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## From Mrs David's Desk

Dear Families,

It has been a BIG two weeks in Catholic Education in Melbourne with the announcement of the closure of four schools at the end of 2023. We will keep these schools and their communities in our prayers during this difficult time of change.

### ***Book Week Parade***

Last week we celebrated Book Week with our Dress Up Parade on Monday. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces and hear the laughter and applause as the staff and students paraded around our quadrangle!

Thank you to our families for making this a special event full of fun, excitement and colour.



## ***Jump Off Day***

Our students have spent the last few weeks learning new skipping skills to showcase on our Jump Off Day last Friday.

We were blessed with sunny skies and generous parents to make the morning run smoothly.

## **'Shining A Light' Dr Edward Simons**

On Thursday 17th August Dr Edward Simons, Executive Director of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), outlined an inspiring vision for the largest non-government schooling system in Australia and the single largest not-for-profit organisation in the country.

Leading MACS, he said, is both an 'enormous privilege' and a 'huge responsibility'. To educate, form and care for more than 120,000 students across the Archdiocese of Melbourne, in almost 300 schools, MACS employs more than 17,000 staff, and its annual budget runs to billions of dollars.

To get a sense of the 'bold and ambitious goal' that has been set for the organisation, Dr Simons pointed his audience to MACS' recently released strategic plan, *MACS 2030: Forming Lives to Enrich the World*, a document organised around the four pillars of faith, learning, leadership and community.

A number of opportunities inform this strategy and will shape the work of MACS in the years ahead, he said. One is the creation of 'new and imaginative ways for our recently formed system of schools to be empowered centrally', ensuring they perform more strongly than when they previously operated as stand-alone school entities. Another is the need to be 'increasingly clear about what it means to be Catholic educators, and to embrace this as the core tenet of our work'. And recognising that MACS' work is just one part of the broader work of the Church, Catholic schools must also 'find new ways to work more effectively with parishes' and other Catholic agencies.

*I have no doubt, where there is good will and a shared mission between parish and school, we will do great things and achieve much.*

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/shining-a-light-dr-ed-simons-on-the-life-changing-power-of-catholic-education>

## **MACSSIS**



Melbourne Archdiocese  
Catholic Schools

## MACSSIS

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

The MACSSIS **family survey** is open  
Monday 28 August – Friday 15 September 2023.



Parents/Carers are invited to fill out the 2023 MACSSIS tool to provide feedback for our school community.

Personalised PINs were emailed home for each family.

The website for access is <https://orima.com/macsfamily?&orimaW=1263>

Devices are available in our 'gathering space' before school for parents/carers to access to complete the survey.

Surveys must be completed by Friday 15th September.

Thank you for your feedback and support.

### **School Closure**

Due to the closure of St Mary Magdalen's Primary School in Chadstone we have had many families touring our school recently.

Our school community will do all that we can to support this community - staff and families in the coming weeks.

Please be assured that these enrolments will enhance our community and we warmly welcome new families. Holy Family has the facilities and staff to cater for this growth in our school.



If you have any wonderings about this process then please make a time to speak with me.

### **2024 Enrolments**

We are in the fortunate position of increasing our enrolments in Prep for 2024.

Please let your family and friends know that enrolments are still being accepted with a few spaces still available.

### **Father's Day Celebrations at Holy Family**

The significant men (dad, uncle, grandpa, friend) in our community had a wonderful time visiting students in their classrooms to celebrate Father's Day this weekend.

We hope you enjoy your special treats and have a wonderful day on Sunday!

Don't forget our Father's Day Stall tomorrow.

### **Father's Day blessing from Pope Francis**

Joseph's mission is certainly unique and unrepeatable, because Jesus is absolutely unique. And yet, in his guardianship of Jesus, forming him to grow in age, wisdom and grace, he is a model for every educator, especially every father.

