



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 8 2nd December 2024

## EVENTS

**THIS WEEK 8**

**All Week**

**Year 2 Intensive  
Swimming Program**

**Tuesday**

**PHS Year 7 Orientation**

**Wednesday**

**Kindergarten Liturgy  
12:15pm (Chapel)**

**P&F Meeting 6pm  
(Sunrise Office)**

**Thursday**

**School Disco 6pm  
(Upstairs RSL)**

**Friday**

**Assembly 12:30pm**

**Next Week**

**Monday**

**Presentation Night  
6pm (School Hall)**

**PUPIL FREE DAYS  
2025**

**Monday, 10th March**

**Thursday and Friday  
10th & 11th April**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the final weeks of the school year, I would like to thank our community for the support and engagement throughout 2024. There is much to celebrate as we reflect on recent events and look forward to those still to come.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students for their reverence and participation during the Year 6 Graduation Mass last Thursday evening. It was a beautiful celebration, marking the conclusion of their primary education journey. We are very proud of these students and their contributions to our school.

Tonight marks the final P&F meeting for the year. The meeting will take place at 6pm at the Sunrise office building, with a Zoom option available for parents who cannot attend in person. Thank you to all members of our P&F for your hard work and dedication this year.

Our Intensive Swimming Program for Year 2 students continues this week. A reminder that Friday's assembly will be held at 12.30pm to allow Year 2 to participate in the assembly.

This Wednesday at 12.15pm, our Kindergarten students will celebrate their first Liturgy with a special Christmas theme. This is always a joyful occasion, and we warmly invite all families to attend and share in this moment.

We are excited to host our final school disco on Thursday evening from 6pm - 7pm at the Ex-Services Club. This event is open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and will serve as a special farewell celebration for our Year 6 students.

Looking ahead, a reminder that our Presentation Night will take place next Monday at 6pm in the school hall. All children are expected to attend, dressed in Christmas-coloured clothing. Additional details and reminders will be shared in next Monday's newsletter.

Let us finish this term with the same spirit of community and joy that makes Holy Family School such a special place.

Denise Gersbach  
Principal



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[Holy Family Parish School Parkes](https://www.facebook.com/HolyFamilyParishSchoolParkes)

## ★ Star of the Week ★

Tyler McPhee is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for his consistent effort and positive attitude this semester.

### Interview with Tyler



What is your favourite subject?	Mathematics
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play on the computer
What is your favourite food?	Pizza
What do you like most about our school?	The oval
What are your strengths?	Reading and writing
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A police officer

Term 4 Week 8: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - )

□ Speak kindly to others

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

### Mathematics Vocabulary Quiz:

What do you call a four-sided shape?	a) Triangle b) Quadrilateral c) Pentagon d) Hexagon
What is the word for the answer to a subtraction problem?	a) Product b) Difference c) Quotient d) Sum
What is the name for a shape with eight sides?	a) Hexagon b) Octagon c) Decagon d) Pentagon
What is the result of dividing one number by another called?	a) Product b) Quotient c) Dividend d) Remainder

<b>Which math term means "a part of a whole"?</b>	a) Fraction b) Percentage c) Ratio d) Factor
<b>What is the term for a number that is only divisible by 1 and itself?</b>	a) Prime number b) Composite number c) Whole number d) Factor
<b>Which term describes the distance around a circle?</b>	a) Perimeter b) Radius c) Diameter d) Circumference
<b>What is the word for a triangle with all three sides of different lengths?</b>	a) Scalene b) Isosceles c) Equilateral d) Right
<b>What do we call a number that is multiplied by another number?</b>	a) Factor b) Dividend c) Multiple d) Remainder
<b>What is a fraction called when the numerator is greater than the denominator?</b>	a) Improper fraction b) Proper fraction c) Mixed number d) Decimal

**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

## First Week of Advent

Sunday, 1st December, the first day of the Season of Advent, ushers in the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. The liturgical colour for Advent is violet.

