



# Holy Family School Newsletter

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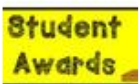
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# From the Principal's Desk Mrs Julie David

## **2022 SCHOOL THEME - 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE'**

Dear Families,

As I was having my breakfast this morning I was reading the newspaper and listening to the headlines on the radio. There appeared to be a great emphasis on NAPLAN and the top performing schools. What makes a top performing school? Is it purely based on academics? Do we allow our children to be children?

I am pleased to say that I believe Holy Family is a top performing school for a variety of reasons beyond NAPLAN.

- We have professional, dedicated and nurturing teaching staff
- Our 10 Learning Support Staff are exemplary in the manner in which they engage with our students and families
- Our teachers provide a calm and orderly learning environment
- We have small classes
- Every student is known by their name by each staff member including our Principal and Deputy Principal
- Close connections are developed with families to support the family unit as well as the children at school
- Our school provides 2 counsellors and a psychologist to support staff, families and students
- Learning opportunities are developed on the basis of up to date data for each student
- We celebrate diversity

- We have a Prep-Year 6 Camp Program to prepare students for overnight stays in the middle and senior years
- Our Year 6 students run 'clubs' at lunchtimes as part of their Social Justice - giving their time to help others
- Our staff and parents work hard to ensure that we are a welcoming community

As a parent and educator I believe the wellbeing of a student is the most important aspect of a school. If a student does not feel safe and happy then s/he will not reach his/her full potential. Students need social skills as well as an education to function fully in society. At Mass the other week, a parishioner of Holy Family, who works at Salesian, told me that the boys that come from Holy Family stand out amongst the other students for their academics and social skills. This is also the message I receive from Avila College regarding our girls who transition to this school.

## **Catholic Education Week**

This year, all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne will celebrate Catholic Education Week 2022 from 13 to 20 March. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2022 is 'The Way of the Gospel'. This theme is based on Archbishop Peter A Comensoli's 2021 Pastoral Letter.

There are 335 Catholic primary and secondary schools across Melbourne, enrolling more than 150,000 students and employing approximately 17,000 staff. Catholic schools provide a high-quality education in a faith-centred environment. This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

On Friday 18th March our students will engage in a walk around 4 stations to engage with different gospels on the themes of - reconciliation, love, inclusion and justice. The station with a focus on inclusion will also include an activity for 'Bullying No Way' Day.

## **Involvement in our Parish Community**

Our Holy Family Parish would love to involve more school families in our weekend Masses. Father Justel is looking for people to welcome, read and altar serve. Once our students have made their First Eucharist then they can altar serve.

Please email me if your family would like to participate in the life of our Holy Family Parish  
- [jdavid@hfmw.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jdavid@hfmw.catholic.edu.au)

## **Year 6 Parish Involvement**

I will also be asking for volunteers from Year 6 to attend one Mass during the year to welcome parishioners. Our school and Parish communities are looking forward to involving our families more in our Parish Mass on Sunday at 10am. More information will follow.

## **Reconciliation Family Evening**

Thank you to Father Justel, our staff, students and families for joining us online for our Reconciliation evening last night. Please keep these families and students in your prayers as the students prepare to receive this sacrament.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Our Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Wednesday 30th March (5.30-7pm).

## **Prep Welcome and School Advisory Council (SAC) Commissioning Mass**

Our school community is invited to join our Preps and Council members at 10am Mass this Sunday 20th March. After Mass please stay around to chat with other families and enjoy a barbecue supplied by the parishioners.

## **School Closure Day**

Last Friday our staff gathered onsite to revisit our school vision and mission statements and plan our direction over the next 4 years.

At the end of the day staff came up with drafts of our vision statement, School Improvement Plan (4 years) and Annual Action Plan (1 year).

Drafts of vision statements were -

*An inclusive faith community striving for excellence.*

*A faith filled community accepting and valuing all to reach full potential.*

*We believe, we belong, we educate, we are valued.*



*We believe in academic excellence for all. Nurturing the spirituality, wellbeing and inclusion of all students in a Christ centred community that makes a difference.*

The four priorities that will guide our work over the next four years (2022-2025) are -

- Connecting,faith, life and our community
- Learner agency
- Dynamic professional learning community
- Expert teaching

Further work will be carried out in these areas with input from staff, students and families.

