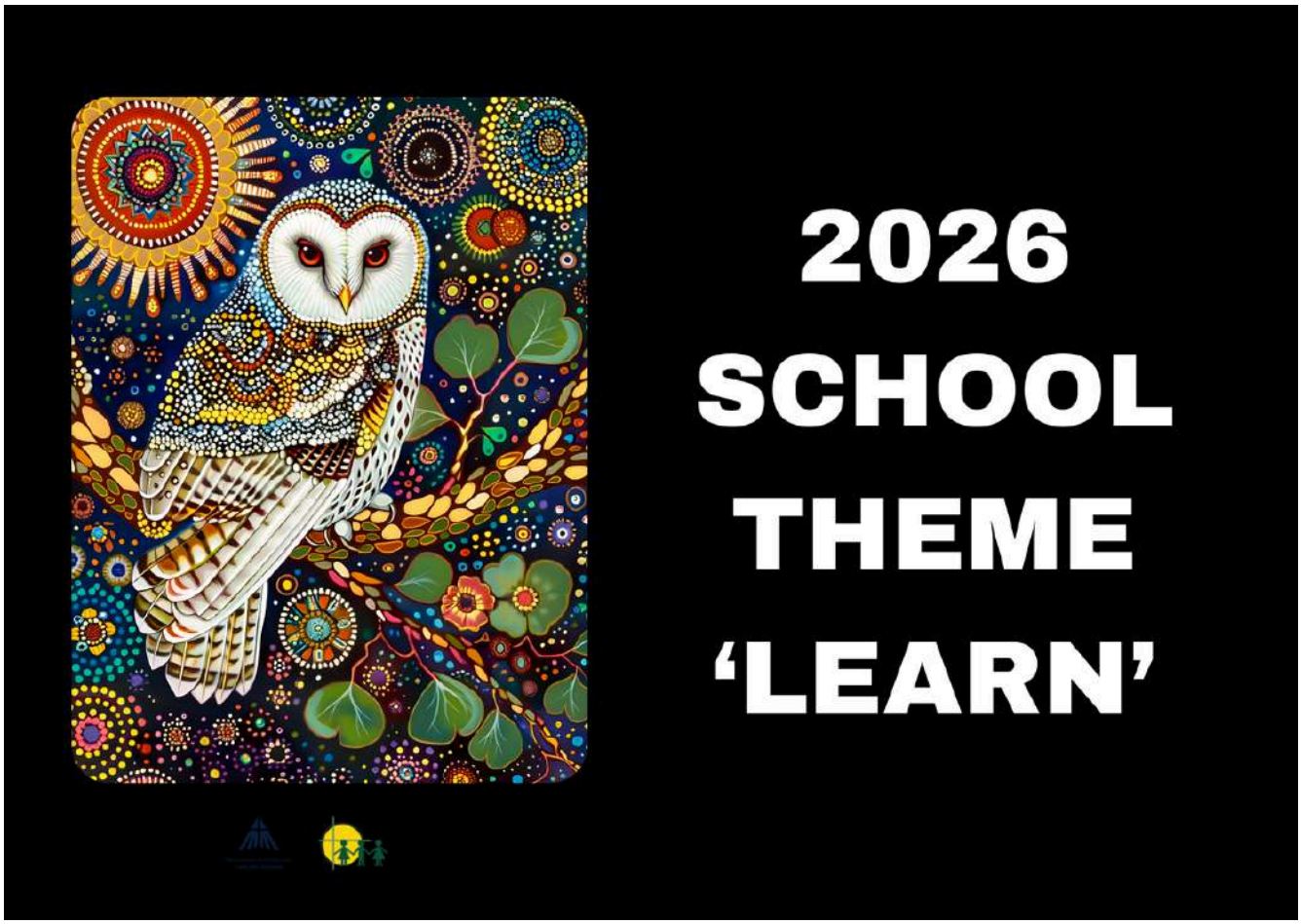

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In Faith, We believe, We belong, We learn, We grow

