



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 10 30th June 2025

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 10

Monday

**Polding Rugby Union
(Forbes)**

Tuesday

**NAIDOC Liturgy
2.30pm (Hall)**

Wednesday

**AFL Clinic K-6
(Sports Uniform)**

Assembly 2.45pm

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

Thursday

**Polding Touch
(Port Macquarie)**

Friday

Last Day Term 2

Term 3

Week 1

Wednesday

**Todd Woodbridge
Tennis Cup**

**NSWPSSA Cross
Country
Championships**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already in the final week of Term 2! What a wonderful term it has been, filled with growth and achievements. I would like to extend my congratulations to all our students and staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment to learning throughout the term.

I was particularly thrilled last week to view the incredible writing samples from our Kindergarten students. Their progress this year has been amazing, and it is wonderful to see how their confidence and skills in literacy are blossoming. Well done to our youngest learners and their teachers for such a fantastic effort!

Today, we wish good luck to Max Dwyer Mulligan and Max Hackett, who are representing the Diocese at the Polding Rugby Trials in Forbes. .

Tomorrow, we will come together as a school community to celebrate NAIDOC Day. This year's theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy", inspires us to reflect on the importance of building a strong future while honouring the rich cultural heritage and traditions of our First Nations peoples. The children will participate in a variety of engaging activities throughout the day, culminating in a special Liturgy at 2.30pm in the school hall. A big thank you to Mrs Payne, Mrs Cusack and Mrs Herring for their efforts in preparing this important day for our students.

Later this week, we also wish the very best of luck to Nate Calabro, Arlo Cassidy, Max Dwyer Mulligan, Max Hackett and Jonti Lee as they represent the Diocese at the Polding Touch Football Trials in Port Macquarie on Thursday.

As Term 2 draws to a close, I would like to thank all families for their ongoing support of our school community. Wishing you all a safe, restful and enjoyable two-week break. We look forward to welcoming back all staff and students on Monday, 21st July.

Denise Gersbach
Principal



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[Holy Family Parish School Parkes](https://www.facebook.com/HolyFamilyParishSchoolParkes)

★ Star of the Week ★

Sydney Tarry is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love, and Trust) and for always being thoughtful and compassionate.

Interview with Sydney



What is your favourite subject?

Art

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

Play games on my tablet

What is your favourite food?

Any type of fruit

What do you like most about our school?

The students are kind and hardworking



I'm good at creating stories

What would you like to be when you grow up ?

An author

Term 2 Week 10: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

◆ Praise Effort, Not Just Results

This fortnight's challenge is to see how well you can spell.

Which is the correct spelling?

Please highlight the answer

1: What is Parkes, NSW, best known for?

- a) Its beaches
- b) The Parkes Observatory (The Dish)
- c) Mining diamonds
- d) Rainforests

2: What is the primary industry historically associated with Parkes?

- a) Coal mining
- b) Gold mining
- c) Agriculture
- d) Timber production

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| <p>3: What annual event is Parkes famous for?</p> | <p>a) Elvis Festival b) Country Music Festival c) Wine Festival d) Outback Rodeo</p> |
| <p>4: What scientific role did the Parkes Observatory play during the 1969 Apollo 11 Moon landing?</p> | <p>a) It provided weather data for the mission. b) It tracked and received television signals of the Moon landing. c) It built the spacecraft. d) It transported astronauts to the launch site.</p> |
| <p>5: What is the traditional Aboriginal nation associated with the Parkes region?</p> | <p>a) Wiradjuri b) Eora c) Noongar d) Yolngu</p> |
| <p>6: What is the population size of Parkes (approximately, as of recent data)?</p> | <p>a) 2,000 people b) 12,000 people c) 35,000 people d) 50,000 people</p> |
| <p>7: Which of the following crops is commonly grown in the Parkes region?</p> | <p>a) Sugarcane b) Wheat c) Bananas d) Grapes</p> |
| <p>8: What major highway passes through Parkes?</p> | <p>a) Hume Highway b) Newell Highway c) Pacific Highway d) Stuart Highway</p> |
| <p>9: Which nearby town is closely linked to Parkes due to its shared agricultural and mining history?</p> | <p>a) Forbes b) Dubbo c) Orange d) Bathurst</p> |
| <p>10: In which year was the Parkes Shire officially proclaimed?</p> | <p>a) 1873 b) 1896 c) 1911 d) 1930</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.

