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Holy Family School Newsletter

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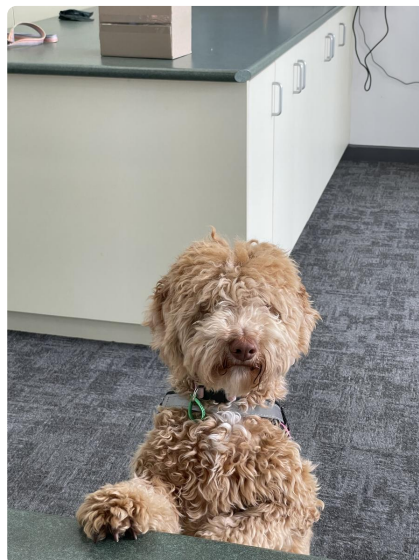
What's happening in our community?



From Mrs David's Desk

Dear Families,

Have you popped into our Administration area to say hello to our newest member of staff?
Lola is always ready for a pat, cuddle or to listen to your concerns. Her days of work are
Monday and Wednesday.



Our school community has had an incredible Term 3 with many things to celebrate!

- Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Weekly Class Masses
- Feast Days - Assumption and Mary MacKillop
- Continuation of Evidence Based Teaching Practices (Prep-Year 6)
- Evidence Based Intervention for Reading and Mathematics
- Students completing ICAS Assessments
- 100 Days at School (Prep)
- Step Into Prep @ Holy Family Sessions
- Reading Buddies Program with Avila College
- Kindergarten Visits
- School Tours
- Father's Day Afternoon
- Principal's Day
- Year 5/6 Performing Arts Celebration
- National Tree Planting Day with Avila College
- Community Trivia Night
- Jump Off Day
- Excursions/Incursions
- State Soccer Champions
- SDSSA Boys and Girls Basketball
- Principal Experience in Darwin and The Tiwi Islands - Walk for Tiwi
- Footy Colours Day
- Sausage Sizzle
- Pie Drive

Thank you to our staff and families for supporting these events and celebrating with us.

Staff on Leave

At the commencement of next term we have a few staff on leave for a weeks -

- Eithne King (2 weeks) Jennifer Young will be Acting Principal
- Andrea Smith (4 weeks) Clare King will teach Year 5/6S
- Amanda Mase (3 weeks) Andrea Savage will be teaching Year 3/4M

Let's hope each of these staff members enjoy a well deserved break and we look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.

School Uniform

All students are to wear a school hat when they are playing outside from the start on term 4 (Monday 2nd October).

Summer uniform must be worn from Monday 9th October.

Parents and Friends Meeting

Our Parents and Friends Committee will meet on Tuesday 10th October at 7pm in the school staffroom.

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

Friday 3rd - Prep Camp Day

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 29th - 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

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday,

Julie David (Principal)



Parish News

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 24TH 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.



Religious Education News

Dear Families,

We have arrived at the completion of another term of learning and teaching. It is a good opportunity to first of all give thanks for all the blessings bestowed upon us and secondly to highlight our achievements. We ask our students to think about and explain their learning and I would like to share some of my learning this term.

Celebrating sacraments are one of the most special times in a person's life. We completed our sacramental program this term with our year 6 students receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. I feel privileged that I could be part of this event as well as the other sacraments— Reconciliation and Eucharist. It takes me back to my sacraments and the joy I felt at each stage of my Catholic journey.

Another focus for me is daily prayer. Each class structures prayer in a way that best suits them depending on their needs and year level. I get a lot of fulfillment during prayer times in my class. It never ceases to amaze me at the level of insight and connection to the world that young people have.

Here are some of our students' voices about their learning in Religious Education.

Year 4

In religion we have learnt about many things, from Stories to Scriptures to Parables. We also learnt about The Old Testament and The New Testament. The Old Testament is full of stories

leading up to Jesus' life, however The New Testament is full of stories about Jesus' life and how he sacrificed himself for us. My favourite activity was when we were writing about parables. A parable is a religious story that includes a moral. A moral is a lesson that is taught during a bible story from either The New Testament or The Old Testament. A scripture is another thing we learnt during Religion. It is a story from the christian bible.

By Xavier Newell, Year 4



Year 3

This term in religion, my class has learnt a number of things. First of all, we learnt about the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is everything that happened before Jesus was alive, while the New Testament is about Jesus's life. We also learnt about parables and scripture. Parables are religious stories that have a moral and scripture is a story from the christian bible. One of the very fun and informative activities was when we split into groups and had to make a slideshow with a story from the Old Testament. Some of the stories were Noah's Ark, David and Goliath, The Creation Story, Moses and The Red Sea and Adam and Eve. That is everything we have learnt about this term.

By Lila Younane



Year 2

We say a prayer and we sing a Jesus song. We learn about Jesus from the songs. Jesus' heart is very kind. We talk about how much we need Jesus and who he died for us.

