



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 2 29th July 2024

## EVENTS

### THIS WEEK 2

#### Thursday

**WF Central Cluster  
Athletics (Trundle)**

#### Friday

**Grandparents' Day  
Mass - 12pm**

**Assembly - 2.45pm**

### NEXT WEEK

#### Monday

**Pupil Free Day**

#### Friday

**Mary of the Cross  
MacKillop Liturgy  
12:30pm**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all students for a wonderful return to the classrooms in Term 3! All teachers have been impressed with the children's application to their schoolwork and positive attitudes. It's been a fantastic start to the term, and we are proud of the enthusiasm shown by our students.

Good luck to our school athletics team who will be competing at the Central Cluster Athletics Carnival on Thursday in Trundle. We have a strong squad of 50 children attending on the day. The first three placings in each track and field event (except for the relay) will qualify to compete at the Diocesan Carnival later this term. Go Holy Family!

NAPLAN results were sent home to Year 3 and Year 5 parents last week. Congratulations to all students for their excellent results. Should parents have any questions regarding the NAPLAN report, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to celebrating with our grandparents on Friday with a special Mass, luncheon, and Book Fair. The children are very excited to have their grandparents attending school on this day. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to honour and appreciate the important role grandparents play in the lives of our students. We hope to see many of you there!

Kindergarten interviews commenced last week and will continue over the next couple of weeks. We are very excited about the new group of children who will be starting at our school next year.

**Denise Gersbach**  
Principal

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## ★ Star of the Week ★

Roop Preet Kaur is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being kind and generous.

### Interview with Roop Preet



What is your favourite subject?	Mathematics
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play with my kitchen toys.
What is your favourite food?	Pizza
What do you like most about our school?	Doing art in my class.
What are your strengths?	Reading
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	Doctor

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 _____.	a) Lion b) Mouse c) Fox d) Elephant
As busy as a _____.	a) Bee b) Dog c) Cat d) Fish

As cool as a _____.	a) Cucumber b) Tomato c) Carrot d) Potato
As blind as a _____.	a) Bat b) Hawk c) Eagle d) Owl
As light as a _____.	a) Feather b) Rock c) Book d) Ball
As sharp as a _____.	a) Tack b) Spoon c) Pillow d) Cloud
As happy as a _____.	a) Clam b) Snake c) Spider d) Shark
As quick as a _____.	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.**

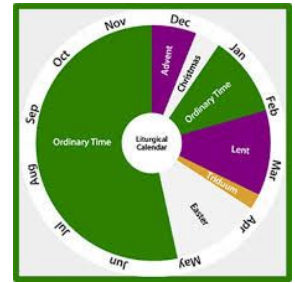
**I hope everyone has a great week.  
Andrew Berger**

# Religious Education

## Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

This Friday, 2nd August, we will celebrate all the grandparents in our school community with a special Mass for the **Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (26th July)**

Saints Anne and Joachim are considered the patron saints of grandparents as they are the parents of Mary, Mother of Jesus.



**★ Grandparents' Day Mass**  
**(Celebrating the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne)**  
**Mass 12:00 pm Holy Family School Hall**

*Looking forward to seeing lots of grandparents, parents & friends*



Coming up...

*Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Liturgy  
 Friday, 9th August, 12:30pm, Holy Family School Hall*

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

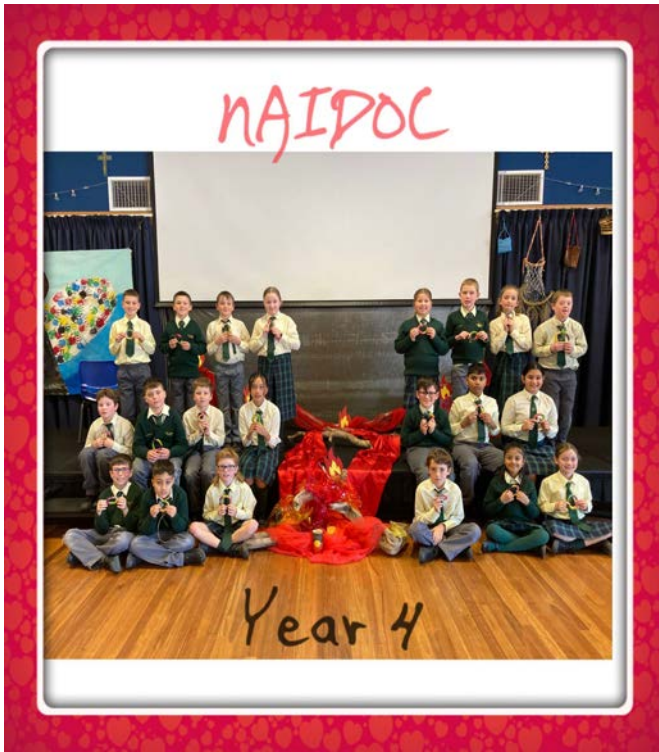


**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

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.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.  
 Beverly Berger

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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!



For more information call Shonel 6862 1872

## 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.



## 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

## 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



# Notes



## 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")

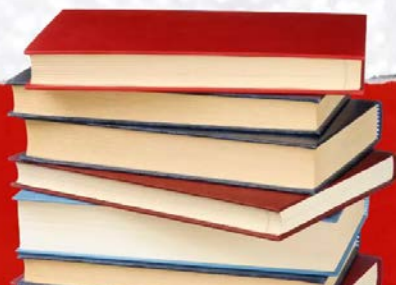
**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OUR GRANDPARENTS**

# 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**



## 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:

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Call : 6862 1610



## 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.

### RESPONDING TO RISK OF HARM

All school staff are mandatory reporters. This means that if there are reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is at risk of 'significant harm' from abuse or neglect, then a report must be made to the Department of Communities & Justice Child Protection Helpline (CP Helpline).

School staff are to inform the Principal if they are concerned that a child may be at risk. It is the role of the Principal to make the report to the CP Helpline.

In making a report the Principal will consider all of the information and seek appropriate advice from the Catholic Education Office. Any information about a child at risk is kept confidentially by the Principal.

In situations where a child is considered to be at risk, the school will work with the child and family to assist them as much as possible.

If you have any concerns about a child who you consider may be at risk, please discuss your concerns with the Principal as soon as possible and maintain confidentiality.

**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