



# HFS Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6 14th November 2022

## Week 6 Events

### MONDAY

Yr 2 Intensive  
Swimming  
(Cancelled)

### TUESDAY

Yr 2 Intensive  
Swimming

### WEDNESDAY

Yr 2 Intensive  
Swimming

### THURSDAY

Kinder  
Transition  
9.15-11am

Yr 2 Intensive  
Swimming

### FRIDAY

Yr 2 Intensive  
Swimming

Assembly  
2.45pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week Adrian Day and Layla Kupkee represented our school at the local Remembrance Day ceremony at Cooke Park. Both Adrian and Layla read names of the fallen and were outstanding representatives of our school. All students participated in a Remembrance Day ceremony in our school hall on the day.

Thank you to the families who have placed an order for our P&F tea towel fundraiser. These will make lovely Christmas gifts for family members. If you missed placing your order and you would still like a tea towel, please contact the office today as orders via Compass closed Friday afternoon.

Last week our students commenced a basketball program which has been funded through a successful Sporting Schools Australia grant. Each class will participate in basketball skills, drills and games over the coming weeks for sport.

Our Year 2 students had a great week last week participating in our Intensive Swimming Program. They will continue to go to the pool each day this week for the second week of the program depending on staffing availability and weather conditions.

Our Week 6 Assembly will be held in the school hall on Friday at 2.45pm. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

We are expecting delivery of the 2023 HFS School Bag shortly. If you have not yet placed your order in Compass you still have time to do so. We look forward to distributing the bags to families when they arrive.

Our thoughts go out to staff members and families affected by the recent flooding. Please note that staffing in our school may be affected this week.

Denise Gersbach  
Principal



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## Star of the Week

Ruby Hackett is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being a helpful and kind student.

### Interview with Ruby



Favourite subject	Mathematics
Favourite pastime	Art (Painting)
Favourite food	McDonald's
What do you like most about our school?	Everyone is kind
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	An artist

Term 4 Week 6: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - In Praise)

### **Appreciate and celebrate others' successes**

I have two challenges for you this fortnight. You can attempt one or both and there will be two prizes. Enjoy the challenges with your family and friends.

#### *This fortnight's challenges -*

**Puzzle time**  
Seven up!

Put the numbers  
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7  
in the circles so that each  
straight line of three numbers  
adds up to the same total.

**Puzzle time**  
Balloon bursting

If a number in one of the balloons is included in the answers to the four problems below then that balloon will fly away.

- Balloons with a multiple of 9
- Square number balloons
- Prime number balloons

**WHICH BALLOON IS LEFT?**

If you solve the problems and there are multiple winning entries, your name will go into a draw. The winners 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 this week.

I hope everyone has a great week.

Andrew Berger

Assistant Principal

# Religion

## Religious Education

### Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

As we near the end of the school year, we begin preparing for two important end-of-year liturgical celebrations- the **Kindergarten Liturgy** and the **Year 6 Graduation Mass**. Both play significant roles in the faith development of the students.

The Kindergarten Liturgy- with a Nativity theme, introduces the Kinders to leading and assisting in the liturgical celebration for the first time.

The Year 6 Grad Mass is a Mass of thanksgiving, farewell and blessing for our Year 6 graduates.

## Season of Advent



**Sunday, 27 November - Saturday, 24 December**

Choir practice has begun for the **Parkes Carols in the Park**. Many students from Year 2 to Year 6 have put their names down to join the school choir.

### **Parkes Carols in the Park**

**Where- Cooke Park**

**When- 11 December from 6.30pm (Parkes Shire Band)**

**7.30pm Community/School Choirs Carols**

***More information with details will go out to the choir members shortly.***

### **Masses/Liturgies in Term 4.**

Mass/Liturgy	Date & Time	Church/Chapel/Hall	Class
Kindergarten Liturgy	Friday, 1 December, 2022 12: 15pm	HF Chapel	Early Stage 1
Year 6 Graduation Mass	Thursday, 8 December, 2022 6pm	HF Church	Stage 3

- *Further information regarding the Masses/Liturgies will be sent home closer to their dates.*

**I hope everyone has a wonderful week!**

**Beverly Berger**

# Wiradjuri



**This week Year 2 watched a documentary “ The Aboriginal Art of Fire Making ” with Mrs Payne. Afterwards they had the opportunity to try and make a fire.**

# Notes



## SAVE THE DATES

### TERM 4 DATES

Date	Event
Tues 22 Nov - 11.30pm	Dad's in School Day (Kindergarten)
Thur 1 Dec	Kindergarten Liturgy (12.15pm) Term 4 Disco (6pm)
Fri 2 Dec - 5.30pm	Christmas Parade (Cnr Bushman & Clarinda St)
Thur 8 Dec - 6pm	Year 6 Graduation Mass (HF Church)
Fri 9 Dec - 2pm	Year 6 Assembly (HFS Hall)
Sun 11 Dec - 6.30pm	Carols in the Park (Cooke Park)
Mon 12 Dec - 6pm	Presentation night (HFS Hall)
Thur 15 Dec - 2.45pm	Assembly
Fri 16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4

## Google Parent Calendar

Did you know you can access the Holy Family Parent calendar online? The link to our parent calendar is:

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=wf.catholic.edu.au\\_r8odqnoaihvo7aj7rnc934raj0%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Australia%2FSydney](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=wf.catholic.edu.au_r8odqnoaihvo7aj7rnc934raj0%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Australia%2FSydney)

Copy and paste into your browser and bookmark for easy access.