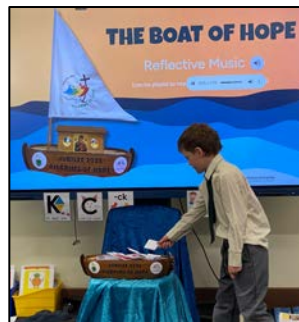
I hope everyone has a great week.
Andrew Berger

Religious Education

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

The Boat of Hope was at Holy Family all last week, visiting the classrooms and carrying within its hull Prayers of Hope written by all students and staff. Thank you to all staff and students for participating in the activities.

The boat visited the Parish Church on 28th and 29th June and the parishioners at the weekend Masses also had the opportunity to write their own Prayers of Hope.



The Boat of Hope will be travelling on to St Patrick's Trundle.

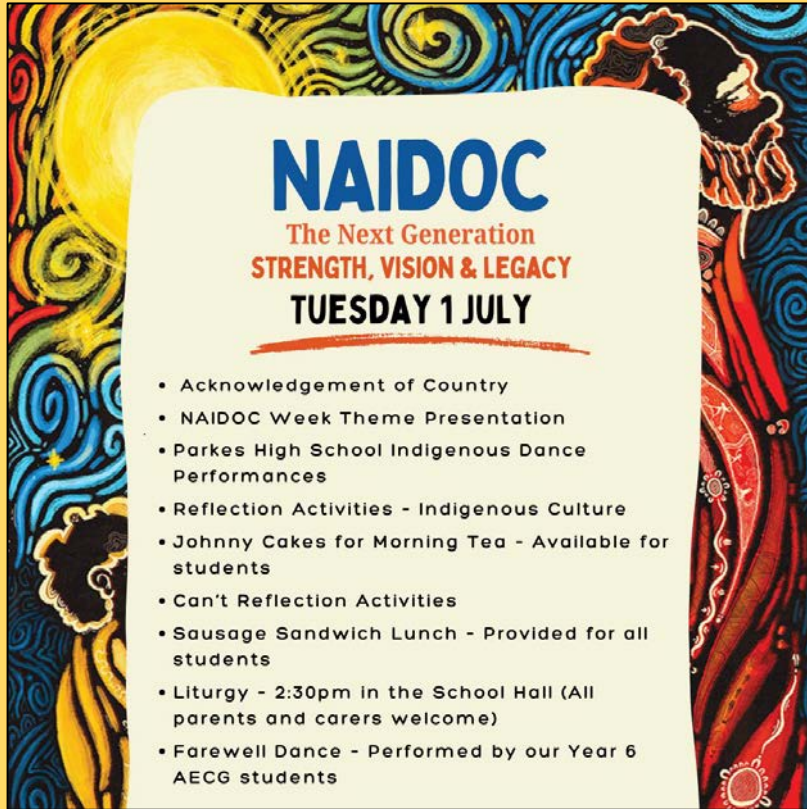
*** NAIDOC Liturgy- Tuesday, 1st July, 2.30pm AECG**

All are welcome to attend.

Have a wonderful week!
Beverly Berger
Religious Education Coordinator




NAIDOC Week



NAIDOC
The Next Generation
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY
TUESDAY 1 JULY

- Acknowledgement of Country
- NAIDOC Week Theme Presentation
- Parkes High School Indigenous Dance Performances
- Reflection Activities - Indigenous Culture
- Johnny Cakes for Morning Tea - Available for students
- Can't Reflection Activities
- Sausage Sandwich Lunch - Provided for all students
- Liturgy - 2:30pm in the School Hall (All parents and carers welcome)
- Farewell Dance - Performed by our Year 6 AECG students

ALL ARE WELCOME



**THE NEXT
GENERATION:
STRENGTH,
VISION &
LEGACY**
6-13 JULY 2025

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NAIDOC LITURGY

1ST JULY 2025

2:30PM AT THE SCHOOL HALL

MUSICA ARIOSO Drama Programs Parkes



LITTLE DIVAS

Pre-Primary Drama Class
(Ages 4 - 7)

Presbyterian Church
Hall - Parkes

\$12.50/class
(Invoiced Per Term)

This class focuses on body and movement, emotions, socialisation, theatre games, basic acting skills, confidence building and loads of fun

MONDAY
4:30 - 5:00

DAZZLING DIVAS

Primary Drama Class
(Ages 8 - 12)

Presbyterian Church
Hall - Parkes

\$20/class
(Invoiced Per Term)

This class focuses on Beginners acting, script & stage work, characterisation, improvisation and performance preparation

MONDAY
5:00 - 6:00

EPIC DIVAS

Senior Drama Class
(Ages 13 - 18)

