



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 6 4th March 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 6

MONDAY

Pupil Free Day

TUESDAY

WF Winter Trials
(Soccer, League,
Netball)

WEDNESDAY

P&F Meeting
(AGM) 6pm
(Coachman Hotel)

FRIDAY

5/6N Mass 9.45am
(Chapel)
Assembly 2.45pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all our students who represented our school at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Parkes last Friday. Despite the challenging hot weather conditions, our students displayed remarkable sportsmanship and pride in representing our school.

Special congratulations are in order for Hamish Newham, Curtis Arndell, Bruce Burt, Knox Calabro, Nate Calabro and Emrys Cassidy who have now qualified to represent the Diocese at the Polding Swimming Carnival at Homebush. Your hard work and commitment have paid off, and we are incredibly proud of your achievements.

Today, our staff are engaged in professional learning sessions focusing on the new Curriculum. This training will equip our educators with the latest tools and knowledge to ensure the continued excellence of our academic programs.

Tomorrow our Year 5/6 students will be competing in the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials here in Parkes. We wish them the best of luck as they showcase their skills and sportsmanship on the field.

I would like to remind all parents and friends of Holy Family School that our Parents & Friends (P&F) Association will be hosting their Annual General Meeting and March meeting at the Coachman Hotel at 6pm on Wednesday night. Your participation and input are invaluable, and I encourage everyone to attend and consider nominating for a position within the P&F Committee.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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[Holy Family Parish School Parkes](https://www.facebook.com/HolyFamilyParishSchoolParkes)

★ Star of the Week ★

Mary Drooger is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being kind and having a good sense of humour.

Interview with Mary



What is your favourite subject?	Art
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Playing games on my Nintendo
What is your favourite food?	Ham & cheese sandwich
What do you like most about our school?	The spelling program and my friends
What are your strengths?	I have a good imagination
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A veterinarian (vet)

Term 1 Week 6: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

◆ Respect everyone in the school community

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

<i>Through which countries do the following rivers flow- (Choose the correct answers from the yellow box below)</i>	<i>Country</i>
Amazon River	
Nile River	
Ganges River	
Yangtze River	
Rhine River	
Mississippi River	
Volga River	
Murray River	
Thames River	
China Brazil India United States Egypt Australia United Kingdom Germany Russia	

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



Third Week of Lent

**Year 5/6N will be attending morning Mass at 9:45am in the Chapel on Friday, 8th March.*



Click on the link if you would like some information on Project Compassion-

<https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/>

STAFF MARIST SPIRITUALITY

All staff will attend 2 Twilight Marist Spirituality Sessions (after school) on Tuesday, 12th and Wednesday, 13th March.

ALTAR SERVING-

We are looking for some new altar servers so if anyone in Years 4 to 6 who have made their First Holy Communion is interested, please let the Parish Office or Holy Family School Office know. You can also inform Mrs Berger at school and training will be org;

School office- 6862 1610

Parish Office- 6862 2469



Easter Hat Parade & Mufti Mission Day- 27th March

Sacrament of Confirmation.

Holy Family Parish Church at 6:00pm on Friday, 22nd March, 2024.

A note with more details has been sent home. Please fill in the details required as soon as possible and return to the school office.

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

Mass/Liturgy	Date & Time	Church/Chapel/Hall	Class
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

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

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Notes



HOLY FAMILY PARISH - EASTER PICNIC

on

Sunday March 24, 2024

Devonshire Tea and

Games to start at 11 am

BYO picnic lunch, drinks, and chair

(NB: alcohol-free event)

Family and friends

Venue: Holy Family School hall and grounds

ALL WELCOME

Contact Pat McCallum

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badger47@bigpond.net.au

or

Parish office 6862 2469

RSVP Wednesday 20 March



BAKED GOODS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The Homegrown Parkes Markets are back on Saturday 16th March and the P&F is running a stall to raise much needed funds for Holy Family School.

At the Inaugural HG Markets in October we raised over \$1500 with fantastic feedback received from across the community.

We are expecting around 2000 people to attend, so a great opportunity to fund raise and engage with the Parkes community.

Can you please spare an hour to fill the gaps on the roster and / or provide some baked goods for the stall.

WE CAN'T MAKE THIS WORK WITHOUT HELPERS ON THE DAY.

We'll be selling Baked Goods, Hot Dogs, Fresh Popcorn and Drinks.

Baked goods can be dropped off at the stall on Saturday morning (preferably before 9).

A great opportunity for stage 3 students to help out too

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP OUT.

	Volunteer 1	Volunteer 2	Volunteer 3	Volunteer 4	Volunteer 5	Activity
8.30 - 9pm						Setup
9 - 10pm						Sales
10 - 11pm						Sales
11 - 12pm						Sales
12 - 1pm						Sales
1 - 2pm						Sales
2 - 3pm						Packup

Holy Family P&F Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 6th March, 6pm, Coachman Hotel

Includes election of the following positions;

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Communications Officer (New)
- Grants Officer (New)
- Committee Members

Don't miss this opportunity to get involved in your school community.

Many hands make light work



OPEN DAY

Sunday, March 17, 2024

10am to 1pm

Guided tour - Light refreshments provided

'Inspiring Minds, Heart and Spirits'

Red Bend Catholic College, FORBES

For more information contact the College on 02 6852 2000

Parques Shire Council Waste 2 Art 2024 LAUNCH

Saturday 6th April
Marramarra Makerspace
10am - 12.30pm

2024

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METAL

WASTE 2 ART



THIS COMMUNITY
ART EXHIBITION
AND COMPETITION
AIMS TO EDUCATE,
INFORM & CHALLENGE
THE WAY WE LOOK
AT WASTE

YEAR OF PACKAGING

Waste 2 Art Talk and Community Art Workshop

Join Bill Tink from NetWaste as he discusses this year's Waste 2 Art theme and explore the Past, Present and Future of Packaging.

This will be followed by the opportunity to begin your sustainable art journey, led by Deb Jones and Helen Standen.

Reserve your spot and kickstart your Waste 2 Art Project.

RSVP: Parkes Library, 6861 2309

For further details contact Sharon.Degeling@parkes.nsw.gov.au



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DRIVING SAFELY NEAR SCHOOL BUSES

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

Lights will flash on the front and back of the bus reminding drivers that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.

Buses can't stop quickly because they are large and heavy vehicles. So, remember:

- Reduce speed to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing
- Give way to buses
- Watch out for children crossing
- Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.

Informal school bus stops - Rural and regional areas:

In rural and regional areas there are many Informal school bus stops that do not have signs or infrastructure, such as a bus shelter. They are often temporary and located at the end of a driveway or residence. Slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash, look out for children crossing the road, and be aware that a stationary bus can impede view of children around buses.

Parents and carers also play an important role in ensuring the safety of students around school bus stops. If your child needs to use a rural bus stop that doesn't have signs or other safety infrastructure – think about whether it's located in a safe spot that allows buses to stop away from the road, with good lines of sight in both directions, and includes a safe place for you to park your vehicle and wait. You can talk to your local bus operator or find more information in our Advice for Choosing Locations of Informal School Bus Stops.

