



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 11 8nd April 2024

## EVENTS

**THIS WEEK 11**

**MONDAY**

**Public Speaking  
Competition Yr 3 - 6  
(In School event)**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Cross Country  
(Northparkes Oval)**

**FRIDAY**

**Last Day Term 1**

**Term 2**

**Start Date**

**Monday, 29th April**

**Pupil Free Day**

**Monday, 24th June**

**Term 2**

**Calendar Link**

**Google Calendar**



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we find ourselves in the final week of Term 1 already. As we reflect on the past weeks, I want to extend my congratulations to all our students and staff for their dedication and hard work throughout this term.

We've witnessed tremendous commitment to learning from all our children, resulting in some remarkable achievements within our classrooms. It fills me with pride to see the enthusiasm for education displayed by each and every one of our students.

Today we are holding our annual Public Speaking Competition. I want to wish the best of luck to all our Year 3/4 and 5/6 participants. Speaking in front of peers is a valuable skill, and I commend all who have stepped forward to participate.

Tomorrow, our students will embark on an enriching cultural experience at Upstage. This promises to be a day filled with learning and enjoyment for all involved.

Looking ahead to Wednesday, we have our Cross Country event at Northparkes Oval. Students will be divided into age-appropriate categories, with distances ranging from 1km to 3km. Please ensure your child wears their full sports uniform, brings a packed recess and a water bottle. We kindly request parental assistance at checkpoints during the event. If you are available to help, please contact the school office.

As we anticipate Term 2, I want to inform you that Holy Family's Got Talent will be held in Term 3. Information regarding this event can be found further on in this newsletter. I encourage our children to start thinking about their acts during the upcoming school holidays.

School will conclude on Friday for a well-deserved two-week break. During this time, ANZAC Day will be observed in the second week of the holidays. I invite all children, if they are in town, to join us for the ANZAC Day March. Please meet at 8.15am on the corner of Short Street and Caledonia Street in full winter uniform. Following the march, our school choir will be performing at the official ceremony in Cooke Park.

Additionally, I want to warmly welcome the new families that have joined our school: Sierra Callaghan (5/6N) and Roop Preet Kaur (2CH) who commenced this past fortnight also Izac (Transition), Isabel (KJC), Erica (4W) and Mia (5/6B) Malherbe who commences today. We are excited to have you as part of our school community.

In closing, I wish each and every one of you a rejuvenating and enjoyable break. Let us return with renewed energy and enthusiasm as we eagerly await the start of Term Two.

*Denise Gersbach*  
Principal

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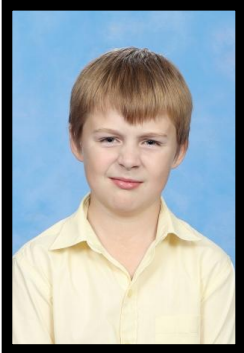


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## ★ Star of the Week ★

Jackson O'Brien is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being friendly and thoughtful.

### Interview with Jackson



|  |   |
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| What is your favourite subject?              | Science & Geography                                   |
| In your free time, what do you like to do?   | Playing with my friends & my cats                     |
| What is your favourite food?                 | Pizza   |
| What do you like most about our school?      | The teachers and the different types of sport we play |
| What are your strengths?                     | I'm good at soccer and running.                       |
| What would you like to be when you grow up ? | An astronomer or professional soccer player           |

Term 1 Week 11: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

### ➤ **Communicate openly and consistently**

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

|   |  |
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| What is the largest inland city in NSW?   |  |
| Which town in NSW is famous for its annual Elvis Presley Festival?  |  |
| What is the name of the town located at the meeting point of the Murray and Darling Rivers?                 |  |
| Which coastal town in NSW is renowned for its oyster farming industry?                                      |  |
| Which town, located in the Blue Mountains, is known for its iconic rock formation called the Three Sisters? |  |
| Which town in NSW is known for its historic gold rush heritage?   |  |
| Which coastal town in NSW is famous for its annual whale-watching festival?                                 |  |
| What is the largest inland city in NSW?   |  |

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



## Second Week of Easter

Well done to Year 5/6H who attended Mass last Friday in the chapel. They were very reverent and actively participated by doing the Readings and Offertory.

## Eastertide

The celebration of Easter lasts for more than one day. This church season runs from Easter Sunday to the day of Pentecost, which this year falls on May 19th.

The Sundays of this season rank as the paschal Sundays and, after Easter Sunday, are called the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays of Easter. The fifty sacred days end on Pentecost Sunday.