Presbyterian Church
Hall - Parkes

\$20/class
(Invoiced Per Term)

This class focuses on Advanced acting, specialised theatre styles, script & stage work, set design, puppetry, individual & group work, directing skills and performance preparation

MONDAY
6:00 - 7:00

CLASSES ALSO HELD IN FORBES



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/ www.facebook.com/musicaarioso

Dio Athletics Carnival

**CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED ON THE DAY
FOR MAJOR FUNDRAISER
PLEASE VOLUNTEER TIME OR ITEMS VIA**

[This Link](#)



**THURSDAY
14TH
AUGUST**

NSWCPS Golf Tournament (MacKillop and Polding)

**Date: 25 August 2025
Venue: Blackheath Golf Club**

18 Hole

- Students must have a golf link number and a handicap
- Eligible for selection into the MacKillop and Polding Golf Teams pathway
- 8 Years - 13 Years

9 Hole

- Golf link number and handicap not required.
- Not eligible for further pathways.
- 8 Years - 13 Years.



**Register via the
cnsnw.sport/ portal before
15 August 2025**



Holy Family School GRANDPARENTS' Day

FRIDAY 1st AUGUST 2025

12.15pm - A Mass will be held in the school Hall

1pm - A Sausage Sizzle lunch will be available to purchase at 1pm

(If you would like a sausage sandwich please order on Compass under "Grandparents' Day Sausage Sizzle")

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OUR
GRANDPARENTS**

ACTIVE AFTERNOONS

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

TERM 3, TUESDAYS
3:15-4:15

STARTS WEEK 2 TERM 3

SPORTS, ACTIVITIES, GAMES & LOTS OF FUN

REGISTER HERE \$100 PER TERM, INCLUDES 1 YEAR
PCYC MEMBERSHIP



PCYC
PARKES

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL PARKES@PCYCNSW.ORG.AU

02 6862 3825

Active Afternoons Booking Form



Holy Family's Got Talent

Holy Family's Got Talent will be held in Term 3 with Auditions in Week 6 and Final in Week 8. Information regarding this will be sent home Week 1 of Term 3.

ICAS
assessments

Showcase your
child's talents.

Sign up for ICAS 2024



ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

To learn more about this year's exciting ICAS competition,

visit: (icasassessments.com/products-icas/)

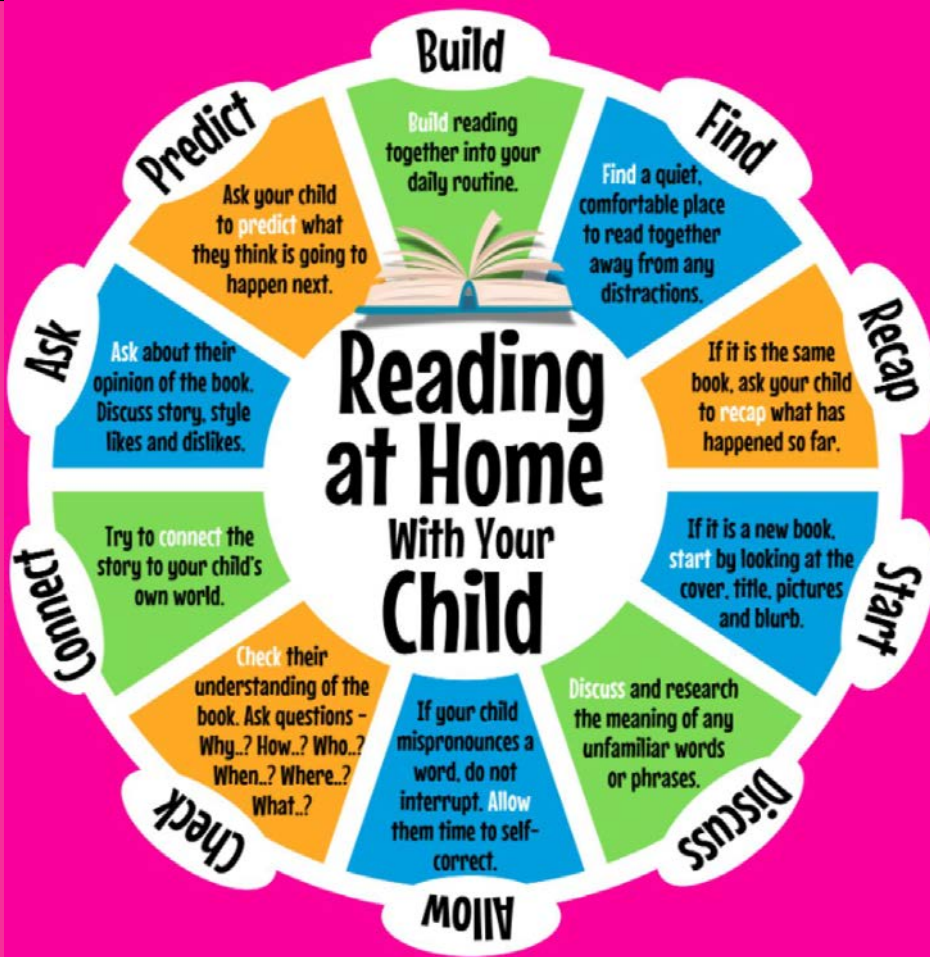
How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices here: (icasassessments.com/products-icas/)
2. Read the Privacy Collection Statement below.
3. Read the terms and conditions here: (icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf)
4. Go to the Parent Portal to sign up to chosen subject areas here: (shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps)
5. Enter our school's access code - UEI950
6. Enter your child's details, select the subject areas your child would like to participate in, then proceed to payment.

