



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 7 2th September 2024

## EVENTS

**THIS WEEK 7**

**Wednesday**

**P&F Meeting 6pm**

**Thursday**

**Disco 6pm**

**NEXT WEEK**

**Friday**

**Polding Athletics  
Assembly**

**CHANGE  
of DATE**

**Week 10**

**Please note: Assembly  
will now be on Thurs  
26/9 not Wed 25/9 as  
previously advised.**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, I had the pleasure of traveling around the Western area of our Diocese, visiting schools in Nyngan, Cobar, Bourke, Brewarrina, Wilcannia, and Broken Hill. It was an enriching experience, filled with wonderful opportunities to engage with other Diocesan principals and witness the incredible work happening across our Diocese. The sense of community and dedication to education in these schools was inspiring.

Back here at Holy Family, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff members for organising the Father's Day breakfast last Friday. From all reports, it was a delightful morning, filled with warmth and joy, and it was wonderful to hear that so many fathers and father figures enjoyed time with their children. A big thank you as well to our P&F for coordinating the Father's Day stall—our students loved selecting gifts for their dads.

Looking ahead, I'd like to remind everyone that the September P&F meeting will be held this Wednesday at 6pm at the Coachman Hotel. I encourage all parents and friends to attend—this is a fantastic way to get involved with our school community and contribute to the planning of upcoming fundraising events. Your involvement makes a real difference, and we appreciate all the support you provide.

Our Term 3 Disco will take place this Thursday evening at the Ex-Services Club from 6pm to 7.15pm. The theme is 'Olympics,' and we are excited to see the creative outfits our students come up with! Please remember that students must be dropped off and picked up from the room upstairs at the club for their safety.

We are undergoing a significant restructure of our school library in preparation for 2025. As part of this, we are asking for all library books that may be at home to be returned to the school as soon as possible. We are thrilled about the plans we have for the library, and we can't wait to share them with you in the near future.

*Denise Gersbach*  
Principal

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## ★ Star of the Week ★

Madilyn Donnelly is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being polite and hardworking.

### Interview with Madilyn



What is your favourite subject?	Mathematics
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play with my dog
What is your favourite food?	Chicken Parmigiana
What do you like most about our school?	There are lots of sporting opportunities for children
What are your strengths?	Writing informative and imaginative texts
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	The owner of a pet friendly restaurant

### Term 3 Week 7: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - LOVE)

#### □ **Forgive and reconcile**

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

### Synonyms Quiz

1. Ancient	<input type="radio"/> A) Modern <input type="radio"/> B) Old <input type="radio"/> C) Fresh <input type="radio"/> D) New
2. Hasty	<input type="radio"/> A) Slow <input type="radio"/> B) Careful <input type="radio"/> C) Quick <input type="radio"/> D) Lazy
3. Whisper	<input type="radio"/> A) Shout <input type="radio"/> B) Speak <input type="radio"/> C) Mumble <input type="radio"/> D) Yell
4. Gleaming	<input type="radio"/> A) Shiny <input type="radio"/> B) Dull <input type="radio"/> C) Dark <input type="radio"/> D) Faint

5. Cautious	<input type="radio"/> A) Reckless <input type="radio"/> B) Careful <input type="radio"/> C) Brave <input type="radio"/> D) Nervous
6. Abundant	<input type="radio"/> A) Scarce <input type="radio"/> B) Few <input type="radio"/> C) Plentiful <input type="radio"/> D) Rare
7. Perturbed	<input type="radio"/> A) Sad <input type="radio"/> B) Happy <input type="radio"/> C) Upset <input type="radio"/> D) Bored
8. Fortunate	<input type="radio"/> A) Lucky <input type="radio"/> B) Unlucky <input type="radio"/> C) Rich <input type="radio"/> D) Poor
9. Industrious	<input type="radio"/> A) Lazy <input type="radio"/> B) Hardworking <input type="radio"/> C) Careless <input type="radio"/> D) Quiet
10. Perplexed	<input type="radio"/> A) Confused <input type="radio"/> B) Certain <input type="radio"/> C) Calm <input type="radio"/> D) Happy

**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.**

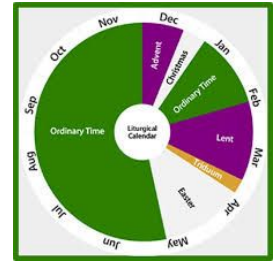
**I hope everyone has a great week.  
Andrew Berger**



# Religious Education

## Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time

Thank you to the Stage 2 teachers and students who organised a beautiful Father's Day Liturgy last Friday. Many dads and granddads attended with their families which was really lovely. The children were very reverent and their wonderful reading and singing heightened the liturgy.



**\*Mufti Mission Day**

**\*Saint Vincent de Paul Liturgy**

**Thursday, 26th September, 10:15am, HFS Hall, followed by Mission Stalls. All are welcome to attend.**

Our Mini Vinnies Leadership Committee will be receiving their badges at the liturgy.

