



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 4 19th May 2025

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 4

Friday

**Athletics Trials 9-11
Year 2 - Year 6**

Assembly - 2.45pm

NEXT WEEK 5

Monday

**Reconciliation Week -
National Sorry Day**

WF Dio Rugby Union

Tuesday

**AECG Meeting
CWA Oxley Public
Speaking**

Wednesday

**School Committee
Meeting**

Friday

Athletics Trials

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a thank you to all the parents, relatives, and friends who visited our school during Catholic Schools Week last week. The children were thrilled to showcase their wonderful schoolwork to their family members. It's always a joy to celebrate the high level of work happening in our classrooms!

This week, students in Years 2-6 will be participating in class testing for our school Spelling Bee competition. The top five students from each class will advance to the finals, which will be held on 3rd June. We wish all our spellers the best of luck!

From tomorrow through to Friday, I will be attending the Australian Catholic School Principals' Conference along with all Catholic principals in NSW. This conference offers a fantastic opportunity for professional learning and networking with other principals. During my absence, please direct any enquiries to Mr Berger.

A big thank you to our P&F Committee for organising the Movie Night last Friday evening in our school hall. It was a great event and everyone in attendance had a wonderful time.

A reminder that athletics trials will continue this Friday for field events for students in Years 2-6. Please ensure your child is in full sports uniform and brings any event specific shoes that they require.

Denise Gersbach
Principal



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Holy Family Parish School Parkes

★ Star of the Week ★

Interview with Abraham

Abraham Al-Maliky is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love, and Trust) and for always being respectful and persevering.



What is your favourite subject?	Mathematics
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Read books
What is your favourite food?	Mangoes (I love healthy food)
What do you like most about our school?	There are really nice people here who are very welcoming
	Maths & science
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	A policeman or builder

Term 2 Week 4: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

◆ **Lift others up with praise and watch our community soar!**

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

1. What is Healthy Harold's primary mission?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) To teach students about mathematics - B) To promote health and wellbeing education - C) To organise sports events - D) To conduct science experiments
2. Which organisation runs the Healthy Harold program?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) Australian Red Cross - B) Life Education Australia - C) St John Ambulance - D) Scouts Australia

<p>3. What type of animal is Healthy Harold?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) Kangaroo - B) Koala - C) Giraffe - D) Elephant
<p>4. What topic might you learn about in a Healthy Harold session?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) History of Australia - B) Nutrition and healthy eating - C) Space exploration - D) Ancient civilisations
<p>5. Healthy Harold visits schools in what kind of vehicle?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) A bus - B) A truck - C) A caravan - D) A helicopter
<p>6. Which of the following themes is NOT typically covered by Healthy Harold?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) Drug education - B) Cyber safety - C) Environmental science - D) Dental hygiene
<p>7. How does Healthy Harold deliver his messages to students?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) Through interactive lessons and activities - B) By sending emails - C) Through television shows - D) By writing books
<p>8. What is one of the key messages promoted by Healthy Harold?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) The importance of winning in sports - B) The benefits of a balanced diet - C) The history of the internet - D) How to build a computer
<p>9. Healthy Harold's lessons often include discussions on:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) Financial literacy - B) Friendship and relationships - C) Weather patterns - D) Mechanical engineering
<p>10. What age group does Healthy Harold primarily target?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A) University students - B) High school students - C) Primary school students - D) Preschool children

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 Easter



We celebrated Catholic Schools Week and the longstanding success of Catholic Schools last Thursday with a Mass, recess with families and open classrooms. It was wonderful to have so many parents attend Mass and stay to visit their children's classrooms.

Saint Marcellin Champagnat's Feast Day is on 6th June. There will be a Mass at 9:45am in the school hall.

Saint Marcellin founded the Marist Brothers, a religious congregation of brothers in the Catholic Church devoted to Mary and dedicated to education.

He established a network of schools in rural France, valuing hard work, personal achievement, and a strong family spirit, opening the first Marist school in 1818. There are 56 Marist schools in Australia, including Holy Family.

Sacrament of Confirmation

REMINDER: Confirmation Candidates' Information

Please return the completed **Information Forms** soon as possible with names of sponsors and your child's Confirmation name (name of chosen saint), as these need to be sent on to the parish office.



