

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 2 5th February 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

P&F Meeting
6pm
(Coachman Hotel)

WEDNESDAY

School Leaders' Induction Mass
9:45am
(HF Church)

THURSDAY

Swimming Carnival

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Holy Family School for the start of the 2024 school year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break, and I trust you are as excited as I am for the opportunities that await us in the coming months.

I would like to extend a very special welcome to our newest members of the Holy Family community – our Kindergarten students who are commencing their educational journey with us today. We are thrilled to have them as part of our Holy Family family, and we look forward to watching them grow and thrive.

Additionally, I want to warmly welcome Allegra Cronin (3NC), Eva Benjamin (2CH), and Hannah Benjamin (3NC) who joined our school last week. Your presence has already enriched our school community, and we are excited to have you as part of our team.

I am delighted to introduce our newest staff member, Mrs. Kath Nadin, who will be teaching 3NC three days per week this year. We are confident that Mrs. Nadin's expertise and dedication will enrich our students' learning experiences.

It was heartwarming to see all our students return last Thursday, eager and ready to embrace the new year and their new classroom environments. The enthusiasm in the air is infectious, and we are all set for an amazing year of learning and personal growth.

Our Induction Mass will be held at Holy Family Church on Wednesday at 9:45 am. This is a momentous occasion where we not only celebrate the start of the school year but also induct our 2024 school leaders. I extend a warm invitation to all parents and friends to join us for this special event.

Our swimming carnival is happening this Thursday at the Parkes Pool. To get into the spirit of the day, children are encouraged to wear coloured clothing corresponding to their house colour. It's sure to be a day of fun and friendly competition.

Our Parent and Friends Association (P&F) will be holding their first meeting for the year tonight at 6pm at the Coachman Hotel. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in school life as a parent, and I strongly encourage all parents to consider attending. Your support and engagement make a significant difference.

As we embark on this new school year, let us embrace the opportunities and challenges it brings with enthusiasm, determination, and a strong sense of community.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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Holy Family Parish School Parkes

★ Star of the Week ★

Star of the Week

Minaga Ralalage is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being kind and hardworking.

Interview with Minaga



What is your favourite subject?	Mathematics
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play on my computer
What is your favourite food?	Pizza
What do you like most about our school?	The teachers are very kind and I have good friends
What are your strengths?	I'm good at cricket
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	Train driver

Term 1 Week 2: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - LOVE)

❖ **Show empathy, tolerance and understanding**

This fortnight's challenge is to conduct some research and fill in the correct answers.

<i>Country</i>	<i>National Animal</i>
Australia	
Germany	
United States	
Canada	
India	
Brazil	
France	
Russia	
Thailand	
China	

If 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

Religious Education

5th Week in Ordinary Time

The School Leaders' Induction Mass is on Wednesday, 7th February, 9:45am at Holy Family Church. Our 2024 School Captains, School Vice-Captains, House Captains, SRC members, Junior AECG members and Year 6 students will receive their leadership badges at the Mass. Years 1-6 will attend the Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Sacrament of Confirmation.

All Catholic students in Year 6, 2024, have the opportunity to make their **Sacrament of Confirmation**. The Sacrament of Confirmation Mass will take place at **Holy Family Parish Church at 6:00pm on Friday, 22nd March, 2024**. **The children will need to be there at 5:45pm** so that they can be organised and ready for a 6:00pm start. The children can dress in smart casual clothes. The children will be prepared for the Sacrament at school.

★ **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday- 14th February**

Mass/Liturgy	Date & Time	Church/Chapel/Hall	Class
School Leaders' Induction Mass	Wednesday, 7 February, 2024 9:45 am	HF Church	Stages 3
Ash Wednesday Whole School Liturgy	Wednesday, 14 February, 2024 12:15pm	HF Hall	Stage 2
Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)	Friday, 22 March, 2024 6:00pm	HF Church	Stage 3
Holy Thursday School Whole Liturgy	Thursday, 28 March, 2024 12:15 pm	HF Hall	Whole School

We look forward to the Masses/Liturgies in Term 1.

