



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 6 2nd June 2025

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 6

Monday

Parent/Teacher
Interviews (Hall)

Wednesday

P&F Meeting - 6pm
(Coachman)

Thursday

Assembly - 2.45pm
(Hall)

Friday

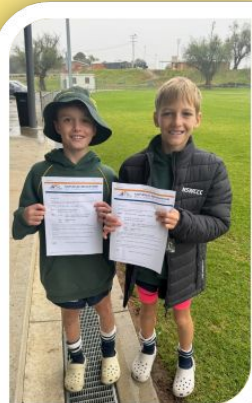
Feast of Marcellin
Champagnat (Stage 3)
Mass - 9:45am Hall

Monday

King's Birthday Public
Holiday

Tuesday

Pupil Free Day (No
School for Students)



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we are proud to support Arlo Cassidy, who will be representing Polding at the NSWPSA 11 Years Rugby League Carnival in Blacktown. This is an incredible honour, and we wish Arlo every success on the field.

Congratulations to Max Dwyer Mulligan and Max Hackett who were both named in the Diocesan rugby union team after exceptional performances at trials last week.

Welcome to Michael Jehan (4W) and Amity Cotter (1S) and Naveah Tincknell (1S) who have commenced at Holy Family this week!

This afternoon and evening, we will be holding Parent-Teacher Interviews in our school hall. These discussions are a valuable opportunity for teachers and parents to work together to support the growth and learning of your children. Our teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and sharing insights into student progress.

Congratulations to our students who were outstanding in the CWA Oxley Public Speaking Competition last week. Well done to Stanley Drooger who received a Highly Commended in the 5/6 division. Stanley will progress to the CWA Intergroup Public Speaking competition which will be held in Orange in June. Emerson Kaden was named as a reserve for the next level of competition.

Good luck to all the students participating as finalists in our School Spelling Bee this week! The winners from each year group will go on to represent Holy Family at the Central Cluster Spelling Bee later this year.

Our Parents and Friends (P&F) Association will be holding a meeting this Wednesday at 6pm at the Coachman Hotel. This is a great opportunity to connect with other parents and contribute to the life of our school. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

We will be hosting our Week 6 Assembly this Thursday at 2.45pm in the school hall.

This Friday, we will be celebrating the Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat with a special Mass at 9.45am in the school hall. St Marcellin's deep love for education and faith is an inspiration to us all. We welcome parents and friends to join us for this important celebration.

As we approach the June long weekend, I hope all families enjoy a restful and enjoyable break. A reminder that Tuesday, 10th June, will be a Pupil Free Day, as staff engage in professional learning. Classes will resume as normal on Wednesday, 11th June.

Denise Gersbach
Principal



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★ Star of the Week ★

Isla Barber is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love, and Trust) and for always being a good listener and actively participating in all activities.

Interview with Isla



What is your favourite subject?	Science
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play with my Barbie dolls
What is your favourite food?	I love fruit
What do you like most about our school?	The play equipment
	Writing words
What would you like to be when you grow up?	A hairdresser

Term 2 Week 6: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - LOVE)

❖ **Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.**

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

Which is the correct spelling?

Please highlight the answer

- a) Bananna
- b) Banana
- c) Banna
- d) Bananaa

- a) Watermellon
- b) Watermelon
- c) Watermellun
- d) Wattermelon

- a) *Rasberry*
- b) *Raspberry*
- c) *Rasperry*
- d) *Rassberry*

- a) *Girraffe*
- b) *Girafe*
- c) *Giraffe*
- d) *Giraf*

- a) *Zebrah*
- b) *Zeebra*
- c) *Zebra*
- d) *Zebraa*

- a) *Kangaroo*
- b) *Kengaroo*
- c) *Kangarou*
- d) *Kangeroo*

- a) *Hippopotamus*
- b) *Hippopotomus*
- c) *Hipopotamus*
- d) *Hippopotamuss*

- a) *Table*
- b) *Taable*
- c) *Tayble*
- d) *Tabel*

- a) *Calender*
- b) *Callendar*
- c) *Calendar*
- d) *Calandar*

- a) *Scissers*
- b) *Scissors*
- c) *Scisors*
- d) *Scizzors*

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.

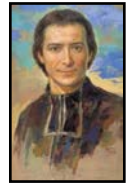
I hope everyone has a great week.
Andrew Berger

Religious Education

Seventh Week of Easter

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

- Marcellin Champagnat-
- Born: 20 May 1789, Marlihes, France
- Died: 6 June 1840 (age 51 years), St-Chamond, France
- Canonized- 18 April 1999, The Vatican by Pope John Paul II
- **Patron Saint of-** Education, teachers, and simplicity



* **Feast of Pentecost** - Sunday, 9th June

The Feast Commemorates signifies the beginning of the church's mission in the world. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, filling them with courage to spread Jesus' message to the world.



Sacrament of Confirmation-

13th June, 6pm, Holy Family Parish Church

"To teach children you must first love them, and love them all equally,"
(Marcellin Champagnat)

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

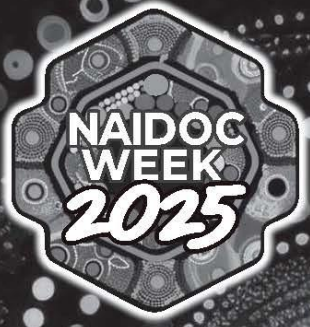
Have a wonderful week!

