



HFS Happenings

TERM 4 WEEK 1 4TH OCTOBER 2021

**ICAS Writing
Competition
Wed 6th October**

**ICAS English
Competition
Wednesday &
Thursday 13th &
14th October**

**Friday 15th
October
Assembly
Via Zoom 2.45pm**

Contact Details

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Dear Parents

We were delighted to welcome all students back to school today. There were lots of happy faces as children reconnected with their friends and teachers after many weeks away from school. We have returned under Level 3 restrictions. A summary of the restrictions is as follows:

Non-essential visitors will not be allowed on site.

Parents and carers may attend school to;

- Drop off and pick up children to and from the designated areas (parents should remain outside the school gates) Some exceptions for specific purposes such as vulnerable students or students with disabilities will apply.

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Essential visitors including parents attending the school office will need to sign in using our NSW Services QR code.

Any visitors entering the school, including parents coming to the school office, must wear a mask. Please call or email the office for non-essential enquiries

Parent meetings will be held via Zoom or phone call until further notice.

Parents/carers must maintain 1.5m physical distance from other adults at school pick-up and drop-off times. Please avoid gathering outside the gates to socialise and mingle.

Students are expected to be at school unless they have even the mildest of COVID symptoms.

It is recommended but not mandatory for students in K-6 to wear a mask while indoors at school. If you would like your child to wear a mask, please provide a suitable mask for use at school.

Students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, continued good hygiene practices should be followed. eg. hand washing and sanitising.

Indoor areas will be ventilated with windows and doors open where possible to reduce risk.

If a student develops flu-like symptoms while at school, they will be sent home and should not return to school until they have received a negative COVID-19 test result which is provided to and sighted by the school.

First Reconciliation and Confirmation have been postponed until next year. Holy Family's Got Talent has been cancelled (money will be refunded to parents). An updated term planner is included in this week's newsletter. Please note that we will advise week by week as to which events are able to go ahead depending on what level restrictions we are under at that time.

Our Kindergarten Transition Program will commence next Wednesday. We are excited to be welcoming our 2022 Kindergarten students to school for the next six weeks.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding your child's return to school this term.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

September/Oct	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Holidays	20	21	22	23	24	25/26
Holidays	27	28	29	30	1	2/3
Week 1 October	4 Labour Day/ Long Weekend	5 P&F Meeting - 6.30pm (via Zoom)	6 ICAS Writing Competition	7	8	9/10
Week 2 October	11	12	13 ICAS English Competition	14	15 Assembly - 2.45pm (via Zoom)	16/17
Week 3 October	18 ICAS Science Competition	19 ICAS Spelling Competition	20 ICAS Mathematics Competition	21	22	23/24
Week 4 October	25 Year 2 Swimming	26 Year 2 Swimming	27 Year 2 Swimming	28 Year 2 Swimming	29 Year 2 Swimming Year 6 Retreat Day Assembly - 2.45pm (via Zoom)	30/31
Week 5 November	1 All Saints Day Mass Stage 2 Year 2 Swimming	2 All Souls Day Year 2 Swimming	3 Year 2 Swimming	4 Year 2 Swimming	5 Year 2 Swimming	6/7
Week 6 November	8	9	10 School Committee Meeting - 7.30pm	11	12 Assembly - 2.45pm	13/14
Week 7 November	15 WF Basketball/Tennis Trials TBC	16	17	18	19	20/21
Week 8 November	22	23	24	25 Disco - 6.00pm-7.15pm	26 Assembly - 2.45pm	27/28
Week 9 November/Dec	29	30	1	2	3 Kindergarten Liturgy Chapel	4/5
Week 10 December	6 Presentation Night - 6.00pm	7	8	9 Graduation Mass - 6.00pm HF Church	10 Assembly - 2.45pm	11/12
Week 11 December	13 Year 6 Assembly - 2.00pm (Hall)	14	15 Last Day of Term 4 Students and Staff	16	17	18/19
Holidays	20	21	22	23	24	25/26 Christmas Day/ Boxing Day
Holidays	27 Christmas Day PH	28 Boxing Day PH	29	30	31	

Antibiotics

In the case of antibiotics, generally a written request from a parent to the school in relation to the administration of antibiotics will be sufficient. Staff should be aware that some antibiotics require refrigeration.

Over the Counter Medication

Over the counter medication including panadol must not be administered by school staff unless a written request is received from the student's parent, with the medication in the original labelled container. The exception is reliever puffers for the emergency treatment of asthma.

Parents are responsible for:

Obtaining the relevant medication forms from the school and arranging for their completion and return

Providing the medication in the original labelled container to the nominated staff member

Ensuring the medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the student's name, dosage and time to be taken

Providing a request by parents and written instructions from a medical practitioner for prescription medication, indicating:

Name of student

Condition for which the medication is required

Guidelines for administration

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 for other parents trying to drop their children to school.

ICAS COMPETITION DATES

New dates for ICAS Competitions as follows:
Wednesday 6th October - ICAS Writing
Wednesday 13th October - ICAS English
Monday 18th October - ICAS Science
Tuesday 19th October - ICAS Spelling
Wednesday 20th October - ICAS Mathematics

Important

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.

Wiradjuri Animal



Squirrel

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Parkes Little Athletics Centre Inc.

**Starts Term 4, Mondays at 5.30pm.
Registrations open soon. Head to our
Facebook page
@parkeslittleathleticsclub1 to get
all the latest information.**

**“To develop children of all abilities by promoting
positive attitudes and a healthy lifestyle through
family and community involvement in athletic
activities.”**



**is back bigger and better for
2021...**



**The team at Parkes Touch work
tirelessly to ensure that we
provide you with the best
competition possible for touch
lovers big and small.**

This year we are excited to share with you a new and improved
AusTouch competition.

Parents will no longer need to organise and nominate a team; we will
do that for you.

Simply register your child based on the year they are currently in and
we will place them into teams.

- Kinder
- Year 1
- Year 2



We will still need parents to help with coaching and guiding the teams
each week.

At Parkes Touch we believe this will allow for an even competition and
will maximise the enjoyment and development of all children involved.

We do understand the importance of playing with your besties and
have included the option "to tell us one friend your child would like to
be in a team with" and we will do our best to accommodate every
request.

Registrations are now open and we look forward to seeing you all on
the field in **October 2021**

For further information and
to register, access the QR
codes below for the Club's
Facebook page and
website.



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