



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 3 5th August 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 3

Monday

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday

ICAS Digital
Technologies

Wednesday

ICAS Writing

Friday

Mary of the Cross
MacKillop Liturgy
12:30pm

NEXT WEEK

Monday

ICAS English

Friday

Book Week Parade

[Parent Calendar](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, we enjoyed a delightful day dedicated to our grandparents and special visitors. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents join us for a beautiful Mass celebration prepared by our Year 3 and Year 4 students and teachers. Following the Mass, everyone gathered in the top quadrangle for a BBQ lunch and Book Fair. The joy on the students' faces as they shared their school day with their grandparents was very special.

A big congratulations to all our students who attended the Central Cluster Carnival in Trundle last Thursday. Your outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship were commendable. We are proud to announce that 29 students have qualified to compete at the Diocesan Carnival in Week 5. A special mention goes to Nate Calabro (Junior 1500m) and Jack Kaden (11 years high jump) for their record-breaking performances.

All staff attended a Diocesan professional learning opportunity in Forbes yesterday. The session, titled 'Crossing Cultures, Hidden Histories,' provided valuable insights into Aboriginal Education. It was a fantastic opportunity for our staff to engage with colleagues from other Diocesan schools and deepen our understanding of this important aspect of education.

This week marks the commencement of the ICAS Competitions for our students who have entered. Digital Technologies will be held on Tuesday, and Writing on Wednesday. We wish all our participants the best of luck.

A reminder to all parents and friends that there will be a P&F Meeting on Wednesday night at 6pm at the Coachman Hotel. We encourage you to attend and be part of the ongoing discussions and plans for our school community.

Good luck to Luca Barnes, who is in Wollongong this week representing Polding at the NSWPSA Touch Football Championships.

Denise Gersbach
Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Molly McCabe is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being honest and responsible.

Interview with Molly



What is your favourite subject?	Art
In your free time, what do you like to do?	I like to act like a teacher..
What is your favourite food?	Chinese
What do you like most about our school?	The teachers.
What are your strengths?	Reading
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A Teacher

Term 3 Week 3: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

□ **Be trustworthy and honest**

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

PROVERBS

Complete the proverbs by choosing the answer from the box below-

A picture is worth...	
Actions speak louder than...	
Two heads are better than...	
Don't judge a book by its...	

A stitch in time saves...	
Every cloud has a...	
Don't count your chickens before they...	
The early bird catches...	
Better late than...	

one a thousand words cover nine silver lining hatch
never the worm words

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

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.

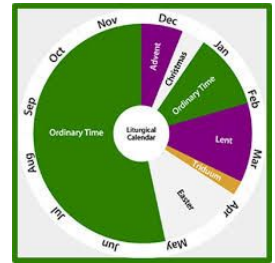
If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please **update this within 7 days** on the Compass Parent Portal or explain the reason by phone, e-mail or written note as soon as possible. Late arrivals and/or early departures can only be entered via the Compass Kiosk at the office.

After 7 days, the absence will remain as 'Unexplained' and cannot be changed (NSW Education Act 1990).

Religious Education

Eighthteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Well done to Stage 2 staff and students for organising a beautiful Mass for the Grandparents' Day, the **Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne** last Friday. Many grandparents, parents and friends attended the Mass which was really wonderful.



Coming up...

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

*Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop is **Australia's first saint** and throughout the universal Catholic church. Mary Helen MacKillop (1842-1909), known in life as Mother Mary of the Cross, was born on 15 January 1842 in Fitzroy, Melbourne.*

Mary, along with Fr Julian Tenison Woods, opened a school in a disused stable in Penola, South Australia.

*Her vision was to provide education for underprivileged children. Many other women joined her there, and Mary and Julian founded Australia's first religious order: the **Sisters of St Joseph**.*

Mary was a strong female leader in 19th century Australia.

*Her famous quote "**never see a need without doing something about it**" is something we at Holy Family strive to uphold and the students are often reminded about it.*



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

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY- 15TH AUGUST

It is a major feast day in the Catholic Church.

