



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 1 22nd July 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 1

Monday

First Day Term 3

Bright Future STEM
Program - Stage 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope all families have enjoyed a lovely break together over the past fortnight. We are excited to see our students return with renewed energy and enthusiasm, ready to embark on another term of learning and growth.

Today, our Year 5/6 students are participating in the Bright Future STEM Program in our school hall. This is an exciting opportunity for them to engage in hands-on activities and explore the fascinating world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

I am pleased to announce some staffing changes and welcome new members to our school community:

Mrs Katherine Jeffress will be joining us as an Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO), working two days per week. We are thrilled to have her expertise and dedication to enriching our students' understanding of Aboriginal culture. Mrs Gill Calabro will be working two days per week on 5/6N, alongside Mr. Ken Hanstock, who will be teaching three days per week. They will be replacing Mrs. Shane Noonan, who will be on leave for the remainder of the school year. We wish Mrs. Noonan all the best during her leave and extend a warm welcome to Mrs Calabro and Mr Hanstock on 5/6N.

Please take note of the following important events occurring in the next fortnight:

Central Cluster Carnival: On Thursday, 1st August, our school athletics team will travel to Trundle to participate in the Central Cluster Carnival. Reminders will be sent out this week regarding the event. We wish our athletes the best of luck!

Grandparents' Day: On Friday, 2nd August, we will be holding a special Grandparents' Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to celebrate and show appreciation for their grandparents. Please ensure these dates are noted on your calendars.

Congratulations to all students who have returned to school today in a positive fashion, ready to put their best foot forward in the classrooms. Let's continue to support each other and work together to make this term a successful and rewarding one.

Welcome to Sawyer Dengate who commenced in Year 1 today.

Denise Gersbach
Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Allegra Cronin is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being hardworking and helpful.

Interview with Allegra



What is your favourite subject?	Mathematics
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play on my iPad
What is your favourite food?	Sausage pasta
What do you like most about our school?	There are many fun things to do at school.
What are your strengths?	Soccer
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A writer

Term 2 Week 10: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - LOVE)

□ Care for one another

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

SIMILE QUIZ

Complete the simile:

As brave as a _____.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Lion b) Mouse c) Fox d) Elephant
As busy as a _____.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bee b) Dog c) Cat d) Fish

As cool as a _____.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cucumber b) Tomato c) Carrot d) Potato
As blind as a _____.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bat b) Hawk c) Eagle d) Owl
As light as a _____.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Feather b) Rock c) Book d) Ball
As sharp as a _____.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Tack b) Spoon c) Pillow d) Cloud
As happy as a _____.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Clam b) Snake c) Spider d) Shark
As quick as a _____.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Flash b) Turtle c) Snail d) Rock

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.

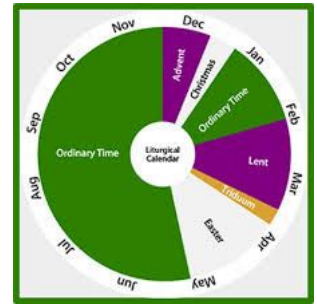
**I hope everyone has a great week.
Andrew Berger**

Religious Education

Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

As we begin another term of learning, let us hope that Term 3 holds many wonderful opportunities for academic, spiritual and physical growth for our students.

This term we have many liturgical celebrations that the students, staff and parent community can participate in. All are welcome to join us.



Friday, 2nd August - Grandparents' Day Mass (To celebrate the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne-26th July)	Mass 12:00 pm HFS Hall	Stage 2
Friday, 9th August- Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Liturgy	Liturgy 12:30 pm HFS Hall	Stage 1
Thursday, 15th August- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mass 12:30 pm HFS Hall	Stage 3
Friday, 30th August- Father's Day Liturgy	Liturgy 12:30 pm HFS Hall	Stage 2
Thursday, 26th September - Saint Vincent de Paul Liturgy	Liturgy 10.15am HFS Hall	Stage 3



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Thank you for sending in items for our Saint Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. The boxes are filling up! We are donating non-perishable food items and small items of clothing to ease the Winter chill, like beanies, gloves & socks. Please send donations to the school office.