*St Joseph is the model of the educator and the dad, the father.*

*I, therefore, entrust to his protection all fathers.*

*I ask for you the grace to be ever closer to your children, allow them to grow, but be close, close! They need you, your presence, your closeness, your love.*

*May you be for them as St Joseph was: guardians of their growth in age, wisdom and grace.*

*May you guard them on their journey: be educators and walk with them. And by this closeness you will be true educators.*

*Thank you for all you do for your children: thank you. Best wishes to you, and a happy fathers' day.*

*May St Joseph bless you and accompany you.*

*Some of us have lost our dad, he has passed away, the Lord has called him.*

*We can pray for all the fathers of the world, for the fathers living and deceased, as well as our own, and we can do it together, each one remembering his or her own father whether he be living or dead.*

*And let us pray to the great Father of us all, the Father.*

*An Our Father for our fathers: Our Father... Best wishes to fathers!*

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### **Walk for Tiwi**

On Thursday 14th September our school community will take part in a walkathon to raise money to support the Catholic Mission on Bathurst Island and the restoration of St. Therese's Church.

Students are invited to wear their 'footy colours' on this day and bring along a donation for this community.

Here is a video for your family to share -

<https://fb.watch/ml1SZZqV1H/>

I have also included an article on Sister Anne Gardiner who has supported this community for decades. The Principals were fortunate enough to meet and spend time with Sister Anne.

 [A Lifes Mission.pdf](#)

All schools in our region will be hosting an event like this and the funds will be pooled together and sent to the Catholic Mission to support the great work that they do.

### **Our School Pride**

Over the last couple of weeks students in our school have achieved incredible sporting achievements.

### **Soccer**

Congratulations to our Boys Soccer Team who were awarded the title of State Champions yesterday! Your community is extremely proud of each of you.



This was an incredible effort from these boys. This group coached themselves leading up to yesterday and strengthened as a team during their games.

Thank you to our staff and parents who supported these students.

### ***Basketball***

Jake Seo was selected in the Victorian Basketball Team and he represented our state in the National Tournament in Perth last week. I am pleased to announce that Jake's team won the tournament.

Congratulations Jake we are so proud of your achievement!





### **2024 Classes**

We are beginning to plan for next year.

Parents/carers are invited to email any class requests for 2024 by Friday 15th September to [jdavid@hfmw.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jdavid@hfmw.catholic.edu.au)

Please keep in mind that some requests can not be met as we have to accommodate numerous requests from parents/carers, students and teachers. When spend many weeks planning classes with the academic and wellbeing needs of each child.

### **Term 3 Events**

#### **August**

Thursday 31st - Father's Day Celebration

#### **September**

Friday 1st - Father's Day Stall

Sunday 3rd - Father's Day

Friday 8th - SDSSA Basketball Round Robin

Monday 11th - Year 5/6 Performing Arts Celebration (Avila College)

Thursday 14th - 'Walk for Tiwi' community action

Thursday 14th - Footy Colours Day and Sausage Sizzle

Friday 15th - Mass/Celebration of Learning

Friday 15th September - Students finish at 1pm

### **Term 4 Events**

#### **October**

Monday 2nd - Students resume

Thursday 5th - MWD Division Track and Field

Tuesday 10th - P&F Meeting (7pm)

Thursday 12th - Sexuality Parent Education Session (online) 7pm

Wednesday 18th - Prep 2024 Parent Information Session (7pm)

Friday 20th - Year 1/2 Camp Day

Tuesday 24th - 2024 Prep Transition

Wednesday 25th - Parent Information Session for New Families (Years 1-6) 7pm

Thursday 26th - Transition Day (New students Years 1-6)

Tuesday 31st - 2024 Prep Transition

#### **November**

Monday 6th - School Closure Day (Report Preparation)

Tuesday 7th - School Closure Day (Melbourne Cup)

Wednesday 8th - Transition Day (New students Years 1-6)

Wednesday 8th - SAC AGM (6pm), Parents and Friends AGM (6:30pm)

Friday 10th - SDSSA Summer Sport

Saturday 11th - Remembrance Day

Tuesday 14th - 2024 Prep Transition

Thursday 16th - Year 3/4 Performing Arts Celebration

Monday 20th - Transition Day (New students Years 1-6)

Tuesday 21st - 2024 Prep Transition

Friday 24th - School Closure Day (2024 Planning)

Monday 27th - Friday 8th Dec (Prep-Year 4 Swimming Program)

