



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 6 3rd March 2025

## EVENTS

### THIS WEEK 6

#### Monday

**P&F AGM Meeting 6pm  
(Coachman Hotel)**

#### Tuesday

**Shrove Tuesday-  
Pancake Breakfast  
8.15am**

#### Wednesday

**Ash Wednesday  
Stage 1 Liturgy  
12.15pm**

#### Thursday

**Assembly 2.45pm**

#### Friday

**WF Diocesan  
Swimming (Parkes)**

### NEXT WEEK 7

#### Monday

**Pupil Free Day (No  
School for Students)**



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a fantastic start to the school year, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful P&F Association for organising the Back to School Bash at the Town Bowling Club last Friday evening. It was great to see so many families in attendance, connecting with each other and enjoying the evening together.

Tonight at 6:00pm, our P&F Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting. This group plays a vital role in supporting our school through fundraising and community-building activities. I encourage all parents to come along, meet the team and find out how you can get involved. For parents unable to attend this evening, an online option is available. The link to the online meeting was sent to all families earlier this morning.

Tomorrow is Shrove Tuesday, marking the day before the beginning of Lent. To celebrate, we will be hosting a pancake breakfast for students and their parents at 8:15am. We hope to see many of you there to share in this special tradition.

On Wednesday, we begin the season of Lent. Our Stage 1 students have prepared a beautiful Ash Wednesday liturgy, which will take place at 12:15pm in the school hall. Families are invited to join us in prayer and reflection as we enter this important time in the Church year.

From Tuesday to Thursday this week, I will be attending the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocesan Principals' Conference in Forbes. This is a valuable opportunity to engage in professional learning and collaboration with other school leaders across our diocese.

On Friday, Holy Family is proud to be hosting the Diocesan Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to our 16 students who have qualified to compete – we wish them the best of luck!

A reminder that next Monday is a Pupil Free Day. Our staff will be participating in a Spirituality Day facilitated by Marist Schools Australia, allowing us time to reflect, grow and deepen our faith as Catholic educators.

*Denise Gersbach*  
Principal

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[Holy Family Parish School Parkes](#)

# ★ Star of the Week ★

Tessa Dugan Is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love, and Trust) and for always being kind and hardworking.

## Interview with Tessa



What is your favourite subject?

English

In your free time, what do you like to do?

Dancing

What is your favourite food?

Spaghetti Bolognese



What do you like most about our school?

My friends and all the teachers



Spelling and writing

What would you like to be when you grow up?

A vet



Term 1 Week 6: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - LOVE)

### ❖ Listen to the opinions of others and act sensitively

This fortnight's challenge is to conduct some research and fill in the correct answers.

1. <i>What is the capital city of New South Wales?</i>	a) Melbourne b) Brisbane c) Sydney d) Canberra
2. <i>Which famous bridge is located in Sydney?</i>	a) Golden Gate Bridge b) Sydney Harbour Bridge c) London Bridge d) Brooklyn Bridge

<p><b>3. What is the name of the large house where the Premier of NSW lives?</b></p>	<p>a) Parliament House b) Government House c) The Lodge d) Sydney Tower</p>
<p><b>4. Which of these animals is the state emblem of NSW?</b></p>	<p>a) Kangaroo b) Platypus c) Kookaburra d) Lyrebird</p>
<p><b>5. What is the longest river in New South Wales?</b></p>	<p>a) Darling River b) Hawkesbury River c) Murray River d) Murrumbidgee River</p>
<p><b>6. What is the name of the famous beach in Sydney?</b></p>	<p>a) Bondi Beach b) Surfers Paradise c) Glenelg Beach d) Bells Beach</p>
<p><b>7. Which mountain range runs through New South Wales?</b></p>	<p>a) The Rocky Mountains b) The Blue Mountains c) The Andes d) The Himalayas</p>
<p><b>8. What is the name of the famous Opera House in Sydney?</b></p>	<p>a) Melbourne Opera House b) Australia Opera House c) Sydney Opera House d) Harbour Opera House</p>
<p><b>9. What is the name of the Indigenous people who are the traditional owners of the Sydney region?</b></p>	<p>a) Noongar b) Wiradjuri c) Gadigal d) Warlpiri</p>
<p><b>10. What sport is played in the State of Origin between NSW and Queensland?</b></p>	<p>a) Soccer b) AFL c) Rugby League d) Cricket</p>

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 answer 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

Eighth week in Ordinary Time

Ash Wednesday-Lent



Students of Stage 3 will attend a Caritas zoom session today, 3 March, for the Launch of Project Compassion.

