



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 2 3rd February 2025

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 2

Monday

P&F Meeting (Sunrise Office)

Tuesday

Year 1 - 6 Students Commence

Thursday

Kindergarten Students Commence

Swimming Carnival (Year 3 - 6)

NEXT WEEK 3

Wednesday

Induction of School Leaders Mass 9.45am (Holy Family Church)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Holy Family School! I hope all families had a joyful and restful Christmas and summer holiday break, filled with special moments together. As we embark on the 2025 school year, we look forward to another wonderful year of learning, growth, and community spirit at our great school.

A very special welcome to our new Kindergarten students who are beginning their learning journey with us. We are also delighted to welcome new students across various year levels:

Year 1 – Claire Hulse

Year 2 – Reuben Cook, Emmett Butler and Mimi Sibanda

Year 3 – Elijah Hearn and Arshi Jodder

Year 4 – Louie Cook

Year 6 – Poppy Sargent, Skye Hulse

We look forward to seeing all of these students thrive in our Holy Family community!

Our Kindergarten students will be participating in assessments on Tuesday and Wednesday before officially beginning their first full day of school on Thursday. We are excited to welcome them into our classrooms as they begin this new chapter.

Also on Thursday, we will be holding our Swimming Carnival at the Parkes Pool. This is always a fun-filled day of friendly competition and participation. Students should arrive at school wearing their swimmers underneath their sports clothes and ensure they have sunscreen, hat, goggles (if required), water bottle and snacks. We will be departing school at 8:55am sharp by bus. The pool canteen will be available for students wishing to purchase food and drinks throughout the day. We look forward to seeing great sportsmanship and school spirit on display!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Claire Cusack, who joins our school community as an Aboriginal Education Officer, working two days per week. Mrs Cusack brings a wealth of experience as an educator and we are thrilled to have her join our dedicated team.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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Religious Education

Fourth week in Ordinary Time

A warm welcome to the new school year. Pope Francis has proclaimed that 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee, something which happens ordinarily every 25 years. The spiritual theme for the 2025 Holy Year of Jubilee is '**Pilgrims of Hope**' and the pope is calling on all Catholics to renew in the hope of Christ, using St. Paul the Apostle as a guide for this special year.



We look forward to some important liturgical celebrations this term-

- ❖ **School Leaders Induction Mass-**
Tuesday, 12th February, 9:45 am at Holy Family Catholic Church

- ❖ **Ash Wednesday-**
Wednesday, 5th March, Whole School Liturgy, 12.15pm, Holy Family School Hall

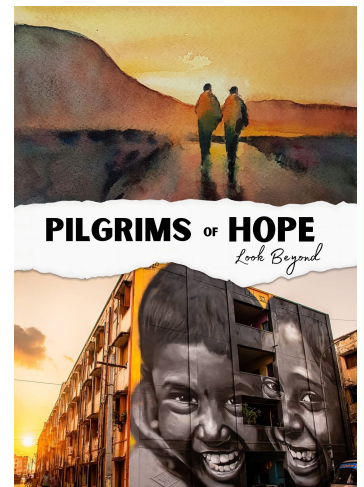
- ❖ **Sacrament of Eucharist- First Holy Communion Mass-**
Sunday, 30th March, 9.30am at Holy Family Catholic Church
 - ★ Year 3 Catholic students will have the opportunity to make their First Holy Communion. Information Notes will be sent home shortly.

- **SEASON OF LENT 2025-**
Wednesday, 5 Mar 2025 – Thursday, 17 April 2025
- **Easter 2025-**
Sunday, 20 April 2025

MARIST THEME 2025- PILGRIMS OF HOPE *Look Beyond*

View the [2025 Theme Video](#)

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.
Beverly Berger



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Term 1 - Parent Calendar 2025

Updated

	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 P&F Meeting - 6pm	4 Year 1-6 students commence Kindergarten Assessments	5 Kindergarten Assessments	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 - 12.30pm	21 Central Cluster Swimming (Parkes)	22/23
	5	24	25	26 School Committee Meeting - 7.30pm	27 NRMA Bus Safety - 11.30am (Kindergarten)	28 WF Diocesan AFL (Hay) P&F Meeting (AGM) - 6pm P&F - Back to School Bash	1/2
Mar	6	3 P&F Meeting (AGM) - 6pm	4	5 Ash Wednesday Stage 1 Liturgy - 12.15pm	6 Assembly - 12.30pm	7 WF Diocesan Swimming (Parkes)	8/9
	7	10 Pupil Free Day	11	12 NAPLAN Writing	13 NAPLAN Reading	14 5/6B attend Chapel Mass - 9.45am	15/16
	8	17 School Photo Day	18 NAPLAN Conventions of Language	19 NAPLAN Numeracy Kindergarten Transition Commences	20 School Disco - 6.00pm	21 5/6HR attend Chapel Mass - 9.45am Assembly - 12.30pm	22/23
		NAPLAN Window					
	9	24 Upstage (K-6) 9.00am-12.30pm	25 WF Diocesan Winter Trials (Parkes)	26 WF Diocesan Touch Football (Parkes)	27	28 4W attend Chapel Mass - 9.45am	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 3N attend Chapel Mass - 9.45am Assembly - 12.30pm	5/6
April	11	7 School Public Speaking Competition - Year 3-6 P&F Meeting - 6pm	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 Last Day of Term 1 - Staff	12/13 Palm Sunday
		Polding Swimming (Homebush)					

