



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 2 21 October 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 2

Monday

**Diocesan World
Mission Launch Yr 5/6
(RBCC)**

Tuesday

Eco Day - Year 5

Wednesday

**Kindy Morning
Excursion
(Kelly Reserve)**

**NSW PSSA Athletics
(Homebush)**

Thursday

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(Homebush)**

Assembly 2.45pm

Friday

Colour Run 1.45pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to congratulate all our students for a positive return to school last week. It was wonderful to see the excellent behaviour and commitment to learning displayed in classrooms. Our students have set a fantastic tone for Term 4, and I am looking forward to seeing what they will accomplish as the term progresses.

This week, we are very proud of our athletes Nate Calabro, Arlo Cassidy, Jack Burt, Hayden Jones and Seth King, who will be representing Polding at the NSWPSA Athletics Carnival in Homebush. We will be cheering these students on as they compete on Wednesday and Thursday, with the opportunity to watch their events via live stream. We wish them all the very best of luck!

A big thank you to all the families who supported our Book Fair last week. Your generosity and participation are greatly appreciated. All commissions from the fair will go directly towards the upgrade of our library, ensuring that our students have an engaging and enriched space for reading and learning.

It's a busy week for excursions here at Holy Family School. Today, our Year 5/6 students will be attending the Diocesan World Mission Launch at RBCC, joining students from other schools across the Diocese. Tomorrow, our Year 5 students will participate in Parkes Eco Day alongside other local schools, engaging in valuable environmental learning experiences. Our Kindergarten students are also looking forward to their fun excursion at Kelly Reserve on Wednesday, which promises to be filled with excitement and hands-on learning opportunities.

As we approach the end of this week, we have a couple of key events to look forward to. This Friday marks our much-anticipated Colour Run! This is the final week for fundraising, and we are aiming to make it our most successful event yet, with all proceeds going towards the library upgrade. We invite all parents and friends to join us for what will be a very fun afternoon on our school oval. The run will begin at 1.45pm.

Please note that this week's Assembly will be held on Thursday at 2.45pm, as the Colour Run will take place on Friday.

Denise Gersbach
Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Ellie Gersbach is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being kind and studious.

Interview with Ellie



What is your favourite subject?	Mathematics
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Draw
What is your favourite food?	Ice cream
What do you like most about our school?	The playground
What are your strengths?	Writing
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A dancer

Term 4 Week 2: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - Praise)

☐ **Treat everyone with kindness, not because they are nice, but because YOU ARE.**

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

Vocabulary Quiz: Numbers and Time

1. How many items are in a dozen?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a) 6 ● b) 12 ● c) 10 ● d) 24
2. How many hours are in a day?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a) 12 hours ● b) 24 hours ● c) 36 hours ● d) 48 hours
3. If a baker's dozen is mentioned, how many items are being referred to?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a) 10 ● b) 12 ● c) 13 ● d) 14
4. What is a "decade"?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a) 5 years ● b) 10 years ● c) 20 years ● d) 100 years

<p>5. How many weeks are in a year (not including leap years)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a) 50 weeks • b) 52 weeks • c) 54 weeks • d) 60 weeks
<p>6. What does "century" mean?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a) 10 years • b) 50 years • c) 100 years • d) 200 years
<p>7. How many months are there in a year?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a) 10 • b) 11 • c) 12 • d) 13
<p>8. If something happens annually, how often does it happen?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a) Every month • b) Every year • c) Every week • d) Every day
<p>9. How long is a fortnight?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a) 7 days • b) 10 days • c) 14 days • d) 21 days
<p>10. What does the word "score" mean when talking about numbers?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a) 5 • b) 10 • c) 20 • d) 50



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 answers 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-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

The students of Stage 3 will be attending the Catholic Mission launch Liturgy at Red Bend Catholic College today, 21st October. Other schools in the diocese will be participating as well. Many of our students will be doing the readings. The Liturgy will be live-streamed to ensure that all schools can participate. The focus country this year is Mongolia.

What is Socktober?

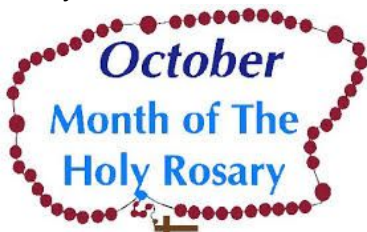
Socktober for Mission Month cultivates the passion of students to rise up, engage their local community, and take action against poverty through the world game of soccer. It provides young people in Australia with the opportunity to lead in mission, encouraging them to think not only of what they will do to help, but why they will do it.

<https://www.socktober.org.au/about/how-socktober-works>

Holy Family will have a **Socktober Shootout** on **Tuesday, 29th of October**. All classes are making sock balls with recycled materials.

[How to Make a Sockball](#)

Watch Dorothy from Catholic Mission make a sockball alongside family in Zambia, and then have a go at making your own using recycled materials at home or in class. Many children in Timor-Leste and around the world play with a ball just like this - even Pope Francis did as a boy in Argentina. Ready to make yours? Make a sock ball with your family.



*The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions.

[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.

