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Holy Family School Newsletter

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2022 SCHOOL THEME - 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE'

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year has been challenging for our families and school community. I have been impressed by the way our students have reconnected with each other and onsite school life. Some of our students have found friendships difficult after being in 'lockdown' for most of the previous two school years. I would like to acknowledge the amazing academic and emotional support that our staff provide for each of our students.

Throughout this year we have had and continue to have quite a bit of sickness amongst our staff and students. Thank you for your understanding if your child's teacher has been absent.

Many businesses and families have been impacted financially by the Coronavirus pandemic and our school is no different.

Last September, the MACS Business Manager and I set the budgets for this year. We take into account the money received from the Government in the way of grants, however, the majority of the curriculum expenses are taken from school fees. We factor in the amount of fees we are expecting and this allows for the extra programs and the amazing resources that are available to our students in their classrooms.

It has been an incredibly tough time for many of our families during covid and we have had to support these families pastorally and financially. We have had extreme costs of supplying devices so that all students were able to learn during periods of lockdown. Needless to say, our budget was well over drawn during this time.

With this in mind, we now find that we are having to ask parents to ensure that their school fees are up to date and paid by the end of November.

If, for any reason, you are unable to bring your school fees into line, then we ask you to contact Mrs David. All school fees conversations are strictly confidential.

Thank you for your understanding.

Community Christmas Carols

We are looking forward to celebrating the end of the 2022 school year with our Community Christmas Carols on Thursday 8th December from 3:30-5pm. Families are encouraged to dress up in the Christmas theme and bring along a picnic rug and afternoon tea to share as they sing along to our Christmas tunes in our quadrangle.

Remembrance Day

Everyone is welcome to join our students and staff to commemorate Remembrance Day on Friday 11th November. We will gather in the quadrangle from 10:45am for a prayer service (weather permitting). If need be we will host the service remotely. You are invited to join your child for this service in their classroom if it is online.

Coronavirus Update

New cases have been reported in our school community over the past couple of weeks. The following information has been updated by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools - **It is strongly recommended that students:**

- who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home and isolate for five days
- should not attend school after five days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school.

Where students become symptomatic at school, they should:

- be collected by their parents/carers
- undergo testing for COVID-19.

COVID-19 reporting requirements

The Department of Health recommends that a person who tests positive for COVID-19 should inform those with whom they have recently been in contact, including their workplace, school and household.

Schools are therefore asked to continue reporting positive COVID-19 cases to Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS).

RAT Kits are still available from our school office. Please come in and take some if you need them.

Term 4 Friday Mass

Parents/carers are welcome to join us for Mass at 9:15am on Fridays this term.

Date	Classes
11/11/22	3/4C 3/4L
18/11/22	5/6 YW 5/6B
2/12/22	Whole school mass

Morning Drop Off

Our staff have noticed that many students are being dropped off at school well before 8:30am.

Holy Family provides Before School Care from 7am-8:30am. If students arrive before 8:30am they must be booked into Before School Care. Please contact Camp Australia (1300 105 343) if you require more information about this service.

Students should not be dropped off at school until 8:30am when staff are scheduled to supervise them. This is the time that legal supervision commences.

Thank you for your support to ensure our students are safe.

Book Club - Term 4:

The Current issue of the Scholastic Book Club is out for Term 4. The Book Club catalogue has a different selection of books offered for all ages. Each order that is made helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classrooms.

Your child would have come home today with the catalogue for Term 4.

It is easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to their class.

You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop) or by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

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Please be aware that we will no longer be accepting cash orders through the school. All orders must be placed online using the scholastic website.

Orders are due by 5pm Friday 25th November.

Happy Reading!

Year 1/2 Camp Day

Our Year 1/2 students and staff traveled to Warburton last Friday to participate in their Outdoor Camp Day. The weather was just perfect for them with blue skies all day!

I am sure the students had many adventures to share with their families on their return to school at 7pm and over the weekend.

Prep Excursion

Our Preps are looking forward to their excursion to Science works on Friday 18th November.

Local Kindergarten Visits

I am looking forward to visiting a couple of our Kindergartens with some of our Year 3/4 students over the next two weeks. Our students will participate in activities with the children while at the kindergartens.

This is one way that we are trying to raise the profile of our school in the local community.

School Advisory Council AGM

Our School Advisory Council met last night to review the Council's achievements in 2022.

