



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 1 29th April 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 1

MONDAY

First Day of Term

WEDNESDAY

Action Club Public
Speaking 6pm
P&F Meeting 6pm

FRIDAY

Polding Winter Trials

Term 2

Pupil Free Day

Monday, 24th June

Term 2

Calendar Link

[Google Calendar](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful two week break and returned rejuvenated for another exciting term of learning and growth. It's wonderful to see our students back, eager to delve into new challenges and opportunities.

Congratulations to our students for their exemplary behavior during the Parkes ANZAC Day ceremonies. Our captains and vice-captains represented our school with great dignity at the Dawn Service on Memorial Hill, laying a wreath as a mark of respect. It was wonderful to witness so many of our students participating in the ANZAC Day March, donned in their winter uniforms and marching with pride and reverence. Special commendation goes to Mrs. Berger and our school choir for their exceptional performance at the official ceremony in Cooke Park.

We have some exciting events lined up this week. Firstly, we extend our best wishes to Ashton McQuie and Ruby Smith, who will be showcasing their public speaking skills at the Action Club Public Speaking Competition on Wednesday evening. Additionally, we are proud to announce that several of our students have been selected to represent the Diocese at the Polding Winter Sports Trials in Tamworth on Friday. We wish Jaxon Clarke, Max Dwyer Mulligan, Max Hackett, Henry Heraghty, Jack Kaden, Abel Medlyn, Hamish Newham, Tyson Smith, and Billy White the best of luck in their trials.

As we gear up to host the Diocesan Cross Country at NorthParkes Oval next Monday, we kindly request assistance from our supportive community. We are in need of helpers for both the canteen and at checkpoints along the course. If you are available to lend a hand, please contact the school office.

My deepest sympathies go out to George Greig on the recent passing of his wife Judy, to Virginia Rice on the recent passing of her mother and to Kim Shambrook on the recent passing of her husband, Tony. Please keep these families in your prayers during this sad time.

Denise Gersbach
Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Jack Kaden is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being conscientious and responsible.

Interview with Jack



What is your favourite subject?	PE
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play sport with my friends
What is your favourite food?	Fried chicken
What do you like most about our school?	All the students are kind and friendly
What are your strengths?	Mathematics and sport
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A professional athlete

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

☐ **Act with humility and patience**

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

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?	

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



Fifth Week of Easter

There are many important Masses and Liturgies in Term 2. We begin with a whole school **Mother's Day Liturgy** on **Friday, 10th May, 12:30pm** in the HFS Hall. Stage 1 will be organising the liturgy. All are welcome to attend.

Stage 2 Catholic students will be making their **First Holy Communion** on **Sunday, 19th May**. We wish them all the very best during their preparation.

***CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: 20th-24th May 2024**

Catholic Schools Week Mass is on 22nd May, 9.45am (Hall). This will be followed by **Recess with all families outdoors 10.45am-11.20am** and **Open classrooms**

Please view the video below for some interesting information on Catholic Schools- [Catholic Schools in Australia](#)

Our schools are communities of faith, learning and transformation founded upon the person of Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life, where the gospel is proclaimed and lived within the communion and the rich Tradition of the Catholic Church.

(Wilcannia Forbes Statement of Faith)

'Come, LIVE LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS' (JN 10:10)

During Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate the spirit of faith, community, and growth. The theme "Come, live life in all its fullness" resonates deeply with the mission of Catholic education.

In our schools, we strive to nurture not only the minds but also the hearts of our students. We provide an environment where students can explore their faith, cultivate compassion, and embrace the values of love and service.

(Catholic Schools Week 2024 - CEWF Resource Book)

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 with further details was sent home last week.

'I am the vine, you are the branches.' John 15

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

P&F Update

Mothers Day Stall and Raffle

On Friday 10th 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. Please remember to return Raffle tickets which were sent home in the last week of Term 1. Tickets will be available to purchase at the Mother's Day Breakfast.



Diocesan Cross Country

The Diocesan Cross Country will be held on Monday 6th 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.



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

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STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please **update this within 7 days** on the Compass Parent Portal or explain the reason by phone, e-mail or written note as soon as possible. Late arrivals and/or early departures can only be entered via the Compass Kiosk at the office.

After 7 days, the absence will remain as 'Unexplained' and cannot be changed (NSW Education Act 1990).

For
students
in
Yr 4-Yr 8

LEGO LEGENDS IN THE MAKERSPACE

\$2

REGISTRATION
VIA
LIBRARY

LEGO Legends runs for 4 weeks

Tuesday 14th May - Tuesday 4th June

3.45pm - 4.45pm

In person bookings in library
Call 6861 2309 for further details

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT US: 6862 1610
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