



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 4 4th November 2024

## EVENTS

**THIS WEEK 4**

**Monday**

**WF Cricket Trials  
(Parkes)**

**P&F Meeting 6.00pm  
(Sunrise offices,  
220 Clarinda St )**

**Thursday**

**First Reconciliation  
6.00pm  
(HF Church)**

**Friday**

**Assembly 2.45pm  
(Hall)**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our recent Stage 3 excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp was a huge success! It was an incredible experience for our students, filled with adventure, friendship and fantastic memories that will last a lifetime.

Throughout the camp, our students demonstrated fantastic behaviour, making us incredibly proud. They approached each activity with enthusiasm, courage and team spirit. Activities such as High Ropes, Canoeing, Flying Fox, Mud Run, Power Fan, Fencing and Commando were not only challenging but also thoroughly enjoyable. Our students embraced each activity with smiles and determination. It was truly a joy to see them push their boundaries, work together and support one another.

Beyond the activities, students also enjoyed quality time with their friends, strengthening bonds and building new ones. Mealtimes were a highlight as well, with delicious food that kept everyone fueled and ready for the next adventure.

In addition, our recent Pupil Free Day was a wonderful opportunity for staff development, with a focus on curriculum reform. It was an enriching day that has inspired our team with new ideas and strategies as we work to enhance student learning across the curriculum.

Congratulations are also in order for Ashton McQuie and Louis Smith for their outstanding sportsmanship and representation of Holy Family at the Blackstock-Clarke Shield squash competition. Their dedication, skill and team spirit truly made us proud!

Once again, well done to all students who participated in the recent ICAS Writing and Mathematics competitions. Certificates were awarded at last week's assembly, where we celebrated some truly outstanding results. Please see later in the newsletter for a full list of students and their achievements.

Congratulations to Stanley Drooger who was selected for the Wilcannia-Forbes Cricket team. Well done!

We would like to wish our Year 2 students all the best for their First Reconciliation on Thursday, 7th November. This is a meaningful milestone in their faith journey, and we look forward to supporting them on this special day.

Lastly, our Year 4 students are eagerly looking forward to their upcoming Stargazers Camp on Thursday, 14th November. We can't wait to hear about their exciting experiences under the stars!

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Berger  
Assistant Principal



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## ★ Star of the Week ★

Levi McIntyre is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being helpful and honest.

### Interview with Levi



What is your favourite subject?	Mathematics
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Ride my bike
What is your favourite food?	Spaghetti Bolognese
What do you like most about our school?	The teachers
What are your strengths?	Staying power in running and mentally working through challenges.
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	An engineer

**Term 4 Week 4: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - FAITH)**

### ➤ Loyal and True to Your Promises

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

#### Mathematics Vocabulary Quiz:

1) What does product mean in maths?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The result of subtraction</li> <li>b) The result of addition</li> <li>c) The result of multiplication</li> <li>d) The result of division</li> </ul>
2) What is the denominator in a fraction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The number below the fraction bar that shows how many parts the whole is divided into</li> <li>b) The number above the fraction bar that shows how many parts are considered</li> <li>c) The number you multiply by</li> <li>d) The number you divide by</li> </ul>
3) What is the numerator in a fraction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The number above the fraction bar that shows how many parts are considered</li> <li>b) The number you add by</li> <li>c) The number you subtract by</li> <li>d) The number below the fraction bar that shows how many parts the whole is divided into</li> </ul>

4) What is an angle?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The measure of space between two lines that meet at a point</li> <li>b) The measurement of the length of a line</li> <li>c) The distance between two points</li> <li>d) The number of sides on a shape</li> </ul>
5) What is a prime number?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A number that can be divided evenly only by 1 and itself</li> <li>b) A number that is divisible by any other number</li> <li>c) A number that can be divided by 2</li> <li>d) A number with multiple factors</li> </ul>
6) What is the difference?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The result of division</li> <li>b) The result of subtraction</li> <li>c) The result of multiplication</li> <li>d) The result of addition</li> </ul>
7) What is a quotient?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The result of addition</li> <li>b) The result of multiplication</li> <li>c) The result of division</li> <li>d) The result of subtraction</li> </ul>
8) What does factor mean in maths?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A number added to get a sum</li> <li>b) A number divided to get a quotient</li> <li>c) A number that is multiplied by another to get a product</li> <li>d) A number subtracted to get a difference</li> </ul>
9) What is a perimeter?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The space inside a shape</li> <li>b) The distance around the outside of a shape</li> <li>c) The length of one side of a shape</li> <li>d) The number of corners a shape has</li> </ul>
10) What is a sum?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A division problem</li> <li>b) The result of multiplication</li> <li>c) A subtraction problem</li> <li>d) The result of addition</li> </ul>



**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

## Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

13 children will receive the **Sacrament of Penance** on **Thursday, 7 November, 6:00pm**, at the **Holy Family Catholic Church**.

The children should be there at 5:45pm so that they can be organised and ready for a 6:00pm start. The children can dress in smart casual clothes.

## Christmas Eve Family Mass

Holy Family Parish School will be performing a **Nativity Play** at the **Christmas Eve Family Parish Mass** on **Tuesday, 24th December, 6:00 pm** at the **Holy Family Catholic Church**.



