



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 8 - 8th September 2025

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 8

Monday

**Todd Woodbridge -
Regional Playoffs
(Forbes)**

Tuesday

Assembly 2.45pm

Wednesday

**HFGT - Grand Final
1pm (Hall)**

Friday

**Polding Athletics
(Glendale)**

**Parish Dinner 5.30pm
(Hall)**



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the first days of spring, it is such a joy to see the energy and enthusiasm across our school community. There is so much happening at Holy Family this week, and I'm delighted to share some updates and highlights with you.

Today, we send our best wishes to our Stage 2 students who are representing Holy Family at the Todd Woodbridge Regional Playoffs in Forbes. What a perfect spring day for tennis! We are so proud of all our students' efforts and sportsmanship, and we look forward to hearing about their experiences and results.

Excitement is truly building as we prepare for the grand final of Holy Family's Got Talent, being held on Wednesday. Our finalists have been selected, and we know there will be some amazing performances on display. Parents and friends are warmly invited to join us and celebrate the incredible creativity and skills of our students.

Last Thursday, it was wonderful to see so many of our dads and father figures join us for the Father's Day breakfast and liturgy. The bacon and egg rolls were a huge hit, and it was wonderful to see everyone connecting and enjoying each other's company. A special thank you to our Parents and Friends for organising the Father's Day stall, which was stocked with plenty of thoughtful gifts for our students to purchase. Your efforts helped make the day extra special for our families.

This Friday, 17 of our students will travel to Newcastle to compete in the Polding Athletics Trials. These talented athletes have been training hard in preparation, and I know they will represent Holy Family with pride and determination. I am thrilled to be accompanying them to the carnival and can't wait to cheer them on in their events.

A reminder that our Week 8 Assembly will be held tomorrow at 2.45pm due to Holy Family's Got Talent and the Polding Athletics Carnival being held later in the week.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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Holy Family Parish School Parkes

★ Star of the Week ★

Farrah Edmonds is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values (In Praise, Love, and Trust) and for always persevering through challenges with a positive attitude.

Interview with Farrah



What is your favourite subject?

Art

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

I like to read

What is your favourite food?

Lasagne

What do you like most about our school?

I have lots of people to play with



Mathematics

What would you like to be when you grow up ?

An obstetrician

Term 3 Week 8: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

Be Honest: Tell the truth, even when it's hard

This fortnight's challenge is to see how well you know your fables.

<p>1. What is a fable?</p>	<p>a) A story about real-life events b) A story that teaches a lesson and often has animals as characters c) A poem about nature d) A book full of jokes</p>
<p>2. In "The Tortoise and the Hare," what lesson do we learn?</p>	<p>a) Slow and steady wins the race b) It's important to run very fast c) Always take a long nap before a race d) Never trust a tortoise</p>

<p>3. Which of these is NOT true about fables?</p>	<p>a) They always have a happy ending b) They often have animals that act like humans c) They usually teach a moral or lesson d) They are short stories</p>
<p>4. In "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," what happens when the boy lies about a wolf coming?</p>	<p>a) The villagers always believe him b) A wolf never appears c) The villagers stop believing him, and a wolf actually comes d) The boy becomes friends with the wolf</p>
<p>5. What does the lion learn in "The Lion and the Mouse"?</p>	<p>a) Small creatures can be helpful too b) Always chase after mice c) Lions are the most powerful animals d) Never let a mouse go free</p>
<p>6. Why do animals often act like humans in fables?</p>	<p>a) To make the story funnier b) To help us understand the lesson more easily c) Because animals are smarter than humans d) To scare people</p>
<p>7. What is the moral of "The Fox and the Grapes"?</p>	<p>a) Hard work always pays off b) It's okay to give up when things are too hard c) People often pretend they don't want something they can't have d) Sharing is the best way to solve problems</p>
<p>8. Why are fables important?</p>	<p>a) They are fun to read and help us learn important lessons b) They are very long stories with no ending c) They are not useful at all d) They are only about animals</p>
<p>9. Who is the author of many famous fables like "The Tortoise and the Hare"?</p>	<p>a) Hans Christian Andersen b) Aesop c) J.K. Rowling d) Roald Dahl</p>
<p>10. What do most fables have at the end?</p>	<p>a) A riddle b) A list of characters c) A moral or lesson d) A happy ending</p>

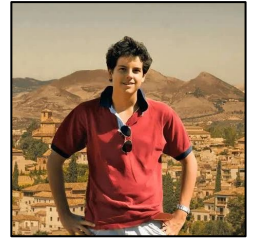
If there are multiple winning entries, your name will go into a draw. The winners will be drawn out of a hat and receive a prize at our School Assembly. Please write your name and answers on a piece of paper and hand it to me any time this week.

