



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 4 12th August 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 4

Monday

ICAS English

Tuesday

WF Cricket
(Parkes)

Thursday

Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass (Stage 3)
12.15pm

Friday

Book Week Parade
9.15am (Theme Magic)

Assembly 2.35pm

NEXT WEEK

Monday

ICAS Science

Tuesday

ICAS Spelling
Todd Woodbridge Cup
(Stage 2-3)

[Parent Calendar](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 3! Our school community is bustling with excitement as we continue to engage in various enriching activities and upcoming events.

For the first five weeks of this term, our dedicated teachers have been focusing on expanding students' vocabulary across all year levels. It is incredibly pleasing to witness the improvement in the quality of vocabulary that our students are incorporating into their classroom writing tasks. This focus is not only enhancing their writing skills but also empowering them with a broader range of words to express their thoughts and ideas effectively.

Good luck to the boys who are representing Holy Family School at the Diocesan Cricket Trials. We wish them the best of luck.

On Thursday, we will come together as a school community to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. A special Mass will be held in our school hall at 12.15pm. We invite all parents, carers, and friends to join us for this important occasion as we reflect on the significance of this feast day in our Catholic faith.

Friday is set to be a day of fun and literary joy as we hold our Book Week Parade at 9.15am. This year's theme is "magic," and we encourage all students to come dressed as their favourite book characters. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day celebrating books and literature.

We are excited to share that several students registered for Holy Family's Got Talent have volunteered to perform at our upcoming assemblies. To accommodate these performances, please note that assemblies for the remainder of Term 3 will begin at 2:35 PM. Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to enjoying the talent of our students!

Our Parents and Friends Association is seeking volunteers to assist with the canteen during the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Thursday, 22nd August. This event presents a significant fundraising opportunity for our P&F, and your support is greatly appreciated. If you can spare an hour to help out, please contact the school office to add your name to the volunteer roster. Your contribution will make a big difference!

Denise Gersbach
Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Kolby Pope is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being kind and trustworthy.

Interview with Kolby



What is your favourite subject?	English
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play with my sister
What is your favourite food?	Biscotti
What do you like most about our school?	The play equipment
What are your strengths?	Reading
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A police officer

Term 3 Week 4: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

□ **Be trustworthy and honest**

This fortnight's challenge is to conduct some research and **fill in** 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.

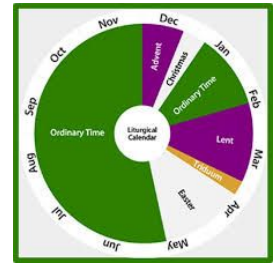
If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please **update this within 7 days** on the Compass Parent Portal or explain the reason by phone, e-mail or written note as soon as possible. Late arrivals and/or early departures can only be entered via the Compass Kiosk at the office.

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

Religious Education

Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Well done to Stage 1 staff and students for organising a beautiful liturgy last Friday to celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Many parents, grandparents and friends attended, which was wonderful. The students participated very reverently.



❖ Feast of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary-15th August

It is a major feast day observed by 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 Holy Day of Obligation. All are welcome to attend.

The dogma of the Assumption of Mary, also called the "Dormition of Mary" in the Eastern Churches, has its roots in the early centuries of the Church. Catholics around the world today mark the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, commemorating the end of her earthly life and assumption into Heaven.



❖ Friday, 30th August, 12:30 pm- Father's Day Liturgy Stage 2

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

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.
Beverly Berger

Assembly Awards

Week 2

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJC	Kolby Pope
	1S	Molly McCabe
	2CH	Nitara Suji
	3NC	Braxton Clarke
	4W	Bill O'Bryan
	5/6B	Mia Malherbe
	5/6H	Jackson O'Brien
	5/6N	Hannah Wood
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 2CH	Tessa Dugan
	Primary - 5/6B	Louis Smith
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - KJC	Ellie Gersbach
	Primary - 5/6N	Addison Murray
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - 1S	Everleigh Albert
	Primary - 5/6H	Jermy Varghese
Leadership Award	Infants - 2CH	Aurora Sapkota
	Primary - 4W	Hayden Jones
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - KJC	Navy Edwards
	Primary - 5/6B	Hamish Newham

Notes

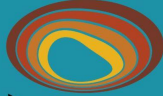
Paint Parkes REAd Presents
Our Annual Reading Day
"Reading is magic"

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

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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.

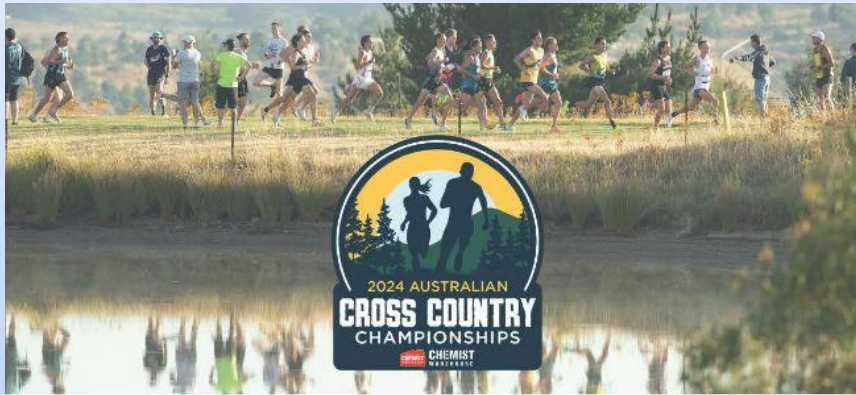


Holy Family's Got Talent Assembly Version

We are pleased to offer an alternative opportunity for the
students who registered for HFGT to showcase their
talents. The students who had registered for HFGT have
been given the option to perform during our school
assemblies in Weeks 4, 6, 8, or 10. Below, you will find the
names of the students who have nominated themselves to
perform at these assemblies.