**Re Room** - 5/6B Engaging with hands-on materials during their lesson.

## Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

All Catholic students in Year 3 are invited to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion) on **Sunday, 19th May, 2024, 9:30am Mass at Holy Family Parish Church.**

The students will be prepared by their class teachers during their RE lessons. A note to parents with further details will be sent home this week.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

# P&F Update

Where has term one gone? It's been a busy start to the year for the P&F which included holding a stall at the Homegrown Parkes Markets, installing the vegetable garden beds ready for planting and the end of term disco held last week. A big thank you to all those who helped out with these events, we couldn't have done it without you.

## Mothers Day Stall and Raffle

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of May a Mother's Day Breakfast and Stall will be held in the Hall. The P&F will run a stall where the children are able to purchase some lovely affordable gifts for Mother's day. A raffle will also be held where you can win this delightful gift pack. Raffle tickets will be sent home with children later this week and will also be available on the day.



## Diocese Cross Country

The Dio Cross Country will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May. The P&F will be running a canteen on the day. Please contact the office if you can spare an hour to help in the canteen (especially if your child is competing on the day). The canteen will run from 8am to 2pm.

We are also looking for donations of slices or savoury dishes such as soups for the day. Please contact the office if you are able to provide some goodies to sell on the day.

# Assembly Awards

## Week 10

| AWARD   | CLASS          | STUDENT NAME     |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| <b>Student of the Week</b>  | KJC            | Noah Ross        |
|   | 1S             | Everleigh Albert |
|   | 2CH            | Sophie Ross      |
|   | 3NC            | Roy Clyburn      |
|   | 4W             | Hunter Wythes    |
|   | 5/6B           | Isabel Siju      |
|   | 5/6H           | Levi McIntyre    |
|   | 5/6N           | Willow Culhane   |
| <b>Recognition of Learning Award</b>  | Infants - KJC  | Joel Hazelton    |
|   | Primary - 5/6N | Ashton McQuie    |
| <b>Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)</b> | Infants - 1S   | Georgie Harris   |
|   | Primary - 5/6H | Abel Medlyn      |
| <b>Playground Behaviour Award</b>   | Infants - 2CH  | Angus Walker     |
|   | Primary - 3NC  | Joey Hazelton    |
| <b>Leadership Award</b>   | Infants - KJC  | Tully Cassidy    |
|   | Primary - 5/6B | Emerson Kaden    |
| <b>Living the Gospel Values</b>   | Infants - 1S   | Owyn Reedy       |
|   | Primary - 5/6H | Lillian Townsend |



## Holy Family's Got Talent Auditions 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Holy Family's Got Talent! We're excited to witness the amazing talents your children have to offer. Please carefully read through the following instructions and fill out the audition form for your child.

### Important Dates and Information:

1. **Audition Online Form Submission Deadline:** Monday 29th July (Week 2, Term 3).
2. **Entry Fee:** \$3.00 per student. Please submit to the Office in a labeled envelope or zip lock bag by Monday 29th July (Week 2, Term 3). Late entries cannot be accepted.
3. **One Act Rule:** Your child is allowed to enter only ONE ACT. This means no solo and group performances for a single participant. Due to timetabling complexities, each student can only showcase one talent this year.
4. **Group Performances:** If your child is performing in a group, please organise ONE parent to fill in and submit this audition form for the entire group. Each group member still needs to bring in \$3 entry fee to the front office.
5. **Sibling Coordination:** We'll aim to organise siblings to audition and perform on the same day.
6. **Appropriate Content:** Parents, please ensure that the music and lyrics chosen for the performance are suitable for a younger audience.
7. **Items for Act:** Participants are responsible for bringing all necessary items for their act, including props, costumes, instruments, etc. Music can be downloaded at school. The school sound system and microphones will be available for use.
8. **Audition Dates:** Auditions will be held during Week 6, Term 3 on Wednesday 28th August & Thursday 29th August. The number of days required for auditions will depend on the number of entries received. Participants will be informed in advance of their audition date.
9. **Finalists:** Both Infants and Primary finalists will be selected to compete in the Grand Final.
10. **Grand Final Concert:** The Grand Final Concert will be held in Week 8, Term 3 on Wednesday 11th September.

Please fill out the form accurately and completely. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing the incredible talents of our students!

Warm regards,

Mrs Rachael Jones & Mrs Hayley Wheeler

# Notes

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## Would you like to play music?



Whether you're an expert, novice, visitor, or an old timer - dust off the instrument, Parkes Shire Concert Band welcomes you!!



Play, teach, or learn with others. Get to know a friendly new community group, and make new friends



We can teach you to read music, you learn in a beginner group



WHERE: The upstairs room of the town pool complex  
(Look for our logo PSCB).



