



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 9 24th March 2025

## EVENTS

THIS WEEK 9

**Monday**

**Upstage Performance**

**Tuesday**

**WF Winter Trials -**

**Yr 5&6 (Netball, League, Soccer)**

**Wednesday**

**WF Touch Football Trials**

**First Holy Communion Parent Meeting (RE Room) 5.15pm**

**Friday**

**4W Chapel Mass - 9.45am**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week of activities we had last week at school!

Our Kindergarten Transition students commenced last Wednesday and had a fabulous day in our transition classroom. We are thrilled to welcome so many new students to our school and look forward to seeing them progress through our Transition Program. It is always a joy to see their excitement and eagerness to learn.

Last Thursday, we had the honour of hosting the Project Compassion Launch for the Diocese. We were joined by students from Narromine, Condobolin, and Trundle, making it a special day. In conjunction with the launch, we held a very successful Mufti-Mission Day, raising important funds for Caritas Australia. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.

Harmony Day on Friday was a wonderful success. We were thrilled to welcome parent guest speakers into our classrooms, where they shared fascinating information about their cultures. Our assembly and performances by our children brought tears to our eyes as we recognised the importance of uniting as one. It was pleasing to see so many families stay and join us for a special lunch afterwards.

Today, all children participated in Upstage, enjoying dancing, singing and drama workshops with Performing Arts specialists. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to express themselves creatively and have fun.

Good luck to our Year 5/6 students who are attending Diocesan trials in Rugby League, Soccer, Netball and Touch Football this week.

This Sunday, our Year 3 students will be receiving their First Holy Communion at Holy Family Church. The children have been well prepared at school and are looking forward to this special occasion. Please keep them in your prayers.

A reminder that our P&F will have a stall at Homegrown in Cooke Park this Saturday. If you are able to assist for an hour block on the day, it would be greatly appreciated. Your support helps our P&F continue to raise much needed funds for our school community.

*Denise Gersbach*

**Principal**



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**Holy Family Parish School Parkes**

## ★ Star of the Week ★

Millie McIntyre is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love, and Trust) and for always being consistent and hardworking.

### Interview with Millie



What is your favourite subject?

Mathematics

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

Play with my dolls

What is your favourite food?

Pizza



What do you like most about our school?

We get to play with the big skipping rope



I'm good on the monkey bars

What would you like to be when you grow up?

A hairdresser

Term 1 Week 9: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - LOVE)

◆ **"Forgiveness heals the heart—let go and grow."**

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

<p><b>1. Who was the first female Prime Minister of Australia?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A) Julia Bishop</li> <li>- B) Julia Gillard</li> <li>- C) Julie Andrews</li> <li>- D) Julie Walters</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Which Australian actor played Wolverine in the X-Men movies?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A) Chris Hemsworth</li> <li>- B) Russell Crowe</li> <li>- C) Hugh Jackman</li> <li>- D) Eric Bana</li> </ul>

<p><b>3. Who is the famous Australian cricketer known for his incredible batting skills and nicknamed "The Don"?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A) Shane Warne</li> <li>- B) Steve Waugh</li> <li>- C) Ricky Ponting</li> <li>- D) Sir Donald Bradman</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Which Australian singer is known for hits like "Can't Get You Out of My Head" and "Spinning Around"?**</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A) Delta Goodrem</li> <li>- B) Kylie Minogue</li> <li>- C) Olivia Newton-John</li> <li>- D) Natalie Imbruglia</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Who is the famous Australian swimmer who won five Olympic gold medals and is known as "Thorpedo"?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A) Grant Hackett</li> <li>- B) Michael Klim</li> <li>- C) Ian Thorpe</li> <li>- D) Kieren Perkins</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Which Australian actor is famous for his role as Crocodile Dundee?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A) Mel Gibson</li> <li>- B) Paul Hogan</li> <li>- C) Sam Neill</li> <li>- D) Geoffrey Rush</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Which Australian artist is known for her song "Chandelier" and often hides her face with large wigs or hats?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A) Sia</li> <li>- B) Kylie Minogue</li> <li>- C) Jessica Mauboy</li> <li>- D) Delta Goodrem</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Who was the famous Australian bushranger known for wearing a suit of armour?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A) Ben Hall</li> <li>- B) Ned Kelly</li> <li>- C) Captain Thunderbolt</li> <li>- D) Frank Gardiner</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Which Australian tennis player is known for winning 24 Grand Slam singles titles?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A) Rod Laver</li> <li>- B) Ken Rosewall</li> <li>- C) Pat Rafter</li> <li>- D) Margaret Court</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Who is the famous Australian wildlife expert and TV personality known as "The Crocodile Hunter"?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A) David Attenborough</li> <li>- B) Steve Irwin</li> <li>- C) Bear Grylls</li> <li>- D) Paul Hogan</li> </ul>

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

## Third Week of Lent

The Diocesan Launch for Project Compassion took place at Holy Family School Hall with a Liturgy of the Word which was celebrated by staff and students of the Wilcannia- Forbes Diocese. Students from St Augustine's in Narromine, St Patrick's in Trundle and St Joseph's in Condobolin attended the Liturgy with the Year 6 students of Holy Family. Thank you to Mrs Trish Cleal for leading the liturgy.

Dominic Smith, from Caritas Australia spoke to the students and staff about the positive impact our fundraising endeavours has on marginalised societies around the world.

The Liturgy was followed by Mission Stalls from 11:00am-12:00pm. All proceeds will be donated to Caritas Australia.

Thank you to all those who came and supported our Mission Stalls we raised **\$1192** for Caritas Australia.

