



Holy Family School Newsletter

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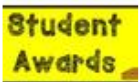
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2022 SCHOOL THEME - 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE'

Dear Families,

It has been a pleasure joining our student leaders on school tours over the last couple of weeks. Visitors to our school have been impressed by the tours and the pride that our students express while speaking about our wonderful school.

As I have explained before, 'school' is much more than NAPLAN results. It is about belonging, feeling safe and having people to listen to you and support you when you need this. I can honestly say that our teachers are always thinking of ways to 'grow' our learners and communicate these successes with our community.

I look forward to joining our parents at Mass next Friday to celebrate the end of a successful term and inviting them into our school to see our magnificent students in action.

All visitors to the classrooms must wear a mask and have a COVID vaccination certificate. Please maintain as much distance as possible.

Our school community has been involved in a variety of activities to begin the school year

- Parent/Teacher Chats to get to know our students that little bit better
- Opening School Mass
- Presentation of Student Leaders to the school community

- Our Student Leaders speaking at Sunday Mass about what being a student at Holy Family means to them
- Halogen Young Leaders Day
- Pancake Making with Chef Justel, Chef Considine and Chef David
- Curriculum Evenings
- Year 5/6 Camp
- Prep Welcome Mass and Family Barbecue
- Sacrament of Reconciliation (Year 4)
- Parent Welcome Function (Bowls Club)
- Welcome Function for New Parents (onsite)
- Annual School Sports
- School Colour Run

It has been incredible to see how engaged our students have been in our new specialist subjects -

- STEM (Science, Technology, English, Maths)
- Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Music)

We are looking forward to performances from some of our classes at assembly next Monday.

Communication

Just a reminder for families to keep up to date with the events happening at school via multiple sources.

- Fortnightly newsletter
- Skoolbag app
- Operoo
- Google Calendar
- Class Newsletter
- Class Reps
- Social Media posts (instagram and Facebook)
- Electronic sign

Please keep in mind that events can change at the last minute due to the current pandemic.

Parent Feedback

This term we introduced Level Newsletters each fortnight. Our staff would like to gather feedback on this initiative.

Can you please complete this quick survey by Thursday 7th April?

[Parent Survey](#)

End of Term Mass and Celebration of Learning

It is hard to believe that we are already in April!

On Friday 8th April our school community would like to invite our parents to join us for Mass at 9.15am to celebrate a fabulous term of learning and getting to know each other again.

Parents are then invited to come over to the school so that our students can showcase their learning from Years Prep-6.

This event has been advertised in our google calendar since last year but we had to wait to see if we could go ahead due to the pandemic. Primary schools still have many restrictions in place to ensure the wellbeing of everyone.

If you are going to enter the school buildings next Friday please follow the expectations below -

- Everyone is to enter through the Administration area and check in via the QR Code
- All adults must wear a mask unless they can show an exemption
- All adults must show their vaccination certificate
- All adults are encouraged to maintain social distance as best they can

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to our Year 4 students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday afternoon. Please continue to keep these students in your prayers as they now prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist in June.

Enrolments for 2023 Now Open

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

Halogen Young Leaders Day

On Wednesday the 23rd of March, the Year 6 leaders went to the Exhibition Center in the city for Halogen Young Leaders Day. We listened to Lachie Smart, Guy Edmonds, Cate Campbell and Damien Flemming talk about leadership. We took a train for 40 minutes to the venue. There were many different schools as well. The 4 speakers gave us very inspirational quotes and lessons, such as to never give up and that it takes sacrifice to be a leader. We took notes and here were some of mine:

- Youth is not something to hold you back
- Failures are not a bad thing, learn from them
- Failure and success takes resilience, acceptance and determination
- Be humble
- Sacrifice has a lot to do with choice
- We all start at the same place
- It doesn't matter what it is, chase it

..and so much more. My favourite was about sacrifice. All four of the speakers talked about it and no doubt it will have to happen in everyone's lives. Sacrifice is also about choice. But most importantly, the reason why we sacrifice is because our duties will always matter more than anything.