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday) - 4th March

Pancake Breakfast- 8:15am

All are welcome! \$2 a serve.

Proceeds go to Project Compassion.

There will be a whole-school Liturgy for Ash Wednesday , 5th March

**STAGE 1** is organising the Liturgy.

Liturgy of the Word- HFS School Hall, 12:30pm



★ Diocesan Launch for Project Compassion at Holy Family School -

★ Liturgy of The Word - 10:30am on 20th March 2025.

★ There will be other Diocesan schools attending.

★ The Liturgy will be followed by Mission Stalls.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.  
Beverly Berger

# Notes



**Easter Hat Parade**

**Come along and parade your finest  
Homemade Easter Hat**

**WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL**  
**Start: 9:15 am**

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend

Children are to wear casual clothes

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**Tuesday March 4 at 8.15am.**

**Pancakes- \$2.**  
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Project Compassion.**

RED BEND CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## 2025 ENROLMENTS CLOSING SOON

Enrolments for next year close  
Friday, April 19. Please contact  
tiffanynicholls@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au  
with any enquiries.



## Holy Family P&F Annual General Meeting

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 6pm, Coachman Hotel  
Includes election of the following positions;

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Communications Officer
- Grants Officer
- Committee Members

Meeting will also offer an online option to allow everyone the opportunity to attend

[HFS P&F AGM Online Meeting Link](#)



Due to supply issues with the current girls green stockings, Worklocker will be supplying an alternate **navy stocking** for the winter months.

The navy stocking will replace the current green stocking moving forward, however students may still wear their current green stockings.

# Notes

## IT'S ALL ABOUT FUN FRIENDS & ADVENTURE

CONTACT: Jen  
Number: 0468 510 596  
Email: ParkesDM@girlguides-nswactnt.org.au

### COME & TRY PARKES JUNIOR GUIDES

you are invited to:

## Parkes Junior Guides

For girls 7-10 years old

### Monday 10 March

### 4.30-6pm

Parkes Guide Hall  
4 Cecile Street



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## Holy Family School

Open for Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments  
for 2026!

Please contact the school  
to schedule a tour and  
personal information  
session to learn more  
about the opportunities  
we can provide for your  
child at Holy Family  
School.



# Notes

FORBES & DISTRICT SOCCER CLUB INCORPORATED

## ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAM

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



BEGINS **EARLY MARCH**

Days: Monday & Wednesdays  
Available to boys & girls aged 7-17 Years Old

Venue: **Botanical Gardens**  
College Road, Forbes, NSW, 2871

Includes:

- kit
- tracksuit,
- bag
- cap
- 20 weeks training
- gala days entry fee

Admission **\$130**

NOTE: Academy fee is separate to club registration

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Forbessoccerclub@gmail.com or via our Facebook Page

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## TRY RUGBY 2025

TryRugby is for you if:

- You have always wanted to give rugby a try
- You're not sure if rugby is for you (or your child)
- You love rugby and want to play even during the off-season!

**Fridays from 5:30-6:30**  
Feb 28 - April 4 (Wks 4-9)

**Spicer Oval**  
Albert Street, Parkes

**\$20 per child**  
Includes FREE drink bottle and t-shirt



**REGISTER HERE**

**AGES 5-16**

For more information email [parkesboars@gmail.com](mailto:parkesboars@gmail.com) or follow our facebook page @ParkeBoarsRUF




## TRY RUGBY 2025

**How to register for TryRugby**

Scan the QR code or open the Rugby Explorer app  
Sign in to your account  
Select Find a Club  
Enter the details of the child you want to register or select them if you have registered previously  
Enter 'Parkes' in the search box  
Select 'Parke's JRUF' and the following options:

- Role: Training Only Participant
- Registration Type: XV's Juniors
- Duration: Season

Confirm registration details are correct  
Complete the additional details for the registered child  
Complete your payment