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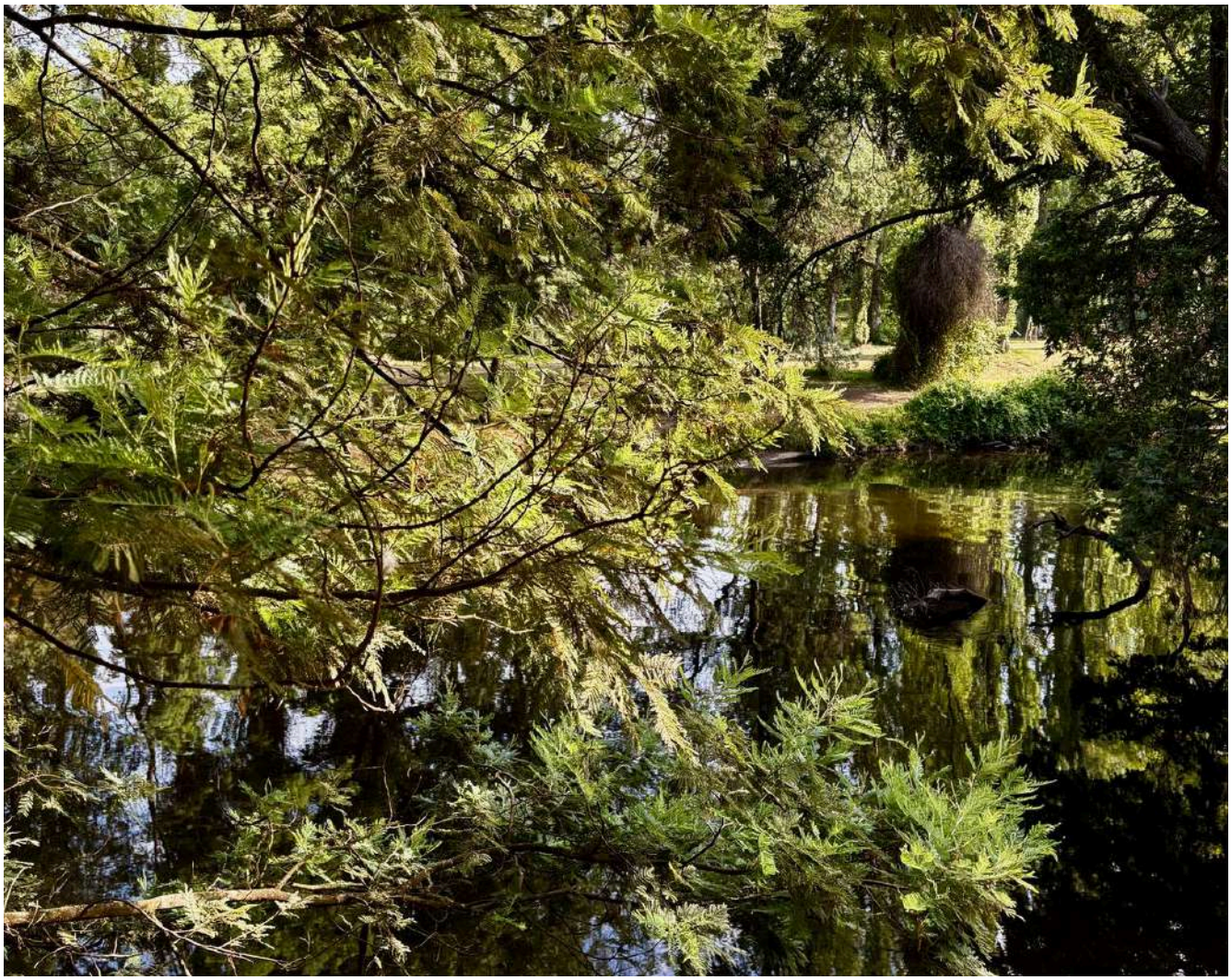

Current News

Dear Families,

As we begin a new school year at Holy Family Primary School, we warmly welcome our students and families back to our community. The start of the year is always a special time—filled with new beginnings, renewed relationships and a shared sense of hope.

It is always aspecial time when we get to share our stories about the summer break. I was fortunate enough to get away and relax by the Ovens River with my family.