Tuesday 28th - 2024 Prep Transition

Wednesday 29th - Swimming Rest Day

Wednesday 28th - Transition Day (New students Years 1-6)

#### **December**

Thursday 7th - Holy Family Community Christmas Carols

Monday 11th - Year 6 Graduation Ceremony (Avila College)

Wednesday 13th - End of Year Mass 9:15am (TBC)

Wednesday 13th - Year 6 Celebration Afternoon

Friday 15th - Final 2023 Assembly (2pm)

Friday 15th - School finishes at 3:15pm

Monday 18th - Staff Planning Day

Tuesday 19th - Staff Planning Day

Wednesday 20th - Staff Time In Lieu Day

## **2024 School Year**

### **January**

Monday 29th - Staff Return

Tuesday 30th - Student Testing

Wednesday 31st - Student Testing

### **February**

Thursday 1st - All students commence

Wishing the men in our community a wonderful day on Sunday,

Julie David (Principal)





## Parish News

# *SAVE THE DATE*

FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE



Once again we will be having a  
Parish Dinner Dance.  
Don't forget to put it in your  
calendar and invite  
friends and family to join us  
and make this a spectacular  
event for our Parish.

### **God and Beer 11 September - Jesus and Jazz**

What has New Orleans to do with Jerusalem? Come and listen to up-and-coming jazz singer Olivia Chamoun Canavan who blends her love of the Catholic faith with her musical career. She will explore how music can be a powerful way for people to connect with God and a source of healing. Olivia will also perform some songs for the audience.

**Topic:** Jesus and Jazz

**Speaker:** Olivia Chamoun Canavan

**Date:** Monday 11th September

**Time:** 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk

**Venue:** Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC

**RSVP:** [GodandBeer.com.au](http://GodandBeer.com.au)



## Mini Vinnies





On Saturday 26th August our Holy Family community came together over Zoom to raise awareness for homelessness. Scarily, every night approximately 116,000 people (that's 1 in 200) have nowhere safe and warm to sleep. Homelessness doesn't just mean a person who is sleeping rough on the streets. Homelessness can also include those sleeping on friend's couches or in inadequate and overcrowded housing.

As part of our Sleep Out we discussed the importance of gratitude and shared different things that we were all grateful for in our lives. Many of the students said they were grateful for their family, their friends, to have a home, for safety, for love, for their relationship with God, for food, clean water, a warm bed, clean clothing, for their pets. We read the story 'Those Shoes', which is about a young boy who really wants the new, coolest shoes that all his peers are wearing. Unfortunately when he does find some at an op shop they are too small for his feet. He later realises that there are other people in his life that may need those shoes more than him and becomes grateful for the things that he did have, like new boots for the winter months.

Thank you to our parents and families for supporting the students to take part in our school's Sleep Out. I hope all the students and families that participated enjoyed the experience and had meaningful conversations about homelessness and how fortunate we are.

The Mini Vinnies students have been working hard creating board games to teach other students about homelessness and the reality of how expensive life can be. You don't become homeless just because you made some mistakes or did something bad. Sometimes it is based on luck and the cards that you are dealt. Once the students have finished their board games they will be travelling around the classrooms at Holy Family sharing them with the school community.

Stay tuned for our final Mini Vinnies event for 2023 - our Family Movie Night happening in Term 4. We hope to see our school community there to support the work that St. Vincent de Paul does for those in need.



## Religious Education News



# SEASON OF CREATION

## About the Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I proclaimed 1 September as a day of prayer for creation for the Orthodox in 1989. In fact, the Orthodox church year starts on that day with a commemoration of how God created the world.

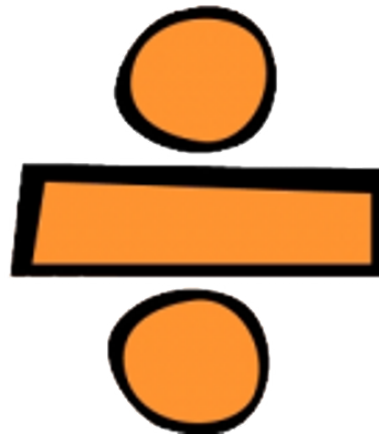
The World Council of Churches was instrumental in making the special time a season, extending the celebration from 1 September until 4 October.