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# BLACK & White

D I S C O!!

Come dressed in your favourite  
Black and White outfit

**1st  
December**

**PARKES SERVICES CLUB UPSTAIRS  
6PM - 7.30PM  
\$3.00 ENTRY**

# Notes

## HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL BAG

**\$50 PER BAG,  
ORDER ON COMPASS BY  
17TH OF NOVEMBER 2022**

In 2023 our uniform policy will expand to now include a Holy Family school bag, which has been purposefully designed for our students. We hope the bag will beautifully complement our existing uniform and enhance our student's overall image within our school community and at large.

- Robustly Australian designed and made
- Ergonomic and spacious design, with adequate space for all student belongings
- **Lifetime guarantee\*** for product faults such as zippers (not general wear and tear)
- Sale proceeds 100% redirected to our school
- Enhances overall school image and gives students a sense of equality and belonging by removing the presence of branded products
- Will form part of our compulsory uniform policy during 2023
- Available to order through Compass. \$50 per unit, credit card payment accepted. Ready to collect Term 4 2022.



We appreciate your support

### RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS

The Catholic Education Office Wilcannia-Forbes (CEO) is committed to providing a harmonious and safe environment for all students, parents and staff. The CEO and the schools in its care strive to be communities of faith, hope and love, where communication takes place in an environment of openness and mutual respect.

The Concerns and Complaints Handling Policy provides guidance on the Complaint management system for students, parents, caregivers and community members who wish to raise a concern or make a complaint about a Diocesan School. It applies to all CEOWF Staff, School Staff and individuals engaged at the school including but not limited to external service providers, contractors, helpers and volunteers.

A Parents Concern and Complaints Brochure is available from our school office and downloadable from our website.

# Indigenous Homework /Cultural Groups

## Who can attend?

Secondary and year 6 students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

## Location

Neighbourhood Central, 80-82 Currajong Street Parkes  
Neighbourhood Central Community Hub, 87 Caswell Street Peak Hill

## Time:

Parkes: Monday 3-5pm

Peak Hill Tues: 3-5pm

## Contact Information

Parkes:  
Micheal Anderson 68623757

Peak Hill:  
Lisa Cohen 68691037

## What We Offer

- Free afternoon tea
- Cultural education
  - Language
  - Elder visits
  - Cultural day trips during school holidays
- Help with assignments
- Monthly visits to Country Universities Centre
  - Access to computers
  - Access to workshops including resume building, scholarship applications and many more



# Parkes Homework Centre Centre

Monday 3pm to 5pm

<b>17th October</b>	<b>24th October</b> What is Wiradjuri Country?	<b>31st October</b> What did Wiradjuri do instead of school?	<b>7th November</b> Country University Centre
<b>14th November</b> What did Wiradjuri use for medicine/healthcare?	<b>21st November</b> How did the Wiradjuri people use the stars?	<b>28th November</b> Did Wiradjuri people grow food?	<b>5th December</b> Country University Centre
<b>12th December</b> Christmas theme:	School Holidays		

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRAL ON 68623757





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# Vaping – ‘short and sweet’

What do parents need to know?

**Webinar Thursday 17 November 2022**



**The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT in collaboration with the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle - Federation of Parents & Friends Associations invites:** parents, carers and staff to attend a free webinar about this growing issue.

The session will provide up-to-date and accurate information on the use of e-cigarettes and vaping, including the potential harms associated with the use of these devices, particularly young people.

Practical advice will also be provided on how to talk to young people about vaping, as well as some possible responses that parents can use should their child attempt to challenge them in this complex area.

## Webinar Details

**DATE** Thursday 17th November, 2022  
**TIME** 7.00 - 8.30pm  
**VENUE** online  
**RSVP** <https://forms.office.com/r/BR3b1TsHT5>  
or scan the QR code.

You can attend the webinar using your mobile phone, laptop, or tablet. You do not need to download any programs.

*Please note this event will not be recorded.  
This webinar is for parents and carers not students.*

For any issues registering for the webinar please contact office@ccsp.catholic.edu.au or call 02 9287 1514



**Paul Dillon – Drug and Alcohol Research Training Australia (DARTA)**



Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for more than 25 years. Through his own business, DARTA, he has been contracted by many agencies and organisations across the country to give regular updates on current drug trends within the community. He continues to work with many school communities across the country to ensure that they have access to good quality information and best practice drug education.

With a best-selling book titled ‘Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs’ released internationally, Paul has a broad knowledge across a range of areas. Paul is regarded as a key social commentator in Australia, appearing on a wide range of television programs discussing topical issues. Paul also has a *blog* where he discusses topical issues of the day, as well as addressing some of the questions he is regularly asked by those attending his presentations.



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