At Holy Family, we place great importance on wellbeing, belonging and connection. We are committed to creating a safe and nurturing environment where every child feels known, valued and supported. When children feel secure and connected, they are able to engage positively in learning and grow with confidence.

Learning at Holy Family is grounded in care, high expectations and partnership. Guided by the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) Vision for Instruction, our teachers

work thoughtfully to support each child's learning journey, recognising that growth looks different for every learner.

As a Catholic faith community, we are guided by the example of Jesus in the way we care for one another. We value our strong partnership with families and thank you for the trust you place in us each day. Together, we look forward to a year of learning, growth and shared moments that strengthen our Holy Family community.

Our school theme for 2026 is 'LEARN'. We look forward to a year of learning, connection and shared success as we continue to grow together as a Holy Family community.

Don't forget to grab your free hot drink

St Francis

POPE Leo XIV has proclaimed a Franciscan Jubilee Year to mark 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi and Brisbane's Franciscans say it is a great response to renewing peace in a troubled world.

The Special Year of St Francis was inaugurated with a decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See and will run until January 2027.

By proclaiming the Year of St Francis who passed on October 3, 1226, Pope Leo hoped "the message of peace may find a profound echo in the Church and society today".

"Peace with God, peace among people, and peace with Creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation."

Pope Leo XIV

School Uniform

All students are to wear their full summer uniform tomorrow for their first day at school in 2026.

Please make sure uniform items are labelled and that students have a school hat, sunscreen and water.

Year 3 Chromebooks

The Year 3 Chromebooks have arrived!

If your family did not order a case for the chromebook please drop in your cover in the next few days.

We will label these devices and hand them to the students next week. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

School Improvement Plan

Our Leadership Team will finalise our School Improvement Plan for the next 4 years and Annual Action Plan for this year in the coming week. This plan is based on data and findings from our Review Process.

Our draft goals for 2026-2029 are -

To improve student achievement in Mathematics, particularly in place value, in Years 1-6.

To improve student achievement in Reading, particularly in reading fluency, in F-6.

To improve student achievement in writing, particularly in building and extending Vocabulary, in F-6.

To strengthen Catholic identity through the student voice of F-6.

To improve student behaviour through embedding a consistent and responsive F-6 framework.

Holy Family Playgroup

Our school and Parish community will be launching 'Holy Family Playgroup' this term. This community opportunity will be held at Holy Family School once a fortnight for one hour and will be run by expereinced educators and volunteers. The sessions will commence on Friday 20th February at 9:30am.

If you have a Working With Children Check and would like to go on a roster to help out please email office@hfmw.catholic.edu.au

Enrol Now

Enjoy your weekend,

Julie David (Principal)

2026 Term 1 Dates

JANUARY

Fri 30 All students resume (Prep-Year 6)

FEBRUARY

Sun 1 Prep Playdate

Wed 4 Prep Rest Day

Fri 6 Parent Welcome Event

Sun 8 Prep Welcome Mass (10am)

Tues 10 Safer Internet Day

P&F Meeting (6:30pm)

Meet the Teacher (Prep-Year 6)

Wed 11 Prep Rest Day

Meet the Teacher (Prep-Year 6)

Thur 12 District Swimming

Fri 13 Interschool Sport (1)

Whole School Mass (9:15am)

FIRE Carrier Induction

Tues 17 Shrove Tuesday

Wed 18 Ash Wednesday (12pm Mass)

Prep Rest Day

Fri 20 Interschool Sport (2)

Mini Vinnies Soccer Event

Play Group commences (9:30am)

World Day of Social Justice

Wed 25 SAC Meeting (5:30pm)

Wed 25 Prep Rest Day

Fri 27 Interschool Sport (3)

MARCH

Wed 4 Prep Rest Day

Division Swimming

P&F Meeting (6:30pm)

Thur 5 Twilight Sports Day

Fri 6 School Closure Day (Vision for Engagement)

Sun 8 International Women's Day (Give To Gain)

Mon 9 Labour Day Public Holiday (School Closed)

Wed 11 NAPLAN commences

Year 4 Reconciliation/Eucharist Info Night

Fri 13 Year 3-6 Athletic Trials

Sun 15 Catholic Education Week (Christ Beside Me-Walking in the Footsteps of St Patrick)

