



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 7 11th March 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 7

WEDNESDAY

NAPLAN Writing

THURSDAY

NAPLAN Reading

Yr 2 Mixed League
Tag Gala Day

SATURDAY

P&F Stall - Parkes
Homegrown

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our students who have been selected to represent the Wilcannia-Forbes winter sports teams!

Soccer: Bea Tomson

Rugby League: Max Dwyer Mulligan, Max Hackett, Jack Kaden, Abel Medlyn, Tyson Smith, Jaxon Clarke, Billy White, Henry Heraghty and Hamish Newham.

These talented individuals will proudly represent our Diocese at the upcoming Polding Trials in Tamworth next term.

A friendly reminder that our P&F will be hosting a stall at the Parkes Home Grown event in Cooke Park this weekend. Your support in the form of volunteering or providing baked goods is greatly appreciated. Let's come together to make this event a success!

NAPLAN assessments for our Year 3 and Year 5 students will commence this week. The Writing test will take place on Wednesday, followed by the Reading test on Thursday. Conventions of Language and Numeracy tests will be conducted the following week. We encourage all students to approach these assessments with confidence and perseverance.

I would like to inform you that I will be going on long service leave, returning to school in Week 10. During my absence, Mr. Andrew Berger will serve as the Acting Principal. Please feel free to reach out to him should the need arise.

Denise Gersbach

Principal



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★ Star of the Week ★

Angus Walker is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being helpful and polite.

Interview with Angus



What is your favourite subject?	PE
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Draw
What is your favourite food?	Chicken wings from KFC
What do you like most about our school?	The oval
What are your strengths?	Cricket
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A mechanic

Term 1 Week 7: 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>Here are six quiz questions on Australia: Please highlight the correct answer.</i>	Country
<i>Which Australian city is often called the "Harbour City" and is famous for its iconic Opera House and Harbour Bridge?</i>	a) Melbourne b) Sydney c) Brisbane
<i>Which city is the capital of the state of Victoria and known for its vibrant arts and culture scene, as well as its famous laneways and coffee culture?</i>	a) Perth b) Sydney c) Melbourne
<i>Cairns, a popular tourist destination, is located in which Australian state?</i>	a) New South Wales b) Queensland c) Western Australia
<i>The city of Perth is situated on the western coast of Australia. Which ocean does it overlook?</i>	a) Pacific Ocean b) Indian Ocean c) Southern Ocean
<i>Which city is known as the "City of Churches" due to its numerous historic churches and religious institutions?</i>	a) Perth b) Melbourne c) Adelaide
<i>Which Australian city hosted the 2000 Summer Olympics?</i>	a) Melbourne b) Brisbane c) Sydney

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



Fourth Week of Lent

Well done to the 5/6N students who attended the 9:45am Mass last Friday in the Chapel. They were very reverent throughout the Mass and did the Readings, Offertory and Altar-serving.



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. The sessions will be co-presented by Paul Harris and Michael Neylan.



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. New rosters begin from 6th April, 2024.

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.

14 students from Holy Family will be making their Confirmation.



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

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

Assembly Awards

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJC	Navy Edwards
	1S	Evie Clarke
	2CH	Finley Gibbons
	3NC	Jack Burt
	4W	Daniella Anasta
	5/6B	Jack Kaden
	5/6H	Ceinwyn Farrell
	5/6N	Eli Allen
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 1S	Braith Stevenson
	Primary - 4W	Jasper Vigurs
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - 2CH	Aiyshu Thammitalage
	Primary - 5/6B	Bea Tomson
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - KJC	Finn Walker
	Primary - 5/6N	Hannah Wood
Leadership Award	Infants - 1S	Molly McCabe
	Primary - 3NC	Matilda McGrath
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - 2CH	Reed Wild
	Primary - 4W	Florence Crawley-Watson

Notes



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**THURSDAY
4TH APRIL**



**THEME: BRIGHT
COLOURS**

Children are to be dropped off and
picked up from upstairs in the
Starlight Room)
Snacks will be available to purchase

**\$3.00
ENTRY**

6 PM - 7.00PM

Parkes Services Club



Easter Hat Parade
Come along and parade your finest Easter Hat
Wednesday 27th March 9.15 am

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend

AND

Caritas Mufti Mission Day

There will be stalls at recess from
11am - 11.45am to raise money for
Caritas Australia.

A Gold Coin Donation on the day will be collected.
Children are to wear casual clothes.

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eSafety parent webinar

Understanding parental
controls to safeguard
your child



Join the eSafety Commissioner's expert education
and training team for a FREE live webinar on

Tuesday 26 March from 7.30-8.00pm

This Term 1 webinar is designed for parents and carers
of young people in primary school

**Tuesday 26 March 2024
7.30pm - 8pm**

This 30-minute webinar
provides an overview of
different types of parental
controls and how to set
them on smart devices
and computers, in apps
and on gaming platforms
for your child's safety.



REGISTER NOW:

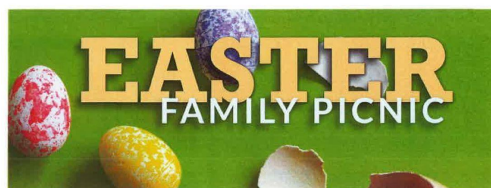
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EASTER FAMILY PICNIC

The Easter Family picnic will be held on
Sunday 24 March,
At Holy Family School Hall and grounds.
Come along and bring family, friends, neighbours.

A fun day
starting with a delicious Devonshire Tea and
games.

BYO picnic lunch, drinks and chair
(alcohol free event)

ALL WELCOME

Contact Pat McCallum

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Or

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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	Mike Wood Tony Ross	Seth Toomey Julie Herring	Mick Gibbons			Setup
9 - 10pm	Annie Dwyer Mulligan	Sarah Webster	Tahnee Gibbons	Kate Walsh		Sales
10 - 11pm		Jen Jordan		Kate Walsh		Sales
11 - 12pm	Elizabeth Toomey					Sales
12 - 1pm						Sales
1 - 2pm	Elizabeth Toomey	Tony Gray				Sales
2 - 3pm	Mike Wood	Tony Gray				Packup

Notes



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

TUESDAY, 21ST MAY

- ✓ Take a tour around the school and classes
- ✓ Check out our teachers and students at work
- ✓ View facilities and infrastructure
- ✓ Ask us your questions

EVERYONE WELCOME!

- **ANYTIME BETWEEN 9.30AM AND 1PM OR FOR THE EVENING SESSION BETWEEN 5PM AND 6PM.**
- **TOURS BEGIN FROM SCHOOL OFFICE (HIGH ST ENTRANCE)**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT US: 6862 1610
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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.

Complaints are handled fairly, efficiently and effectively by:

- Enabling schools and the CEO to respond to issues raised by people making complaints in a timely manner; and
- Providing information that can be used to deliver quality improvements in schools, systems, practices, procedures and complaint handling.

Staff at all levels are expected to be committed to fair, effective and efficient complaint handling. Confidentiality is expected at all levels and records will be maintained in a separate restricted access file. Investigations will be carried out impartially and fairly.