Some of our achievements as a Council this year have been -

- The formation of subcommittees - 'Community', 'Enrolments' and 'Maintenance'.
- Creating and seeking responses via surveys on topics such as 'enrolments' and 'communication' at Holy Family. These surveys provide feedback from our families to enable our school to continue to improve in all areas.
- The introduction of fortnightly Level Newsletters
- Commencement of 'Coffee Mornings'
- Revising our school vision statement with staff and students
- Gathering information on 'Mini-Vinnies' and enrolling our school to join this project to enhance social justice initiatives
- Development of our 'Kitchen Garden'

We look forward to welcoming more parents onto our subcommittees in 2023 so we can have a greater impact and achieve more.

I would like to thank the Council for their dedication and support -

- Father Justel
- Eithne King
- Nicole Mardell
- Stephanie Wood
- Daniel Trettel
- [Julia Paszkowski](#)
- Amelia Younane

Parents and Friends Committee AGM

Our Annual General Meeting for Parents and Friends will take place in the staffroom next week. On behalf of our school community I would like to thank this group for their support and fundraising towards our new playground.

- Parents and Friends AGM - Tuesday 15th November (7pm)

11 Year Boys Relay Team

Congratulations to four of our incredible athletes - Jack Beasley, Dylan Harris, Sebastian Filice and Jake Seo. Mrs Michelsson went along to support and watch these boys finish 5th in the 11yr boys 4x100m relay at the State Track and Field Championships, at Lakeside Stadium.

It was impressive seeing Holy Family up on the scoreboard as they introduced each school being represented.

These boys did themselves, their families and our school proud and were acknowledged at our assembly last Monday.

Term 3 Chess Club Winners

Our community would like to congratulate our students who attend weekly Chess classes after school each Thursday.

The Chess Champions for Term 3 were -

- Nathaniel Samyue (1st)
- Mila McColl-Jones (2nd)
- Joshua McColl-Jones (3rd)

These students were awarded with their awards at assembly last Monday.

School Closure Day

Our students have the following school closure day -

- Friday 25th November (2023 Planning)

Some Key Dates (Term 4)

- Friday 11th November (Remembrance Day)
- Friday 11th November (Year 6 Summer Round Robin)
- Tuesday 15th November - 2023 Prep Transition (Session 4)
- Tuesday 15th November - Parents and Friends AGM (7pm)
- Tuesday 15th November (Year 3/4 Excursion Melbourne Zoo)

- Friday 18th November (Prep Excursion to Scienceworks)
- Tuesday 22nd November 2023 Prep Transition (Session 5)
- Friday 25th November (School Closure Day) 2023 Planning
- Monday 28th November - Friday 9th December (Prep-Year 4 Swimming Program)
- Wednesday 30th November - Transition (new students)
- Friday 2nd December - Mass/Celebration of Learning (Year 3/4)
- Thursday 8th December - Community Christmas Carols (3:30-5pm)
- Monday 12th December (Move Up Session 1)
- Tuesday 13th December (Move Up Session 2)
- Wednesday 14th December (Year 6 Graduation)
- Thursday 15th December (End of Year Mass 9:15am)
- Thursday 15th December (Last day - finish at 3:15pm)

Enrolments for 2023 Now Open

Don't forget to pop into the office to get an enrolment form for Prep - Year 6 2023.

Enjoy your weekend,

Julie David (Principal)



From the REL Miss Considine

This is your life... What are you doing with it??

So I have to let the cat out of the bag. I am a bit of a TV buff, Australian dramas and reality tv are always a popular choice, so with this week's episode of *This is your Life* focussed on the life of Rebecca Gibney I couldn't help but tune in. I was in awe of her while watching, not because she was famous, but because of the way her friends and family described her. Words such as generous, humble, kind, loving, respectful were frequently used. While watching I couldn't help but think, wow Rebecca has really made it! Not by the shows she has been in, but by the person that she has become and how she has used her fame to help others in need.

This week's Gospel reading is tricky. While reading I couldn't help but think about the role we play in our lives and how we often look towards God to 'fix' things, when we should also realise that by the grace of those who around us, we can be fixed as well! I wonder how we can help others? How we are called to be the light of Jesus in the world around us?

With Christmas just around the corner, our school community always shows help through our Parish St Vincent De Paul group who help those with limited resources during the festive time.

This year yet again we are asking families to put a couple of extra items in the shopping trolley to help those in need. Below is a list of ideas that we would like to collect over the next two weeks. Please hand donations into the classroom so that they can be collected during Week 8 of Term.