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'



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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.

Sorry Day



National Sorry Day at 3N, 4W, 5/6B and 5/6HR

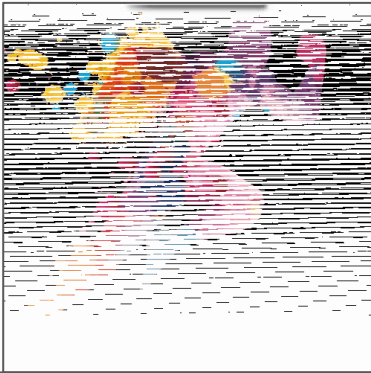
On May 26th, Holy Family School came together to learn about the significance of **National Sorry Day**. This important day gives us a chance to reflect on the history of the Stolen Generations and to acknowledge the strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To help the children understand the meaning behind the day, 3N, 4W, 5/6B and 5/6HR watched a short, age-appropriate video that gently introduced the history and importance of Sorry Day. Afterwards, the students created beautiful **scratch art handprints**, each one decorated with designs to represent the members of their families. This hands-on activity helped them connect personally to the idea of family and belonging. It was a thoughtful and creative way for our youngest learners to begin engaging with Australia's history and to show respect for all families, past and present.



Athletics Carnival Helpers Needed

Our Athletics Carnival is being held on Thursday, 19th June at Northparkes Oval.

If you are able to assist with field events, canteen or distributing morning tea please contact the school office. Your support is invaluable and helps ensure the smooth running of this day.



Phonics

The development of automatic, phonetic decoding is essential, as it allows children to pay more attention to the content of what they are reading.

Although we are all aware of how tricky English spelling can be, there are predictable relationships between letters and the sounds they make. We need to ensure that students have a solid understanding of all the most regular letter sound patterns before moving on to the less consistent, and therefore more difficult, letter combinations.

To support phonic learning, infants students will sometimes bring home decodable books. Word choice in these books is determined by the complexity of the letter sound patterns the students have learned. In these books, where the majority of words can be phonetically decoded by your child, they will have the necessary practice for their phonetic decoding to become automatic.

If your child experiences difficulties as they read, try these steps:



DISCO

THURSDAY 12TH JUNE
\$3 ENTRY - UPSTAIRS RSL
6PM - 7PM

- THEME: PYJAMAS/ONESIES
- SNACKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
- CHILDREN ARE TO BE DROPPED OFF AND PICKED UP FROM UPSTAIRS IN THE STARLIGHT ROOM.



Gather

Gather · Together · Reflect

Please join us in the Holy Family School Religion room at 8.40am on Tuesday June 3rd, as we Gather Together and Reflect!

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



PARENTS AND CARERS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CURRICULUM REFORM

NEW REPORTING FOR THE ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS SYLLABUS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce changes to the way we report on student progress in K-2 English and Mathematics, in response to the NSW Curriculum Reform. Our new reporting system will provide you with more comprehensive and detailed information about your child's progress, including specific skills and concepts they have mastered and areas where they may need additional support.

We understand that you play a crucial role in your child's learning and development, and we believe that open communication and partnership are essential to achieving this goal. We encourage you to communicate with us regularly, share your questions, and work with us to support your child's learning.

By working together, we can ensure that your child receives the best possible education, in line with the NSW Curriculum Reform. We will also ensure that we communicate regularly with you about your child's progress, and provide you with opportunities to participate in their education. We believe that these changes will provide you with a clearer understanding of your child's strengths and weaknesses, and help us work together to provide the best possible support for their learning.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education

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:

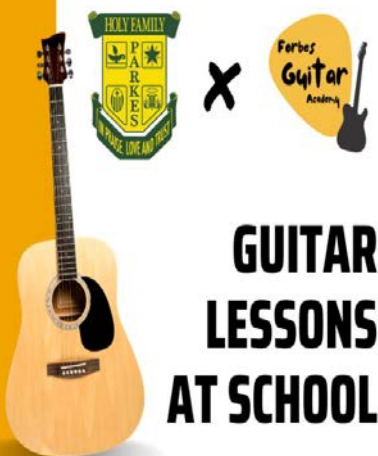
- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

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).

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.



Enquire today!

 DAVE@FORBESGUITARLESSONS.COM.AU

 [FACEBOOK.COM/FORBESGUITAR](https://www.facebook.com/forbesguitar)

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YOUR GUIDE TO DRIVING AND PARKING SAFELY NEAR SCHOOLS

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



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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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/June	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
June	6	2 Parent/Teacher Interviews K-6 (School Hall)	3	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 Sporting Schools - Rugby League Confirmation - 6.00pm Holy Family Church	14/15
	8	16	17	18	19 Athletics Carnival	20 Sporting Schools - Rugby League Assembly - 2.45pm	21/22
	9	23 'The Twits' Excursion (K-2) - 12:30pm Orange	24	25	26	27 Sporting Schools - Rugby League	28/29
July	10	30 Polding Rugby Union (Forbes)	1 NAIDOC Day Celebrations Naidoc Liturgy 2.30pm AECG	2 AFL Clinic K-6 P&F Meeting - 6pm	3 Polding Touch Football (Port Macquarie) Assembly - 2.45pm	4 Sporting Schools - Rugby League Last Day of Term 2	5/6