Notes

DELIVERY OF MEDICATION TO THE SCHOOL

Wherever possible medication should be provided to the school by parents on a daily basis. If the parent is unable to deliver the medication to the school it is advisable that a responsible person nominated by the parent to deliver it. If a student is given the responsibility of delivering the medication to the designated area, a proper assessment of the risk will be conducted.

Factors to be taken into account when assessing the risk are:

- the maturity and capacity of the student
- parental consent
- any additional safety issue

Self-administration

Parents/Guardians need to inform the school regarding students taking medication at school. With the exception of the use of asthma relievers self-administration of medication by Primary aged school students is not appropriate.

Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes Attendance Information for Parents



Attendance Information for Parents

Compliance with Catholic Education Wilcannia-Forbes (CEWF) Attendance policies and procedures allow schools, students and parents to meet their obligations under the NSW Education Act 1990.

As stated in CEWF's Attendance Policy parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school **within 7 days** of the first day of any period of absence.

If details regarding the explanation for absences are insufficient, principals may register the absence as unjustified.

It is most important that parents provide details for an absence of their child when using the Compass Parent Portal or when sending in a note to the school.

In Compass, parents have the following absence reasons to select from when entering an absence via the Parent Portal:

- Medical Illness - to be used for sickness, medical and dental treatment
- Medical appointment - appointments with medical professionals, dental practitioners
- Travel - student does not attend school due to a student/family holiday
- Other Explained Absence - school has received a satisfactory explanation for a student's absence. Includes: misadventure or unforeseen event, participation in non-school events, domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member, attendance at funerals, recognised religious festivals
- Natural Disaster - a student is unable to attend school due to an extreme weather event or other natural disaster. Includes: bushfire, flood or storm events

Please note that when selecting a reason for the absence, parents **MUST** also fill in the Details/Comment section in the Parent Portal. Examples as follows:

- Medical Illness - details 'has a stomach bug'
- Medical appointment - details 'doctor's appointment'
- Travel - details 'family holiday to the Gold Coast'
- Other Explained Absence - details 'attending funeral of a relative'
- Natural Disaster - details 'road to town cut off by flood waters'

Whole day/s absences can be entered via the Compass Parent Portal however **late arrivals and/or early departures** are to be entered via the Kiosk Lite at the school office.

Should you have any questions regarding the use of absence codes, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal for further information.



Holy Family
P&F proudly
presents

BACK 2 SCHOOL

BASH

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

5pm Onwards

Parques Bowling & Sports Club

6 Cecile St, Parkes

Please RSVP to the Office by
Tuesday 25th Feb for Catering
Purposes. Ph 6862 1610



2025 School Fees



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School Fees Structure 2025

Tuition Fees per annum

	2025
First child	\$ 1236.56
Second child	\$1112.90
Third child	\$989.25

Resource Fee: per child per annum **\$384.80**

Chromebook Fee (K-6) Touch Screen: per child per annum of **\$178.00**

Building Fund: per family per annum is set at **\$374.40**

Total Fees per annum

	2025	Amount if paid upfront by 28 February 2025
One Student	\$ 2173.76	\$2065.07
Two Students	\$ 3849.46	\$3656.99
Three Students	\$ 5223.51	\$4962.34
Four Students	\$5608.31	\$5327.90
Five Students	\$6527.11	\$6200.76

If fees are paid as a lump sum by the 28th February a 5% discount will be applied

<u>Weekly breakdown of fees (over 40 weeks of the school year):</u>		Upfront, Weekly and Fortnightly payments are encouraged.
One student:	\$ 108.70 per fortnight	
Two students:	\$ 192.45 per fortnight	
Three students:	\$ 261.15 per fortnight	
Four Students:	\$ 280.40 per fortnight	
Five Students:	\$ 326.35 per fortnight	

Available methods of account payments:

- BPay is the preferred method of payment.
- Credit Card payments can be made at the school office or through Compass.
- Centrepay arrangements are available please contact the office.