Lachie, Guy, Cate and Damien really taught us a lot about leadership and made us feel more confident in leading the school. Expect bigger things from the Year 6's now because we've now got a lot more up our sleeves.

Rafael Sergianis



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 -

- 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 -

- Mrs Sue Gleeson will teach Year 1/2LP 3 days a week from the start of Term 2. She will work with Mrs Christine Page who teaches 2 days a week
- Miss Eithne King will be on Long Service Leave at the start of Term 2
- Mr Matthew Leeson has joined our staff as a Learning Support Officer

Colour Explosion

Thank you to our families for a successful 'Colour Explosion'. Our school set a target of \$10,000 but we have exceeded this amount by your generosity.

Announcements will be made at our assembly on Monday 4th April.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

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



ANZAC Day

Our community will commemorate ANZAC Day on Monday 25th April.

On our first day back to school next term (26th April) we will gather for a meaningful prayer service to remember.

Prayer for ANZAC Day

O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them:

We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(A Prayer Book for Australia)



Resilience Project

What a great start to the year we have had in launching our Resilience Project lessons through our weekly 'Wellbeing Hour' on a Monday. During our Learning Celebration Walks next week, you will see evidence of what we are grateful for and other insights through displays around the school.

Please also find attached a newsletter for parents and carers with some special family challenges and some ways to build positive connections and relationships with our children.



To view the latest Resilience Project Newsletter- Click on the [Link](#)

Kids Cafe

Our Kids Cafe will be open for two days next week for students to purchase an icy pole for 50 cents.

- Tuesday 5th April
- Thursday 7th April

Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter break,
Julie David (Principal)



From the REL Miss Considine

How do we talk about Jesus' Death with children?

The idea that Lent is coming to an end and we will be soon celebrating Easter is exciting! Easter Sunday is such a joy, but when talking about this joy, we so often leave out the hard part of the Easter Triduum, Good Friday.

At school I am always faced with the dilemma of how to explain Jesus' death to my students and inevitably glaze over it, by mentioning that Good Friday is the day Jesus died and then quickly move to the Resurrection. However, a few years ago I presented my students with a drawing of the world on butcher's paper and asked them to write any question that they would like to ask God. Their questions challenged me to discuss and approach the idea of Good Friday differently. One Year Three student wrote "How did it feel when Jesus was on the Cross?". They had a connection to Jesus, not only as a distant role model, but also as someone that they cared deeply about in an intimate way. The students questioning in time will become wondering and then turn an acquired belief of truth. I'm not suggesting that

discussing such questions is easy, but I do believe that explaining Jesus' death actually isn't as difficult as adults make it. You just need to see it from a child's point of view.

First you need to experience the topic and talk about it. Take your child to the Good Friday liturgy and discuss what they notice and feel. *Why was it important to go to Church today? How did you feel there? Why did Jesus die?* Let their understandings guide the discussion. It might surprise you how much they actually know already and the simple truth is that Jesus died for us. He died so that our sins could be forgiven and so we, the people of God, could have right relationship restored through His mercy and unconditional love for us.

Then it is important to make it meaningful for them. Use a practical analogy that is relatable. *Think about the worst thing you could do to hurt your family and would need you to ask for forgiveness. What consequences you might need to face to make things right again. Now think about your parents doing your punishment for you. This is what happened on Good Friday, God gave his only son to make up for the wrong things His people had done.*

Lastly it is important to remind children that Jesus' death is different to ours. Loss of a loved one in our lives is always hard. We are left hurt and overwhelmed by grief from the loss of a loved one. For me, every Easter I think about the loss of my own father and the idea of God's sacrifice through Jesus is even more incredible. Saying goodbye to my dad was the hardest thing I have ever done. While I prayed with gratitude to God for taking away his suffering I was also challenged about how to continue living without him. This man had taught me to walk, ride a bike and fall in love with chocolate and I could not imagine a day without his voice, touch and understanding. My saving grace was the precious gift of memories, that I get to keep forever and the promise of my own faith which knew that God was now taking care of him. I can imagine that this is how the disciples felt when Jesus was being Crucified. While we can use our loved ones to explain grief we also need to remember that Jesus is not like us! Death was never the end but rather the beginning. He came back to us through the resurrection sharing God's never ending love for us. That is the true miracle of Easter, and that should be our message to the children!