## Open Days

Our school is now able to host face-to-face Open Days. Please let your friends, neighbours, work colleagues, local kindergartens and family know that our tours are back.

On Sunday 6th March our student leaders and myself will be attending the 10am Mass and speaking about the opportunities that Holy Family School offers students and their families.

After Mass we will be hosting an Open Day session from 11am-12pm.

Our other Open Days are -

- Monday 21st March (9.30am/12pm)
- Thursday 31st March (9.30am/12pm)
- Wednesday 6th April (9.30am/12pm)
- Wednesday 27th April (9.30am/12pm)
- Tuesday 3rd May (9.30am/12pm)
- Wednesday 11th May (9.30am/12pm)

Please phone the office to book your tour 9807 3300.

## Staff News

A couple of updates -

- Lyn Sneddon is on leave until Term 2. Annemaree Smith will be in the front office while Lyn is on leave
- Katrina Davis begins Long Service Leave this week

- Eithne King and Julie David will be attending a Leadership Conference next week (Tuesday 22nd-Friday 25th March). Jennifer Young, Karen Williams, Lauren Considine and Jacqui Prosser will share leadership duties on these days.

## **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Please mark the dates Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th April in your diaries. Our interviews will once again be held online. Details will be sent soon.

## **Condolences**

On behalf of our school community I would like to extend our condolences to Christine Page (1/2LP teacher) on the peaceful passing of her wonderful mum. Please keep Mrs Page and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

## **Congratulations**

Our school community would like to congratulate Dylan Harris, Ben Harris and Jack Beasley who all competed at the Little Athletics Victorian State Championships at the Lakeside Stadium over the weekend. All boys achieved their personal best results with Dylan bringing home a state medal. Well done boys, and amazing achievement for all of you!

# *The Art of Giving*



## From the REL Miss Considine

Life is busy! Calendars seem to be filled to the brim at the moment and while all this busyness is good, sometimes I get to Sunday night and wonder where the weekend went. What rest was achieved. I take a second to pause and wonder if I am the only one who is stuck in a busy bubble, not really able to cope with things beyond what is penned into the calendar.

Lent calls us to stop, to pray, to fast and to give. My heart goes out to all those who have been affected by the floods in New South Wales and Queensland who have lost so much. And yet their stories of community and support coming from these areas are inspiring. So many people helping neighbours clean up even though they have lost everything as well. It's jokingly labelled the Aussie way, but maybe we can learn something from our neighbours too. Our school community has done an incredible job of giving this year to our Annual Colour Run fundraiser but I am going to challenge you to give a little more. Please don't take this as an act of greediness on my behalf. It is not intended to come out in that way.

This week we celebrated Catholic Education Week and we looked at ways that we can be 'The Way of the Gospel'. One of the ways we learned we can be the Way of the Gospel was through Justice. We learned about Caritas' Annual Project Compassion theme and the people that they would be supporting. Next week there will be information about how we can support Caritas as a school until the end of the term when Lent ends. In the meantime, every classroom has a Project Compassion money box, you may have heard about this from your child. Please think about a small donation your child could bring to school and add to the class's money box.

All donations go such a long way, while a gold coin might seem small, maybe we can take heart from this weekend's Gospel where Jesus tells us the Parable of the Fig Tree. The tree that seemingly bears no fruit, maybe just needs more time to bloom. In the same way, the communities that Caritas support wait patiently like a growing fig tree to bear the nourishment (donations) their community needs to thrive. Caritas gives the gift of food, clean drinking water and education to so many helping them to flourish. Let our education and support of Project Compassion this Lent be a discussion around the dinner table sometime soon.

Have a wonderful week,

May God bless you all as you take *the way of the Gospel* through your words and actions this week.