Aariana and Charlie, Year 2

Year 1

We have done four types of prayers — thank you prayer, sorry prayer, forgiving prayer, grateful prayer. Grateful prayer is for something God has made already, Sorry prayer is saying sorry to God if you have done something bad.

Giada and Eleanor Year 1

Year 6

In religion this term we have mainly learnt about stewardship. We have learnt that stewardship is how we take care of God's creation. We should all be good stewards and do simple things to make sure our land should be as beautiful as possible. To be a good steward, you have to remember you work for God, you have to be kind, wise and faithful. I think that a good steward is also respectful, careful and loving.

This term year 6's also received the sacrament of confirmation. We learnt about what we were going to do while we received the sacrament and learnt about the holy trinity. The holy trinity is the father, the son and the holy spirit. We learnt about saints and made a project about the saint we chose for our confirmation. Saint Lucy was a martyr and was thrown in fire, but God protected her. We learnt about what the holy spirit was, the holy spirit is like a part of everyone's family who loves us to the very end. The holy spirit is like a person since it has actions of its own, but mainly, the holy spirit guides us and keeps us safe. We learnt about the gifts of the holy spirit. Wisdom is like the window to God's heart and you can see all of his goodness. Understanding gives a reason why we have faith in God. Counsel is also known as right judgement and shows us what's right and wrong. Fortitude is courage and bravery, it gives us courage to show we love God. Knowledge helps us understand God and see how he is so good. Piety shows we worship and love God. Finally, fear of the Lord, also known as wonder and awe, is showing us God's awesomeness.

Alissa Year 6

Preps

The preps have been learning about the life of Jesus. We learned about how our lives are the same and different to Jesus. We have been praying to Jesus too.

**WHAT YEAR 5'S HAVE BEEN LEARNING IN
RELIGION**



RELIGION

BY FABIAN.S AND SPENCER.M



STEWARDSHIP

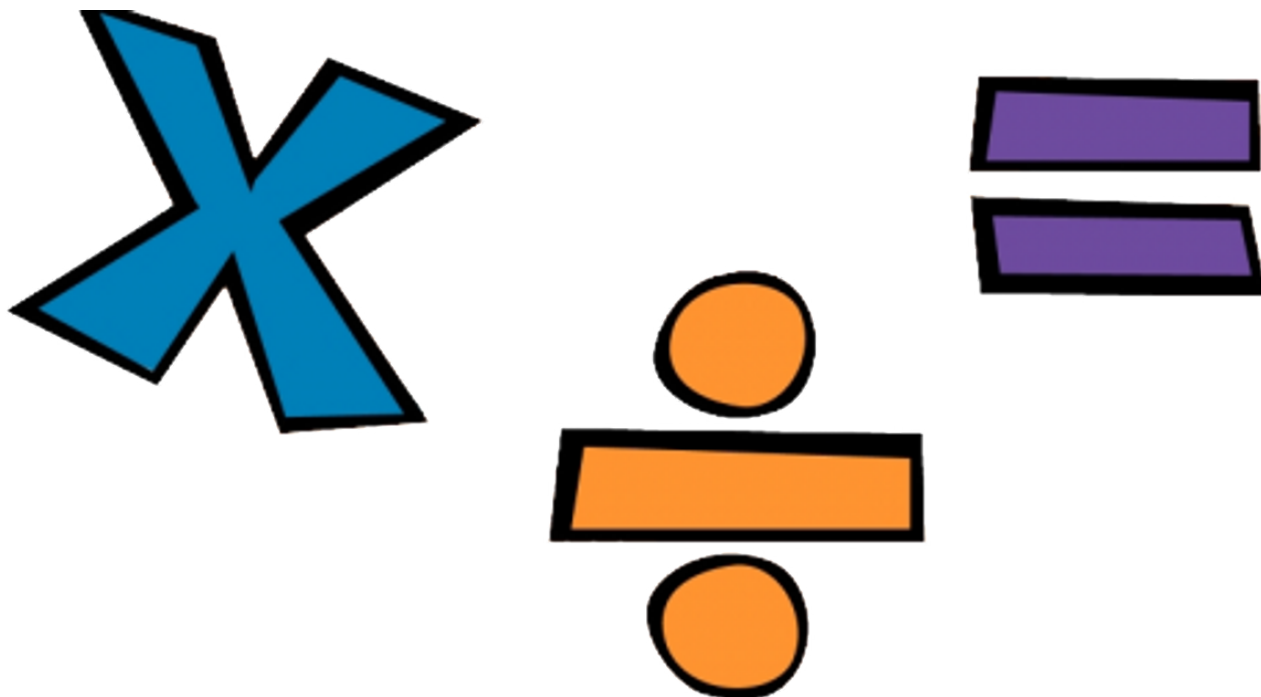
**STEWARDSHIP IS OUR
TAKING CARE OF AND
MAKING GOOD USE OF
THE GIFTS WE BELIEVE
TO BE 'ON LOAN' TO US
FROM GOD. BEING A GOOD
STEWARD MEANS MAKING
GOOD USE OF OUR GOD-
GIVEN TALENTS AND
TIME; PERHAPS THROUGH
USEFUL MINISTRIES AT
ST. JOHN'S AND PERHAPS
IN OTHER WAYS.**

A GOOD

STEWARD IS ...

