



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 8 17th June 2024

## EVENTS

### THIS WEEK 8

#### Wednesday

**Athletics Carnival  
(Northparkes Oval)**

#### Thursday

**School Disco 6pm  
(Upstairs RSL)**

#### Friday

**Assembly 2.45pm  
(Hall)**

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#### Monday (24th)

**Pupil Free Day  
(No School)**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Thursday, we had the pleasure of hosting Dads in Schools Day for our Kindergarten dads. It was a wonderful occasion filled with laughter, creativity, and quality time. Our students were thrilled to have their dads join them in creating special artworks, participating in both classroom and outdoor activities and enjoying a yummy sausage sizzle. The bond between our students and their dads was evident, making it a memorable day for all.

Thank you to our P&F Committee for their outstanding efforts in running the canteen at the Polding Touch Trials last Friday. Your dedication and hard work are greatly appreciated by our entire school community. The success of events like these relies heavily on the support of our wonderful P&F and we are incredibly grateful for all you do.

We are proud to congratulate our touch football players who represented Wilcannia-Forbes with distinction at the Polding Touch Trials. A special congratulations to Luca Barnes who was named in the Polding Touch Football team after competing brilliantly at the trials. Our students played exceptionally well, demonstrating skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Well done to all our touch players!

Our Athletics Carnival is being held this Wednesday at Northparkes Oval. The forecast is for cold weather, so please ensure your child wears track pants over their shorts on the day and packs extra layers of clothes for warmth. Our school canteen will be operating up at the oval throughout the day.

A reminder that our school disco will be held from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM on Thursday evening at the Ex-Services Club. The theme for the disco is pyjamas, so we look forward to seeing everyone in their cozy sleepwear for a fun-filled night!

Our Week 8 assembly will be held this Friday in our school hall. All parents and friends are invited to attend and join us in celebrating our students' achievements.

Kind regards

*Denise Gersbach*  
Principal

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## ★ Star of the Week ★

Harper Edmonds is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being hardworking and patient.

### Interview with Harper



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| What is your favourite subject?              | Mathematics               |
| In your free time, what do you like to do?   | Art or reading            |
| What is your favourite food?                 | Spaghetti                 |
| What do you like most about our school?      | The exciting excursions   |
| What are your strengths?                     | Sport especially running  |
| What would you like to be when you grow up ? | A doctor or archaeologist |

Term 2 Week 8: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

### ➤ **Acknowledge good deeds**

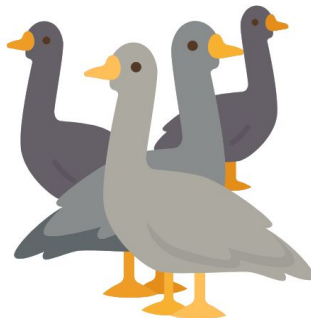
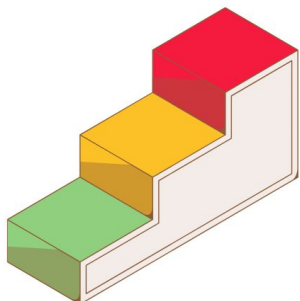
This fortnight's challenge is to conduct some research and **highlight** the correct answers.

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

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

## Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

It is wonderful to see our students being kind to each other in the classroom and the playground. Our staff always notice the little acts of generosity and friendship demonstrated by the students. It is heartening to see the Holy Family motto 'In Praise, Love and Trust' well and truly thriving at our beautiful school.

Classroom lessons in Religious Education this semester have focused on following God's Word through our everyday actions such as forgiveness, helping others, acts of kindness and service to others.

### FEAST OF SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA- FRIDAY 21ST JUNE \*PATRON SAINT OF YOUNG STUDENTS.

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*

It is great to see some donations coming in from our Holy Family community for the St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal.

Thank you for your generosity!

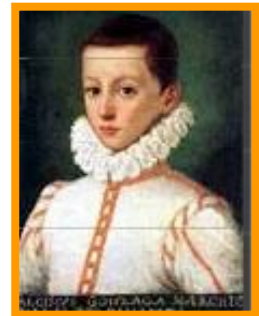
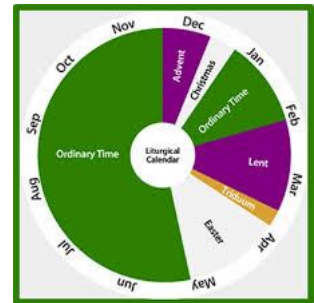


### NAIDOC Liturgy-

Thursday, 4th July, 12:15pm, Holy Family School Hall.

All are welcome to attend.

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

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## Poems for Sorry Day



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# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The children will walk to Northparkes Oval from HFS  
Canteen operating on the day

YR 2 - 6 | NORTH PARKES OVAL | 9AM  
K - 1 | NORTH PARKES OVAL | 11.20 AM



WEDNESDAY  
19TH  
JUNE

Adorn in your House Colours

## Helpers Needed - ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This Wednesday 19th June is our school's Athletics Carnival. If you are able to assist with field events, canteen or distributing morning tea please contact the school office. Your support is invaluable and helps ensure the smooth running of this day.

The Athletics Canteen Menu is now active to order lunches on **Compass**, please select **Athletics Carnival Menu 2024** to pre-order by 9.30AM on Tuesday.

Thank you to everyone who has put their names down to help on the day, it is much appreciated.

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



**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**

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**Holy Family School**  
**GRANDPARENTS'**  
**Day**

FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST 2024

12pm - A Mass will be held in the school Hall  
1pm - A Sausage Sizzle lunch will be available to purchase at 1pm

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OUR GRANDPARENTS**

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## 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 (including parents, volunteers and contractors) 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 NSW 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'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](#)