



# HFS Happenings

TERM 2 WEEK 8

MONDAY 7TH JUNE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we celebrated the Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat with a special Mass in our school hall. Mr Nathan Ahearne from Marist Schools Australia attended as our special guest. Congratulations to our staff members who were acknowledged for achieving years of service milestones in a Marist school: 10 years - Mrs Helen Vousden-Airey, 20 years - Mrs Judi Cannon, Mr Andrew Berger and Mrs Beverly Berger. Congratulations to the students who were presented with special Marcellin Champagnat Awards: Joey Hazelton, Farrah Edmonds, Rhys Hetherington, Harvey Gray, Issac Allen, Lillian Townsend, Zahli Gillingham, Wilow Culhane, Ashton McQuie, Louis Smith, Gracy Allen, Holly O'Bryan, Ruby Hackett, Bea Tomson, Marshall Munn, Victor Ilechukwu, Adelaide Terry, Ruby Heraghty, Eilish Neville, Adrian Day, Annabelle Baker and Eva Smith.

Our children continue to be very industrious in their classrooms. Year 2C were very excited to share their boat designs with me last week as they floated them on water to see if their design, "to make something float" was successful. The students used great descriptive language to explain the materials they had selected and how they had applied these to their design. Our Kindergarten and Year 3/4 students have been doing some wonderful writing in literacy time and have been keen to share what they have written whilst our Year 5/6 students have been doing some great work in Mathematics and are showing an improved understanding of fractions. Keep up the great work teachers and children!

Our Athletics Carnival is scheduled for this Thursday after being postponed last week. The weather is looking unfavourable once again for this Thursday, so there is a strong possibility it will be moved to next week. I will advise parents by Wednesday of our decision regarding the carnival.

Our students are excited to be attending the first school disco for the year on Thursday evening. The disco will be held upstairs at the Services Club from 6.00pm - 7.15pm. Cost of entry to the disco is \$3 and our P&F will be operating a canteen selling drinks and snacks on the night. The theme for the disco (chosen by our SRC members) is 'TV/Movie Characters'.

Congratulations to Khan Jackson who played brilliantly for Polding at the NSWPSA Rugby League Carnival last week in Kiama, despite coming away with a broken arm from a try saving tackle! Good luck to our Cross Country runners who are representing the Diocese at the CPS Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek tomorrow: Rory Fisher, Poppy Fisher, Oliver Reynolds, Ashley Terry, Hannah Terry and Emily White.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

## Tuesday 8th June

CPS Cross  
Country  
(Eastern Creek)

## Thursday 10th June

School Disco  
Services Club 6.00pm-  
7.15pm

## Thursday 10th June

Athletics Carnival  
Please check  
COMPASS for updates  
Assembly - 2.45pm

## Monday 14th June

Queen's Birthday  
Long Weekend

## Wednesday 23rd June

NAIDOC Day  
Celebrations

## Thursday 24th June

NAIDOC Liturgy—  
12.15pm  
Assembly - 2.45pm

## Friday 25th June

Last day of Term 2

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# Assistant Principal

## Star of the Week

Isabel Seaman is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values and for always being kind and cheerful.

## Interview with Isabel

Favourite subject	Mathematics and Sport
Favourite pastime	I love drawing
Favourite food	I don't really have a favourite kind of food. If I had to choose, I might say pizza
What do you like most about our school?	I really like the staff and students.
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A Vet(Veterinarian)



## Term 2 Week 8: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

**Support others to achieve positive results.**

## *This week's challenge is -*

***Solve the pattern puzzle above.***  
***Find the missing number to replace the question mark.***

If you solve this problem and there are multiple winning entries, your name will go into a draw. The winner will be drawn out of a hat and receive a prize at our School Assembly. Please write your name and answer on a piece of paper and hand it to me any time next week.

I hope everyone has a great week.

Andrew Berger

Assistant Principal

# Religious Education

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST SOLEMNITY

Corpus Christi has been celebrated by many Christians, particularly the Catholic Church, in honour of the Eucharist since 1246. The name "Corpus Christi" is a Latin phrase that refers to the body of Christ. It commemorates the Last Supper on the day before Jesus' crucifixion, as described in the Bible.

Catholics celebrate Christ's gift to us of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as the Church.



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND  
BLOOD OF CHRIST  
SOLEMNITY Sunday, 6th June,  
2021

On Wednesday, 2nd June, we celebrated the Feast Day of Saint Marcellin Champagnat with a beautiful Mass. Mr Nathan Ahearne, from Marist Schools Australia was our special guest who spoke on the Marist qualities of **Love of Work, Presence, Simplicity, Love of Mary and Family Spirit** that all Marist Schools endeavour to instil in their students. Congratulations to all the students who received recognition for exemplifying these Marist qualities.

