



# HFS Newsletter

Term 2 Week 7 5th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

My deepest sympathies go to Miss Nicole Westwood on the passing of her father, Maurie, yesterday. Maurie was the groundsman at our school for many years and holds a special place in all of our hearts. Please keep Nicole and her family in your prayers during this sad time.

Last week Daisy Rice and Alyra Williams proudly represented Polding at the NSW PSSA Hockey Carnival in Tamworth. At the end of a very exciting week of hockey, Polding were named joint NSW PSSA champions - an amazing result. At the end of the tournament Daisy was named in the NSW PSSA hockey team which will compete at Hobart at the Australian All Schools Championships, an incredible achievement! Congratulations to both girls!

Congratulations to Tyson Smith who was named in the Wilcannia-Forbes Rugby Union team last Monday!

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat with a special Mass in our school hall. All parents and friends are invited to join us for this special celebration.

On Wednesday children who have nominated to compete in the 1500m event for our Athletics Carnival will walk to Northparkes Oval to run this event. Children who have also qualified for the high jump will compete in this event at school on the same day. Children who are in either 1500m or high jump are asked to wear their sports uniform to school on Wednesday.

We will be having a Mufti-Mission Day at school on Friday to raise money for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. There will be lots of great stalls on the day. Parents are welcome to join us on the day.

Denise Gersbach  
Principal



## Week 7 Events

### TUESDAY

**Marcellin  
Champagnat  
Whole School  
Mass - 12pm  
(Hall)**

### FRIDAY

**Mufti-Mission  
Day 11am -  
11:45am**

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Holy Family Parish School, Parkes

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## Star of the Week

Braith Stevenson is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being well mannered and attentive to the needs of others.

### Interview with Braith

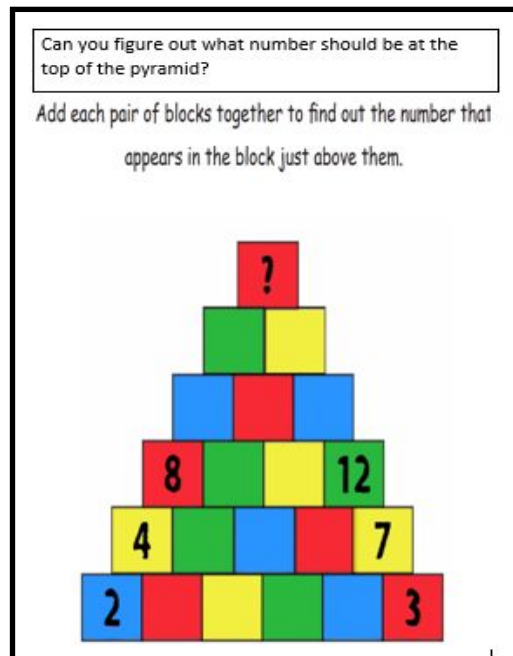
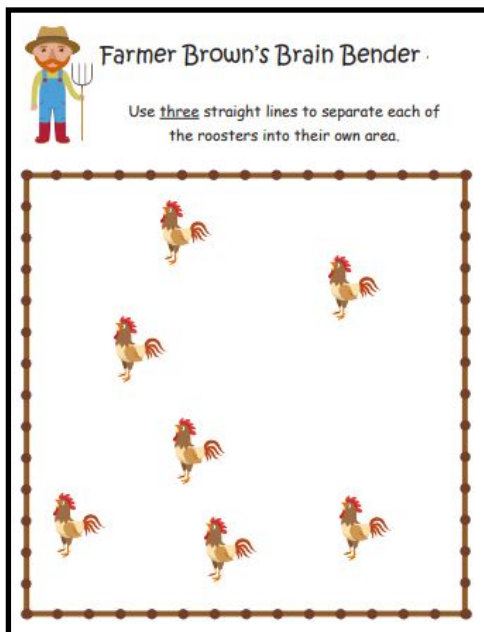


Favourite subject	Sport
Favourite pastime	Playing with my trains
Favourite food	Chicken nuggets & pizza
What do you like most about our school?	Playing in the sandpit
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A singer

Term 2 Week 7: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

□ **Be trustworthy and honest**

I have two challenges for you this week. You can attempt one or both and there will be two prizes. *This fortnight's challenges -*



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

# Religion

## Religious Education

### Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

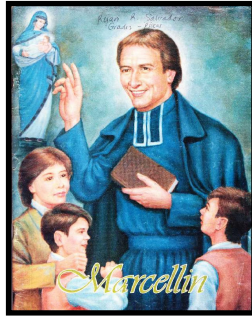
Last Sunday, 4 June, was the solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity.