Lauren Considine

Book Owls





**Hi  
Parents!**

**Are you a keen reader  
looking for something  
new to read?**

**We have set up a parent 'Book Owls  
Club' (book swap) in the quadrangle  
next to the P&F noticeboard.**

**If you would like to  
donate a book please  
send to Miss King, and  
we will officially open  
the swap next week.**





# Student Awards

## Week 7

Prep CK	Violet De Lima- For being such a kind and friendly member of the classroom who is always filling other peoples buckets
Prep WK	Elijah Efstathiou-for being a kind and helpful class member who thinks of others! What an amazing bucket filler!
1/2J	Sienna Camilleri - For being a kind and helpful member of our classroom and always treating others respectfully! Great Work!
1/2H	Chiara Santolin- For always putting in her best effort and producing amazing work. Well done Chiara.
1/2LP	Samantha Lewis - for being a kind and helpful classroom friend. Thank you Samantha.
3/4D	Jedd Compton- for working cooperatively, giving encouraging and supportive feedback. You are a superstar!
3/4GB	Alessio Tosti for learning new computer techniques to improve your writing. Alessio you always try to do your best. Keep up the fantastic effort.
3/4M	Ceaza Siale - For communicating respectfully to classmates and teachers and being a caring member of our classroom. Well Done Ceaza.
3/4C	Huge McCusker- For always setting a positive example to his classmates by being polite and respectful. Well done Hugh!
5/6YW	Deklin Tran for encouraging his team and demonstrating great sportsmanship.
5/6FG	Diya Anup for writing an excellent persuasive text about having Therapy dogs in schools.
5/6S	Rafael Ortega for showing excellent sportsmanship and a positive attitude during the school sports.
5/6B	Zoe Godfrey for attacking her work with great purpose.
5/6P	Cameron Lloyd for being a self-motivated learner by quietly working independently



when he has completed set work.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

COMMITTEE

## Parents and Friends News

**Holy Family are looking for volunteers for the  
Many hands make light work!**

### **Different roles you can volunteer for:**

#### **1. Set-up: From 2.45pm**

- Colour tubs to each station
- Set-up obstacle course at Holy Family (Help from Marshals)
- Keep gates open/closed
- Set up small obstacles Avila College Basketball court. (Help from Marshals)



#### **1. Colour thrower: 4.45pm or 5.30pm**

- Throw the coloured powder to the participants running the course.

*(Causes big smiles from everyone)!*

- Group A: 4.45pm to be at the colour station ready to throw powder

- Group B: 5:30pm to be at the colour station ready to throw powder

*(This also allows you to watch your kids run close-up)!*



1. **Direction people: From 4.55pm**

- Ensure the students and other participants are running

on the right path & give participants encouragement

1. **Pack up when the colour run finishes: 6.00pm**

- Colour tubs and obstacle course
- Deflate finish arch
- Pack up small obstacles Avila College

Basketball court.

1. **Final Clean up: 6.45pm**

- Quadrangle, bins away etc.

*(Students usually help at the end as well)!*

**To volunteer, please sign up by this link:**<https://volunteersignup.org/L8JAT>

**By Thursday 10th of March**

**Volunteers must have a working with Children Check**

If you decide to volunteer, we will send you an email with information on where to meet and what to do to ensure the night runs smoothly!

**Please come and help!**



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL  
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The event of the year on  
the Holy Family Calendar

FRIDAY 18th March

5pm to 7pm



Holy Family School  
**COLOUR  
EXPLOSION**

**It is a family/community event. All families are welcome to participate**

You can fundraise using a paper form or via the web. You can donate to the class or register your child and donate directly to them. Share with all your family and friends.

REMEMBER there is a movie afternoon for the class that raises the most amount of money!

<https://www.mycause.com.au/events/hfmwcolourexpllosion2022>

To register your child/ren:-

Go to the link - <https://www.mycause.com.au/events/hfmwcolourexpllosion2022>

1. All the classes are displayed. Click on the link to your child's class
  2. You can:-
    - a. Donate to the class - If you want to just donate to the class, click on the button that says "Donate Now" and you will be taken to the Donation page.  
You can also leave a message.
- or
- b. Register your child/ren
    - i. Click on Join this Group
    - ii. You then will be asked to set up a login
    - iii. Once this is done, you will be asked for "Member's details"  
(this is where you register your child's name)
    - iv. The email address is optional, then enter your child's name
    - v. Agree to the Terms & Conditions
    - vi. Then click Save
    - vii. You will then be asked if you would like to make an initial donation
    - viii. From there you will be taken to the Payment page
    - ix. After that, you will have the opportunity to copy your child's unique web link and share it on social media or via email.

