



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 11 7 April 2025

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 11

Monday

P&F Meeting 6pm
(Coachman or via
Zoom)

Tuesday

School Cross Country
9.30am (Northparkes Oval)

Assembly 2.30pm

Wednesday

Easter Hat Parade
9.15am

Last Day of Term 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of Term 1! Congratulations to all staff and students for an outstanding term!

We have a busy week to finish off the term, filled with exciting events and activities.

Today, we held our Public Speaking Competition. Well done to all students on the efforts made in preparing and delivering your speeches. Congratulations to the following students:

Year 3/4 Winner: Finley Gibbons **Runner Up:** Ruby Smith

Highly Commended: Joey Hazelton, Ashton Albert, Amelia Gersbach, Sophie Wood.

Year 5/6 Winner: Stanley Drooger **Runner Up:** Emerson Kaden

Highly Commended: Mia Malherbe, Max Crowe

Tomorrow, we will be holding our Cross Country at Northparkes Oval.

Details for the races: 5, 6 and 7 year olds: 1km run
8, 9 and 10 year olds: 2km run
11 and 12 year olds: 3km run

If you are able to assist on the day as a track marshall, that would be greatly appreciated. Your support helps ensure the event runs smoothly and safely for all participants. Additionally, our assembly will be held at 2:30pm on this day, combining our usual fortnightly assembly with the presentation of cross country ribbons.

On Wednesday, we will be holding our Easter Hat Parade at 9:15am. We are very excited to see all the creative and fun hats that will be on display. Parents are invited to join us for this delightful event.

A reminder that ANZAC Day falls in the school holidays. We would love to see as many children as possible march, wearing full winter school uniform, for this important occasion. Your participation honours the memory of those who have served our country.

Mrs Wheeler commences her maternity leave at the end of this term. We are very excited to be welcoming a new baby into the Holy Family School family. We wish her all the best during this special time.

As we approach the end of Term 1, I would like to wish all families a very happy and holy Easter and an enjoyable two-week holiday.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Mia Malherbe is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love, and Trust) and for always being enthusiastic and attentive.

Interview with Mia



What is your favourite subject?

English



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

Write poems & stories about life

What is your favourite food?

Steak & vegetables

What do you like most about our school?

All the sporting events



What would you like to be when you grow up ?

Public speaking & sport

A surgeon

Term 1 Week 11: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - LOVE)

❖ **Make a conscious effort to listen to others without interrupting.**

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

<p>1. What do we celebrate on Easter Sunday?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) The birth of Jesus - B) The resurrection of Jesus - C) The Last Supper - D) The arrival of the Three Wise Men
<p>2. What is the period of 40 days leading up to Easter called?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) Advent - B) Pentecost - C) Lent - D) Epiphany

<p>3. What kind of meal did Jesus have with his disciples before he was crucified?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) Breakfast - B) Lunch - C) The Last Supper - D) A picnic
<p>4. Which day of the week did Jesus rise from the dead?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) Friday - B) Saturday - C) Sunday - D) Monday
<p>5. What do we call the Sunday before Easter?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) Palm Sunday - B) Good Sunday - C) Passover Sunday - D) Holy Sunday
<p>6. What did people lay down in front of Jesus as he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) Flowers - B) Rocks - C) Palm branches - D) Blankets
<p>7. What do Christians often do during Lent?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) Give up something they enjoy - B) Celebrate with a feast - C) Decorate Christmas trees - D) Go on vacation
<p>8. What symbol is often associated with Easter and represents new life?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) Christmas tree - B) Easter egg - C) Birthday cake - D) Valentine's heart
<p>9. What is the name of the garden where Jesus prayed before his arrest?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) Garden of Gethsemane - B) Garden of Eden - C) Garden of Olives - D) Garden of Peace
<p>10. What does the Easter Bunny traditionally bring to children?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) Flowers - B) Chocolates and eggs - C) Toys - D) Books

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

Fifth Week of Lent

Last Friday, Year 3N attended the morning Mass at the St Aloysius Chapel. They actively participated by doing the readings and offertory. They were very reverent. Thank you to Mrs Noonan for preparing them.