- All are welcome to our NAIDOC Liturgy

### Sacraments:

- **Sacrament of First Reconciliation-** Thursday, 21st October, 2021 at Holy Family Parish Church, 6:00pm.
- **Sacrament of Confirmation-** Sunday, 31st October, 2021 at Holy Family Parish Church (Time: yet to be confirmed).

**Mass/Liturgy:** NAIDOC Liturgy  
**Date & Time:** 24th June, 12:15 pm  
**Church/Chapel/Hall:** HFS Hall

I hope everyone has a wonderful week!  
Beverly Berger

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# Marcellin Champagnat Awards



# WIRADJURI

Last week in KJC we used leaves from the natural environment to create a classroom tree. The children painted the leaves sourced from our gardens and transferred them onto art paper. Once dry we painted the veins onto the leaves. The students cut out the leaves to create a classroom tree.



Wiradjuri Word of the week:

Marang Ngarin

Good Morning

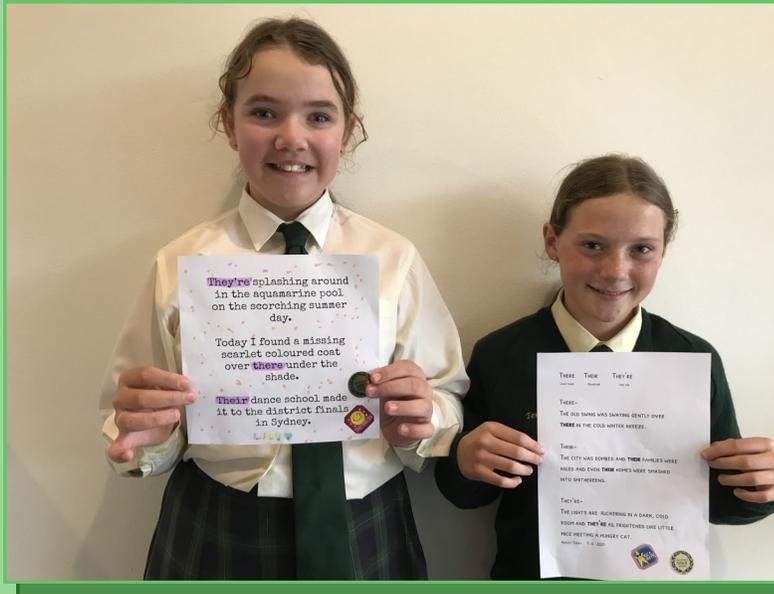
# IN THE CLASS ROOM

## 2C Making Boats



## IN THE CLASS ROOM

5/6B have been busy last week producing excellent work in literacy. Lily and Ashley are very proud of their work.



### Changes to Student Semester Reports

Reporting procedures for Catholic systemic schools are determined in accordance with section 59(5) of the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*. As a result of the COVID disruption to schooling last year, the then Minister for Education, the Hon Dan Tehan MP, approved flexibility for Semester 1, 2020 reporting.

Following the issue of these modified reports, school communities across Wilcannia-Forbes requested a review of current student reporting. Staff groups in all schools were consulted and changes have been made to student reports in view of the feedback provided. The scope for change is limited due to the requirement to adhere to the obligations under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

#### **What is new in reporting student achievement?**

In the Key Learning Areas (KLAs) *English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE), Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) and Creative Arts*, word descriptors (*Outstanding; Extensive; At Level; Developing; Requires Support*) have replaced the A to E scale previously used.

Achievement for the strands within each Key Learning Area is reported using the existing five-point scale, as outlined below.

An overall result will not be reported on for each Key Learning Area.

#### **What remains the same in reporting student achievement?**

No changes have been made to:

- the effort scale for each Key Learning Area;
- the achievement scales for: Personal and Social Behaviour; Work Habits; School Prayer & Worship;
- Teacher Comment for *Religion, Mathematics, English and General Comments*.

<b>Outstanding</b>	The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.
<b>Extensive</b>	The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.
<b>At Level</b>	The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.
<b>Developing</b>	The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.
<b>Requires Support</b>	The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.
<b>N/A</b>	Some strands may not have been taught and assessed this semester.

# Eco Day



## Sports News

### **Polding Touch Trials**



### **PSSA U11s Rugby League Championships**



# Important

**A warm welcome to Danial Holland who commenced teaching at Holy Family today!**



## **DISCO THEME:**

### **TV/Movie Character**

**Disco is at the Parkes Services Club on Thursday 10th June**



#### **Technology**

It is the Holy Family School policy that no student uses mobile phones when at school. This includes the use of Smart Watches and iPads that have the ability to communicate via voice or text. If students require a phone for before or after school events, these must be handed in to the front office each morning and can be collected each afternoon. Please make an appointment with Mrs Gersbach if you need any clarification in regards to this policy.