Have a lovely weekend,
God Bless,
Lauren Considine

Personal Items

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Hand wash in pump bottles
- hand sanitizer
- Antibacterial wipes

Pantry fillers

- Cereals
- Coffee/ Milo
- Spreads
- Jam, Honey, Vegemite, Nutella, Peanut Butter
- Drinks
- Long life milk/ juice/soft drink
- Soups
- Rice
- Bottles of Pasta Sauce
- Two minute instant noodles

Tins and Jars

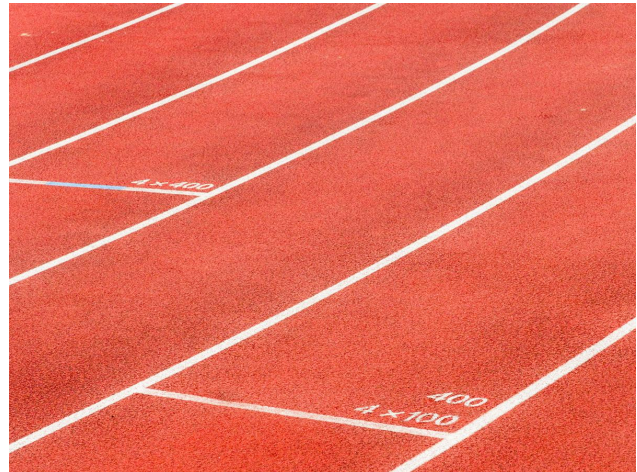
Tins of

- Ham
- Corned Beef
- Salmon
- Tuna
- Potatoes
- carrots
- beans
- fruit



Sports News

Mrs Michelsson



State Track and Field Championships

Well done to Dylan H, Jack B, Jake Seo and Sebastian F who competed at the SSV State Track and Field Championships, in the 11 years 4x100m relay on Wednesday Nov 2.

After finishing 3rd in their heat they then progressed to the final just under 4 hours later. They finished 5th overall in the final.

A fantastic effort that we are all very proud of.



Summer Sport Round Robin Day

On Friday Nov 11 our year 6's will participate at the Syndal District Summer Round Robin day. It will be held at Parkhill PS, Ashwood and the surrounding grounds. Games begin at 9.30am and finals are at 1.10pm. The summer sports are T20 cricket, fully loaded softball, danish rounders, hotshots tennis and t-ball.

A giant thanks to Daniel Billings and Meredith Lloyd who have offered to assist with coaching/umpiring for cricket and softball.

Regional Basketballs

Congratulations to our Girls Basketball Team that competed at the SSV Regional Basketball competition. They weren't quite able to make the finals but they all gave their best efforts on the day. Thanks again to Luke Mathers for coaching and the parents that assisted on the day.



Basketball Uniforms

We are still waiting on some Basketball singlets to be returned from our teams that competed at the Division and Regional competitions. If your child still has one at home could that please be returned asap.

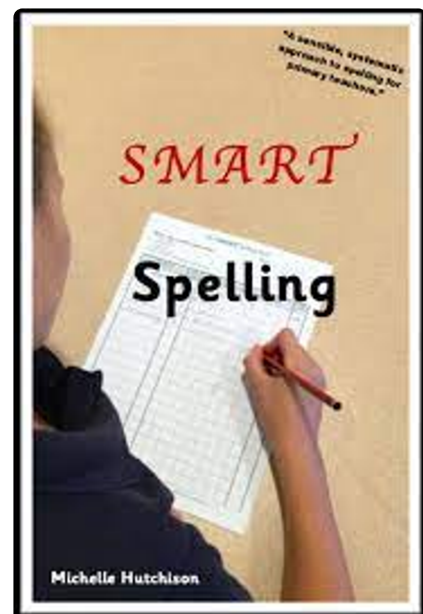


Smart Spelling

SMART SPELLING AT HOLY FAMILY

Through our school newsletter we would like to share some information about the structured approach of SMART Spelling, that we incorporate at Holy Family. From Prep-6 we explicitly and systematically teach spelling.

Letters make different sounds in different words.
Letters are called by their names, not by a sound.
Letter names are consistent but sounds change depending on the word.



PHONEMES are speech sounds.

There are 44 phonemes in spoken English. There are 24 consonant sounds and 20 vowel sounds.

GRAPHEMES are spelling choices. A grapheme may have 1, 2, 3 or 4 letters.