Tues 17 St Patrick's Day

Wed 18 Open Day (all day)

Fri 20 Community Colour Run (Major Fundraiser)

Mass of St Patrick (St Patrick's Cathedral)

Sat 21 Harmony Day

World Down Syndrome Day

Tues 24 Sacrament of Reconciliation (5pm)

Fri 27 Halogen Young Leaders Day

Summer Sport Gala Day (TBC)

Tues 31 EMR Swimming

APRIL

Thur 2 End of Term 1 (1pm finish)

Holy Thursday

Fri 3 Good Friday

Sun 5 Easter Sunday

Parent Welcome Function

Don't forget to get your tickets for our first whole school community event for 2026!

Parents/Carers will have the opportunity to strengthen connections with each other and our school staff.

Holy Family School

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE

2026 OPENING SCHOOL YEAR DINNER

Join us for dinner with fellow parents to connect and celebrate the new School Year.

Friday 6th February

6.30PM

Holy Family School

Parents Only Function

Cost: $25 per person

Includes: Full spit roast with salads & dessert

BYO: Drinks - alcoholic & non-alcoholic

Book: trybooking.com/DHARF

2026 School Staff

Name	Position	Days
Tracey Ryan	Admin	M, W and F
Rana Ghopur	Admin/Bursar	T, Th and F
Julie David	Principal	M-F
Eithne King	Deputy Principal	M, T and F
Stephanie Italiano	Prep	M-F
Zachary Flack	Year 1	M-F
Kate Buffham	Year 2	M-F
Amanda Mase	Year 2	M-F
Cristina Vezzu	Year 3	M-F
Michelle Luong	Year 4	M-F
Di Dimovski	Year 4	M-F
Andrea Smith	Year 5	M-Th
Vicky Pejic	Year 5	M, T, W and F
Juliette Foenander	Year 6	M-F
Becc Lark	Year 6	M-F
Susan Michelsson	PE	W, Th and 0.1 F
Katrina Davis	STEM	M, T
Beck Rawlins	Performing Arts	W, Th
Di Herrmann	Auslan	W, Th
Laura Dell'Aquila	Visual Arts	W, Th
Verity Curtain	LDL	T, W and 0.1 Th (Term 2)
Julie David	LDL	Term 1
Katrina Davis	POL Release (REL, IT)	W, Th
Barb G	Year 5 SG	F
Eithne King	PBL/Mental Health	W, Th

Julianne Kelly	Learning and Teaching/Literacy	T, W and Th
Michelle Luong	Teaching and Learning/Maths	2 days
Juliette Foenander	Wellbeing	1 day
Amanda Mase	Digital Technologies	1 day
Danielle Littlejohn	LSO	M-F
Kim Sundstrom	LSO	2 days
Asma Khadim	LSO	M-F
Ingrid Hale	LSO	3 days
Molly Rae	LSO	M, T, W and F
Tara McDonald	LSO	M, T, W and Th
Nabila	LSO	TBC
Miriam Keuneman	LSO	M, T, Th and F
Christine Kemp	LSO	3 days
Alannah Phillips	LSO	3 days
Georgia MacDonald	LSO	2 days
Claudia Heil	LSO	2 days
Tania Christopher	LSO	4 days
Nabila Bou Ezz	LSO	3 days

Preparing for 2026

There are a few things that need to be organised now in preparation for the 2026 school year, and some further things to prepare in January.

Medical Action Plans

All children who have a current medical plan (Anaphylaxis, Allergy, Asthma or Medical) have received a new blank plan for 2026. This needs to be completed by your doctor and returned on the first day of next year along with any medication required. A note will accompany the new action plan.

2025 Medications

All students who have medications at school have these in their school bag on Monday to return to home. We have school ventolin and Epi-pens if required for Tuesday.

Booklists

Booklist items for the 2026 year are organised as follows-

Year Prep-4 stationery items-

All required items will be bulk ordered through school and delivered to Holy Family ready for the 2026 year. Charges for these are added to the curriculum levy to be paid in 2026.