Making Jesus Real

On the playground, two wonderful students, Sydney Tarry and Hannah Benjamin, "Showing the Spirit of Jesus" by picking up rubbish to keep our school clean during lunchtime. Well done girls!



I hope everyone has a wonderful week.
Beverly Berger

Wiradjuri

NAIDOC



Kindergarten

NAIDOC 2024



YEAR 1

Kindy



Year 1



Wiradjuri

NAIDOC 2024



Year 3

NAIDOC WEEK



Year 5

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Notes

Paint Parkes REAd Presents
Our Annual Reading Day

"Reading is magic"

23rd August 2024

9am to 12pm

Cooke Park and
CBD

Every time a book
is opened



magic falls out!



Evolution
MINING



For more information call Shonel 6862 1872



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

(If you would like a sausage sandwich please order
on Compass under "Grandparents' Day
Sausage Sizzle")

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

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NSWCPS Golf Tournament (MacKillop and Polding)

Date: 5 August 2024

Venue: Blackheath Golf Club

18 Hole

- Students must have a golf link number and a handicap
- Eligible for selection into the MacKillop and Polding Golf Teams pathway
- 8 Years - 13 Years

9 Hole

- Golf link number and handicap not required.
- Not eligible for further pathways.
- 8 Years - 13 Years.



POLDING



Register via the
csnsw.sport/ portal before
29 July 2024

NSWCPS Girls 7s Rugby (MacKillop and Polding)

Date: 14th August 2024

Venue: Santa Sabina
College

Eligibility: 11 Years - 12 Years

*Please check for
mandatory size/weight
ratios on the website

Register via the
csnsw.sport/ portal before
2 August 2024



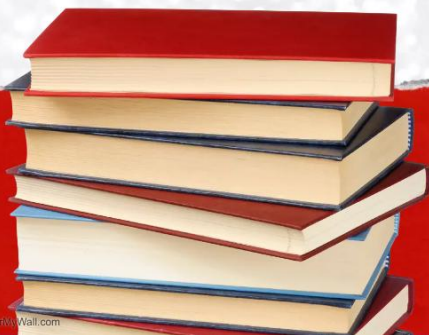
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GRANDPARENTS' DAY BOOK STALL

The P&F will hold a Book Stall after the Grandparents' Mass. This is an opportunity to donate a new book to our library or get your Grandchild a special book to take home.

Book costs are \$5 - \$30

Friday 2nd August



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For this to be successful for the Parish, we will need donations of:

- Home-made jams, pickles, relishes, sauces, etc
- Fresh produce from your garden
- Home cooking
- Plants (start potting plants now, ready for November)
- Volunteers to help on the day

Holy Family Parish -- Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 2 November 2024

- Car boot sales
- Scrumptious morning teas
- Produce stall (jams, pickles, fresh produce, plants, etc)

For more information:

Contact Pat McCallum

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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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The P&F need your help in the canteen at the
Dio Athletics Carnival on Thursday 22nd August.

If you can spare an hour to help out in the canteen that
would be most appreciated.

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





Holy Family Catholic Parish

You're Invited

Alpha

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. *This world-wide successful program is coming to Holy Family Parkes. In the past 8 years over 850,000 Australians have explored faith through Alpha.*

Join us for lunch, a short 20-minute video or talk, and a discussion where you can share your thoughts.

Times and Location:

Nine sessions on Sunday afternoons starting with a 12.30 pm lunch at the Fr Pat Centre.

- ❖ August 4, 11 and 18, then
- ❖ September 8, 15 and 22, then
- ❖ October 13, 20 and 27

Contact and Registration Details:

Holy Family Parish, Parkes (29 Currajong Street)

Email: parish.parkes@wf.catholic.org.au

Phone: 02 6862 2469

OR Email: lynnandwayne@bigpond.com

Register by 27 July 2024

Find out more
alpha.org.au

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 you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, please discuss this with the school principal.

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).