- WISE**
- KIND**
- DILEGNET**
- HARD WORKING**
- HUMBLE**
- FAITHFUL**
- GOOD HEARTED**





Mathematics News

Becoming a Proficient Mathematician.

What makes someone 'good at maths'. I remember as a child the competitiveness of being the first one to call out the answer to a times tables question, or being the first one to complete a page of sums in the book. But does this make for a mathematician?

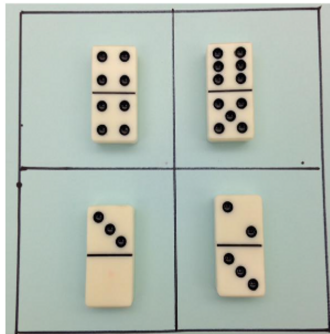
Whilst being able to recall multiplication facts quickly or completing sums efficiently are signs of fluency, this is only one element of mathematics and if we can not do the other parts well, then we can find ourselves struggling when we are faced with more complex problems.

Our children also need to develop their understanding of mathematics. To manipulate numbers they need to be able to quantify them, to understand how a multiplication or division problem changes the quantity and what is represented. To develop understanding is to connect ideas, represent concepts in different ways, describe and justify their thinking mathematically and interpret the information in front of them.

Our children need to become problem solvers. To realise there are many ways to approach a problem and there can be many ways to solve this. Students learn to design their own mathematical investigations, apply knowledge to seek new solutions.

Equally as important is reasoning, where children are required to explain their thinking. This can often be the most challenging one. Where children are asked to explain their answer, or prove that their answer is correct. They need to apply prior knowledge to new situations and consider the various options.

Holiday Maths



Which one doesn't belong and why? Hint: There is usually more than one answer, but who can be the most convincing?

<https://wodb.ca/numbers.html>



Digital Technologies News

The Year 5-6 performance provides an excellent opportunity for the conversation of green time versus screen time.

When we talk about green time and screen time we are referring to the amount of time spent in offline activities versus time spent online. This could be a great opportunity to have a discussion with your children about what green time and screen time looks like.

You may make a plan for the holidays for how much green time and screen time you have. By asking the children to think about what green time activities they could participate in, it not only gives them a voice and input into their activity but can guide them when they have “nothing to do”.

Through creating a plan for green time and screen time you can work together towards a healthy balance of both activities throughout the holidays that works for your family.

In the beginning of Term 4 we will be continuing with our Cyber safe journey in partnership with Inform and Empower. Children will begin the term with the final incursion building upon the learning throughout the year and the reminder that it is always important to be vigilant and safe when participating in the online world.

Have a safe and happy break.

Jennifer Young

Digital Technologies Leader

Wellbeing News



EMPATHY

Did you know

80% of our happiness is derived from:

- Friendship.
- Health.
- Work fulfillment.
- Loving relationships.
- Spirituality.

When you do something kind for someone else your brain releases the love hormone oxytocin. This makes you feel good too. Check out Martin Heppell from The Resilience Project talking about being kind and the benefits of kindness. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qO-ja3h5INc>

"Kindness is the greatest wealth of all. Small acts of kindness last longer than a lifetime"

- Eddie Jaku (Author of 'The Happiest Man on Earth').

What small acts of kindness can your family engage in over the school holidays?



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 \$1,880.00 and this money will all go towards vital heart research and education programs.

Donations have now closed and the prize form submitted.

Thank you to our Top 3 Fundraisers

Zai D \$1,103.44

Wilson Family (Olivia, Henry, & Lucy) \$266.15

Izaac K \$211.00

SDSSA Basketball Round Robin Day

Congratulations to our Girls and Boys teams that both won their Grand Finals at the District Basketball Round Robin Day on Friday September 8th.

Thank you to Dee De Alwis and Ashley Newell who coached on the day. Thanks to all the parents that came along to support them.

We wish both teams all the very best at Division on Wednesday 11th October at the Nunawading Basketball Stadium.



Division Athletics

We have 21 students competing at the Division Track and Field Championships on Thursday October 5th at the Bill Stewart Athletics Track. 17 students are in individual events and we have three 4 x100m relay teams.

Congratulations to all students selected to compete at this event. May you have an enjoyable and successful day.