Year 5/6 stationery items-

Some required items are bulk ordered through school and delivered to Holy Family ready for the 2026 year. Charges for these are added to the curriculum levy to be paid in 2026.

*Other required stationery items are to be supplied from home. Please see attached documents outlining what is required and the process for ordering through Campion books.

Items to bring from home (all levels)

Thre are other items that will also be need to be brought from home on the first day of school. Please see what is required for each level below. These items can be brought to school on the day of your child's assessment interview. Please have these items in a bag with each item clearly labelled. This will allow a smoother transition on your child's first full day at school

Next year, all students in Years Prep-6 will be expected to have the green 'communication bag' that was purchased in Prep.

If your child does not have one, they can be purchased online via our school CDF Pay, during second hand uniform sales (new ones not second hand) or at PSW. They can also be purchased at our front office.

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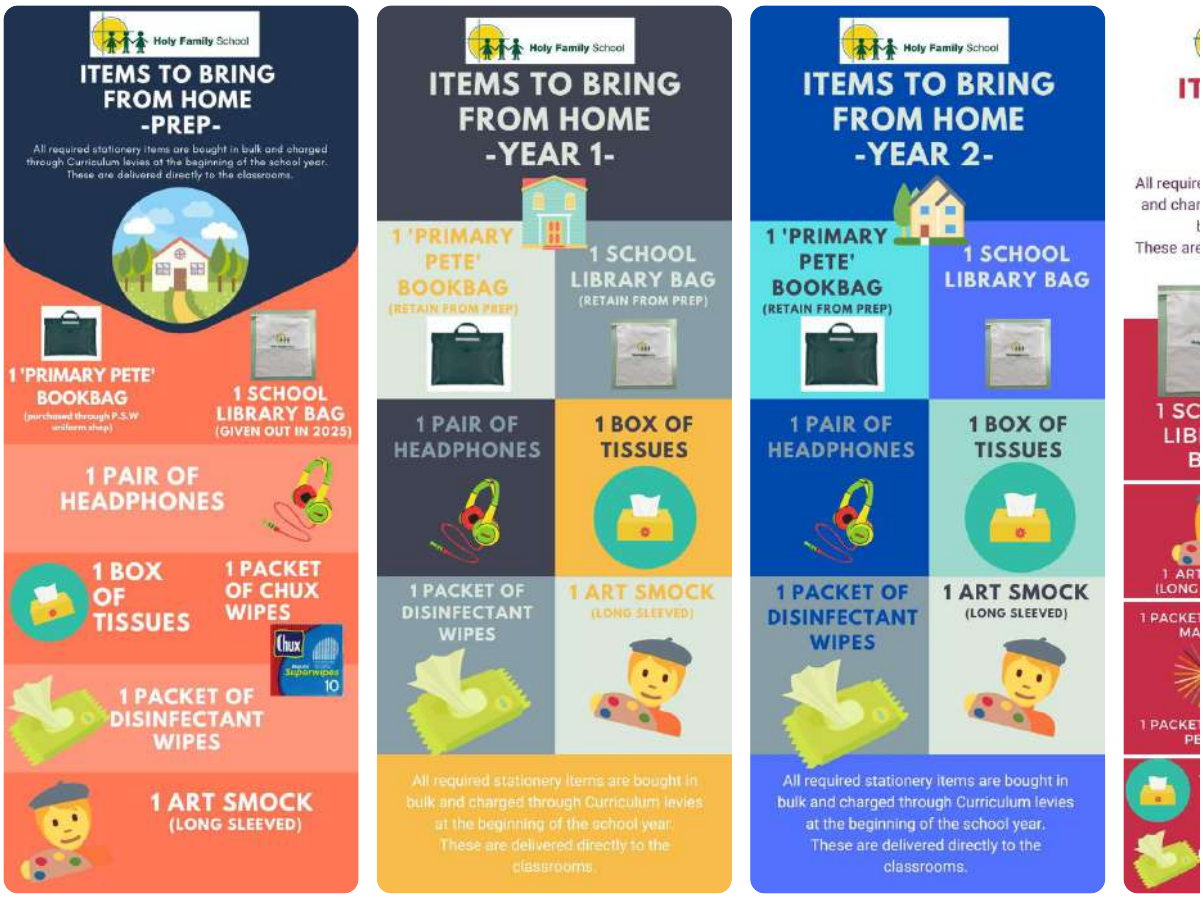
Scholar Bookbag



Miss King

No More Marking

No More Marking is a cloud-based assessment platform that uses Comparative Judgement to evaluate student work, replacing traditional rubric-based grading. It allows educators to assess open-ended tasks—particularly writing—by comparing pairs of student responses, which is faster, more consistent, and reduces teacher workload compared to manual marking.