#### **Holy Family Kiss and Drop Zone**

A reminder to all parents that the Kiss and Drop Zone on the Albert Street side of school is purely for pulling in, children getting out of the car and the vehicle then driving off.

Please assist by ensuring that you do not pull up and park in the Kiss and Drop Zone as this then causes congestion.

## News from the CEO

### CHILD SAFE SCHOOLS AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We take our responsibility to protect children seriously. All staff are expected to promote child safety by having a clear understanding of their legal child protection responsibilities and act in accordance with those responsibilities. In particular the school will:

- Maintain professionalism in our interactions with children at all times by exercising appropriate duty of care and maintaining professional boundaries.
- Follow an established process to address allegations of inappropriate behaviour by staff towards children.
- Ensure all people working in our school who are required to undertake a Working With Children Check have a valid clearance.
- Respond appropriately when we suspect a child is at risk of significant harm due to possible abuse or neglect by a parent/carer or other adult.

#### **ADDRESSING COMPLAINTS OF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR BY STAFF**

We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for both students and staff. This includes addressing complaints of inappropriate behaviour by staff (including parents, volunteers and contractors) towards any child or young person.

Such complaints are handled differently to other types of complaints which may arise in the school because of legal obligations established by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019. The Office of the Children's Guardian is a government agency which requires schools and other organisations working with children to ensure systems are in place for recording and responding to all allegations of a child protection nature against staff. You should be aware that 'staff' includes volunteer helpers (including parents), contractors as well as paid staff.

If you have concerns about alleged inappropriate behaviour by a staff member towards any child or young person it is important that you discuss your concerns with the Principal who in turn will consult with the Catholic Education Office.

All complaints are investigated and resolved through a fair and confidential process which involves listening to 'both sides of the story' and giving all involved an opportunity to be heard. If the concerns involve alleged criminal behaviour they will be reported to the Police and the Catholic Education Office will wait for the outcome of the Police investigation before continuing its own investigation.

At the end of an investigation a finding will be made and appropriate follow up determined. In relation to the staff member this may include no action, increased support, professional development, increased supervision/monitoring or disciplinary action, removal of duties or termination of employment.

If harm has occurred to a child, counselling or other support will be offered to the child.



### Parent payment system

Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessments parent payment system (PPS) for Mathematics (Year 2-6), English (Year 2-6), Science (Year 2-6), Spelling Bee (Year 2-6), Writing (Year 3-6) and Digital Technologies (Year 3-6). Through this system parents can pay for ICAS directly online while tests will still be held at our school. Please use the following details to register your child no later than Thursday 15th July, 2021.

Also, complete and return the accompanying permission slip to school no later than Thursday 15th July, 2021.

#### Access details for parents

**Your school access code is: VGZ395**

**Our parent page link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>**

Subject	School Years	Official Sitting Dates	Participation Price (incl. GST)
Science	2-6	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	\$17.05
Digital Technologies	3-6	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	\$17.05
English	2-6	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	\$17.05
Mathematics	2-6	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	\$17.05
Spelling Bee	2-6	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	\$17.05
Writing	3-6	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	\$21.45

**Holy Family Parish School**  
**ACCEPTING**  
**ENROLMENTS**  
**NOW FOR 2022**

Please contact the school office on  
**6862 1610** for an enrolment package, or email  
[admin.parkes@wf.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin.parkes@wf.catholic.edu.au)

 **WESTERN 1 REGIONAL AECG**

*Design our  
Polo Shirt*

We are seeking a design for our Western 1 Regional AECG Polo Shirt  
 Details for the design are:

- A4 size in any format e.g. painted or digital
- Design only on front of Polo Shirt
- Needs to represent Western 1 Regional AECG and the 19 Locals
- No First Nations/Country names
- No totems

**SUBMIT YOUR A4 SIZE DESIGN BY THURSDAY 24 JUNE 2021 TO:**  
[merindah.wilson@wf.catholic.edu.au](mailto:merindah.wilson@wf.catholic.edu.au)  
**FINAL DESIGN SELECTED AT THE WESTERN 1 REGIONAL MEETING**  
**FRIDAY 25 JUNE 2021**

 **NAIDOC WEEK**

**HEALING COUNTRY NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS**  
**PARKES 2021**

FEATURING LIVE LOCAL MUSICIANS

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH  
 TRADITIONAL DANCING  
 TRADITIONAL FOOD SAMPLING  
 NAIDOC AWARD CEREMONY  
 SERVICE PROVIDER STALLS  
 WEAVING AND JEWELLERY MAKING

**WHEN: SATURDAY 10TH JULY 2021**  
**WHERE: BUSHMAN'S HILL**  
**WENTWORTH STREET, PARKES**  
**TIME: 11.30 AM - 2.30 PM**

A COFFEE VAN WILL BE AVAILABLE

BRING A CHAIR OR A RUG AND JOIN US IN THE AMPHITHEATRE