GRAPH- 1 letter making one sound in a word

DIGRAPH- 2 letters making one sound in a word

TRIGRAPH- 3 letters making one sound in a word

E.g. KN-IGH-T: has 3 sounds (phonemes)

KN- digraph IGH-trigraph T-graph

***QUADGRAPH**- 4 letters make one sound eigh-t

***does not happen often**

Ask your child about their spelling words or a word in a book and see if they can tell you all about the number of graphs/digraphs/trigraphs in a word.

**stay tuned until the next school newsletter
for further information.*



LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property bins are full to overflowing. Please check for any missing items as all uniforms left at the end of the year will be donated to our second hand uniform shop. It is really important that you name all of your students belongings, that way we are able to return them in found.



Soft Plastics Roster



Thank you for volunteering to drop off the soft plastics.
Please pick up from school on a Monday or Tuesday.

Week beginning

Monday 3rd October
Monday 10th October
Monday 17th October
Monday 24th October
Monday 31st October
Monday 7th November
Monday 14th November
Monday 21st November
Monday 28th November
Monday 5th December
Monday 12th December

Family

Talj
Lembovski
Beasley
Scammell
Wilson (Anthony)
Dumrongpol
Kerkham
Ryan
Desperles
Trettel
Moore

Drop off points

Any Coles or
Woolworths store



Student Awards

Prep CK	Matteo- For beautiful handwriting and adding detail to his writing! We are so proud of you!!!! Julian- For amazing sounding out when writing stories! Amazing job!!!
Prep WK	Liam O-For sharing your prayers with the class each day. Thank you! Tigerlily D-for great sharing in Maths and making equal groups. You sure know how to share so that it's fair!
1/2GP	Brayden Vorster - For being able to show his understanding of halves and quarters when learning about fractions. Well done Brayden. Sarah Silva - For her great narrative about when Ariana Grande lost her voice. Well Done Sarah!
1/2J	Elizabeth Dais - For her hard work with her Reading. Amazing work Elizabeth! Ruby Siega - For creating an engaging ending in a narrative. Fantastic work Ruby!
1/2H	Laura Samyue - For her incredible perseverance and determination on the ropes course at camp! Amazing stuff Laura.
3/4C	Winston Lim- For showing determination and perseverance in all aspects of his learning. Well Done Winston, keep up the great work!
3/4L	Swayam Srivatava - For participating in our class speeches and teaching us about blue bottle jellyfish.
3/4M	Fabian Santolin - For an amazing speech on 'why hunting should be illegal' It was extremely informative and engaging! Well done Fabian!
3/4D	Sienna Browne: For working diligently to prepare your speech and confidently share it with the class. You demonstrated a great understanding of how to deliver an interesting and engaging speech. Well done Sienna!
5/6YW	James Talj, For his wonderful effort in presenting his speech.
5/6FG	Cate, Cartia, Aesha, Immy - For making a great video about not bullying.

5/6B	Rafael Sergianis - for his insightful contributions to class discussions
5/6S	Chloe Moore for excellent collaborative skills in group work, particularly Inquiry. Well done!
5/6P	Anthony Bellocchi for improving in his public speaking and presenting with confidence



Community News



SMNC Rep Trials

St Michael's Netball Club is hosting trials for our 13/U, 15/U and 17/U Representative Teams, competing in Waverley Night Netball Association.

If you are looking for a competitive level of netball, but still in a club environment then St Michael's could be the club for you!

Trials are held at 10-12 on the 4th December at Salesian College.

Register for trials and find more information through:
Inkiy.in/smnctrials

Contact seniorliaison@stmichaelsnc.com.au with any questions



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12 NOVEMBER**

MINI FEST
2-6pm

FOOD TRUCKS
2pm until late

TWILIGHT CINEMA
from 7.30pm



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& PRIMARY SCHOOL**
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Food Trucks
2pm until late

MINI FEST AND TWILIGHT CINEMA

Bar open
2-5pm

- Devonshire tea
- multi-sports inflatables
- craft stall
- face painting
- animal farm
- silent auction
- food trucks
- 2nd hand books & toys
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Oct
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Cyber Security for Families

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Nov
09

My First Mobile Phone

Is your child about to get their first mobile phone or personal tablet? Learn helpful tips to level up your mobile phone security and create a safe digital environment for the whole family.

Nov
22

Online Gaming Safety

Uncover how gaming platforms are hooking us in and learn how to take control by managing screen time and creating healthy gaming habits.

Nov
28

Digital Balance & Wellbeing

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