Key features and benefits include:

- **Comparative Judgment (CJ):** Instead of marking against a rubric, judges decide which of two pieces of work is better, creating a reliable, standardized scale of quality.

- **Reduced Workload:** The process allows for faster grading and less time spent on moderation, freeing up teacher time for, for example, in-the-moment feedback and lesson planning.
- **AI-Enhanced Assessment:** The platform incorporates AI to help rank work rapidly and provides detailed, actionable analytics on student performance.
- **Applications:** Primarily used for assessing writing, it can be applied to various tasks where a, for example, "best-fit" judgment is required.

Privacy and Data Protection Statement

We are the Data Processor of the School that has instructed us. We are under no statutory obligation to share this information with you. To the extent that this information is insufficient or you have further questions please talk to the School.

1. Introduction

Privacy and security are at the heart of everything We do. This statement explains the key measures we have put in place to ensure that your data is kept secure and processed appropriately at all times. It covers our commitments to you, and what we expect in terms of privacy and data protection from Schools.

2. Our Principles

We:

Process the data received from Schools for the purposes of education and school improvement only, and only for those purposes necessary to provide the service explicitly offered to Schools.

Only store and process the minimum data required to provide our services, and to inform Schools in advance of using any of our services what data that service requires.

Transport and store all personal data originating from Schools using modern and best practice encryption technologies. This includes Secure Socket Layers (SSL/TLS) for encrypted data transfer over the internet, field-level encryption for personally identifiable data and password-protected identities for all end users.

Ensure that all data is held securely by taking steps so that data is not corrupted or lost.

Use encryption at rest i.e. when data is stored on a disk or laptop.

Use field level encryption in our database, where we feel it necessary to do so.

Ensure that all staff having access to personal data hold a valid Disclosure and Barring Service certificate or the equivalent in the Philippines.

May share anonymised extracts of writing for national projects for research and marketing purposes.

We DO NOT:

Share non-anonymised data with third parties, except where explicitly requested by you or required by law, or for the purpose of providing a service or where there is a legitimate interest to do this.

2026 Student Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who will form our student leadership team for 2026-

2026 SCHOOL LEADERS

SCHOOL CAPTAINS	Lila Younane Cooper Shelley
VICE CAPTAINS	Jamie Theodoropoulos Joel Newman
LITURGY/SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERS	Patrick O'Brien Benjy Whata
WELLBEING LEADERS	Osana Chan Thalia Mangazva Samantha Lewis
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES LEADERS	Ryan Noroozi Robert Ren
ENVIRONMENT LEADERS	Nella Odgers Suzie Hwang
FIRE CARRIERS	Lila Younane Amelia Lembovski Ryan Noroozi Daniel Zuccarello Zoe Banbury Maya Seshadri Annelise Wilton Sam Ghazale Samnit Singh
SPORT LEADERS	
RED HOUSE	Amelia Lembovski Dayshan Rajapske
GOLD HOUSE	Zoe Filippou

	Henry Wilson
BLUE HOUSE	Ella Elias Emilia Raucci
GREEN HOUSE	Acacia Phillips Kaden Tran
THE ARTS LEADERS	Mary Waters Stella Kwon Emily Coulter Madison Petersen
AUSLAN LEADERS	Anna Alamaras Ruby Siega
LIBRARY LEADERS	Ethan Ly Mateo Karmawan
SRC MEMBERS	Aslan Askin Patrick Bellistri Scarlett Clark Oscar Ge Emmanuel I Evie Kokovitas Claudette Maurice Austin Miller Noah Nyak Albert Ren Veronica Yu Kingston Vu

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