A special Mass will be organised by Stage 3 on Thursday, 15th August, 12:15pm at the HFS Hall. It is also a special day of obligation. All are welcome to attend.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Wiradjuri

During Wiradjuri lessons with Mrs Payne, KJC learned the Wiradjuri word for Kangaroo - Wambuwuny. The students also listened intently to a story about how the Kangaroo got its tail and then coloured in their own Kangaroo with its Joey.



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Wiradjuri Lessons



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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

Neighbourhood
CENTRAL

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



SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

FRIDAY
16 AUGUST 2024
6.00 PM

Featuring:

John Anderson

John Duncan Anderson AC FTSE served as the 11th Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Leader of the National Party from 1999 to 2005. In his web-based program, "Conversations with John Anderson" he interviews leaders and thinkers from around the world on topics such as civic freedoms and responsibilities, community welfare, western culture's values and beliefs and much more.

TOPIC:

"DOES THE WEST NEED A SPIRITUAL REAWAKENING?"

"When I stepped down from public leadership in 2005 I did so with a clear and optimistic vision of where this country was headed. John Anderson"

ALL WELCOME

RSVP necessary by 10 August

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Parkes Services

Club
(Starlight room)
Short St Parkes

6.00 pm - 7.15 pm

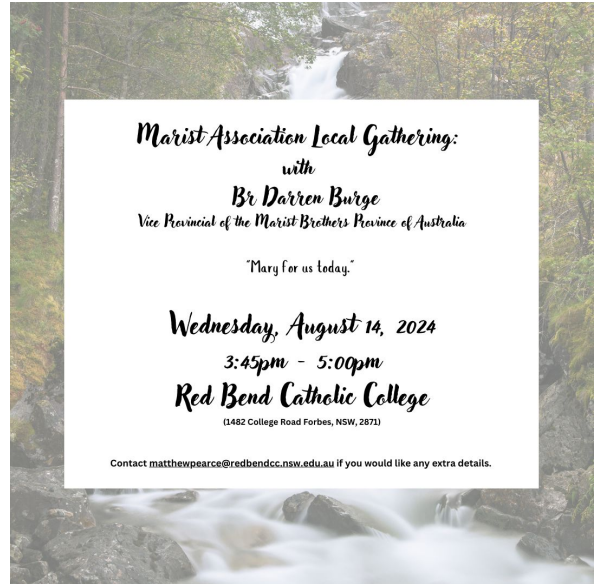
Bistro will be open as usual for meals

A DONATION at the door will be appreciated to help offset our costs

(Faith Formation Committee, Holy Family Parish, Parkes)



Spirituality in the Pub
is an initiative of
catalyst@parredjwal



Marist Association Local Gathering:

with

Br Darren Burge

Vice Provincial of the Marist Brothers Province of Australia

"Mary for us today."

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

3:45pm - 5:00pm

Red Bend Catholic College

(1482 College Road Forbes, NSW, 2871)

Contact matthewpearce@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au if you would like any extra details.



KINDERGARTEN 2025

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL
TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW

eSafety parent webinar

Wellbeing and digital technologies



LEADERSHIP • ADVOCACY • SUPPORT

Join the eSafety Commissioner's expert education and training team for a FREE live webinar

Tuesday 20 August from 7.30pm – 8pm

Consent and online boundaries: how to support your primary-aged child

This Term 3 webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in primary school

As children begin to navigate the online world, they need to know how to make decisions around consent and boundaries. This 30-minute webinar will outline strategies for parents and carers, as well as support those hard-to-have conversations.



CLICK TO REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1244428795787444059>



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Walking together safely to and from school.

Walking to school and back home again is a great way to spend time with your children and encourage safe and healthy behaviours.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safer as a pedestrian:

Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.

Plan and practice your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Meet your child near the school gate and don't call them from across the road.

Explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross.

Remind your child to STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.