KINDERGARTEN 2025

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL
TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW



2025 Back to School

Start Dates

Staff Start - Fri 31st January

Year 1 to 6 - Mon 3rd February

Kindergarten - Wed 5th February

Kindergarten Assessments -

3rd and 4th February 2025

For your information please contact school office:

admin.parkes@wf.catholic.edu.au

Call : 6862 1610



Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes

Attendance Information for Parents



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Compliance with Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes (CEWF) Attendance policies and procedures allow schools, students and parents to meet their obligations under the NSW Education Act 1990.

As stated in CEWF's Attendance Policy parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school **within 7 days** of the first day of any period of absence.

If details regarding the explanation for absences are insufficient, principals may register the absence as unjustified.

It is most important that parents provide details for an absence of their child when using the Compass Parent Portal or when sending in a note to the school.

In Compass, parents have the following absence reasons to select from when entering an absence via the Parent Portal:

- Medical Illness - to be used for sickness, medical and dental treatment
- Medical appointment - appointments with medical professionals, dental practitioners
- Travel - student does not attend school due to a student/family holiday
- Other Explained Absence - school has received a satisfactory explanation for a student's absence. Includes: misadventure or unforeseen event, participation in non-school events, domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member, attendance at funerals, recognised religious festivals
- Natural Disaster - a student is unable to attend school due to an extreme weather event or other natural disaster. Includes: bushfire, flood or storm events

Please note that when selecting a reason for the absence, parents **MUST** also fill in the Details/Comment section in the Parent Portal. Examples as follows:

- Medical illness - details 'has a stomach bug'
- Medical appointment - details 'doctor's appointment'
- Travel - details 'family holiday to the Gold Coast'
- Other Explained Absence - details 'attending funeral of a relative'
- Natural Disaster - details 'road to town cut off by flood waters'

Whole day/s absences can be entered via the Compass Parent Portal however **late arrivals and/or early departures** are to be entered via the Kiosk Lite at the school office.

Should you have any questions regarding the use of absence codes, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal for further information.

Term 3 2024 Planner - Parents

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
July	1	22 First Day - Term 3 (Staff and Students) Year 5/6 Bright Future Stem Program - 1pm-3pm (Hall)	23	24	25	26	27/28
Jul/Aug	2	29	30	31	1 WF Central Cluster Athletics (Trundle)	2 Grandparents' Day Mass Stage 2 12pm- Hall Assembly - 2.45pm	3/4
August	3	5 Pupil Free Day	6 ICAS Digital Technologies	7 ICAS Writing P&F Meeting - 6pm	8	9 Mary of the Cross MacKillop Liturgy Stage 1 12:30 HFS Hall	10/11
	4	12 ICAS English	13 WF Cricket (Parkes)	14	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Stage 3 12:15 HFS Hall	16 Book Week Parade 9.15am (Theme Magic) Assembly - 2.45pm	17/18
	5	19 ICAS Science	20 ICAS Spelling Bee Todd Woodbridge Cup	21	22 WF Athletics (Parkes)	23 Paint the Town ReAd Stage 2 Excursion - Wellington Caves	24/25
Aug/Sep	6	26 ICAS Mathematics	27 Half Day Show Holiday (12pm)	28 Holy Family's Got Talent Auditions	29 Holy Family's Got Talent Auditions	30 Father's Day Liturgy Stage 2 Father's Day Breakfast (8am) Assembly - 2.45pm	31/1 Father's Day Sun 1 Sep
September	7	2 Holy Family's Got Talent Auditions	3	4 P&F Meeting - 6pm	5 School Disco - 6.00pm	6 Rex Smith/Lois Jones Hockey Cups - Parkes	7/8
	8	9	10	11 Holy Family's Got Talent - Grand Final - 1pm	12	13 Polding Athletics (Glendale) Assembly - 2.45pm	14/15
	9	16	17	18	19	20 Polding Cricket (Lismore)	21/22
	10	23	24	25 Assembly - 2.45pm	26 St Vincent de Paul Liturgy 10.15am Mufti Mission Day Stalls	27 Last Day of Term 3 (Students and Staff)	28/29