Easter Hat Parade- 9:15am, Wednesday, 9th April.

Get together as a family and create a colourful Easter Hat!



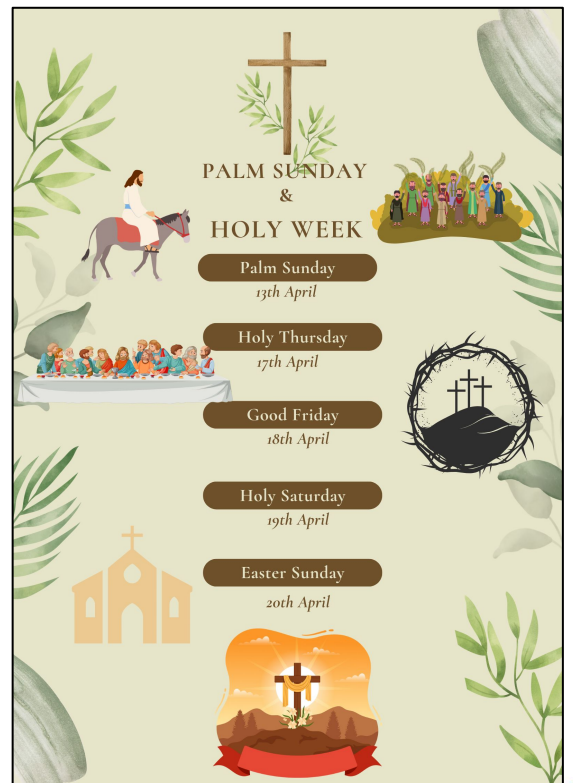
Palm Sunday-13th April



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!
If your child would like to altar-serve please fill in [this form](#).

Wishing everyone a blessed Easter!

Beverly Berger



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

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

Made with PosterMyWall.com

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Friday 9th May 2025

8.00am to 9.00am

School Hall

All mums are invited to attend the breakfast

The P&F will be running a Mother's Day Stall
where children can go shopping for gifts.

We look forward to seeing all our
wonderful mums.

We are seeking
expressions of
interest for 6
students in
Yr 2 - 6 to take
group guitar
lessons during
lunchtime on
Thursdays in
Term 2.



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2026 ENROLMENTS CLOSING SOON

Enrolments for next year close
Friday, April 10. Please contact
tiffanynicholls@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au
with any enquiries.



ROAD SAFETY

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term, that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families. School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

Notes

NSWCPS Girls 7s Rugby (MacKillop and Polding)

Date: 16th May 2025

Venue: Santa Sabina
College

Eligibility: 11 Years - 12 Years

*Please check for
mandatory size/weight
ratios on the website

**Register via the
csnsw.sport/ portal before
7 May 2025**



Girls can now wear pants

Parents are reminded that in addition to the winter skirts, girls now have the option to wear tailored navy pants as part of the HFS school uniform starting next term. Work locker Parkes have pants available to try on and these are then ordered in. Get in early to allow time for delivery before term 2 starts.



ROBOTICS CLUB @ PARKES

OUR ROBOTICS CLUB CLASSES:

LITTLE ENGINEERS (ORANGE ONLY)

These classes introduce students in Kindergarten to Year 2 at school to simple machines to prepare them for future robotics learning. Uses LEGO BriqQ Motion Essential and LEGO Spike Essential kits. No previous experience required. Maximum 8 students per class. Available at Orange only.

JUNIOR ROBOTICS

These classes introduce students in Years 1 to 5 at school to robotics, coding and machines in a fun teamwork environment. Our sequential program using LEGO Spike Essential kits is suitable for children with no previous experience with robotics or coding, as well as those with basic experience with Scratch coding. Maximum 16 students per class.

