



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 2 6th May 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 1

Monday

WF Cross Country
(Parkes)

Wednesday

Healthy Harold

Thursday

Healthy Harold

Friday

Mother's Day
Breakfast 8:00am
Mother's Day Liturgy
12:30pm
National Walk to
School Day
Athletics Trials
Assembly 2:45pm

TERM 2

Parent/Teacher
Interviews K-6

Monday, 3rd June

Pupil Free Day

Monday, 24th June

[Google Calendar](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to the term it has been! Our children have returned with renewed energy and enthusiasm, making the first week back at school a truly wonderful experience for all. I am delighted to see the positive attitudes, outstanding behaviour and excellent dedication to their school work exhibited by our students.

Today marks an exciting day for our school as we have students representing us at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival. To those participating, we wish you the best of luck and know that you will represent Holy Family School with pride.

A big thank you goes out to our parents and grandparents who have volunteered their time to assist with the canteen and on the track, ensuring the success of the carnival for the Diocese. Your support is truly appreciated.

This week, we are looking forward to the arrival of the Life Education Van at our school. All classes are scheduled for visits either this week or the next, providing valuable lessons on health and well-being to our students.

Looking ahead, we have our much-anticipated Mother's Day celebrations on Friday. We will be hosting a special Mother's Day breakfast with delicious treats for all our wonderful mums. The Parents and Friends Association will also be organising a stall in the hall where students can shop for lovely gifts, ensuring a memorable day for all mothers and grandmothers.

Join us at 12:30 pm in the hall as our Stage 1 students lead a special Mother's Day Liturgy, a heartwarming celebration of the maternal bond. All parents and friends are warmly invited to share in this beautiful moment.

Additionally, athletics trials will commence on Friday at North Parkes Oval for students in Years 2 through 6. We encourage all participating students to give their best and showcase their talents.

As we continue through the term, let us carry forward the spirit of positivity and dedication that has defined this first week back. Together, let us make this term one filled with learning, growth, and joyful celebrations.

Denise Gersbach
Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Olivia Culhane is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being kind and respectful.

Interview with Olivia



What is your favourite subject?	Art
In your free time, what do you like to do?	I like to draw, especially designing outfits.
What is your favourite food?	Bolognese
What do you like most about our school?	My friends
What are your strengths?	Artistic ability. Being kind and helpful to others.
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	Clothes designer

Term 2 Week 2: 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

Sixth Week of Easter

Our **Mother's Day Liturgy** is on **Friday, 10th May, 12:30pm** in the HFS Hall. Stage 1 teachers and students are busy organising this special liturgy for all the mums and mother figures in our school community. All are welcome to attend.

***CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: 20th-24th May 2024** **'Come, live life in all its fullness' (Jn 10:10)**

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 school, along with the 17 other Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from 20 - 24 May 2024. The theme for this year's celebrations is: 'Come, live life in all its fullness'

As Catholic schools, we are called to do more than just pass on the faith; we are invited to translate our faith into deeds so we are truly living God's Word. Catholic Schools Week is a wonderful opportunity for all Catholic schools to showcase & celebrate our distinctive mission and identity through sharing these aspects that are so special and unique about our schools and we want to share with you; our families, parish and the wider community.
(Catholic Schools Week 2024 - CEWF Resource Book)

Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

Sunday, 19th May, 2024, 9:30am Mass at Holy Family Parish Church.

The students are being prepared by their class teachers during their RE lessons. A note with further details was sent home.

In the words of Pope St Leo the Great, Sacraments are the means by which Christ remains visibly present on earth.

To celebrate a sacrament is to be in the presence of Christ. A sacrament is both physical and spiritual at the same time. This means that a sacrament always has two dimensions – a sign that can be detected by the senses and a spiritual reality that is present simultaneously.

(Educating in Christ- Sacraments)

'This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.'

John 15:12

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger





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

[Holy Family's Got Talent Registration](#)

Notes

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).

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Mother's Day Breakfast

FRIDAY MAY 10
8:00AM - 9:00AM

SCHOOL HALL

All mums are invited to attend the breakfast.
The P & F will also have a stall where children will be able to purchase gifts.

Notes



Healthy Harold's Colour Run



When: Thursday 9th May, 2024

Time: 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Where: Keast Park,
Hooley Street, Parkes NSW

Cost: FREE + exciting giveaways
& complimentary BBQ provided

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Now in its 25th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

<https://www.walk.com.au/WSTSD/>

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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Notes

CHILD SAFE SCHOOLS AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We take our responsibility to protect children seriously. All staff are expected to promote child safety by having a clear understanding of their legal child protection responsibilities and act in accordance with those responsibilities.

In particular the school will:

- Maintain professionalism in our interactions with children at all times by exercising appropriate duty of care and maintaining professional boundaries.
- Follow an established process to address allegations of inappropriate behaviour by staff towards children.
- Ensure all people working in our school who are required to undertake a Working With Children Check have a valid clearance.
- Respond appropriately when we suspect a child is at risk of significant harm due to possible abuse or neglect by a parent/carer or other adult.

ADDRESSING COMPLAINTS OF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR BY STAFF

We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for both students and staff. This includes addressing complaints of inappropriate behaviour by staff towards any child or young person.

Such complaints are handled differently to other types of complaints which may arise in the school because of legal obligations established by the Children's Guardian Act 2019. The Office of the Children's Guardian is a government agency which requires schools and other organisations working with children to ensure systems are in place for recording and responding to all allegations of a child protection nature against staff. You should be aware that 'staff' includes volunteer helpers (including parents), contractors as well as paid staff.

If you have concerns about alleged inappropriate behaviour by a staff member towards any child or young person it is important that you discuss your concerns with the Principal who in turn will consult with the Catholic Education Office.

All complaints are investigated and resolved through a fair and confidential process which involves listening to 'both sides of the story' and giving all involved an opportunity to be heard. If the concerns involve alleged criminal behaviour they will be reported to the Police and the Catholic Education Office will wait for the outcome of the Police investigation before continuing its own investigation.

At the end of an investigation a finding will be made and appropriate follow up determined. In relation to the staff member this may include no action, increased support, professional development, increased supervision/monitoring or disciplinary action, removal of duties or termination of employment.

If harm has occurred to a child, counselling or other support will be offered to the child.



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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