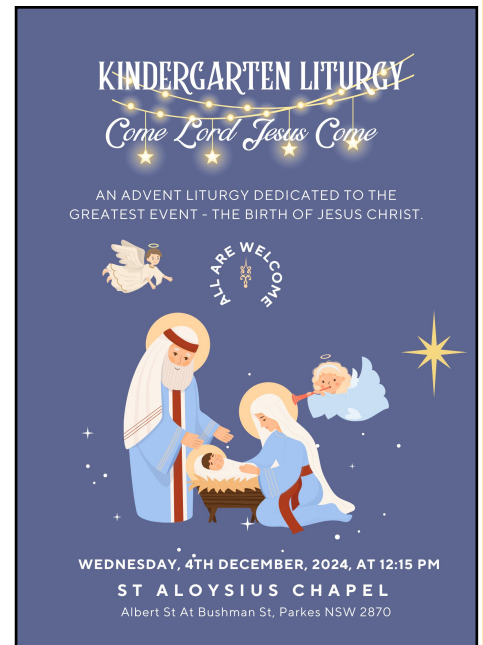
### Advent Wreath

Advent is a period of preparation and anticipation leading up to Christmas, marking the four Sundays before December 25th. Each week of Advent emphasizes themes such as hope, peace, joy, and love, helping us prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christmas.



An Advent wreath is typically made of evergreen branches and holds four candles, each representing one of the four weeks of Advent.

*“The lord himself will give you a sign - the young woman will conceive a child and will call him Emmanuel, a name that means God is with us.” Isaiah 7:14*



## Christmas Eve Family Mass (Vigil 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. All are welcome!**

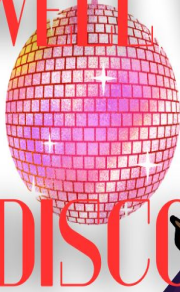
**\*Year 6 Retreat-** Friday, 13 Dec 2024- 9:00am-1:00pm, HFS Hall

Wednesday, 4th December, Kindergarten Liturgy	12:15pm Chapel	Early Stage 1
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I hope everyone has a wonderful week.  
Beverly Berger

# Notes

## FAREWELL YEAR 6



# DISCO

THEME FOR KINDER - YEAR 5  
BLACK & WHITE

THEME: YEAR 6  
YEAR 6 - COLOURS



6.00 PM TO 7.00 PM

THURSDAY DEC 5TH

STARLIGHT ROOM  
UPSTAIRS AT PARKES SERVICES CLUB  
\$3 ENTRY

## 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

In memory of all children who have died.

## Annual Worldwide Candle lighting

The Compassionate Friends

Lions Park (Orange road)  
on Sunday 8th December 2024  
from 5.30pm

Candles will be lit and poems will be read at 6pm  
BYO nibbles and drinks and stay for a chat. We  
suggest you bring a chair/rug to sit at the Park.



*If you light  
a candle  
for  
someone else,  
It will also  
brighten  
your path.*



Christmas tree photo board

Bring a photo  
of your child to  
place on the  
tree.  
*Those we have  
loved and lost.*

A casual and special get together  
of the Parkes Chapter of the  
Compassionate Friends..  
to relax and enjoy some  
company.

In case of rain - will be held at  
Middleton School Hall.

For more information contact Judy Fisher (0402 599 001)  
Tony Fisher (042897055) or Fran Scurfield (0412103597)

## Summer School Holiday Activities at PCYC Parkes

BOOK NOW



DATE	ACTIVITY	DATE	ACTIVITY
Mon 06/01/2025	Ninja Warrior   Handball   Bingo   Painting   boxing camp	Wed 22/01/2025	Lego Masters   Bingo   Nerf Wars   Wii Bowling   Cupcake Deco
Tue 07/01/2025	Netball   Arts & Crafts   Pickleball   Dodgeball   Fort Challenge	Thu 23/01/2025	Bingo   Pickleball   Futsal   Arts & Crafts   Lamination making
Wed 08/01/2025	3x3 Basketball   Floor is Lava   Arts & Crafts   Nerf Wars	Fri 24/01/2025	Frame making   pickleball   Kick ball, basketball
Thu 09/01/2025	Futsal   Lego Masters   Nerf Challenge   playdough making	Sat 25/01/2025	CLOSED
Fri 10/01/2025	Mini Athletics   Painting   3x3 Basketball   Wii Bowling-PJ DAY	Sun 26/01/2025	CLOSED
Sat 11/01/2025	CLOSED	Mon 27/01/2025	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - CLOSED
Sun 12/01/2025	CLOSED	Tue 28/01/2025	Arts & Crafts   3x3 Basketball   Just Dance   Floor is Lava   Fitr
Mon 13/01/2025	Painting   Just Dance   Fitness   Lego Masters   Wii Bowling	Wed 29/01/2025	Painting   Just Dance   Bingo   Lego Masters   Key Chain Making
Tue 14/01/2025	Floor is Lava   Mini Athletics   Painting   Tie dye socks (\$5 extra	Thu 30/01/2025	Handball   Dodgeball   Balloon Volleyball   Arts & Crafts   Ninja
Wed 15/01/2025	Handball   Dodgeball   Balloon Volleyball   Arts & Crafts RETRO	Fri 31/01/2025	Handball   Dodgeball   Balloon Volleyball   Arts & Crafts   Ninja
Thu 16/01/2025	Futsal   Wii Bowling   Floor is Lava   Nerf Challenge   Key Chain	Sat 01/02/2025	CLOSED
Fri 17/01/2025	Lego Masters   Bingo   Nerf Wars   Cupcake decorating	Sun 02/02/2025	CLOSED
Sat 18/01/2025	CLOSED	Mon 03/02/2025	Back to school crafts   Floor is lava   Slime making   Cupcake c
Sun 19/01/2025	CLOSED	Tue 04/02/2025	Handball   Dodgeball   Balloon Volleyball   Arts & Crafts   Play
Mon 20/01/2025	Painting   Nerf Challenge   Lego Masters   Bingo   Key Chain Ma	Wed 05/02/2025	Lego Masters   Bingo   Nerf Wars   Wii Bowling   Cupcake Deco
Tue 21/01/2025	Mini Athletics   Painting   3x3 Basketball   Wii Bowling - DRESS	Thu 06/02/2025	SCHOOL RETURNS