On Tuesday, 6 June, 12:00pm, there will be a special Mass to celebrate the Feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat.

- Whole School Mass
- Tuesday, 6 June, 12:00pm at HFS Hall
- All are welcome to attend.

#### The Marist Way:

- In the Way of Mary
- Family Spirit
- Presence
- Love of Work
- Simplicity



**Marist Theme 2023: Created + Called *A revolution of love and tenderness***

- **Sacrament of Confirmation: Date: Friday, 16 June, 6:00pm, Holy Family Church**

**Children who are making their Confirmation to please meet the teachers at the Fr. Pat Centre at 5:30pm to get organised for the Entrance Procession.**

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger



# Assembly Awards

## Week 6

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
<b>Student of the Week</b>	KJC	Abraham Al-Maliky
	1S	Tyler McPhee
	2CA	Archie McIntyre
	3H	Arlo Cassidy
	4F	Bella Allen
	5/6B	Ashton McQuie
	5/6H	Zahli Gillingham
	5/6N	Hamish Newham
<b>Recognition of Learning Award</b>	Infants - KJC	Hirad Mohamadi
	Primary - 5/6N	Aidan McTiernan
<b>Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)</b>	Infants - 1S	Reed Wild
	Primary - 5/6B	Connie Fryer
<b>Playground Behaviour Award</b>	Infants - 2CA	Seth Toomey
	Primary - 3H	Piper Newham
<b>Leadership Award</b>	Infants - KJC	Frankie Clarke
	Primary - 4F	Issac Allen
<b>Living the Gospel Values</b>	Infants - 1S	Angus Walker
	Primary - 5/6B	Hannah Wood

# Notes

## Pupil Free Days

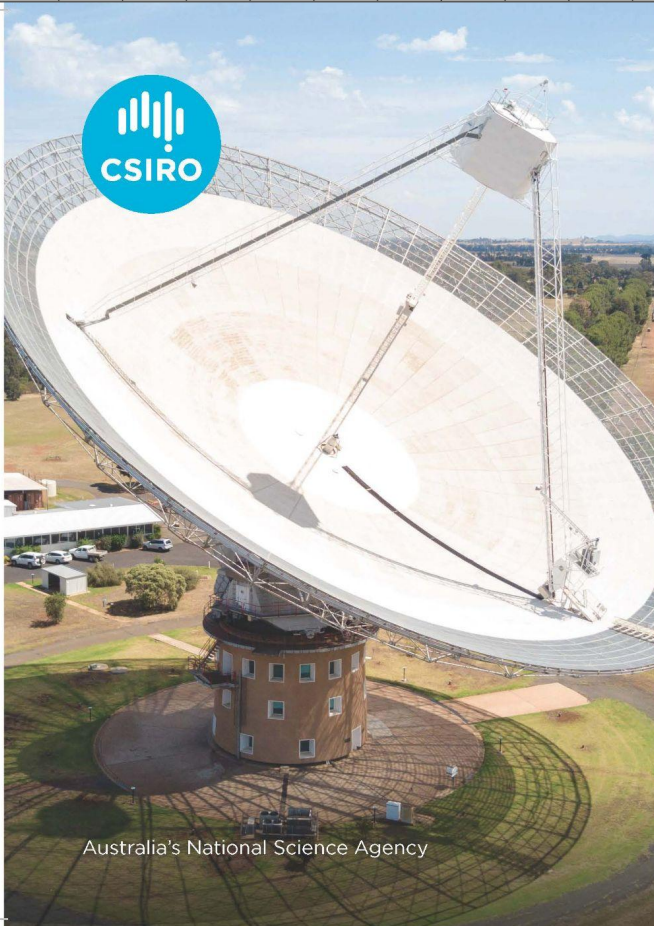
Please note the following days for Term 3:

- Tuesday 29th August - 12 pm (Half day Show)
- Friday 15th September

## ICAS Registration

ICAS is an online academic competition that is open to students from Year 2 - Year 6 and is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

To register go to: [Here](#)  
Use School Code: **CFK496**



## Stargazing at the Dish

CSIRO Parkes radio telescope, Murriyang

Yes, there are telescopes provided!

