



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 7 10th June 2024

## EVENTS

THIS WEEK 7

**Monday**

**King's Birthday**

**Thursday**

**Dad's in School  
11.30am - 1pm  
(Kindergarten)**

**Friday**

**Polding Touch  
Football (Parkes)**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone enjoyed the June long weekend and had a restful break. It was a much-needed opportunity for recuperation, especially with the many illnesses circulating at the moment. Let's continue to take care of ourselves and each other as we move forward into the remainder of the term.

A huge congratulations to our runners who competed at the Polding Cross Country in Sydney last week. We saw some remarkable performances, with two of our athletes finishing in the top 10! Well done to Emrys Cassidy, who secured 7th place, and Nate Calabro, who finished 10th. These are outstanding achievements, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication.

Thank you to all the families who attended our Marcellin Champagnat celebrations last Thursday. It was a wonderful event, and it was heartwarming to see so many of you there to support our students. Congratulations to all the students who received Champagnat awards on the day.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Thompson and Mrs Townsend will be commencing 3 weeks of practical teaching in 3NC and 4W as part of their student training.

Good luck to our students who will be representing the Diocese at the Polding Touch Football trials here in Parkes on Friday. We are excited to host this event and are looking forward to some fantastic matches. Our Parents and Friends Association will be running the canteen on the day, and any assistance from parents and grandparents would be greatly appreciated. Even just a one-hour shift can make a big difference, so please consider lending a hand.

A reminder that our Athletics Carnival is next Wednesday. This is always a highlight of the school year, and we are looking forward to a day filled with fun and friendly competition. If you are able to assist with timekeeping or field events, please contact the school office. Your support is invaluable and helps ensure the smooth running of the event.

*Denise Gersbach*  
Principal

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## ★ Star of the Week ★

Issac Allen is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being kind and reliable.

### Interview with Issac



What is your favourite subject?	Mathematics
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play with my friends
What is your favourite food?	Burgers and cookies
What do you like most about our school?	Everyone is kind
What are your strengths?	Mathematics and sport
What would you like to be when you grow up?	Scientist

Term 2 Week 7: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

### ➤ Acknowledge good deeds

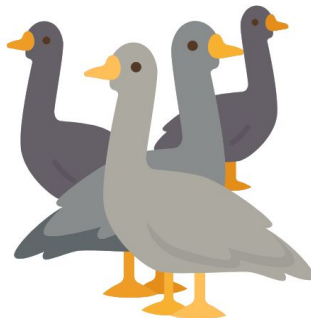
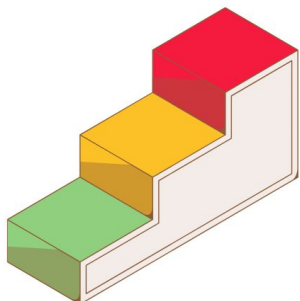
This fortnight's challenge is to conduct some research and **highlight** the correct answers.

Pack School Pool	A group of fish swimming together, often in a coordinated manner.
Nest Deck Herd	A group of large animals, such as cows or elephants.
Flock Cluster Murder	A group of crows.
Pack Herd Colony	A group of animals, often predators like wolves or dogs, hunting or travelling together.
Ladder Flight Escalator	A group of stairs or steps.

Meeting Hoot Congress	A group of owls.
Bevy Swarm Army	A large number of insects, often in motion.
Fleet Flock Ensemble	A group of birds, especially when feeding, resting, or in flight.
Google Gaggle Goggle	A group of geese.

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

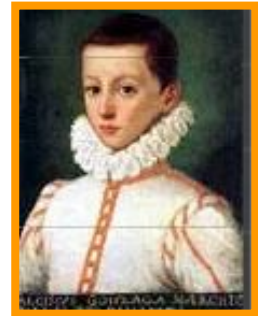
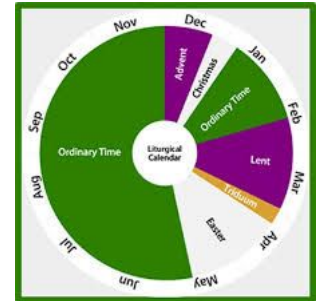
## Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

Well done to the staff and students of Stage 3 for preparing a beautiful Marcellin Champagnat Mass. Congratulations to all the students who received a Champagnat award for demonstrating the Marist qualities of humility, modesty, hard work, and doing good quietly.

### FEAST OF SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga's feast day is on the 21st of June. The Saint Aloysius Chapel on the school premises is named after him.