We will be presenting our donated items to the St Vincent de Paul Society at the liturgy. If anyone would like to donate some items, please send them to the school office. We also collect empty cans for our Mini Vinnies Recycling Bins which are taken to the Woolworths Return and Earn Depot and cashed in. This is run by Mrs Herring. The money earned through this is donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society.



**Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation):**  
**7th November, 6pm, Holy Family Church**

All Catholic students in Year 2 are offered the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation) on 7th November, 6pm, at the Holy Family Catholic Church. A note with further details will be sent home shortly.

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

# Wiradjuri

Our Year 5/6 students participated in an excursion to the Parkes Town Library to view the Wiradjuri Nguramba Exhibition. Special guest, Kerryn Jones, from the library spoke to our students as they learnt more things about Wiradjuri culture. The library staff showed the students where the Parkes Wiradjuri section was in the local history room. The students were also lucky to view the Regional Waste 2 Art Exhibition in the Coventry room. Holy Family School would like to thank Parkes Shire Council for the opportunity to be involved in these activities.

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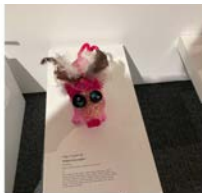
Wiradjuri Nguramba Exhibition



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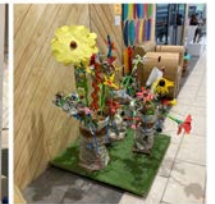
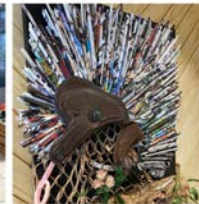
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Parkes Library



Thank you

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# Wiradjuri



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**Waste 2 Art**



## RURAL ROAD SAFETY MONTH - September 2024

Now in its seventh year, [ARSF's Rural Road Safety Month](#) national awareness campaign targets regional and rural road safety throughout September. A national community-based road safety initiative, it is designed to highlight the additional risks when driving on rural and remote roads across Australia.

Despite being less populated areas, deaths on rural and remote roads accounted for almost two thirds of the 2023 road toll.

All road users are encouraged to get involved to help make a significant reduction in road trauma.

### RURAL ROAD SAFETY MONTH

September 2024



*Help sow the seeds of change  
Road safety starts with you!*



## KEEPING SAFE AROUND SCHOOL CROSSINGS

For your child's safety, it's very important to ensure they use the school crossing.

At all crossings you must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road.

If there's a School Crossing Supervisor, wait until they have stopped the traffic and called you to cross. If you are driving, you must not proceed until the School Crossing Supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that you may proceed through the crossing.

### Children's crossings

Children's crossings are usually part-time crossings that operate before and after school hours. They can also operate at other times when children use the crossing for excursions or during break times. When 'Children Crossing' flags are displayed, you must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)

# Gather

Gather • Together • Reflect

Please join us in the Religion Room at 8.55am  
on Wednesday September 4, as we  
**Gather Together and Reflect!**

The theme of Holy Family's first GTR will be:  
**A GRATEFUL DAY!**



*...then stay for a cuppa and a chat*

# Notes



**KEEP THE FIRE  
BURNING!  
BLAK, LOUD  
AND PROUD**

## Parkes NAIDOC Family Fun Day

Saturday 7th September 2024

10am - 2pm

Bushmans Hill Wiradjuri Amphitheatre

Local Performances | Local Artifacts | Free BBQ  
Arts and Weaving | Jumping Castle  
Face Painting | Information Stalls

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Fundraiser for Holy Family Parish,  
Parkes



# BOOT SALE

SATURDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2024

at Holy Family School  
37 High Street, Parkes  
9 am to 1 pm

*Morning teas*

*BBQ sausage sizzle*

**Raffle \$500 fuel**



## KINDERGARTEN 2025

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL  
TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW

# Notes

## HFS Library Changes



Holy Family is excited to announce we are undertaking an exciting upgrade to our school library!

Due to the rising cost of our current library software (Oliver), CEWF have sought out and found a more reasonably priced alternative. The product chosen is called Libib - it's simple to use, has the functionality we need and the price is 10% of Oliver.

The change to Libib is the opportunity to reinvigorate and upgrade our existing library space. In order to do this in a timely and efficient manner we require ALL books to be returned to the school by the end of Week 8 (Friday 13th September).

While we are undertaking the new barcoding and accessioning of books, all borrowing will need to be suspended.

This process will also afford us the opportunity to review our Library collection and select the most appropriate books to retain within the collection. Books which are no longer required for the library will be offered to the students to enjoy at home or pass onto another loving home.



Holy Family School Parkes

## Kindergarten Transition Enrolment

Start Your Child's Learning Journey.