I hope everyone has a great week.
Andrew Berger

Religious Education

Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

Thank you to the Stage 2 teachers and students who organised and led a lovely Father's Day Liturgy. The children read and sang very beautifully. It was so wonderful to see so many dads, grandfathers and other father figures attend the liturgy.



***Saint Carlo Acutis was beatified in 2020 and canonised on September 7, 2025.**

MINI VINNIES- SOCIAL JUSTICE

A group of students in Stage 3 will be visiting the Saint Vincent de Paul Society Shop on Tuesday, 16th September to learn first-hand from St Vincent de Paul Society members how they serve the community of Parkes.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL LITURGY & MUFTI MISSION DAY-25TH SEPTEMBER

Stage 3 is organising the St Vincent de Paul Liturgy. There will be special guests attending from the St Vincent De Paul Society, Parkes and Forbes Conferences. At the liturgy, the Stage 3 students will receive Mini Vinnies Certificates and the elected leaders will be commissioned.

The liturgy will be followed with Mission Stalls to raise funds for the SVdP Society. Each class will have their own stall. Students wear mufti for a gold coin donation.

All parents and friends are invited to come along and support this wonderful cause.

*Jubilee 2025 Term 3 Wilcannia Forbes Diocesan

Initiatives-

PILGRIM PATH ACTIVITY- Date TBC

Students will embark on their own Jubilee Pilgrimage, starting at a designated point and ending at the church or school hall, where Mass and liturgical celebrations are usually held. Along the way, they will stop at 4-6 prayer stations, each reflecting the main themes of Jubilee. As they journey, students will experience the role of a pilgrim, reflecting on God, learning about faith, and spending quiet moments in prayer. The pilgrimage concludes as they walk through the church or hall doors, symbolising the Holy

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE - Sunday, September 21st, 2025

This initiative provides an opportunity for families to engage in faith talk and prayer at home. An activity will soon be sent home to families to complete and sent back to school to display for the International Day of Peace, Sunday, September 21.

[For more information on Jubilee 2025 click on the link below](#)

[FAITH IN FOCUS - JUBILEE \(1\).pdf](#)

Upcoming Feast Days-

8th September- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (celebrating her birth)

Upcoming Masses and Liturgies-

***Saint Vincent de Paul Liturgy**

Thursday, 25th September, 10.15am, HFS Hall

Mufti Mission Day Stalls (after the Liturgy)

Have a wonderful week!

Beverly Berger

Religious Education Coordinator

Holy Family's Got Talent Grand Finals

Infants:

1. Iris Burt & Tully Cassidy - Hawaiian Girls
2. Harvey Williams - Robot Boogie
3. Kolby Pope - Karate Kid
4. Isla Barber - Sweet Dreams
5. Georgie Harris, Molly McCabe, Piper Slaven & Mavie Jordan - Dance Party

Primary:

1. Elizabeth Toomey - Mamma Mia
2. Lillian Townsend - The White Stripes
3. Poppy Lawryk, Lori-Jayde Gee, Harper Edmonds, Mia Malherbe & Addison Murray - Spice Girls
4. Ceinwyn Farrell - The Zombie
5. Aarnav Gautam - Keyboard
6. Indigo Gillingham, Mary Drooger & Jordyn Flaxman - Dancing Queens
7. Ceff Anasta - Singing 'Beautiful Things'
8. Emerson Kaden, Jack Kaden, Allie O'Brien, Abel Medlyn, Elizabeth Toomey, Stanley Drooger, Max Dwyer-Mulligan & Ted Dugan - Clash of Clans

Wednesday 1pm sharp in the Hall
Family and Friends welcome

Notes

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation proudly presents

Indigenous Literacy Day

Wednesday
3 September



STRENGTH IN OUR STORIES
For Now & Future Generations

LEARN MORE HERE



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Holy Family Parish Jubilee of Hope Dinner Casserole Dishes

