsite
- Monday 13th March (Labour Day Holiday) No school
- Monday 13th March Catholic Education Week (Forming lives of faith, hope and love in the light of Christ')
- Friday 17th March (Holy Family Colour Run) Major Fundraiser
- Tuesday 21st March (Harmony Day)
- Monday 27th March (School Closure Day Dan Petro PL)
- Friday 31st March (SDSSA Athletics Carnival)
- Tuesday 4th April (Parent/Teacher/Student Conversations) Students finish at 1:30pm
- Wednesday 5th April (Parent/Teacher/Student Conversations) No early finish
- Wednesday 5th April (School Photos)
- Thursday 6th April (Holy Thursday)
- Thursday 6th April (Last day of Term 1 1pm finish)

A 2023 Family Calendar will be distributed next week.

### **Enrolments for 2023 Now Open**

Don't forget to pop into the office to get an enrolment form for Prep - Year 6 2023.

Wishing everyone a safe and Holy Christmas,

Julie David (Principal)



### FROM THE REL Miss Lauren Considine

I have been putting off this newsletter item for a few weeks now. Not ready to put pen to paper, so to speak, knowing that it was the last time I would share a reflection with this community. So before I get started I need to begin by saying thank you! Thank you for taking the time to get to know me, thank you for entrusting me with your children as their teacher and faith formation coordinator. I have been putting off this newsletter item for a few weeks now. Not ready to put pen to paper, so to speak, knowing that it was the last time I would share a reflection with this community. So before I get started I need to begin by saying thank you! Thank you for taking the time to get to know me, thank you for entrusting me with your children as their teacher and faith formation coordinator.

Most of you wouldn't know that when I arrived I was searching for a family- and I found it with you all. I had just lost my dad, finished my Masters and left a school I really loved on the gut feeling that I needed a change. because there hadn't been enough happening in my life at that point!

I walked through the doors and felt at home. Then kids welcomed me with open arms, just as the parents and staff did, and I knew that there was something special about this place! So while it is hard to say, it's now time to say goodbye again and start a new adventure closer to home and away from the Monash! So what pearls of wisdom do I have for you all before I depart?

This week's Gospel asks the question... 'Are you the one ... or must we wait?' While reading I reflected deeply on the word 'wait'. Life is all about waiting! While we often like to control the

situations in our lives, sometimes we can't. A few weeks ago I had to have the tough conversation with Julie that I was taking a job elsewhere for 2023. There were tears!! And while it would have been easy to stay here, in a place I love, where I see potential and worth, the road less traveled can be pretty amazing too if we have the courage to pursue it. After making an extensive mental pro-con list I chose to be brave and to trust that God has a planeven if I have hesitations. So for whatever lies ahead for each of you, I pray that you will all have the courage and faith to do the same in the future.

Advent invites us to be more perceptive, to take time out to see the presence of God with us. The psalm this weekend says, 'Look! Your God is coming to save you.' Look within your own life, your family, your workplace, your neighbourhood and recognise the sure signs of God's presence. Take care, enjoy the festive season upon us and may life be kind to you all in the future.

God bless, Lauren Considine



### Holy Family Parish









# Items to bring from home

### Prep-Year 4

Booklist items for students in Grades P-4 (2023) will be 'bulk ordered' and delivered directly to the classroom. Charges for these will be added to the 2023 curriculum levies,

### so no payment is required this year.

### Years 5&6

Booklists for students in Grades 5&6 (2023) will be <u>part</u> bulk ordered by the school (charges for these will be added to the 2023 curriculum levies). There are also stationery items that may be ordered through Campion or purchased from another supplier (some items on this list may be carried over from previous years).

Please find the book lists attached of items that need to be purchased for Year 5/6 2023 students.