WHEN: Every Tuesday at 7:00-9:00 pm (during school term)  
Beginners group 6.15-6.45pm



COST: Band membership costs \$50 dollars per term  
Instrument Hire: \$50 per term

**BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!**



We are a **registered Creative Kids provider!** Any kids interested in joining may be eligible for a NSW Government voucher .



Contact for enquiries:

Music Director, **Duncan Clement: 0405 035 164**

President, **Rhonda Redenbach: 0459 373 624**

## ROAD SAFETY

*A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term, that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.*

*School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.*

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

**Friday 10th May 2024**

**8.00am to 9.00am**

**School Hall**

**All mums are invited to attend the breakfast**

**The P&F will be running a Mother's Day Stall where children can go shopping for gifts.**

**We look forward to seeing all our wonderful mums.**

# Parent Calendar - Term 2

## Term 2 2024 Planner - Parents

|         | Week | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Sat/Sun  |
|---------|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Apr/May | 1    | 29<br>First Day - Term 2<br>(Staff and Students) | 30   | 1<br>P&F Meeting - 6pm<br><br>Action Club Public<br>Speaking Competition<br><br>(Back up date - Cross<br>Country)                  | 2  | 3<br>Polding Winter Trials<br>(Tamworth)   | 4/5  |
| May     | 2    | 6<br>WF Cross Country<br>(Parkes)                | 7  | 8<br>Life Ed- Healthy Harold   | 9<br>Life Ed- Healthy Harold   | 10<br>National Walk Safely<br>to School Day<br><br>Mother's Day<br>Breakfast<br><br>Mother's Day Liturgy<br>12:30pm HFS Hall<br>Stage 1<br><br>Assembly - 2.45pm | 11/12<br>Mother's<br>Day - Sun<br>12th May             |
|         | 3    | 13<br>Life Ed- Healthy Harold                    | 14<br>Kindergarten Library<br>Visit  | 15<br>Year 6 Red Bend Visit  | 16   | 17   | 18/19<br>Sun 19/5<br>First Holy<br>Communion<br>9.30am |
|         | 4    | 20<br>School Photo Day                           | 21<br>HFS Open Day (New<br>Enrolments)<br>9.30am - 1.00pm<br><br>CWA Public Speaking -<br>Condobolin | 22<br>Catholic Schools Week<br>Mass 9.45am (Hall)<br><br>Recess for all families<br>outdoors<br>10.45am-11.20am<br>Open classrooms | 23   | 24   | 25/26<br>Sun 26/5<br>National<br>Sorry Day             |
|         |      | Catholic Schools Week                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| May/Jun | 5    | 27 *<br>WF Rugby (Parkes)                        | 28   | 29   | 30   | 31<br>Assembly - 2.45pm  | 1/2  |
| Jun     | 6    | 3<br>Dads in School Day<br>(Kindergarten)        | 4  | 5<br>P&F Meeting - 6pm<br><br>Polding - NSW CPS<br>Cross Country (Sydney)  | 6<br>Feast of Saint Marcellin<br>Champagnat (Stage 3)<br><br>Whole School Mass -<br>12:00pm (Hall) | 7<br>4F Chapel Mass -<br>9.45am<br><br>Assembly - 2.45pm   | 8/9  |
|         | 7    | 10 *<br>King's Birthday (PH)                     | 11   | 12<br>School Committee<br>Meeting - 7.30pm   | 13   | 14<br>Polding Touch Football<br>(Parkes)   | 15/16  |
|         | 8    | 17   | 18   | 19<br>Athletics Carnival   | 20<br>School Disco - 6.00pm  | 21<br>3NC Chapel Mass -<br>9.45am<br><br>Assembly - 2.45pm<br><br>St Aloysius Feast Day -<br>Parkes  | 22/23  |
|         | 9    | 24 *<br>Pupil Free Day                           | 25   | 26   | 27<br>Our Lady of Perpetual<br>Help Feast Day  | 28   | 29/30<br>Polding CPS<br>Rugby<br>(Forbes)<br>30th      |
| July    | 10   | 1<br>Polding CPS Rugby<br>(Forbes)               | 2<br>Parent/Teacher<br>Interviews K-6<br>(School Hall)   | 3<br>NAIDOC Day<br><br>P&F Meeting - 6pm   | 4<br>NAIDOC Liturgy<br>12.15pm<br>AECG<br><br>Assembly - 2.45pm                                    | 5<br>Last Day of Term 2  | 6/7  |





# 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)

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