**Saturday 1 July 2023**  
6pm to 8.30pm

No booking required for this free event

This is a family winter event, so please rug up! If the weather is cloudy or stormy, please call to confirm.

Parkes Observatory Visitors Centre  
(02) 6861 1777  
parkes-vdc@csiro.au  
585 Telescope Road, Parkes NSW 2870  
20 km north of Parkes on the Newell Hwy

This is a **radio quiet zone**. Please assist by turning off phones and wi-fi devices or activating airplane or flight mode.

Australia's National Science Agency

# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NAIDOC 2023



**Please join us in  
celebrating NAIDOC week  
Tuesday 27th June 2023**

ASSEMBLY -9:30am

Smoking ceremony • Guest speakers • School Choir performance

WITH GUEST PERFORMANCES FROM

Red Bend Catholic College Dance Group • Parkes High School Dance Group

GROUP ACTIVITIES -11am

Dance Workshop • Scratch art • Painting

Dreamtime stories • Beading • Making Johnny Cakes & loads more!

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH 1pm

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR MORNING ASSEMBLY FROM

9.30AM TO 10.30AM & VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH OUR MIDDLE

SESSION ROTATIONAL ACTIVITIES FROM 11AM

**CHILDREN TO DRESS IN NAIDOC COLOURS  
(RED, YELLOW, BLACK, GREEN & BLUE)**



**For Our  
Elders**

**HONORING  
OUR ELDERS:**

*Past, Present, and Emerging*

26 May 2023



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**  
WILCANNIA-FORBES

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well, and we appreciate your continued support of your child's education within our diocesan system of schools. I am writing to provide you with an important update regarding the school calendar and your school's pupil-free day schedule.

As you may be aware, the New South Wales curriculum has recently undergone a major reform aimed at enhancing the learning experience for students. This reform entails significant pedagogical shifts and updates to content knowledge, ensuring a comprehensive and relevant education for your child. To ensure our teachers are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to deliver high-quality education, sectors and schools across the state are prioritising additional professional learning time (pupil-free days).

In alignment with our commitment to providing the best possible education for your child, we have allocated an additional two pupil-free days for each school in our system. These days, which will be taken in the second semester of the school year, offer valuable opportunities for our teachers to engage in deep learning, collaborate with colleagues, and enhance their instructional practices.

**One of the additional pupil-free days will be held on 15 September**, during which a system-wide curriculum reform symposium will take place. This symposium is a collaborative effort co-hosted by our school system and Catholic Schools New South Wales (CSNSW). It will bring together staff from all schools within our diocese and additional teachers from across the state to engage in deep professional learning. This collective learning experience will further enhance our teachers' skills and promote consistency in delivering the new curriculum.

We understand that the addition of professional learning days may require adjustments to your family's schedule. Your school will provide you with well-advanced notice of the relevant dates on which your child will not attend school due to pupil-free days. We greatly appreciate your understanding and support in allowing our teachers to engage in this essential learning opportunity.

The commitment to additional professional learning across all sectors and schools in NSW reflects our shared goal of continuous improvement and delivering the best possible educational outcomes for your child. We are confident that the investment in our staff's professional growth will yield long-term benefits and contribute to the continued success of our students.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in your child's education.

Sincerely,

*Paula Leadbitter*

**Head of Learning and Teaching**  
**Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes**

# KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN AND OUT OF THE CAR

For  
Parents

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

## NATIONAL CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS REQUIRE YOUR CHILD TO BE RESTRAINED IN THE CAR AS FOLLOWS:

- 0 – 6 months Approved rear-facing child car seat.
- 6 months – 4 years Approved rear or forward-facing child car seat.
- 4+ years Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.
- 145cm or taller Suggested minimum height to use adult lap-sash belt.

## HERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE IN AND OUT OF THE CAR:

- Children should remain in the car until an adult opens the 'Safety Door'. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.
- A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while in the car.
- Assist your children to buckle up – always check the seatbelt is buckled up firmly and not twisted.
- Make it a rule that every passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.
- Always help your child get in and out of the car through the 'Safety Door'.

Never leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. Children may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and organ failure if left unattended, especially on hot days.

A child who is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a crash than one who is not.