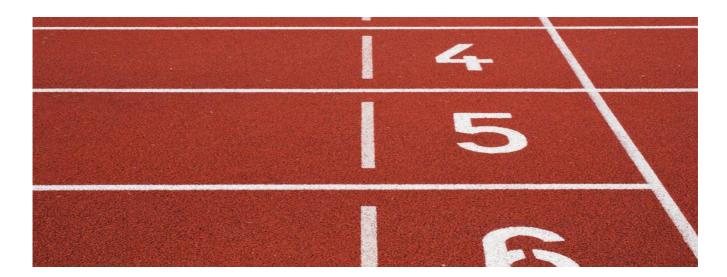
Year 5&6 orders need to be completed online and finalised by Friday 14th December if ordering through Campion books.

Holy Family School 2023 Year Five Resource List.pdf

Holy Family School 2023 Year Six Resource List.pdf

At the commencement of each year, we request that some items are supplied by the families.

- 2023 YEAR PREP ITEMS TO BRING FROM HOME.pdf
  - U 2023 YEAR 1 ITEMS TO BRING FROM HOME.pdf
  - U 2023 YEAR 2 ITEMS TO BRING FROM HOME.pdf
  - U 2023 YEAR 3 ITEMS TO BRING FROM HOME.pdf
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  - 2023 YEAR 6 ITEMS TO BRING FROM HOME.pdf



### PE News

### Running Club

This Friday Dec 9 will be our last running club for 2022. We hope to see lots of students, parents and/or siblings at 8am on the school oval. Please enter via hall gate.

### District Cricket

This Friday - Dec 9, we've entered a Year 5 girls and boys team in the SDSSA T20 Cricket Gala Day. It will be at Lum Rd Reserve, Wheelers Hill.

Both boys and girls games are on at 9.30am, 10.25am, 11.20am, 12.15am, 1.10pm.

We are looking for a parent/older sibling to assist with coaching/scoring for 1 of our teams.

You will need a WWC. Please contact Mrs Michelsson

### Rotary Sporting Attitudes Award

Congratulations to William Brooks-Gay who was nominated for the Rotary Sporting Attitudes Award for 2022. This medal will be presented to him on Mon Dec 12 at a ceremony in Ashwood.

### Basketball Uniforms

We are still waiting on some Basketball singlets to be returned from our teams that competed at the Division and Regional competitions. If your child still has one at home could that please be returned asap.



### Student Awards

### **WEEK 9 STUDENT AWARDS**

1/2GP	Ella Elias - for always working hard, contributing her ideas to the class and being a
	nice friend.
	Henry Wilson - for creating an excellent map with a key, and for his valuable
	contributions to our class.
1/2J	Emily Pejic - For always working hard and listening carefully at all times. Well Done
	Emily!
1/2H	Hazel Lewis - For always contributing such insightful ideas to class discussions
	and participating with such enthusiasm in all areas of her learning.
3/4C	Nuvee Jayasuriya Zfor her enthusiasm in her inquiry project and working well with
	others.

3/4L	Jacqueline Guo - For writing a terrific alliteration passage about a snake with scary,
	slimy scales. Your word choice was fantastic and made your poem interesting to
	read. Well done Jacqueline!
	Lucas MacFarlane - For writing a wonderful acrostic poem on leopards. You really
	painted a picture in the mind of the reader as to what the leopard was doing.
	Fantastic work Lucas!
3/4M	Lauren Bernardo - For magnificent poem writing and for helping others!!
	Hugo Julius - For creating a beautiful piece of art work! Well done Hugo!
5/6YW	Juliana Lembovski for consistently putting your best effort into completing tasks
5/6B	Ari Panagakos for entertaining stories and the enthusiasm in which they are told.
5/6S	Nicola Mathers for a mature approach to school work tasks. Well done Nicola!
5/6P	Cameron Lloyd for following his interests in inquiry and designing a sustainable
	robot.