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

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

2024 Calendar - Term 1

Term 1 2024 Planner - Parents

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Jan/Feb	1	29 School Holidays	30	31 Staff Commence	1 Year 1-6 Students Commence Kindergarten Assessments	2 Kindergarten Assessments	3/4
Feb	2	5 Kindergarten students commence P&F Meeting - 6pm	6	7 Induction of School Leaders Mass - 9.45am - HF Church	8 Swimming Carnival	9 Polding Basketball/Tennis Trials (Lismore)	10/11
	3	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday Stage 1 Liturgy - 12.15pm	15	16 WF Central Cluster Swimming (Parkes) P&F Back to School Bash - Parkes Town Bowling Club	17/18
	4	19 Parent Information Night (Kindergarten) - 6.00pm Sporting Schools Tennis Program	20	21 School Committee Meeting - 7.30pm	22	23 5/6B Chapel Mass - 9.45am WF AFL (Hay) Assembly - 2.45pm	24/25
	5	26 Sporting Schools Tennis Program	27	28	29	1 WF Swimming (Parkes)	2/3
March	6	4 Pupil Free Day	5 WF Hockey, Netball, Soccer, League (Parkes)	6 P&F Meeting (AGM) - 6pm	7	8 5/6N Chapel Mass - 9.45am Assembly - 2.45pm	9/10
	7	11 Sporting Schools Tennis Program	12	13 NAPLAN Writing	14 NAPLAN Reading K-2 League Stars Mixed Tag Gala Day - Parkes	15 Eco Day - Year 5 (Parkes Racecourse)	16/17 Home Grown - P&F Stall - 16/3 Parish Picnic - 17/3
	8	18 *	19 NAPLAN Conventions of Language	20 NAPLAN Numeracy	21	22 Hockey Gala Day Sacrament of Confirmation 6:00pm Holy Family Church Assembly - 2.45pm	23/24
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	9	25 Sporting Schools Tennis Program	26 WF Touch Trials (Pks)	27 Easter Hat Parade (Mufti) - 9.15am	28 Holy Thursday Whole School Liturgy (Holy Thursday) HFS Hall- 12:15pm	29 Good Friday	30/31 Easter Sat/Sun
Mar/Apr	10	1 Easter Monday	2 Pupil Free Day	3 Polding Swimming (Homebush) P&F Meeting - 6pm	4 David Peachey/Russell Richardson Cup - Condobolin School Disco - 6.00pm	5 5/6H Chapel Mass - 9.45am Assembly - 2.45pm	6/7
	11	8 School Public Speaking Competition - Year 3-6	9 Upstage (K-6) 9.00am-12.30pm	10 School Cross Country	11	12 Last Day of Term	13/14
NSW PSSA Swimming (Homebush)							

Notes

BACK TO SCHOOL

BBQ BASH

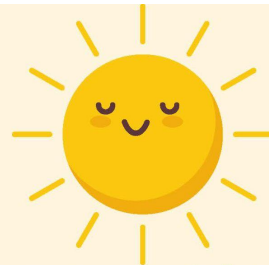
PARKES BOWLING CLUB
6 CECILE STREET

FRIDAY 16 FEB 2024
4:30PM ONWARDS

* BBQ * POPCORN * BALL GAMES *
* JUMPING CASTLE * BAREFOOT BOWLS *



RSUP: MONDAY 12 FEB 2024 TO SCHOOL OFFICE



HELLO SUNSHINE WE NEED YOU!

HOLY FAMILY P&F BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We need volunteers for 2024 to keep
this wonderful initiative alive.

Can you spare 1 hour on a Monday,
Wednesday or Friday, 8.15am-9.15am?

Please contact the office to volunteer, without
you we can't keep bringing a smile and some
brekky to our beautiful kids. Thank you!



LIFE of MUSIC Australia ~ Parkes NSW SING ~ GUITAR ~ DRUM

Group lessons with Sharee Wilson
Ph: 0425-972-572

Group Beginner Lessons - School ages 8 yrs & up.

Held at Parkes Presbyterian Church Hall Cnr Gap & Hill st.

Enroll now for Term 1 ~ 2024

Tuesday's Primary Beginners 8 - 11 yrs. Starts 6th Feb 2024.

3.30pm Sing
4.10pm Guitar
4.50pm Bucket Drumming with drum sticks.
5.30 pm This time available for another group lesson based upon demand.

Thursday's Beginners 12 yrs & up. Starts 8th Feb 2024.

3.30pm Sing
4.10pm Guitar
4.50pm Bucket Drumming with drum sticks.
5.30 pm This time available for another group lesson based upon demand.