Gather
Gather • Together • Reflect

Please note there will be no GTR this week due to the NAIDOC Celebrations.



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).

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.



 **Vinnies**

Winter Appeal

We are still taking Donations for The Vinnies Winter Appeal. It is a program that focuses on helping people experiencing homelessness and poverty during the winter months. Students can participate by way of donating winter essentials like blankets and clothing, and/or food, This can be delivered to the school office.



THE SIMS METAL WASTE 2 ART 2025

THIS COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION AIMS TO EDUCATE, INFORM & CHALLENGE THE WAY WE LOOK AT WASTE

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Please join us for the opening on Saturday 28th June at 10am in the Coventry Room Gallery Parkes Library and Cultural Centre

Book your FREE tickets here:

Exhibition dates: 28th June - 31st July

School Holiday Activities

↓ JULY ↓ PARKES LIBRARY

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| MON 14 JULY | LET'S MAKE ART - MAKERSPACE ↓ \$2, 10:30AM - 12:00PM, Years 3 - 8 Be inspired by the Waste 2 Art exhibition and create something exciting! |
| TUES 15 JULY | JUNIOR CAMPFIRE LOCK-IN ↓ \$2, 5:00PM - 7:00PM, Years 3 - 6 Enjoy a night of campfire fun! After hours, we will play games and share a classic camp dinner. For children in Years 3 - 6. |
| THUR 17 JULY | CRAZY CRITTERS ↓ \$2, 10:30AM - 12:00PM, Years K - 2 Learn some crazy critter facts and play a game to create your own crazy critter! |
| FRI 18 JULY | YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT - WICKED (PG) ↓ FREE, FROM 5:30PM, Years 7 - 12 Good News! Watch <i>Wicked</i> and enjoy popcorn and dinner on the last day of the holidays! Bookings via Humanitix. |

In person bookings essential. Movie bookings via Humanitix. ↓ Call the Library on 6861 2309

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NAIDOC WEEK Celebrations in the Makerspace

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| MON 7 JULY | MINI FILM FESTIVAL - STORM BOY ↓ FREE, 10:00AM - 11:30AM Join us to watch this remake of the classic film <i>STORM BOY</i> . This film is rated PG and children under 15 years will need to be accompanied by an adult. Call 6861 2309 for bookings. |
| TUES 8 JULY | ART WORKSHOP WITH IRENE RIDGEWAY ↓ \$10, 10am - 12pm, age 8 - 14 Get creative in this exciting art workshop with Irene Ridgeway. Scan QR code for bookings. |
| WED 9 JULY | MINI FILM FESTIVAL - SATELLITE BOY ↓ FREE, 10:00AM - 11:30AM Join us to watch this classic film <i>SATELLITE BOY</i> . This film is rated PG and children under 15 years will need to be accompanied by an adult. Call 6861 2309 for bookings. |
| THURS 10 JULY | COMMUNITY WEAVING - A WIRADJURI TRADITION WITH RONDA SHARPE ↓ \$20, 10am - 12pm, adults and youth 12+ Learn the fundamental techniques of coil weaving to create a small basket or fibre art piece using natural fibres and raffia. Scan QR code for bookings. |
| FRI 11 JULY | MINI FILM FESTIVAL - TOP END WEDDING ↓ FREE, 10:00AM - 12:00PM Join us to watch this comedy starring Miranda Tapsell. This film is rated M and suitable for people aged 15 and over. Call 6861 2309 for bookings. |

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Contact Parkes Library and Cultural Centre for further details and booking information 6861 2309



School Holiday Robotics Workshops Parkes: Wednesday 16 July 2025

WELL provides engaging and fun activities for school children using LEGO Spike Essential and LEGO Spike Prime robotics kits and Chromebook computers with Scratch Junior and Scratch coding.