**REMEMBER – it is important to register each child with their class as the class that raises the most money will have a movie afternoon**



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### **All the information you need to know...**

#### **THE RUN**

- Commencing 5pm and concluding at 6pm
- It involves running/walking a set, short course around the school and having coloured powder thrown at you. It is non-toxic and biodegradable. It is 98% cornflour. If you are asthmatic, please consider wearing a face mask. At the end of the run, there will be a BIG colour surprise.

#### **AFTER THE RUN**

- We will gather as a community on the quadrangle, listen to DJ Phil from 5.30pm and enjoy our picnic and seeing each other again.

#### **WHAT TO BRING**

- Picnic rugs/chairs etc for your family.
- Picnic food for your family.
- Please no nuts or sharing with other families.
- Families will be asked to take home their rubbish
- As the event is on school grounds with children present, it is an **alcohol free event**.

#### **WHAT TO WEAR**

- A white t-shirt or light coloured clothing is best to show up the colour. Please wear old clothes
- We will do our best to throw the powder at the torso, however wind and other factors can cause the powder to protrude on the face. You may wish to bring your own eye protection such as sunglasses or goggles.

#### **WHERE TO PARK**

- The car park at the back of the church (entrance via David Court) will be closed from 3.30pm Friday afternoon to allow for set up
- Staff/Church carpark will be closed from 4pm Friday afternoon as we will be using this space for the run
- Please allow time to find alternative parking.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

- We need help on the day/night. Can you help set up? Clean up? Or throw colour? Please volunteer via the sign up notification in the coming week.

**Families are requested to follow COVID safe practices. Please QR Code into the school on entry into the event. Please maintain 1.5m distance or wear a face mask.**



OSHC



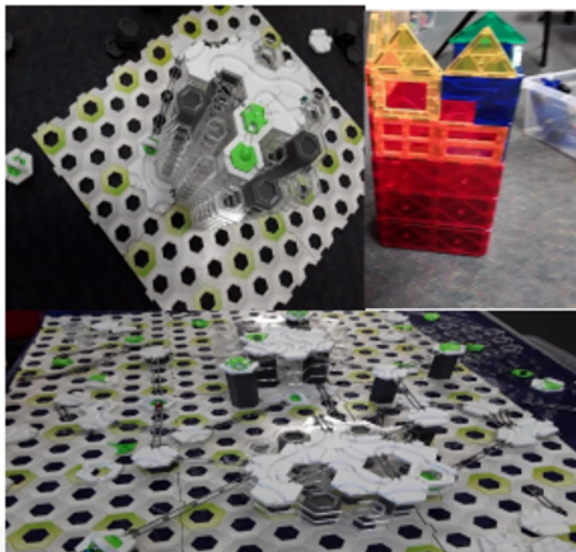
# Newsletter



## A message from your Coordinator

Dear Families and Friends,

OSHC is buzzing with lots of activities. Last week, children were busy building marble tracks using different marble runs. They worked in groups to build a very large Gravitrax! This week we are into "Games Galore" playing different board games-Mastermind, Chess, Snakes and Ladders, Trouble, Operation, Monopoly, Connect 4 and so on. An exciting week- 'Let's Go Nature's Way'- is coming up! Next week we are going to make our own perfume and create art works out of natural materials!



## It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaustralia.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

Making Perfume!

Twig Art!

Grow your own plants!

## What's on the menu

Rice Cakes

Sandwiches

Fruit n Veggie Platter

## Visit our blog

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

[Visit our blog](#)





Community News



# REGISTER TODAY!

ASHWOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Nothing holding us back in 2022



*Join us  
Be active  
Participate in  
Local community*



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GIRLS  
& BOYS

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Reserve  
1 Outlook Road  
Mt Waverley