ONLINE LENT LET'S REFLECT TOGETHER

Join the Sawtell Parish and the
Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes for a
special experience - a space to delve
into our Lenten journeys. We meet
online from 7:30-8:30pm on the
Tuesday evenings of 13, 20, 27 Feb,
and 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar. We will follow
the Pieta program from the
Wollongong Diocese, cost: \$9.90
www.dow.org.au/product/pieta-lenten-program-2024-book/

To participate, or if you are unable to
purchase the book, contact Trevor
Cooper
coopersandcompany@gmail.com
or Sr Elizabeth
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Notes

DELIVERY OF MEDICATION TO THE SCHOOL

Wherever possible medication should be provided to the school by parents on a daily basis. If the parent is unable to deliver the medication to the school it is advisable that a responsible person nominated by the parent to deliver it. If a student is given the responsibility of delivering the medication to the designated area, a proper assessment of the risk will be conducted.

Factors to be taken into account when assessing the risk are:

- the maturity and capacity of the student
- parental consent
- any additional safety issue

Self-administration

Parents/Guardians need to inform the school regarding students taking medication at school. With the exception of the use of asthma relievers self-administration of medication by Primary aged school students is **not appropriate**.

DIOCESAN ONLINE FORMATION



*with
Fr Arthur Givney*

*Theme:
Divine Mercy*

7:30pm-8:10pm Wednesday

7th February

Zoom Meeting ID 665 8411 5159 and Passcode 709885



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School Fees Structure 2024

Tuition Fees per annum

	2024
First child	\$ 1189.00
Second child	\$1070.10
Third child	\$951.20

Resource Fee: per child per annum **\$388.00**

Chromebook Fee (K-6) Touch Screen: per child per annum of **\$178.00**

Building Fund: per family per annum is set at **\$378.00**

Total Fees per annum

	2024	Amount if paid upfront by 28 February 2023
One Student	\$ 2133.00	\$2026.35
Two Students	\$ 3769.10	\$3580.65
Three Students	\$ 5108.30	\$4852.89
Four Students	\$5496.30	\$5221.49
Five Students	\$6418.30	\$6097.39

If fees are paid as a lump sum by the 28th February a 5% discount will be applied

Weekly breakdown of fees (over 40 weeks of the school year):		Termly breakdown of fees due by week 8 each Term.	
One student:	\$ 106.60 per fortnight	One student:	\$533.00 per term
Two students:	\$ 188.40 per fortnight	Two Students:	\$942.00 per term
Three students:	\$ 255.40 per fortnight	Three students:	\$1277.00 per term
Four Students:	\$ 274.80 per fortnight	Four Students:	\$1374.00 per term
Five Students:	\$ 320.90 per fortnight	Five Students:	\$1604.50 per term

Available methods of account payments:

- Fortnightly, monthly, or Term payments are very welcome and encouraged.
- Direct deposit, Credit Card payments can be made at the school office
- Holy Family School is registered for Centrepay arrangements.

Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes

Attendance Information for Parents



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Compliance with Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes (CEWF) Attendance policies and procedures allows schools, students and parents to meet their obligations under the NSW Education Act 1990.

As stated in CEWF's Attendance Policy parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence.

If details regarding the explanation for absences are insufficient, principals may register the absence as unjustified.

It is most important that parents provide details for an absence of their child when using the Compass Parent Portal or when sending in a note to the school.

In Compass, parents have the following absence reasons to select from when entering an absence via the Parent Portal:

- Medical Illness - to be used for sickness, medical and dental treatment
- Medical appointment - appointments with medical professionals, dental practitioners
- Travel - student does not attend school due to a student/family holiday
- Other Explained Absence - school has received a satisfactory explanation for a student's absence. Includes: misadventure or unforeseen event, participation in non-school events, domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member, attendance at funerals, recognised religious festivals
- Natural Disaster - a student is unable to attend school due to an extreme weather event or other natural disaster. Includes: bushfire, flood or storm events

Please note that when selecting a reason for the absence, parents **MUST** also fill in the Details/Comment section in the Parent Portal. Examples as follows:

- Medical illness - details 'has a stomach bug'
- Medical appointment - details 'doctor's appointment'
- Travel - details 'family holiday to the Gold Coast'
- Other Explained Absence - details 'attending funeral of a relative'
- Natural Disaster - details 'road to town cut off by flood waters'

Whole day/s absences can be entered via the Compass Parent Portal however **late arrivals and/or early departures** are to be entered via the Kiosk Lite at the school office.

Should you have any questions regarding the use of absence codes, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal for further information.