Suitable for children both with or without experience using LEGO robotics.

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| Junior Robotics (Yr 2 to 5) 9.30am - 11.30am \$40 | Robo Battle (Yr 5 to 10) 12.30pm - 3.00pm \$45 |
| Work in pairs using LEGO Spike Essential robotics to create and code robots in a range of fun scenarios. | Work in pairs or on your own to design and build the best battling robot using LEGO Spike Prime robotics. Robots will take part in a round-robin competition. <i>Will your robot be the last one standing?</i> |

Venue: Marramarra Makerspace
Parkes Library and Cultural Centre
25 Bogan St Parkes 2870

Book online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/DCJWA>

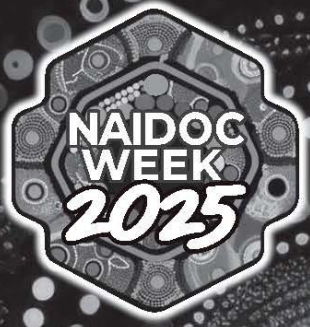
www.westernenrichment.com.au

Term 3 - Parent Calendar

| | Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
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| July | 1 | 21 First Day - Term 3 (Staff and Students) | 22 | 23 Todd Woodbridge Tennis Cup (Stage 2) NSWPSA Cross Country Championships | 24 | 25 | 26/27 Sts Joachim & Anne (26) |
| Jul/Aug | 2 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Central Cluster Athletics (Trundle) | 1 Grandparents' Day Mass Stage 2 12.15pm - Hall Assembly - 2.45pm | 2/3 |
| August | 3 | 4 | 5 ICAS Digital Technologies | 6 ICAS Writing P&F Meeting - 6pm | 7 | 8 Mary of the Cross Mackillop Liturgy Stage 1 12:30 HFS Hall | 9/10 |
| | 4 | 11 ICAS English | 12 ICAS Spelling Bee Kindergarten Library Visit 12pm - 1pm | 13 | 14 WF Diocesan Athletics (Parkes) TBC | 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Stage 3 12:15 HFS Hall Assembly - 2.45pm | 16/17 |
| | 5 | 18 ICAS Science Musica Viva - 11.30am | 19 AECG Meeting - Junior and Senior (Holy Family) | 20 School Committee Meeting - 7.30pm | 21 Book Week Parade 9.15am - "Book an Adventure" | 22 Reading Day (Cooke Park) 9:00am - 12:00pm | 23/24 |
| Aug/Sep | 6 | 25 ICAS Mathematics | 26 Half Day Show Holiday (12pm) | 27 Holy Family's Got Talent - Auditions | 28 Holy Family's Got Talent - Auditions School Disco - 6.00pm | 29 Holy Family's Got Talent - Auditions Assembly - 2.45pm | 30/31 |
| September | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 <i>Indigenous Literacy Day</i> P&F Meeting - 6pm | 4 Father's Day Liturgy Stage 2 12.30pm HFS Hall Father's Day Breakfast (8am) | 5 Pupil Free Day - | 6/7 Father's Day Sun 7 Sept |
| | | <i>Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week</i> | | | | | |
| | 8 | 8 | 9 Assembly - 2.45pm | 10 Holy Family's Got Talent - Grand Final | 11 | 12 Polding Athletics (Glendale) Parish Dinner - School Hall - 5.30pm | 13/14 |
| | 9 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20/21 |
| 10 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 St Vincent de Paul Liturgy 10.15am Mufti Mission Day Stalls Assembly - 2.45pm | 26 Last Day of Term 3 | 27/28 | |

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 School Parkes

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

KICKSTART YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING JOURNEY.

Our 2026 Transition Program is now available from Term 1 to Term 4 for children starting Kindergarten in 2027.

Please note that Term 3 and 4 attendance are limited to students who are enrolled for 2027 Kindergarten at HFS.



PROGRAM FEATURES:

● FREE - NO COST

Children will also be provided with a FREE Holy Family sports shirt for the program.

● PROGRAM ALIGNS WITH SCHOOL HOURS

Starts Term 1 - 18th March 2026
Finishes Term 4 - 9th December 2026
On EVERY Wednesday 9 am - 3 pm

● CANTEEN LUNCH AVAILABLE



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