Following the leadership of Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I and the WCC, Christians worldwide have embraced the season as part of their annual calendar. Pope Francis made the Roman Catholic Church's warm welcoming of the season official in 2015.

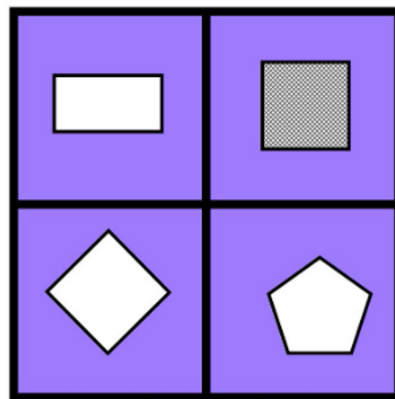
In recent years, statements from religious leaders around the world have also encouraged the faithful to take time to care for creation during the month-long celebration.

The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.





# Mathematics News



**SHAPE 2**

Which one doesn't belong?? (<https://wodb.ca/shapes.html>)

Try this at home. Ask the question Which one doesn't belong? Why doesn't it belong? The answer (or answers) may surprise you.

Justification and proving your answer forms a significant part of the mathematical curriculum. It refers to the proficiency of mathematical reasoning.

There are four proficiencies embedded in the curriculum; reasoning, understanding, fluency and problem solving. The proficiency of reasoning is when we are expected to provide mathematical justifications for processes and solutions. This often requires not only the

process of how you get there additionally children must have the dialogue behind the process.

This dialogue forms a significant part of the problem solving process that happens in class when we are asking students to work through tasks where the mathematics is not immediately clear. The example above is of a set of shapes, however the question of 'which one doesn't belong?' can be asked of a set of numbers, graphs or equations.

The answer? Here is the tricky part. There is not one correct answer, as long as you can justify your answer in a way that makes mathematical sense, you are correct.

Jennifer Young  
Maths Leader

## Wellbeing News



### Bullying No Way Day





# Thank you!

## AUSLAN News



I would like to share a valuable insight from a professional development opportunity that has a significant impact on our children's language development. During this session, I gained a deeper understanding of the crucial role finger-spelling plays in enhancing spelling proficiency and overall language skills. Finger-spelling is a powerful tool that can greatly improve children's spelling abilities. The act of physically forming letters with their fingers reinforces the connection between letters and their corresponding sounds, facilitating a stronger grasp of spelling rules and patterns. The more our young learners practice finger-spelling, the more confident and proficient spellers they can become. With this in mind, I highly encourage you to actively support and motivate your child/ren to engage in regular finger-spelling practice at home. Encouraging them to use finger-spelling while reading various books will further reinforce their spelling skills and boost their overall language comprehension.

In the ongoing Auslan learning journey, students from Prep to Year 2 are diligently broadening their sign vocabulary. They are encompassing a diverse array of food-related signs, spanning fruits, vegetables, bread, dairy and meat. Through this process, they are constructing foundational communication themes, allowing them to express their culinary preferences and engage in interactive dialogue. Examples of such exchanges

include inquiries like 'what is your favourite food?' 'do you like eating...' Students are further prompted to elicit responses from their peers, fostering an engaging and interactive learning environment.

Meanwhile, students from Year 3 to Year 6 have been collaboratively engaged in group activities, meticulously preparing presentations while providing mutual support in combining their stories through signing. A commendable acknowledgement goes out to all those who enthusiastically embraced and successfully navigated this recent challenge.

If you would like to learn some food signs, please use this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USeTibfyXfI>

**Dianne Herrmann**

**Auslan Teacher**

**Wednesday & Thursday**

**Holy Family School**

**Mount Waverley**





# Physical Education News



**Thank you to ALL the students who got involved with Jump Rope for Heart!**

A huge thank you for the effort skipping and fundraising for the Jump Rope for Heart program this term. Together we've raised an incredible \$1,870.00 and this money will all go towards vital heart research and education programs.

We've loved seeing so many smiling faces skipping on the playground and in sports lessons.

Our Jump Off Day was a huge success, thank you to all the parents/siblings/staff that assisted us on the day.