May God Bless you all this Easter season,

Lauren Considine

Easter Songs and activities

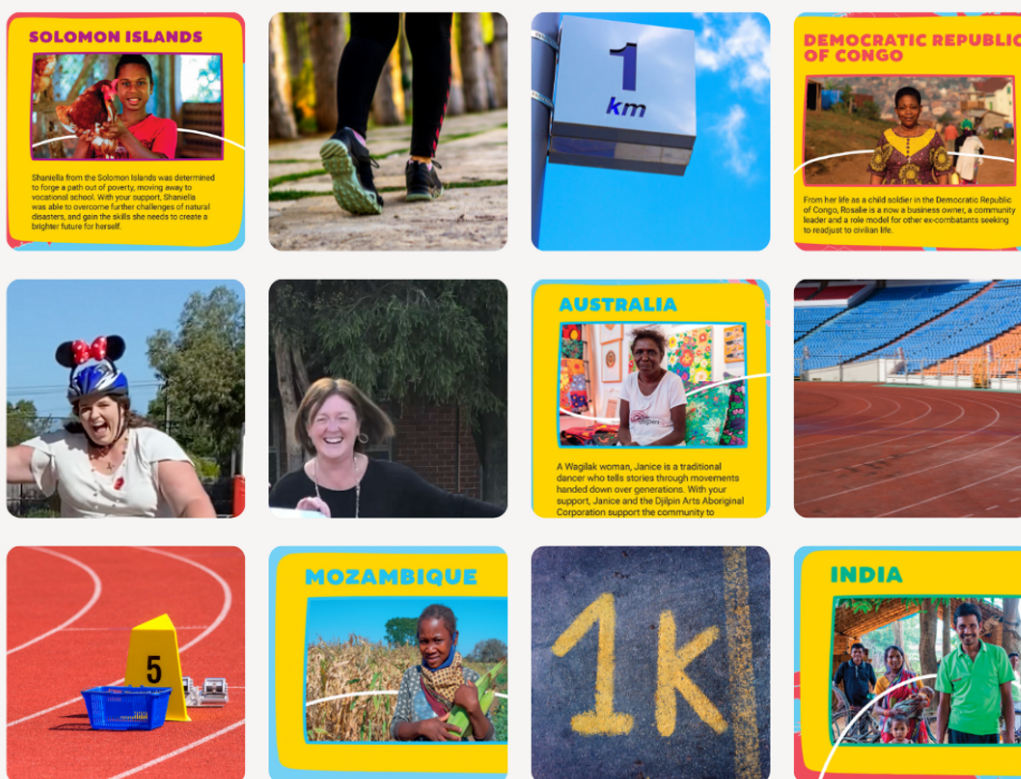
Every year I share My Holy Week at home resource that I made for when we were in lockdown in 2020 please feel free to visit this again for some Easter tunes.

K's for Caritas

Next Tuesday Mrs David and Miss Considine will be walking laps of the oval to raise money and awareness for Project Compassion. We will walk 1 lap for every \$10 raised.

Please think about a small donation you could add using the following link.

<https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/holyfamilyprimaryschool1>



Get involved...

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District Athletics News

Syndal District Tennis trials 2022

District tennis trials will be on **Monday, 4th April** at 12.00pm – 3.00 pm at Tally Ho Tennis Club, Bennett Ave. Those students who progress will compete in the Monash Divisional Tennis Championships.