Student Awards

WEEK 8 STUDENT AWARDS

Prep DK	Charlotte De Silva for her amazing effort with writing lots of new words and for sharing her work with others.
1/2SG	Jackie Wai-Kit Chua for always being a keen contributor to class discussions. Great job Jackie!
1/2J	Keira Wardley - For being so helpful and kind in the classroom, always looking out for her classmates. You are amazing!
1/2DI	Suzanne for doing amazing work in writing! Well done!
3/4L	Nella Odgers - showing empathy and always going out of your way to support other students. Your kindness and generosity does not go unnoticed. Well done Nella!
3/4C	<u>Patrick O'Brien</u> - For his happy and enthusiastic attitude towards all areas of his learning! You are amazing!
3/4M	Micah De Lima - For excellent work in all areas of your learning! Well done Micah, you should be so proud!
5/6L	Avary Buckingham - for taking the initiative to help and clean the classroom, in preparation for Father's Day!
5/6FG	Will Lloyd for playing in the Soccer team and helping to win the State Grand Final!

	Lewis Tabaczynski for playing in the Soccer team and helping to win the State Grand Final! Sophia Romanin for creating a fantastic leaves comparison poster for homework this week.
5/6S	Indygo Stroud for fabulous effort in all areas of school! Well done Indygo!
5/6PG	Isabel Italia for working solidly on her maths with peers. Keep up the good work.
Phys.	Eloise Batty - for performing 32 skips in a row.
Ed	Emma Browne - for mastering the Criss Cross whilst skipping
Library	Marcus Lam for excellent borrowing of books Charlotte De Silva for wonderful borrowing of books
Auslan	Elsa De (Prep) for signing with her peers asking questions and responding. Well done!

WEEK 9 STUDENT AWARDS

Prep DK	Marcus VanCuylenberg- For practising learning skills at home and improving his handwriting at school.
1/2SG	Elizabeth Dais-For a great effort in writing an information report about snakes. Well done Elizabeth.
1/2J	Liam Olarte - For working really hard in Spelling and learning new, tricky words. You are a superstar!
1/2DI	Sienna B - For working so hard in literacy
3/4L	Mia Ghang - For always striving to do your best and improve your learning. Well done on challenging yourself and asking questions when you are unsure. Keep up the fantastic work Mia!
3/4C	<u>Daniel Zuccarello</u> - For being a responsible member of 3/4C. Well done Daniel, you lead by example
3/4M	Sophie Cassar - For outstanding participation in class discussions and looking for ways to extend yourself! Well done Sophie, you should be so proud!
5/6L	Campbell Miller for his hard work on the Two Million Dollar Challenge.
5/6FG	Alissa Colonnelli - For persisting through Maths, difficult concepts and not giving up despite through gritted teeth at times. You're a superstar, Alissa!
5/6S	Rome Tosti for excellent work in Maths. Well done Rome!
5/6PG	Cecilia Younane for consistent focus on her learning and being a thoughtful friend. Keep it up!
Library	Hayden Morrison for having a wonderful session in the Library. Very insightful
Auslan	Minseol Ghang (3/4L) for being an excellent signer and having a positive attitude! Well done!



What's happening in our community?



Fizz Kidz Science Classes

Please refer to the flyers above to book your child in to our after school Science classes.

- Prep-Year 2 Tuesday afternoon (3:30-4:45pm)
- Year 3-6 Wednesday afternoon (3:30-4:45pm)

Email bookings@fizzkidz.com.au or call 0431 379 953 to book in for Term 4.

Music Bus lessons at Holy Family Mount Waverley

The Music Bus has opened their term 4 enrolments and are inviting new students to apply.

Classes offered are:


- Keyboard (K-y6)
- Ukulele (K -y6)
- Drums (y1-y6)
- Guitar (Y2-y6)

Lessons are:

- * be 30 minute duration - once per week
- * held in the hi tech music classroom on wheels on our site
- * cost \$20 per week (\$22 drums) payable by the term on commencement

If you wish to take part please complete this expression of interest form.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ee4627a5204c46158e1ab17e7c8069c6>



**RESPONSIVE
& SUPPORTIVE**
parenting for children
aged 2-12 years

**Want to learn how mindfulness
and reflection can help improve
communication with your children?**

In this workshop, parents will learn how identifying and addressing their own underlying attitudes can facilitate more positive exchanges between parent and child.


This program is based on a child-centred approach and introduces practical strategies for parents.


DATE
31 October 2023

TIME
10am – 12pm

WHERE
Session will be held via Teams

REGISTER
FamilyServices@monash.vic.gov.au


CITY OF
MONASH



JUNIOR

**ACTION
BOX HILL
INDOOR SPORTS**

**GRADE 3-4 & 5
DIVISIONS**

**SUMMER SEASON
SCHOOL TERMS
4-2023 & 1-2024**

**Box Hill Action
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