- ★ Preparing your child for the Sacrament of Eucharist *FIRST HOLY COMMUNION* - Parent Meeting on Wednesday 5.15pm in the RE Room.
- ★ **Sacrament of Eucharist- First Holy Communion Mass- Sunday, 30th March, 9.30am** at Holy Family Catholic Church.

\* **Important:**

***Children making their First Holy Communion must be at the Fr Pat Centre, located near the Parish Office at the back of the church, latest by 9:15am, to get organised before the service.***

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.  
Beverly Berger



# Assembly Awards

## Week 8

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
<b>Student of the Week</b>	KJC	Evie Acret
	KC	Jorawar Singh
	1S	Emmerson Pope
	2CR	Everleigh Albert
	3N	Roop Preet Kaur
	4W	Mason Wild
	5/6B	Daniella Anasta
	5/6HR	Ace Byrnes
<b>Recognition of Learning Award</b>	Infants - 1S	Archie Thomson
	Primary - 5/6HR	Charls Chen
<b>Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)</b>	Infants - 2CR	Evie Clarke
	Primary - 5/6B	Isabel Siju
<b>Playground Behaviour Award</b>	Infants - KJC	Wraith Sloane
	Primary - 3N	Reed Wild
<b>Leadership Award</b>	Infants - KC	Toby Slaven
	Primary - 4W	Matilda McGrath
<b>Living the Gospel Values</b>	Infants - 1S	Cohen Calabro
	Primary - 5/6HR	Rhys Hetherington

# Wiradjuri

KJ C watched a Dreamtime video titled "How the Kangaroos Got Their Tail." Afterwards, they had a lot of fun jumping around like kangaroos.



# P&F News

## Cookie Fundraiser – Win a Foodie Hamper

We have a fantastic foodie hamper to be won by the highest selling family.

A Big Thank You to those who have sold bitesize cookies in our first fundraiser for the year. We have a few boxes leftover so for those who would like to sell some more, cookie boxes can be collected from the office.

For those who have cookies and / or money outstanding if they could please return them to the office this week.



*You could win this fantastic foodie hamper !!*



### LEADERBOARD Currently Tied in First

Edwards Navy

Thomson Archie

Crisp Blaire

McTiernan Niamh

Toomey Elizabeth

Ingram Colton

# P&F News



## Homegrown Parkes Markets – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Volunteer Roster		Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> March				
<i>Homegrown Parkes Markets</i>						
	Volunteer 1	Volunteer 2	Volunteer 3	Volunteer 4	Volunteer 5	Activity
7-8						Setup
8-9	Tony Ross					Setup
9-10						Sales
10-11	Gabe Manning					Sales
11-12						Sales
12-1						Sales
1-2	Denise Gersbach					Sales
2-3						Packup

Your P&F will be running a stall selling Homemade cakes, Fruit & Vegetables & hotdogs at the homegrown markets on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise some funds and showcase our school to the wider community. If you can spare an hour or two at any of the timeslots above or are able to donate cakes and slices or fruits & vegetables from your garden, please contact the office. Any donations of cakes, slices or fruits and vegetables can be dropped off on the day prior to 9am please.

If you would like to help out please add our name via [This Link](#)

# Notes

**PCYC** | PARKES  
IS LIFE CHANGING

## FIT FOR LIFE

Police & PCYC partnership program

Tuesday morning  
7:30-8:30

Pick up & drop off available  
Breakfast provided  
10-17 years



## Gather

Gather • Together • Reflect

Please join us in the Holy Family School Religion room at 8.30am on Tuesday the 25th of March, as we Gather Together and Reflect!

.....then stay for a cuppa and a chat



Preparing your child for the

## First Holy Communion

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL RELIGION ROOM AT 5.15PM - 6.15PM WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH.**

Parents and carers are invited to share in a special evening to support your child on their faith journey. During the session:

- Fr. Barry will provide insights into the sacrament
- Mrs. Berger will outline the details of the day
- Miss Gill will guide you in creating a meaningful gift for your child, as a memento of this occasion.



As your child's first educators in faith, this session is an opportunity for you to deepen your own understanding of the sacrament and support your child in this sacred milestone.

[Marist Newsletter Link](#)

# Marist

MARIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

## 2026 ENROLMENTS CLOSING SOON

**Red Bend Reminder:** Applications for 2026 enrolments close on Thursday, April 10.

If you would like to enrol your child, please check the website:

[www.redbendcc.nsw.edu.au/enrolments](http://www.redbendcc.nsw.edu.au/enrolments)

## **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.

### **MAINTAINING PROFESSIONALISM**

All staff are expected to act professionally and in accordance with the school's expectations regarding staff conduct toward children. We understand that staff have a duty of care to:

- ensure no child is exposed to foreseeable risk of harm;
- take action to minimise risk;
- supervise actively; and
- if we see others acting inappropriately with children, report concerns to the Principal.

School staff also understand that they are in a position of trust, authority and influence in relation to children and that it is important that we do not take advantage of that position to mistreat or misguide students either intentionally or inadvertently.

# 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
Feb/Mar	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	19 NAPLAN Numeracy Kindergarten Transition Commences	20 Project Compassion Launch Liturgy - 10.30am  Caritas Multi 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					
	9	24 Upstage (K-6) 9.00am-12.30pm	25 WF Diocesan Winter Trials (Parkes)	26 WF Diocesan Touch Football (Parkes)  Parent Meeting - First Holy Communion - 5.15pm	27	28 4W attend Chapel Mass - 9.45am	29/30 Sun 30/3 First Holy Communion 9.30am
Mar/Apr	10	31	1	2	3	4 3N attend Chapel Mass - 9.45am Assembly - 2.45pm	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  Last Day of Term 1 - Students	10 Pupil Free Day	11 Pupil Free Day  Last Day of Term 1 - Staff	12/13 Palm Sunday