The invitation to trial is for **talented players in tennis who are presently playing competition tennis**. If you think your child is suitable and would like him or her to participate please inform Mrs Michelsson by **Friday April 1st**. The present level of tennis that is being played by your child is required to assist with seeding on the day. There is a payment of \$5 required to trial.

Parents are required to accompany their child and remain to supervise as there will not be any teachers from Holy Family attending.

The Division competition for those students who advance following the trials are held at Notting Hill / Pinewood Tennis Club (TBC), in the morning of Wednesday, 4th May at 9.00am-1.30pm.

Thanks

Mrs Michelsson

PE Coordinator

smichelsson@hfmw.catholic.edu.au



Student Awards

Week 9

Prep CK	Michael Skliros- For adding detail into your writing and trying really hard to form all the lowercase letters correctly! Awesome effort!
Prep WK	Zoe Marwick- For listening to the sounds in words and having a great attempt at your writing. What a superstar!
1/2J	Dhevon De Alwis - For being a kind and helpful member of our classroom! Well done!
1/2H	Elly Marwick - for enthusiastically participating in all class activities!
1/2LP	Cooper Shelley - For just being so absolutely wonderful! From Mrs. Standfield
3/4D	Mila McColl-Jones: For always giving your best effort to everything you do! You should be very proud of your accomplishments! Well done Mila!
3/4GB	Patrick Batty: For working very hard in Addition using jump strategies. WELL DONE!
3/4M	Veronica Freeman- For always being a kind, respectful and responsible member of 34M. Well done Veronica!
3/4C	Sophia Romanin- For dedicating herself to improving in her learning especially in mathematics. Well done Sophia, I am very proud!
5/6YW	Sebastian Filice - For your initiative in beginning a soccer club at school
5/6FG	Ryder Miles - for being a lovely friend and always being thoughtful and kind.
5/6B	Alissa Colonnelli - for your focus during all learning tasks
5/6P	Kavya Singh - for her passion and enthusiasm in mathematics. Keep learning, the sky's the limit!
5/6S	Noah Susko for an excellent effort in Maths! Keep up the great effort!

Week 10

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Prep CK	Charlie- for leaving finger spaces and trying really hard to sound out words. What a Superstar!
Prep WK	Tigerlily- for listening to the sounds in words and using finger spaces when writing. What a Superstar!
1/2J	Kaden Tran - For being a fantastic helper with our chromebooks and sharing your knowledge with your classmates! Well done!
1/2H	Chol Chol - For working so hard on his writing and for trying his best with all his work.
3/4D	Victor Tai: For his fantastic work in maths solving addition problems
3/4GB	Neil Wardley - For settling into our class so well. Thankyou for greeting us with a smile each day. Welcome to Holy Family and 3/4GB.
3/4M	Lauren Bernado - For being a responsible and caring member for the Holy Family community by looking after our outside owl library. Well done Lauren! Hayden Perry - for enthusiastically contributing to class discussions and being an active reader! Well done Hayden!
3/4C	Grace Alison- For her dedication to her learning when she was working from home. Well done Grace!
5/6YW	Deklin Tran, For his focus on excellence in his work.
5/6FG	Cate Deayton for showing a wonderful effort and progress in her Maths understanding.
5/6B	Alissa Colonnelli for displaying a positive attitude to all areas of her learning.
5/6P	Dahvien De Alwis— for editing and working on his persuasive writing. Great Job.



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Parents and Friends News



On behalf of The P&F and our School Community I would like to thank the wonderful parents and teachers who made this year's Colour Explosion the best yet! Both kids and parents had a wonderful time running around the course being covered in colour.

The preps were so excited for their first year of Colour Explosion, so much so that the start of their first lap they got a bit lost and had to start again!! Once they hit the course, they were soon covered in bright colours. The rest of the kids were just as excited to hit the track. I'm not sure who had more fun the parents and teachers immersing the kids in colour, or the kids being covered in colour!