Saint Aloysius volunteered to care for the sick and dying at a Jesuit hospital when plague broke out in Rome. Shortly before his ordination, he contracted the disease himself and died at age 23. Aloysius Gonzaga was beatified only fourteen years after his death, in 1605, and canonized in 1726.



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

Every year, our Holy Family community comes together to donate towards the Saint Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal. This year we are donating non-perishable food items and small items of winter woollies such as beanies, socks, gloves, scarves etc.



Please send donations to the school office.

Thank you for your generosity.

Our Year 5/6 students are Mini Vinnies members and are working behind the scenes to drive the Winter Appeal. They are creating posters to advertise the Winter Appeal.

\*For 170 years, the St Vincent de Paul Society has been providing support and assistance to people in need.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**WINTER APPEAL**  
**HOLY FAMILY PARISH SCHOOL**



We are donating non-perishable food items & small items of clothing to ease the winter chill...such as beanies, socks, gloves or scarves.

Please send your donations to the school office

Thank you for your generosity.

'Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another'  
-St Vincent de Paul

**HFS**  
**DISCO**

**When:** Thursday, 20th June  
**Where:** RSL  
**Entry:** \$3  
**Theme:** **Pyjamas**

Snacks available for purchase  
 Children are to be dropped off and picked up from upstairs (Starlight Room)  
**6.00 PM - 7.15 PM**



## HELPERS NEEDED!

The P&F need your help at the Polding Touch Carnival this Friday, 14th June at the Parkes Hockey Fields. There will be a large number of dioceses attending the day.

If you can spare an hour to help out in the canteen that would be most appreciated. Any donations of Soups, Hot Dishes and Cakes / Slices to sell would be wonderful. These can be dropped off on the day before 9am at the Hockey fields.

All funds raised go back into P&F initiatives to enhancing your children's education and overall schooling experiences.

### Volunteer Roster - Polding Touch Carnival Friday 14th June

	Volunteer 1	Volunteer 2	Volunteer 3	Volunteer 4	Volunteer 5	Activity
7 - 8am						Setup & Cooking B&E Rolls
8 - 9am						Sales
9 - 10am						Sales
10 - 11am						Sales
11 - 12pm						Sales
12 - 1pm						Sales
1-2 pm						Packup

**ICAS**  
assessments

## Showcase your child's talents.

Sign up for ICAS 2024



We know our students are amazing, so we're giving them the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their talents in the world-renowned ICAS competition this year. The ICAS Competition is open to students in Year 2 to Year 6. To learn more about this year's exciting ICAS competition, visit: [icasassessments.com/products-icas/](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/)

Registrations to be completed by the end of Term 2.

# Notes

## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN AND OUT OF THE CAR

A child who is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a crash than one who is not.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

National child restraint laws require your child to be restrained in the car as follows:

- 0 – 6 months Approved rear-facing child car seat.
- 6 months – 4 years Approved rear or forward-facing child car seat.
- 4+ years Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.
- 145cm or taller Suggested minimum height to use adult lap-sash belt.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safe in and out of the car:

- Children should remain in the car until an adult opens the 'Safety Door'. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.
- A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while in the car.
- Assist your children to buckle up – always check the seatbelt is buckled up firmly and not twisted.
- Make it a rule that every passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.
- Always help your child get in and out of the car through the 'Safety Door'.

Never leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. Children may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and organ failure if left unattended, especially on hot days.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)



### Like and Follow Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes

Hopefully, you already follow your school's Facebook page, but did you know that our diocesan Facebook page shares the latest updates, events and important announcements for our schools and communities across the whole diocese? By liking this page, you will be able to see some of the fabulous things that are happening in our 18 primary schools.

Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes invites you to follow our page. Here are the easy steps:

1. **Like the page:** Head over to the Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/wilcanniaforbes>) and hit the "Like" button. By liking our page, you'll stay updated with all posts and activities.
2. **Share with Friends and Family:** Spread the word by sharing our page with your friends and family. You can share posts or invite others to like our page. The more, the merrier!
3. **Engage with the content:** Like and Share posts. Your interaction helps reach more people and builds a stronger, more engaged community.
4. **Stay Involved:** Keep an eye out for updates on your local school and other important events that are happening.

By following our page, you're not just helping our schools grow, you're helping us to build a more connected and vibrant community. Every like or share counts!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

*The team at Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes*

## Caritas Australia's Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster

Thousands are feared dead and many more are displaced after a devastating landslide struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea. Your urgent support is needed now. **Donate at [www.caritas.org.au/png](http://www.caritas.org.au/png)**



### PAPUA NEW GUINEA LANDSLIDE APPEAL

Thousands of people are affected. Your urgent support is needed now.

**DONATE**

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## 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](#)