**PCYC**  
EASTERN SUBURBS

Join us at PCYC in the January holidays for creative, fun and exciting activities, with a variety of options for everyone! We offer full day programs 8am-4pm for \$35. \*EARLY BIRD SPECIAL book before the end of Dec and receive your 4th day FREE! PCYC Junior membership require to attend. \*Lunch orders & extended hours available. For more details stop by the club, give us a call on (02) 6662 3825 or send us an email at parkes@pcycnsw.org.au



[Register Here](#)

# Term 1 Calendar 2025

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun	
Jan/Feb	1	27 Australia Day Public Holiday School Holidays	28 School Holidays	29 School Holidays	30 School Holidays	31 Staff Commence Staff Development Day	1/2	
Feb	2	3 Staff Development Day	4 Year 1-6 students commence Kindergarten Assessments	5 Kindergarten Assessments  P&F Meeting (AGM) - 6pm	6 Kindergarten students commence  Swimming Carnival	7 Polding Basketball & Tennis (Tamworth)	8/9	
	3	10	11	12 Induction of School Leaders Mass - 9.45am - HF Church	13	14	15/16	
	4	17	18	19 Parent Information Night (Kindergarten) - 6.00pm	20 Assembly - 2.45pm	21 Central Cluster Swimming (Parkes)  P&F - Back to School Bash	22/23	
	5	24	25	26 School Committee Meeting - 7.30pm	27	28 WF Diocesan AFL (Hay)	1/2	
Mar	6	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday Stage 1 Liturgy - 12.15pm  P&F Meeting - 6pm	6  Assembly - 2.45pm	7 WF Diocesan Swimming (Parkes)	8/9	
	7	10 Pupil Free Day	11	12 NAPLAN Writing	13 NAPLAN Reading	14	15/16	
	8	NAPLAN Window						22/23 P&F Movie Night 22/3
		17 School Photo Day	18 NAPLAN Conventions of Language	19 NAPLAN Numeracy Kindergarten Transition Commences	20 School Disco - 6.00pm	21 Assembly - 2.45pm		
	9	24 Upstage (K-6) 9.00am-12.30pm	25 WF Diocesan Winter Trials (Parkes)	26 WF Diocesan Touch Football (Parkes)	27	28	29/30 Sun 30/3 First Holy Communion 9.30am	
Mar/Apr	10	31	1 DIBELS Staff Meeting - Sarah McDonagh	2 P&F Meeting - 6pm	3	4 Assembly - 2.45pm	5/6	
April	11	7 School Public Speaking Competition - Year 3-6	8 School Cross Country	9 Easter Hat Parade - 9.15am Caritas Mufti Mission Stalls - 11.00am Last Day of Term 1 - Students	10 Pupil Free Day -	11 Pupil Free Day -	12/13 Palm Sunday	
				Polding Swimming (Homebush)		Last Day of Term 1 - Staff		

# 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.

### ADDRESSING COMPLAINTS OF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR BY STAFF

We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for both students and staff. This includes addressing complaints of inappropriate behaviour by staff towards any child or young person.

Such complaints are handled differently to other types of complaints which may arise in the school because of legal obligations established by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019. The NSW Office of the Children's Guardian is a government agency which requires schools and other organisations working with children to ensure systems are in place for recording and responding to all allegations of a child protection nature against staff. You should be aware that 'staff' includes volunteer helpers (including parents), contractors as well as paid staff.



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.