Please ensure that your child is well rehearsed and prepared
for their performance. This includes having all necessary
instruments, music, costumes and/or props ready on the day
of their scheduled performance.

Week	Assembly Act
4	Niamh - Singing Max & Jasper - Singing & Dancing
6	Ceinwyn - Singing Roop - Singing Joey & Joel - Acting & Dancing
8	Ceff - Singing Sophie - Singing Elsie, Amelia and Kendall - Dancing
10	Elizabeth & Piper - Dancing Lillian - Singing



National Cross Country Championships

This year, for the first time, primary and secondary school students are eligible to compete in the National Cross Country Championships.

In August, Australian athletics is gearing up for an exciting adventure down south as Tasmania gets ready to host a reimagined Chemist Warehouse Australian Cross Country Championships.

An Event For All Ages

Whether students are in primary or secondary, this is their chance to shine. The Championships are packed with a two-day program of races including the brand-new Mixed Relay event. The Mixed Relay is open to all primary and secondary school students, no matter if they're registered with your State or Territory Member Association or not.

This means students can pair up and jump in to compete in a team event that's about fun, teamwork and pushing your limits.

A Call to All Schools

Single gender schools, this is your moment to come together and compete. Pair up with another school for the Mixed Relay.

Individual Glory Awaits

For those who love to run solo, individual races are also on the program. To participate, athletes will need to register through their State and Territory Member Associations.

Key Event Information

Date: Saturday 31 August and Sunday 1 September 2024

Venue: Symmons Plains Raceway

Timetable: [Day 1](#) | [Day 2](#)

Mixed Relay Entry Portal: [HERE](#) [closing August 4]

View [frequently asked questions here](#) or visit the full [event page here](#).

eSafety parent webinar

Wellbeing and digital technologies



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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.



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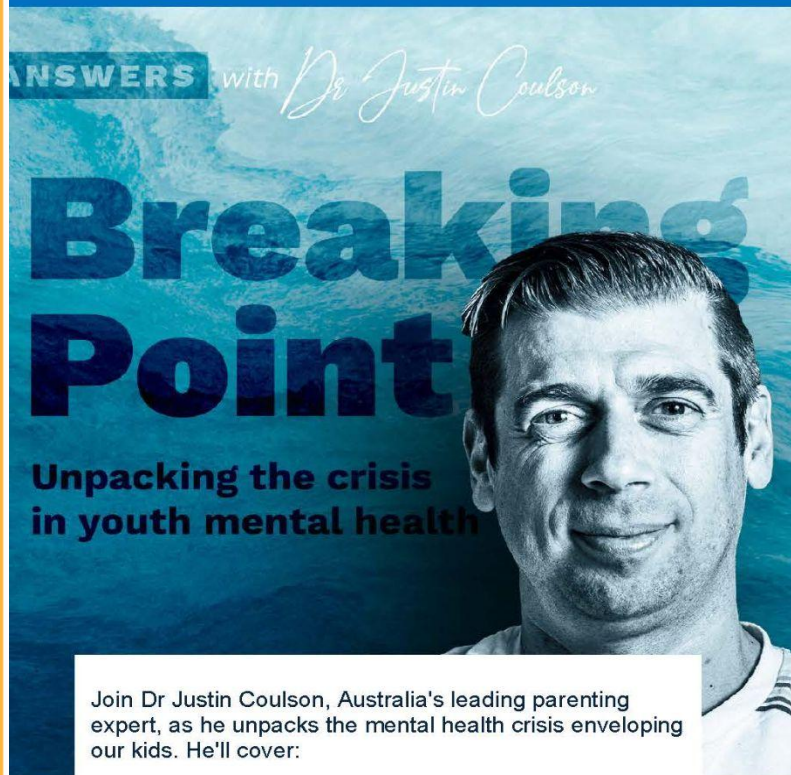
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Free Webinar for Parents and Carers

Breaking Point

With Dr Justin Coulson



**UNPACKING THE
CRISIS IN YOUTH
MENTAL HEALTH**

**Wednesday
11 September**

7pm – 8pm



[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

Join Dr Justin Coulson, Australia's leading parenting expert, as he unpacks the mental health crisis enveloping our kids. He'll cover:

- The root causes behind the deteriorating state of mental health, and who (or what) is responsible
- The tools you need to reverse this trend for your children
- Science-backed, relationship-focused strategies to remedy school refusal
- Realistic approaches for managing screen time in a way that protects your child's wellbeing without completely alienating them from their peers
- Creating margin in your home and family life to protect and promote mental wellness

This isn't just a workshop; it's a call to action. Join the conversation and be part of a dynamic, interactive experience where we collaborate to reshape the future of your children's mental health. Hear real stories, explore innovative solutions, and discover practical strategies to empower your kids.

Dr Justin Coulson is the co-host and parenting expert on Channel 9's *Parental Guidance*, the founder of happyfamilies.com.au, and one of Australia's most trusted parenting experts. He holds a PhD in Positive Psychology.