Term 2 Liturgies & Masses

- ★ Feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat Whole School Mass (Stage 3) Friday, 6th June, 9:45am (Hall)
- ★ Sacrament of Confirmation - Friday, 13th June, 6.00pm Holy Family Church
- ★ NAIDOC Liturgy- Tuesday, 1st July, 2.30pm AECG

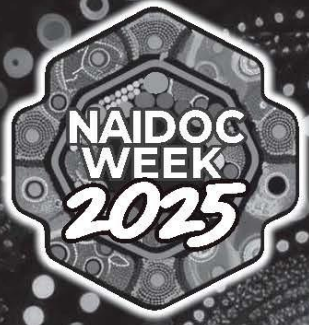
Have a wonderful week!

Beverly Berger

Religious Education Coordinator

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC WEEK
School Initiatives 2025



The NAIDOC Week Celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Entry is open to all students in Years 3 - 6

Poem Writing Competition

Write a Poem entitled:

RESPECT

(Everyone has a culture, and it must be respected)

**Entry must be typed and on A4 Paper. Entries will be judged on quality, meaning and creativity. Please ensure the name grade and class are clearly included on both your story and on the official NAIDOC School Initiatives entry form.

Jack Wighton

Indigenous Sports Person



Our two Indigenous Australians were selected;

The Kid Laroi (Indigenous Singer) & Jack Wighton (Indigenous Sports person) as Indigenous Australians to aspire.

"Be Smart, Stay Clean and Live the Dream".

The Kid Laroi

Indigenous Singer



PRIZES



FUJI INSTAX CAMERA

ELEMENT SKATEBOARD



THE ULTIMATE KIDS GIFT CARD



HUNDREDS OF IN-SEASON MOVIE PASSES TO WATCH 'HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON'



SPONSORS



Name _____ Age _____ School _____ Year _____

All competitions: Entries must be received by close of business on Friday 27th June 2025 at the co-ordination centre, GPO Box 454, Sydney NSW 2001. Judging will take place on Friday 11th July 2025. Winners will be notified through principals, presentations will take place at school assemblies with your local Mayor, Elders and other dignitaries.



Holy Family P&F

We are so excited to share some wonderful news! Thanks to the generous support and recent success in obtaining a grant from Parkes Shire Council, the success of our cookie fundraiser, and the incredible efforts of our volunteers at the Dio Cross Country canteen, **we've been able to purchase four brand new house-colour gazebos for the school!**

These gazebos will provide much-needed shade for our students during carnivals and outdoor events, helping to keep them cool, safe and comfortable while they cheer on their house teams.

We are deeply thankful to everyone who has contributed, whether through baking, buying, volunteering, or simply showing up. If you have the capacity to lend a hand in the future, we'd love to hear from you. Every bit of help makes a big difference! Thank you for continuing to support our school community!

Our next big fundraising event will be the Dio Athletics Carnival on the 14th August 2025.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, please discuss this with the school principal.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please **update this within 7 days** on the Compass Parent Portal or explain the reason by phone, e-mail or written note as soon as possible. Late arrivals and/or early departures can only be entered via the Compass Kiosk at the office.

After 7 days, the absence will remain as 'Unexplained' and cannot be changed (NSW Education Act 1990).

NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK

An annual initiative from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, partnering road safety organisations and Government. The week highlights the impact of road trauma and ways to reduce it.

roadsafetyweek.com.au



Gather

Gather · Together · Reflect

Please join us in the Holy Family School Religion room at 8.40am on Tuesday May 20th, as we Gather Together and Reflect!

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



STUDENT AMBULANCE COVER CONDITIONS

Student Ambulance Cover applies to transportation following a student accident, not an illness or medical condition. School policy is to call an ambulance in the event of a serious injury or illness (eg severe asthma attack, anaphylactic reaction, seizure etc). If your child has a pre-existing medical condition that falls into this category, please be aware that the cost of the ambulance may be at the parent's expense if you do not have family ambulance cover.

STUDENTS ON VISAS

For 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 sub class or the expiry date, or
- if you previously had a visa but have now become an Australian citizen

Term 2 - Parent

(Updated)

	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 K-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 Naidoc Liturgy 2.30pm AECG	2 P&F Meeting - 6pm	3 Polding Touch Football (Port Macquarie) Assembly - 2.45pm	4 Last Day of Term 2	5/6