A big thank you to Lauren Wilson who headed up the committee of parents to organise this year's Colour Explosion. Thank you also to the rest of the amazing Colour Explosion Committee who have put in so much time and effort to make this year's event a success; Brooke Banbury, Daniela Trettel, Fiona Livolti, Lisa Perry, Nicole Mardell and Shehara Jegan. You guys certainly were the Colour Explosion power team!

Unfortunately, due to restrictions we were unable to hold our annual sausage sizzle this year but the opening of Kids Café for icy poles was a massive hit with our tired kids after all their laps. Hopefully next year we can bring back the BBQ.

This year we also had a lucky envelope drive which contained mystery prizes of vouchers for dinners, cafes, coffees, meat trays, movies, zoo passes, wine and chocolate. This too was a

great success, and we hope to bring this back for 2023's Colour Explosion.

A massive thank you to all our volunteers this year, we can't thank you enough for giving up your time.

Brooke Banbury, Mitch Banbury, Nancy Bellistri, Karen Boyle, Patrick Brodrick, Geoff Camilleri, Lauren Considine, Julie David, Joanne Desperles, Kasey Dielemans, Juliette Foenander, Sharyn Govic, Gwen Hammett, Ira Jayasuriya, Shehara Jegan, Samantha Johnstone, Eithne King, Damien Lane, Lezah Lewis, Phil Livolti, Fiona Livolti, Meredith Lloyd, Nicole Mardell, David Marwick, Amanda Mase, Amanda Mathers, Luke Mathers, Romaine Maurice, Lincoln Maurice, Eleni Mavrovouniotis, Stephanie McCarthy, Mona McColl-Jones, Peter McCusker, Susan Michelsson, Mon Miles, Lisa Perry, Scott Perry, Natahla Premachandra, John Quach, Swapna Ranjith, Georgina Salanitri, Tamara Sheehan, Jegan Thangaraja, Paula Trcek, Daniela Trettle, Daniel Trettle, Alicia Tsakmakis, Karen Williams, Gayla Williamson, Lauren Wilson, Phil Wilson, Stephanie Wood, Amelia Younane, Ryan Younane, Tess McCumstie and Andy Wilson. And also a big thank you to Lyn and Anne-Maree in the office.

We will be announcing the winners for the biggest fundraiser for individual and class and our final total at Monday's assembly.

And thank you again to all our enthusiastic participants.

Sarah Lane
P&F Coordinator



CROISSANTS FOR MOTHER'S DAY!

One of our favourite fundraisers is back for Mother's Day!
Croissants!

These delicious croissants are perfect for breakfast on Mother's Day.

Croissants are delivered frozen and just need to be thawed and popped in the oven for a tasty breakfast or treat.

Croissants can be purchased by the dozen and orders can be made via CDF pay: hfmw.cdfpay.org.au.
Price: \$12 per dozen.

Please note orders are due by 9am Wednesday 27th April.

Croissants will be available for pick up at Kid's Café at 3pm on Wednesday 4th May.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL
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OSHC

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Dear Families and Friends,

OSHC has been super busy throughout March with Big Art Weeks, Harmony Day and Mindfulness activities. Children displayed amazing creativity in their art and craft works, construction activities and also in their play. Some of us did finger painting with pearl paints while others used natural materials to create great art works. Rock art, stained glass art, paper quilling, pompom creatures and sand art are some of the favourite activities of all the kids. We never missed an opportunity to play platform tiggly. **Congratulations** to our budding leaders - Esha, Poppy, Ryder, Erin and Rafael – for being positive role models for younger kids. Well done kids! Happy Easter!



Please note:

Autumn holidays are round the corner and our nearest Rocketeers Base Camp (Holiday Care) is at Mt Waverley Primary School.

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 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

- Easter Cards!
- Easter Crafts!
- Easter Treasure Hunt!

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



EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April
- Excluding weekends and public holidays



We are excited to be back for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including lots of Sports, awesome games & **MUCH MORE**



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