Thursday, 7th November, Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation)	6pm, Holy Family Church	Stage 2 Catholic Students
Thursday, 28th November, Year 6 Graduation Mass	6.00pm Holy Family Church	Stage 3
Wednesday, 4th December, Kindergarten Liturgy	12:15pm Chapel	Early Stage 1

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.
Beverly Berger

Term 4 Calendar

Term 4 2024 Planner

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
October	1	14 First Day of Term 4 (Students)	15	16 Book Fair	17 Book Fair	18	19/20
	2	21 Diocesan World Mission Launch - RBCC (Year 5/6)	22 Eco Day - Year 5	23 Kindy Morning Excursion (Kelly Park) NSW PSSA / SOPA Athletics (Location TBA)	24 Assembly - 2.45pm	25 P&F Colour Run 1.45pm	26/27
Oct/Nov	3	28 Pupil Free Day	29 Socktober Day	30 Year 5/6 Excursion - Tea Gardens	31 Year 5/6 Excursion - Tea Gardens	1 Year 5/6 Excursion - Tea Gardens K-2 Beetle Show Excursion Orange	2/3
November	4	4	5	6 P&F Meeting - 6pm	7 First Reconciliation - Year 2 - 6.00pm HF Church	8 Assembly - 2.45pm	9/10
	5	11	12	13	14 Year 4 Stargazers Camp	15	16/17
	6	18	19	20	21 Primary Swimming for Sport	22 Assembly - 2.45pm	23/24
Nov/Dec	7	25 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program Dental Van Visit	26 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program Dental Van Visit	27 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program	28 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program Primary Swimming for Sport Year 6 Graduation Mass - 6.00pm (HF Church)	29 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program	30/1
December	8	2 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program	3 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program PHS Year 7 Orientation	4 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program Kindergarten Liturgy Chapel 12:15pm P&F Meeting - 6pm	5 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program Primary Swimming for Sport School Disco - 6.00pm	6 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program Assembly - 2.45pm	7/8
	9	9* Presentation Night - 6.00pm	10	11 Last Day - Kindergarten Transition	12 Primary Swimming for Sport	13 Year 6 Retreat - 9.00am - 1.00pm	14/15
	10	16 Year 6 Assembly - 2.00pm	17 Assembly - 2.45pm	18 Last Day of Term 4 for Students	19 Staff Development Day	20 Staff Development Day	21/22

Notes

GOOD CHOICE BEADS

**Year 2 students and Parents
please join us on
Tuesday the 29th of October 2024
In the
Religion Room
at
6.00pm**

**Together we will spend some time
making some good choice beads.**

Please RSVP Here



Helpers needed for colour run.

The Colour Run is on this Friday 25th October, and we can't wait.

To make this day as much fun as possible we need your help.

- We need parents to help set up the obstacle course at 7am Friday morning.
- We also need parents to help spray the colour during the event (wear old clothes).

Event starts at 1:30 pm

If you can help with either of these please contact the office.



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](#)

☎ 6862 1610 ✉ admin.parkes@wf.catholic.edu.au

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.

Notes



Join the Garage Sale Trail this November!

Sell and Clear Out before Christmas or make a Thrifting Date with your besties!

Reuse, Recycle, Repair, Rejig, Restore, Revamp, Refresh, Rework



You can find more information, tips and tricks at www.garagesaletrail.com.au

Notice for Boot Sale Donations of Cooking (for the morning tea and stall)

Please include a list of ingredients with your donations



Bring your cooking to the Holy Family School Hall from 8.00 am Saturday, 9 November --- OR ---

Deliver to School Canteen/School Hall, (Albert Street entrance) on Friday, 8 November 9am-1pm (Pat - 0408 623 199)

Saturday, 9 November 2024, 9am-1pm at Holy Family Parish School, for multiple stalls, morning tea, sausage sizzle, and raffle. Join the group with your stall, or come along to browse all the stalls at the Boot Sale. All enquiries to Pat McCallum on 0408 623 199 or email badger47@bigpond.net.au



REMINDER

Please return raffle tickets and money to the box near the *Tap and Go* at the Church, and on the entry pew at the Chapel

by 3rd November.

Thank you for supporting this raffle as part of our fundraising efforts. (Return any unsold tickets too, please)

Morning Tea and Sausage Sizzle



Raffle \$500 fuel

Tickets \$1 each

Join Our Group Sale



Find out more garagesaletrail.com.au

Notes

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.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

Screening of those working in schools

Working With Children Checks are undertaken by staff working in our school. Non-exempt school volunteers, outside tutors, external providers and any staff engaged by an external organisation are also expected to provide schools with their WWCC which is verified prior to engagement.

Exemptions from Working With Children Check are:

- Children (under the age of 18);
- A 'parent of a child' includes a carer or person who has legal responsibility for a child;
- A 'close relative' includes a spouse or de facto partner, child, step-child, parent, step-parent, sibling, step-sibling, grandparent, step-grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew.

This exemption does not apply where the work is part of a formal mentoring program or involves intimate, personal care of children with a disability, or when volunteering on overnight camps.

The purpose of the check is to exclude people from working with children who are not suitable. A person who has been convicted or found guilty of a listed serious offence against children (whether in NSW or elsewhere) is prohibited from working in a child related role.

The participation of parents and close relatives of students at the school as volunteers is welcomed and appreciated for various activities in the school. It is important that all volunteers are aware that they are subject to child protection legislation. This means all volunteers must:

- sign in on the Compass Kiosk at the front office and obtain a visitor's badge or slip as per school procedure;
- check with the school to ascertain the current legal requirements for working with children;
- not engage in any inappropriate behaviour towards any children. In particular, although parents and volunteers are not employed by the school, they are considered to be 'staff' for legal purposes and are subject to an investigation if an allegation of inappropriate behaviour towards a child or children is received.

Volunteers who are not the parent or a close relative of a child at the school will be expected to undertake a Working With Children Check.

Further information on the Working With Children Check can be found on the website for the Office of the Children's Guardian at <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/>