### **WEEK 10 STUDENT AWARDS**

Prep	Emma-wonderful effort to learn your sight words in Prep! What a Superstar!
WK	Beatrix-for always arriving at school with a big smile and enjoying your learning.
	Lucy-for always being such a kind and helpful friend in Prep WK. Thank you!
1/2GP	Samantha Lewis - For always working hard to achieve your best and for being a
	fantastic classmate all year.
	Oscar Ge - For making interesting contributions in class discussions and for being
	a good friend.
1/2J	12J - For being the most amazing and hard working class! Amazing Effort
	everyone!
3/4C	3/4C- For being the most amazing class a teacher could ask for! You are all
	incredible.
3/4L	Lily Livolti - For always supporting your peers with their learning. Your patience,
	kindness and encouragement never go unnoticed. Thank you for helping those
	younger than you or those in need of support.
3/4M	34M- for having the most wonderful year! Thank you for an amazing year!
3/4D	Mirella Vuksic - For fantastic improvement in both Reading accuracy and
	comprehension. You are a Reading Superstar!
	Hudson Scammell - For his excellent knowledge and skills in the area of
	mathematics. You display sensational problem solving, accurate arithmetic, and
	all-around mathematics success.
	Spencer McCarthy - For working cooperatively, giving encouraging and supportive
	feedback. Thank you for being a valuable member of 3/4D!

5/6YW	Anthony Torcasio - For your persistence in solving maths problems.	
5/6FG	Sarah Ferns for co-leading prayer at Assembly each week and being a great	
	Liturgy leader.	
	For 5/6FG for doing amazing research, putting so much effort into your learning	
	and creating incredible Inquiry projects. Congratulations!	
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### School Advisory Council

Parent feedback is vital to improve and evolve key school processes and enhance each family's school experience. Thank you to those families who completed our second Termly Parent Survey at the beginning of this term, which focused on Communication.

Below are the forms of communication currently used, together with their purpose:

- SkoolBag App for information, updates and reminders about school and Parents & Friends activities
- School Google Calendar all events/activities listed and accessed through the school website
- Operoo for important school information regarding school activities requiring parental permission or a response
- School Fortnightly Newsletters important information/updates on all school activities
- Level Fortnightly Newsletters information on all classroom learnings for the period
- Class WhatsApp Group parent run groups to provide reminders on school events

Effective communication is important to any school. Holy Family want to continue to ensure our forms, mode and timeliness of communication is most useful to our community, and the

overall quality of communication is at a high standard. In doing this, our community will stay connected and valued.

The Survey was open for nearly 5 weeks, closing on Friday 14th October 2022. In order to assure anonymity, responses were analysed as aggregate data and not at the individual level. The analysis presented therefore does not identify any one person or family.

### Survey context

Responses were received from 20 families at Holy Family. These were evenly spread across Yrs 1-6, with 1 response from Prep. Families who started in 2018 had the highest response rate (6 out of 20).

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## Community News





### COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CLUB!

@ Holy Family School

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting coding club running at the school.



#### **DEVELOP SKILLS**

- Creativity
- Logical thinking
- Problem solving



#### LEARN

- Computer Science Concepts
- Fundamentals of programming Loops, Events, Randomness and more

### PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

- Scratch
- Python
- Javascript
  - .. and many more



#### MAKE

- Games
- Web pages
- Apps

Digimaker structured program runs each term and is charged on a per-term basis. Students will use school computer during the lesson.

### TERM PROGRAM

Program for Term 1 2023 is as follows: Year levels: 3 to 6
Term Fee: \$210 exclass

AFTER SCHOOL BATCH

3:20pm – 4:20pm Fridays 3rd Feb to 31st Mar 2023

Fill out the form online by Thursday 8th Dec 2022



### www.digimaker.com.au/enrol

Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email\*\*

### **HOLIDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM**

2 HOURS OF FUN FILLED CODING FULLY SUPERVISED OVER ZOOM (5 DAYS A WEEK!)

https://www.digimaker.com.au/events/school-holiday-coding-program/

<sup>\*\*</sup> All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from info@digimaker.com.au. Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.

### SYNDAL SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



7:15AM START 6:30PM END

**PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9AM** ON EXCURSION DAYS











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_	Base Fee
œ	Exp Fee**
	Daily Total

\$70.00 \$20.00 \$90.00 \$13.50

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