\*Congratulations to Archer, Harper and Farrah Edmonds who got baptised on Sunday, 3 November.

Some children will be given reading parts in the Mass as well as an opportunity to be part of the choir and act in the Nativity play. A note was sent home to all parents last week via COMPASS. If you would like your child to participate in the Mass, could you please fill in the permission note as soon as possible so that I can allocate parts.

**Season of Advent 2024- Sun, 1 Dec 2024 - Tue, 24 Dec 2024**

- [Sacrament of Penance \(First Reconciliation\) 7 November, 6pm, Holy Family Church](#)

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

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## RALLYING TO SUPPORT THE McGRATH BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

**WHERE:** PARKES TENNIS CLUB  
**WHEN:** SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER  
**TIME:** 1:00PM TO 4:00PM

MUSIC

RAFFLE

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



AFTERNOON TEA

COME JOIN US FOR SOME FUN TENNIS



As the main theme is  
"Pink is the colour we care,"  
please ensure you have pink on to support this event  
**PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED!**

TO REGISTER AND PAY \$5 PER PERSON PLEASE CONTACT

**ASHA**  
**0466417716**

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 6TH OF NOVEMBER !!!!**

## ICAS RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding results in the ICAS Competition:

### MATHEMATICS:

*Merit* - Emanuel Townsend, Harvey Gray, Minaga Ralalage

*Credit* - Emrys Cassidy, Ashton Albert, Ted Dugan

*Distinction* - Kevin Jiang, Nina Jiang, Stanley Drooger

### WRITING:

*Merit* - Stanley Drooger, Minaga Ralalage, Hannah Wood

*Credit* - Curtis Arndell, Daniella Anasta

*High Distinction* - Nina Jiang



 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](#)

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### 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.



## Nativity Play

**24 December 2024**  
Holy Family Catholic Church  
29 Currajong St, Parkes  
NSW 2870

**5:30pm** Students arrive  
**6:00pm** Start

# Notes

## Colour Run – Prize Ordering Closing Soon

Congratulations, you have all helped to raise \$15,277.45 with funds going towards the school library upgrade. Prize ordering is now open and closes on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of November so get in quick to order your prizes.

# PRIZE ORDERING IS CLOSING SOON

CLOSES FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>



Claim Your Prize Here:  
[schoolfunrun.com.au](http://schoolfunrun.com.au)



## 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](http://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**

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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](mailto:badger47@bigpond.net.au)

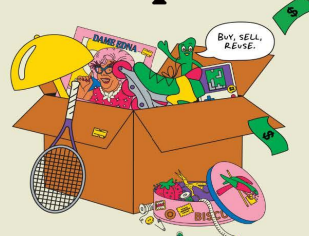
**Morning Tea  
and  
Sausage  
Sizzle**



**Raffle  
\$500 fuel**

Tickets \$1 each

## Join Our Group Sale



Find out more [garagesaletrail.com.au](http://garagesaletrail.com.au)

# Notes

## KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP AT SCHOOL

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

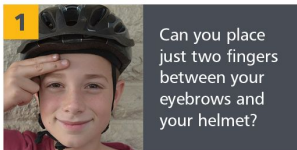
- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40 km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

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

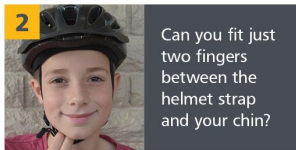
## BUS SAFETY WEEK

### Helmet safety

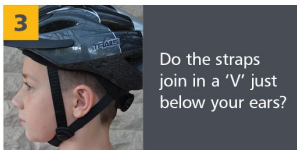
### Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate



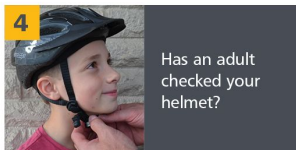
1 Can you place just two fingers between your eyebrows and your helmet?



2 Can you fit just two fingers between the helmet strap and your chin?



3 Do the straps join in a 'V' just below your ears?



4 Has an adult checked your helmet?

### BE BUS AWARE

#### Bus Safety Week



#### Millions of trips

Each year millions of children catch a bus to school for all or part of their journey.

#### Parents and carers - always hold your child's hand

Adults have an important part to play in keeping children safe around roads. School-aged children might seem independent, but they still need a hand around traffic. Remember:

- Always meet your child at school or the bus stop. Never wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across
- Until they are at least 10 years old, always supervise your child and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing the road
- Remind your children to always wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road.

#### Drivers

Drivers should:

- Look out for children on footpaths or crossing the street, especially around schools, buses and bus stops
- Leave plenty of space when you're driving or stopped around buses, to keep children safe and improve bus drivers' vision of the road environment
- Slow down to 40km/h when lights flash on the front and back of buses. These warn motorists that the bus is picking up or dropping off kids. You should always slow down when buses stop as children can be nearby, even when lights aren't flashing
- Give way to buses pulling out from bus stops and avoid merging too closely in front of buses.

#### Passengers

- Wait until the bus has stopped before you get out of your seat
- Take care stepping on and off the bus
- If standing, hold on and keep alert.



Lives lost on NSW roads.  
Our goal is zero.



[BeBusAware.com.au](http://BeBusAware.com.au)