Our 2025 Transition Program is now available from Term 1 to Term 4 for children starting Kindergarten in 2026.

[Register Now](#)



### Program Feature:

- ✓ FREE - NO COST
- ✓ STARTS TERM 1 - 19TH MARCH 2025  
FINISHES TERM 4 - 10TH DECEMBER 2025
- ✓ EVERY WEDNESDAY 9 AM - 3 PM
- ✓ TERM 4 IS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED FOR 2026 KINDERGARTEN
- ✓ CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A FREE HOLY FAMILY SPORTS SHIRT FOR THE PROGRAM.

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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

# 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.

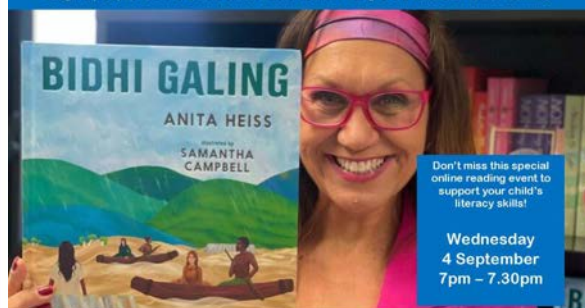
Please ensure that your child is well rehearsed and prepared for their performance. This includes having all necessary instruments, music, costumes and/or props ready on the day of their scheduled performance.

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



## Anita Heiss reads BIDHI GALING

Brought to you by the Council of Catholic Schools Parents NSW/ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee



Don't miss this special online reading event to support your child's literacy skills!

Wednesday  
4 September  
7pm - 7.30pm

Register now to attend this free literacy event online!

CCSP's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee are excited to invite all families who have children enrolled in Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to join us online with best-selling author Anita Heiss, who will read from her book *Bidhi Galing* (Big Rain).

Primary school students aged 7-12 will love *Bidhi Galing*, which tells the story of the Great Flood of Gundagai in 1852 and the Wiradjuri heroes Yarn and Jacky Jacky who paddled bark canoes through raging floodwaters, risking their lives to save countless others.

Anita Heiss is a proud member of the Wiradjuri nation of central New South Wales, but was born in Gadigal country and has spent much of her life on Dharawal land near La Perouse. She is one of Australia's most prolific and well-known authors publishing across genres including non-fiction, historical fiction, commercial fiction, and children's novels

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Indigenous Literacy Day is held on the first Wednesday of September and is an annual celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Stories, Cultures and Languages (find out more here:

<https://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/ild>).

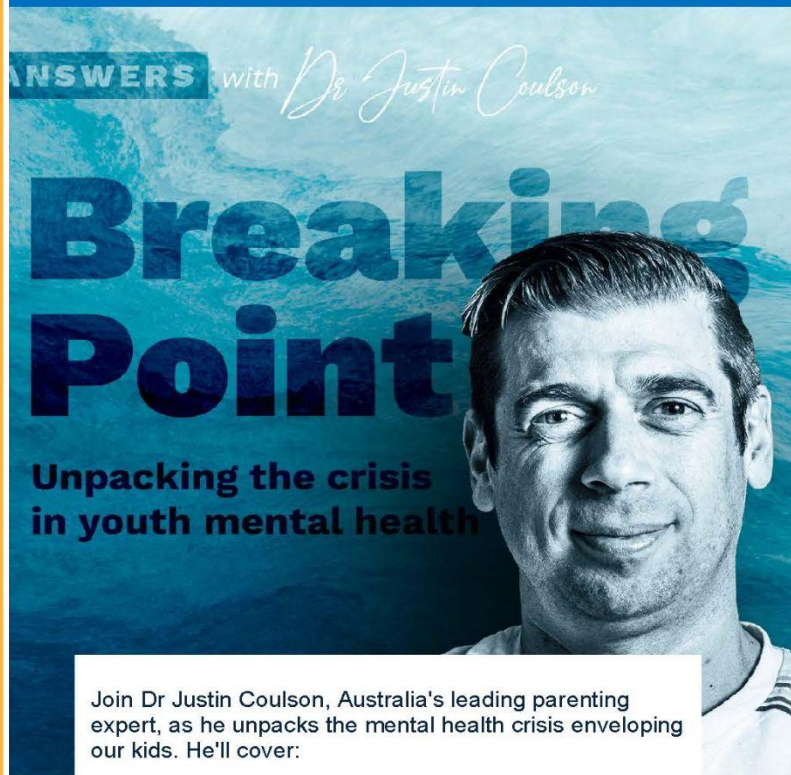
Primary school students aged 7-12 (and their families!) will love this story and the beautiful illustrations. It's a chance to sit down together and enjoy a nice, quiet time listening and reading, which is a wonderful way to support children's literacy skills at home. See the flyer [here](#).



# 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](http://happyfamilies.com.au), and one of Australia's most trusted parenting experts. He holds a PhD in Positive Psychology.