



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 6 18th November 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 6

Thursday

Primary Swimming for Sport

Friday

**Assembly 2.45pm
(Hall)**

NEXT WEEK

**Year 5 Captains
Speeches**

**Year 2 Intensive
Swimming**

**Year 6 Graduation
Mass - Thursday**



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the year begins to wind down, there is still plenty of energy and excitement buzzing around our school.

Congratulations to our Year 4 students on their incredible participation and engagement during the Stargazers Camp last week. This unique experience allowed students to explore the wonders of the night sky, develop teamwork skills and create lasting memories. A huge thank you to Mrs. Wheeler for her hard work and dedication in coordinating this valuable experience for our students and to our teachers who assisted with supervision on the night.

For the next three days, I will be attending the Wilcannia-Forbes Principals' Conference in Forbes. This annual event provides principals from across the diocese with the opportunity to come together for professional learning, reflection and collaboration. It's a wonderful chance to share ideas and strategies to enhance the educational experiences we provide for our students.

This week, our primary classes will commence their swimming sessions for sport and next week our Year 2 students will begin their two-week intensive swimming program. Swimming is not only a vital skill for safety but also a fun and active way for students to build confidence in the water. Please ensure your child is prepared with all necessary swimming gear on their allocated days.

Our Year 5 students are busily preparing their captain speeches, which they will present next week. This is an exciting time for these students as they demonstrate their leadership skills and commitment to representing their peers. I wish all students the best of luck and commend them for putting themselves forward for these important roles.

Denise Gersbach
Principal



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★ Star of the Week ★

Piper Newham is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being kind and inclusive.

Interview with Piper



What is your favourite subject?	Religion
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play with my friends
What is your favourite food?	Salmon fillets
What do you like most about our school?	The teachers
What are your strengths?	All sport
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	Hairdresser

Term 4 Week 6: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - FAITH)

☐ Believe in yourself and trust others

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

Mathematics Vocabulary Quiz:

What does "average" mean?	A) The middle value in a set of numbers B) The most common number in a set C) The total divided by the number of items D) The largest number in a set
What does "radius" mean?	A) The distance around a circle B) The distance from the centre to any point on the circle C) The diameter of the circle D) The area of the circle
What is a "line segment"?	A) A straight line that extends forever B) A part of a line with two endpoints C) A curved line D) A type of angle
What is a "multiple"?	A) A number you get by multiplying another number B) A number that divides evenly into another C) The amount left over after division D) The result of a subtraction problem

What does "equation" mean?	A) A number with no value B) A statement with an equal sign showing that two expressions are the same C) A shape with four equal sides D) A process of subtracting numbers
What is a "pattern"?	A) A set of numbers that repeats in a specific way B) A random arrangement of shapes C) The total of a group of numbers D) A type of measurement
What is "volume"?	A) The distance around a shape B) The amount of space inside a 3D object C) The weight of an object D) The size of a 2D shape
What does "ascending" mean?	A) To go from the largest to the smallest B) To move from the smallest to the largest C) To find the middle number in a list D) To multiply numbers in order
What is "estimation"?	A) The exact answer B) A close guess based on rounding C) The answer to a problem D) The distance around a shape
What is "symmetry"?	A) A number that is even B) A line that shows equal halves C) The length of the longest side D) A type of graph



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-Third Week in Ordinary Time

The kindergarten students are practising their first liturgy. It is definitely one of the highlights of the year. It is an Advent liturgy and a wonderful way to enter the Advent Season.

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

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas (or sometimes from the 1st December to Christmas Eve!). Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.



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.**

It is wonderful to see that so many children have already brought back their permission notes.

If you would like your child to participate in the Mass, please fill in the permission note that was sent home last week as soon as possible so that I can allocate parts.

***Year 6 Retreat-** Friday, 13 Dec 2024- 9:00am-1:00pm, HFS Hall

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

Wiradjuri

Congratulations to Willow Culhane for winning the NAIDOC Week Schools Initiatives - Poem Writing Competition with her poem on the theme 'My Voice - My Culture'. Her entry won her the NAIDOC Medal of Excellence, one of only 25 awarded across the state. Well done, Willow!

My Voice - My Culture

My voice I can use it to change the future
To make equality come even sooner
Even though some use theirs
For horrid causes and affairs
My voice is my power
This is our time and our hour
Apologies have been made and many celebrations
But really more action needs to be taken
I dream of a place where we care for the land
And for that I think we should take a stand
A place where we live in harmony
A dream I keep very close to me

My culture brings important knowledge to the table
And without that knowledge the future is unstable
We have been here for a very long time,
And we must acknowledge the terrible crimes
But we must move on
Because our quest for equality has already begun
Everyone on Earth has a choice
But too many don't know how to make the right one

Although the future is near,
It is NOT something to be feared
One of Earth's greatest gifts is diversity
It is NOT a cause of anxiety
If we can use the past as guidelines
Our future will be full of kindness
My Voice - My Culture - Our Future

By Willow Culhane



Notes



Nativity Play

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

5:30pm Students arrive
6:00pm Start

CSNSW SPORT AQUATHLON

THURSDAY, 19TH DECEMBER 2024

Register Now!

Age Groups:
8 Years - 19 Years

Cost:
Entry - \$40 6 Dec
Late Entry - \$55 13 Dec

Eligible Students:
Catholic Schools in NSW

First Race: 8:30AM Max Parker Leisure & Aquatic Centre

NSW TRIATHLON csnsw.sport/sports/csnsw-sport-programmes/aquathlon CSNSW sport

Register Here

KINDERGARTEN LITURGY

Come Lord Jesus Come

AN ADVENT LITURGY DEDICATED TO THE
GREATEST EVENT - THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST.



ALL ARE WELCOME



WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 2024, AT 12:15 PM
ST ALOYSIUS CHAPEL
Albert St At Bushman St, Parkes NSW 2870

LIFE of MUSIC

Australia ~ Parkes NSW
SING ~ GUITAR ~ DRUM

Music Room Inside
Faithful Hearts,
Jo's Sew & Go
250 Clarinda st.

Sharee Wilson
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ENROL NOW FOR 2025

- * Monthly Band Jam
- * Monthly Open Mic

Learn to SING



Learn to play GUITAR



Learn to play the
DRUM KIT



Notes



RESOURCES & SUPPORT FOR BULLYING PREVENTION

Supporting Australian school communities with evidence-informed resources and activities for a proactive approach to bullying prevention and education.

First Nations

Culturally responsive resources are available to support schools, students, families and carers to address and respond to bullying.

Schools can use these resources to help First Nations students experiencing bullying to feel respected, heard and supported. They can also help non-Indigenous students to understand the lived experience of First Nations students. Families and carers will find resources to support their child. Resource page [Here](#)

RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS

The Catholic Education Office Wilcannia-Forbes (CEO) is committed to providing a harmonious and safe environment for all students, parents and staff. The CEO and the schools in its care strive to be communities of faith, hope and love, where communication takes place in an environment of openness and mutual respect.

The Concerns and Complaints Handling Policy provides guidance on the Complaint management system for students, parents, caregivers and community members who wish to raise a concern or make a complaint about a Diocesan School. It applies to all CEOWF Staff, School Staff and individuals engaged at the school including but not limited to external service providers, contractors, helpers and volunteers.

A Parents Concern and Complaints Brochure is available from our school office and downloadable from our website.