Registration and fundraising will conclude on **Friday September 8th.**

To register your child, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started. [www.jump rope.org.au/parents](http://www.jump rope.org.au/parents)

### **Boys U12 State Basketball Team**

Congratulations to Jake Seo for being a member of the Victorian U12's Basketball Team that competed at the National Championships in Perth last week. They were successful in winning the Grand Final. An outstanding achievement. We are all very proud of you Jake.

### **SSV State Soccer Championships**

Congratulations to our boys team that won the GrandFinal at the State Soccer Final on Wednesday August 30. A fantastic effort by all. Thanks to Leigh Harris who assisted the boys coaching. Thanks to all the family and friends that came to support them!

### **SDSSA Basketball Round Robin Day**

We wish both our boys and girls teams all the very best at the District Basketball Round Robin Day on Friday September 8th. It will be held at the Waverley Basketball Stadium.



# Children's Book Week

## Library News

### **Library Thank you!!!!**

Thank you so much to everyone who participated and helped in making the Book Week Parade 2023 such a success.

The costumes were wonderful and our team of Year 6 helpers were fantastic.

Thank you to Cecilia and Ari for their wonderful leadership and to Mount Waverley Library for letting us come to a fabulous production of "Franks Red Hat."

What will you all come up with next year!!!!

Thanks,

Mrs Standfield and Mrs Tapley





Gardening Club



## Garden club news!

We are having the best time in Garden club! We found a beautiful big worm and took it in turns to squiggle and squirm in our hands. We dug a big hole after pulling out some weeds and caring for them. We also put our beautiful worm back in the dirt. It has been great seeing how our Blueberry and Fuchsia plants are adapting to their new garden bed and watching our pea plant clinging to the climbing frame. We are also watching our carrots grow, as they are still very tiny. Please come along and join us if you can make it on Wednesday's at 11:10pm or any day to pull out some weeds and tend to our fruit and veggies. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Garden club.





# Student Awards

## WEEK 6 STUDENT AWARDS

Prep DK	Neo Vu- for his excellent writing about animals. Congratulations!
1/2SG	Isaac Kim- for an amazing illustration of Mary in Religion. Job well done!
1/2J	Mia Pickering - for working hard at sounding out and decoding tricky words. You are a superstar!
1/2DI	Michael for listening so well in mass and being focused in literacy
3/4L	Mateo Karmawan - for exceptional behaviour in the classroom and persisting when he is faced with a challenge. Well done Mateo!
3/4C	Jacob Chila- For being a kind and caring member of 34C! We are so lucky to have you!
3/4M	Ella Elias - For excellent work in maths and for always trying to challenge yourself. Well done Ella, you should be so proud!
5/6L	Chloe Armstrong - for amazing participation in our Bully No Way Day session and creative tree art!
5/6S	Anthony Torcasio for fabulous work in Maths! Keep up the great work!
Phys. Ed	Anthony Torcasio - for his efforts and contribution to his team at the Regional Soccer Finals

	Phoenix Mavrovouniotis - for his efforts as a team player at the Regional Soccer Finals.
	Skipping certificates - Joshua J, Alissa C, Adele S and Marcus H
Library	Cooper Shelley - for fabulous borrowing Wyatt Lam - for wonderful borrowing Lauren Bernardo - for magnificent borrowing Samantha Lewis - for fabulous borrowing Jamie Theodoropoulos - for wonderful borrowing Kaitlyn Chua - for magnificent borrowing
Auslan	Peter Atamian (Year 1/2J) for displaying confidence in signing in Auslan with his peers.

