



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 7 25th November 2024

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 7

All Week

**Year 2 Intensive
Swimming Program**

Monday

**Year 5 Captains
Speeches**

Thursday

**Primary Swimming for
Sport
Dental Van Visit
Year 6 Graduation
Mass 6pm (HF Church)**

NEXT WEEK

**Year 2 Intensive
Swimming
PHS Year 7 Orientation
Kindergarten Liturgy
P&F Meeting
Primary Swimming for
Sport
School Disco
Assembly**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the final weeks of the school year, we reflect on the journey of 2024 and look forward to celebrating our achievements together. This week is particularly significant, with several important events taking place.

Today, our Year 5 students will present their captaincy speeches to the school, showcasing their leadership qualities and vision for 2025. Voting will follow immediately after the speeches, with students from Year 2 to Year 5 participating in the selection process. I would like to wish all students the very best of luck.

Also commencing today is the Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program. Over the next fortnight, our Year 2 students will head to the pool daily for lessons aimed at developing their swimming skills and water confidence. A big thank you to Miss Westwood for her coordination of this important program.

On Thursday evening, we will come together to celebrate our Year 6 Graduation Mass at Holy Family Church. This is a special occasion to honour and farewell our graduating students as they prepare to embark on the next chapter of their educational journey. The Mass will commence at 6pm and we warmly invite all families to join us for this significant event.

I am pleased to announce the class structure for 2025, which will consist of eight classes:

Kindergarten (2 classes)

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5/6 (2 classes)

Parents will receive confirmation of class teachers and their child's placement for 2025 in Week 9.

As we approach the end of the school year, there is much to celebrate and I encourage all families to stay involved in our many upcoming events.

Denise Gersbach
Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Hannah Benjamin is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love and Trust) and for always being hardworking and diligent.

Interview with Hannah



What is your favourite subject?	Religion
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play with my sisters
What is your favourite food?	Masala Dosa
What do you like most about our school?	The library
What are your strengths?	Art (Drawing & Painting)
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A doctor

Term 4 Week 6: 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

Which math term means "a part of a whole"?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Fraction b) Percentage c) Ratio d) Factor
What is the term for a number that is only divisible by 1 and itself?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Prime number b) Composite number c) Whole number d) Factor
Which term describes the distance around a circle?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Perimeter b) Radius c) Diameter d) Circumference
What is the word for a triangle with all three sides of different lengths?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Scalene b) Isosceles c) Equilateral d) Right
What do we call a number that is multiplied by another number?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Factor b) Dividend c) Multiple d) Remainder
What is a fraction called when the numerator is greater than the denominator?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

It is a very special week for our Year 6 students who have their Year 6 Graduation Mass this Thursday, 28th November. All family and friends are welcome to attend. It is a time of thanksgiving, reflection and celebration as they get ready to transition to high school.



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**.

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.



***Season of Advent 2024 -**

Sunday, 1 Dec 2024 - Tuesday, 24 Dec 2024

***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

Dreamtime Storytelling Session at the Year 4 Stargazers Camp

On Thursday, 14th November, the Year 4 students attended their Stargazers Camp organised by their class teacher Mrs Wheeler. Members from the Central West Astronomy Society brought their telescopes for the stargazing activity and students got the opportunity to observe the moon, Venus, Saturn, Sirius (the brightest star in the night sky) and even a globular cluster.

I thought it might be a great opportunity to add an Indigenous perspective to the night by reading the Dreamtime story *Awesome Emu*, a Gregg Dreise morality tale inspired by wise sayings and the knowledge of Aboriginal Elders.



To make the story come alive, I decided to create a large cardboard cut-out of an emu and paint it black, adding fairy lights to the edges to depict the Milky Way. Mr George Greig, assisted me in making my vision come alive by mounting the emu on the roof of the school. After the students had looked through the telescopes they were taken to our Yarning Circle in the garden. They all sat around our fire pit for the story. The warm glow of the crackling fire and moonlight shone on the faces of the children and the teachers as they listened attentively.



As I read the words *'If you look carefully on dark nights, when the Moon isn't very bright, you can see the Awesome Emu. Many people know him as the Milky Way. We still know it as Djiraboo Dinewah – Awesome Emu'*, the fairy lights were switched on. I pointed towards the sky (in the direction of the emu on the roof) and the children saw the emu! It was a nice surprise and put a smile on every face.

After the story the children enjoyed some roasted marshmallows and lit some sparklers.

Assembly Awards

Week 6

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJC	Creed Townsend
	1S	Blaire Crisp
	2CH	Ava Byrnes
	3NC	Mason Wild
	4W	Rhys Hetherington
	5/6B	Matthea McGrath
	5/6H	Bella Allen
	5/6N	Billy White
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 2CH	Iris Burt
	Primary - 3NC	Matilda McGrath
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - KJC	Molly McCabe
	Primary - 4W	Piper Newham
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - 1S	Ezra Sloane
	Primary - 5/6B	Aidan van der Merwe
Leadership Award	Infants - 2CH	Navy Edwards
	Primary - 5/6H	Hamish Newham
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - KJC	Piper Slaven
	Primary - 5/6N	Bentley Murray

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
Phone: 0425-972-572

ENROL NOW FOR 2025

- * Monthly Band Jam
- * Monthly Open Mic

Learn to SING



Learn to play GUITAR

Learn to play the DRUM KIT



Notes

ATTENDANCE ON STUDENT REPORTS

The Diocese of Wilcannia–Forbes will be reporting on student attendance in Semester Two Reports in the following way:

- The Attendance Period and number of Attendance Days which are being reported upon will be displayed.
- The report shows Whole Days and Partial Days Absent (Explained) and Whole Days and Partial Days Absent (Unexplained).

Please note that a partial absence is counted as anything that is not a full day at school e.g. arriving to school 15 minutes late is counted as a partial absence.

STUDENTS ON VISA

or our families from overseas, it is important that the school has details of your current residency status.

Please provide us with your new visa grant notice or Australian citizenship documents, if:

- there has been any change in your visa subclass or the expiry date, or
- if you previously had a visa but have now become an Australian citizen

FREE PERINATAL DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY AWARENESS EVENT

Where: Cooke Park
When: Thursday 28th Nov 24
Time: 10 am to 1 pm



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with certified clinical EFT practitioner Gai Smith



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LET'S TACKLE PERINATAL ANXIETY & DEPRESSION TOGETHER

There will be morning tea and resources available