INTERMEDIATE ROBOTICS

These classes are for students in Years 4 to 10 at school to expand their skills in problem solving, design, robotics and coding in a fun teamwork environment. Our sequential program using LEGO Spike Prime kits is suitable for children with some previous experience with robotics or Scratch coding. We will also accept students with no previous experience. Maximum 16 students per class.

ADVANCED ROBOTICS (ORANGE ONLY)

These classes are for students in Years 5 to 10 at school to expand their skills in problem solving, design, robotics and coding in a fun teamwork environment. Our sequential program using LEGO Spike Prime kits is suitable for children with previous experience with robotics and Scratch or Python coding, and competence in building with LEGO Technic elements. Lessons will be designed around completing First Lego League (FLL) challenges from previous years in preparation for establishing a WELL FLL team for 2025 or 2026. Maximum 8 students per class. Available at Orange only.

Venues:

Bathurst: Wednesdays After School
Dubbo: Thursdays After School
Parkes: Fridays After School
Orange: Saturday Mornings

For details and to book online:

www.westernenrichment.com.au



FRIDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

The Robotics Club meets for seven weeks each school term. A formal sequenced program enables students to continue developing their skills in design, building, coding, problem solving and teamwork. In the future, there may also be opportunities for students enrolled in our Robotics Club to participate in robotics competitions.

PARKES JUNIOR ROBOTICS

- Fridays 3.45pm - 4.45pm
- Years 1 to 5 at school
- \$210 per term

PARKES INTERMEDIATE ROBOTICS

- Fridays 5.00pm - 6.30pm
- Years 4 to 10 at school
- \$315 per term

TERM 2 CLASSES COMMENCE 9 MAY

Venue:

Marramorra Makerspace Studio
Parkes Library
25 Bogan Street Parkes

For details and to book online:

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Term 2 - Parent Calendar 2025

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Apr/May	1	28 First Day - Term 2 (Staff and Students)	29	30	1	2 Polding Winter Trials (Bathurst)	3/4
May	2	5 WF Diocesan Cross Country (Parkes)	6	7 RBCC Visit - Year 6 Life Ed - Healthy Harold P&F Meeting - 6pm	8 Life Ed - Healthy Harold	9 Mother's Day Breakfast Athletics Trials 9-11 Mother's Day Liturgy 12:30pm HFS Hall Stage 1 Assembly - 2.45pm	10/11 Mother's Day - Sun 12th May
	3	12 Life Ed - Healthy Harold	13	14	15 Catholic Schools Week Mass 10.00am (Hall) Recess for all families outdoors 10.45am-11.20am Open classrooms	16 Athletics Trials 9-11 National Walk Safely to School Day P&F Movie Night	17/18
		Catholic Schools Week					
	4	19	20	21	22	23 Athletics Trials 9-11 Assembly - 2.45pm	24/25
May/Jun	5	26 Reconciliation Week National Sorry Day WF Diocesan Rugby Union (Parkes)	27 AECG Meeting - Junior and Senior (Parkes High) CWA Oxley Group Public Speaking Competition	28 School Committee Meeting - 7.30pm	29	30 Athletics Trials 9-11	31/1
Jun	6	2 Parent/Teacher Interviews 1-6 (School Hall)	3 HFS Spelling Bee Year 2 - Year 6	4 P&F Meeting - 6pm	5 Athletics Trials 9-11 Assembly - 2.45pm	6 Feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat (Stage 3) Whole School Mass - 9:45am (Hall)	7/8
	7	9 King's Birthday (PH)	10 Pupil Free Day	11 Polding Cross Country (Sydney)	12 School Disco - 6.00pm	13 Confirmation - 6.00pm Holy Family Church	14/15
	8	16	17	18	19 Athletics Carnival	20 Assembly - 2.45pm	21/22
	9	23 'The Twits' Excursion (K-2) - 12:30pm Orange	24	25	26	27	28/29
July	10	30 Polding Rugby Union (Forbes)	1 NAIDOC Day Celebrations	2	3 Polding Touch Football (Port Macquarie) NAIDOC Liturgy 12.15pm AECG Assembly - 2.45pm	4 Last Day of Term 2	5/6