# Notes

**ACTIVE KIDS**  
**KIDS JUNIOR SQUASH**

PARKES SERVICES SQUASH CENTRE

Fun Play Friends

Junior Squash - Beginners Welcome  
 Squidgies & Junior Comp  
 4.15 - 5.30pm  
**FRIDAY**

• Costs is \$5 Per Week During School Terms  
 Own Equipment is required

Active Kids Voucher = 10 sessions

REGISTER - 0459546742 jayandjudykross@hotmail.com

## DRIVING SAFELY NEAR SCHOOL BUSES

- There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.
- Lights will flash on the front and back of the bus reminding drivers that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.
- Buses can't stop quickly because they are large and heavy vehicles. So, remember:
- Reduce speed to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing
- Give way to buses
- Watch out for children crossing
- Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.

## Informal school bus stops - Rural and regional areas:

In rural and regional areas there are many [Informal school bus](#) stops that do not have signs or infrastructure, such as a bus shelter. They are often temporary and located at the end of a driveway or residence. Slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash, look out for children crossing the road, and be aware that a stationary bus can impede view of children around buses. Parents and carers also play an important role in ensuring the safety of students around school bus stops. If your child needs to use a rural bus stop that doesn't have signs or other safety infrastructure – think about whether it's located in a safe spot that allows buses to stop away from the road, with good lines of sight in both directions, and includes a safe place for you to park your vehicle and wait. You can talk to your local bus operator or find more information in our [Advice for Choosing Locations of Informal School Bus Stops](#).

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THE GREAT MOSCOW CIRCUS PRESENTS EXTREME

All new international show returning to Australia

## PARKES 6 - 9 MARCH SHOWGROUND ENTRANCE - VICTORIA STREET

The legendary GREAT MOSCOW CIRCUS has returned to Australia with an all new EXTREME show! Featuring Australia's BMX/Scooter Extreme Riders, also starring the incredible Cage Riders, Wheel of Death, Russian Swing, breathtaking aerial performers, Trampoline & much more. See a Circus at its best, in climate controlled comfort. Not to be missed! Some acts may not appear due to unforeseen circumstances.

WED 5	THURS 6	FRI 7	SAT 8	SUN 9
NO SHOW	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	3:00 PM 7:00 PM	11:00 AM

SEAT PRICES	RED	PINK	YELLOW	BLUE	GREEN
ADULT	\$70	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$35
STUDENT/ CONCESSION*	\$65	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$30
CHILD**	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45	\$25
FAMILY PASS	N/A	N/A	\$200	\$180	N/A

\*ID Required for Concession/ students  
 \*\*Children 3 - 14 must be with Adult or Student.  
 LIMITED DOOR CASH SALES AVAILABLE 1 HOUR PRIOR TO SHOWTIME

NO REFUNDS - EXCHANGE FEE APPLIES  
 OFFICE - Tues- Sunday 10AM- 5PM, Closed Monday  
 SCAN ME FOR MORE

**BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED**  
 0497 MOSCOW 0497 667269  
 www.thegreatmoscowcircus.com.au

# 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 5/6B attend Chapel Mass - 9.45am	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 AECG Meeting - Junior and Senior (Parkes High)	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 - 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	17 School Photo Day	18 NAPLAN Conventions of Language  Parent Meeting - First Holy Communion - 5.15pm	19 NAPLAN Numeracy Kindergarten Transition Commences	20 Project Compassion Launch Liturgy - 10.30am  Caritas Mufti Mission Stalls - 11.00am School Disco - 6.00pm	21 5/6HR attend Chapel Mass - 9.45am  Harmony Day Celebration  Assembly - 2.45pm	22/23						
								NAPLAN Window					
								24	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
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							
10	31	1	2	3	4 3N attend Chapel Mass - 9.45am Assembly - 2.45pm	5/6							
Mar/Apr	10	31	1	Polding Swimming (Homebush)		4 3N attend Chapel Mass - 9.45am Assembly - 2.45pm	5/6						
				2	3								
April	11	7 School Public Speaking Competition - Year 3-6  P&F Meeting - 6pm	8 School Cross Country	9 Easter Hat Parade - 9.15am  Last Day of Term 1 - Students	10 Pupil Free Day	11 Pupil Free Day  Last Day of Term 1 - Staff	12/13 Palm Sunday						