### **WEEK 7 STUDENT AWARDS**

Prep DK	Olivia Sun for being a quick and positive learner! It's been a pleasure to have you in our class!
1/2SG	Joey Browne for doing great letter formation in handwriting and remembering spaces between words . Job well done !
1/2J	Claire Kho - For her amazing work in Division this week! You are a superstar!  Milan Muto - For being a compassionate and caring member of our class, always looking out for his classmates! You are amazing!
1/2DI	Hazel Lewis for showing such enthusiasm and dedication in creating her habitats diorama. Great Job!
3/4C	Victor Tai- For showing incredible perseverance in our Jump Rope for Heart competition, what an amazing outcome You have a hidden talent Victor!
3/4M	Sila G - For a fantastic job with your skipping talents at the Jump Off Day!! Well done Sila, you're amazing!
5/6L	Samantha Alamaras for being a respectful member of our classroom and always trying her best!
5/6FG	Amanda Chan for great effort and persistence to write her best Information report. Max Guce for incredible Maths thinking in the focus session and persisting with his Information report writing.
5/6S	Noah Mitchem for working hard in Literacy to complete work. Well done Noah.
5/6PG	Xavier Lianto for wonderful skipping and being a good friend by sharing his talents.
Library	Will Lloyd - magnificent borrowing

	<p>Ellie The - wonderful borrowing</p> <p>Cecelia Tran - fabulous borrowing</p> <p>Max Elias- magnificent borrowing</p> <p>Dylan Harris - wonderful borrowing</p>
Auslan	<p>Year 3/4C class displaying incredible support, patience and resilience while communicating with one another in Auslan without using their voice.</p> <p>Congratulations!</p>



## Parents and Friends News





## Holy Family P Bingo Night

What a fantastic night our Parents & Friends social night was this year.

We had 78 people attend and dressed up in this year's theme "Op Shop Glam". No doubt the local Vinnies store was happy with everyone buying their costumes. Well done to Lau Wilson, Daniel Trettel and Le Lewis for taking out the best dressed.

This year 'Funky Bunch' hosted a Bingo night. We ran a Raffle and a Silent Auction with some fantastic prizes. We also introduced "The Lock Game"! We had a huge amount of wine, beer, spirits, champagne and mixer drinks wrapped in a chain and locked with a combination lock. The game was to choose the right combination and the winner took all!! Well done to The Lewis family who took out the prize!

And just when we thought the night couldn't get more fun we ended it with a game of "Musical Chairs" we can't begin to tell you the laughter and enjoyment we all got out of it. Well done to the best Musical Chair players we have ever seen Rachel Camilleri and Tamara Sheehan!

A BIG thank you to our amazing mum's who ran this year's Parent Night - Brooke Banbury, Lauren Wilson and Sarah Lane. It was a fantastic night and we know you all worked really hard to make it great. A special mention to Lauren who did our decorations, she's been visiting all the local op shops for weeks for inspiration. The hall and all the tables looked fantastic. And big thank you to The Wilson's, Livolti's, Banbury's, Lewis', Camilleri's and Lane's for setting up and a big special mention to DJ Phil Wilson for making sure we had music and dancing to kick off and end our night.

We had some amazing prizes that were donated from our local community. It was a huge effort from some of our parents to gather support from these businesses. Thank you to the following Families – Banbury's, Bidese's, Camilleri's, McCusker's, Muto's, Lane's, Lewis' and Livolti's. We have listed all the businesses that have supported us by donating prizes and vouchers. Please support them.

And to our families who purchased and donated alcohol to run our Lock Game thank you for your donations, Banbury's, Bidese's, Camilleri's and Lane's. And to our families that donated prizes, Atami Brown's, Karmawan's, Lewis', Mathers', Salanitri's, Williamson's and Osana Chan. Also a special mention and a BIG thank you to Eithne's sister Katie who donated a handmade quilt as one of our prizes.

And a VERY BIG thank you to Eithne who was our poster girl, dressing up at Kiss and Drop to promote the evening – we know she secretly loved wearing her old glam numbers! And to our wonderful teacher who formed a table and came along for the fun, thank you so much for supporting the night.

And lastly to our parents that attended, thank you for coming. We hope you had a great night. Thank you for making it so much fun!



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**Camp Australia**



# Newsletter

Date: 15/08/2023



Dear families and friends,

This fortnight, children created special presents for our Principal for the National Principal's Day and presented our hand print art work and Gratitude Box to Mrs. David. We also talked about habitats and explored outdoors. Some children loved making cute paper plate lion faces, badges while not missing any opportunity to play outside. Jigsaw Puzzles, Fuse ball, card games and gravitrax are the favourite inside activities during this fortnight. We are very excited to see some of our seeds start germinating. We also learnt about shadows! This week we are busy with National Science Week!

OSHC Team



To register and book, visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

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