Holy Family School Hall, Albert Street

Friday 12 September 2025 - 5.30 for 6.00 pm

Adults Only

Bring food to share

Casserole or side dish or dessert

BYO drinks and glass, alcohol allowed

All Welcome

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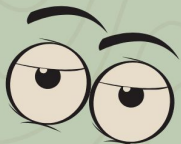
You are invited to join us for
this week's GTR

Gather

**BEHIND THE
EYES** 

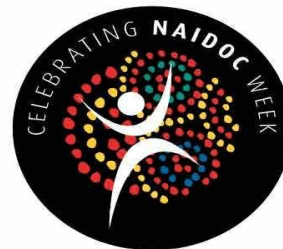
Please join us in the Holy Family School
Religion Room on Tuesday morning at
8.40am, as we

Gather Together and Reflect



*You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.*

Psalms 139:1



**THE NEXT
GENERATION:
STRENGTH,
VISION &
LEGACY**

**PARKES NAIDOC
FAMILY FUN DAY**

**Saturday, 20 September 2025
10am - 2pm**

Bushman's Hill Wiradjuri Amphitheatre

Local Performances | Awards | Free BBQ
Arts & Weaving | Jumping Castles | Face Painting | Stalls

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Contact Marg Applebee at cwllandcare@gmail.com or 0418 611 053 for further information.

There is a beginner guitar group on Thursday's during the lunch break!

Kids build their music skills through fun games, challenges, and playing the songs they love.



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Catholic Schools Guide

TREASURE HUNT

ONE FAMILY WILL WIN \$2,000 IN SCHOOL FEES

Competition Closes: Friday 5 September 2025

Find The Treasures To **WIN BIG!**

Catholic Schools Guide is giving one lucky entrant the opportunity to win 2 amazing prizes worth over \$2,000!

Every student attending a Catholic school in Australia is invited to enter this competition to win:

Prize 1 is for your Family	Simple steps to enter:
\$2000 worth of School Fees paid directly to your school.	1. Go to Catholic Schools Guide website catholic-schoolsguide.com.au
\$100 Gift Voucher	2. Follow the clues to find the 8 treasures
20 number-one entries will receive \$20 Gift Voucher	3. Then complete the entry form and tell us in 30 words or less how you, your family, or your school are making a positive impact as Change Makers in your community.

Competition Closes 5:00pm Friday 5 September, 2025. Visit our website to enter: catholic-schoolsguide.com.au/competition

Happy Treasure Hunting!

www.catholic-schoolsguide.com.au/competition

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

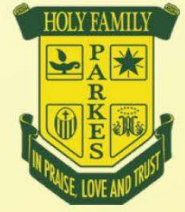
All staff are expected to act professionally and in accordance with the school's expectations regarding staff conduct toward children. We understand that staff have a duty of care to:

- 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.

LET'S TALK ABOUT HOME READING

Holy Family Parish School, Parkes



At Holy Family we match children to texts based on their mastery of the phonemic code, comprehension, vocabulary and fluency capabilities as well as for enjoyment and interest.



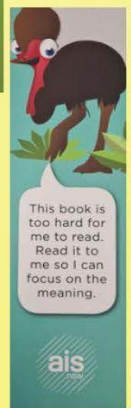
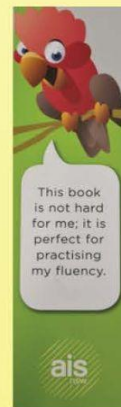
BUILD A LOVE OF BOOKS

We encourage you to enjoy books with your child and build a love of literature from an early age. We hope that you can enjoy reading at home as a time that promotes conversation, relaxation, downtime, connection and most importantly fun.

At Holy Family we acknowledge the challenges that you might experience in building a love of books.

Here are a few tips to help;

- **Hook them on the story** - A good yarn can reel in even the most reluctant reader
- **Keep it fun**
- **Read** - If we're going to encourage kids to read we need to do it too
- **Share your reading experiences** - talk about books
- **Make connections between reading and other issues**
- **Take away any pressure.**



**PHONOLOGICAL
AWARENESS**



PHONICS



FLUENCY



VOCABULARY



COMPREHENSION





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 3 Calendar

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
July	1	21 First Day - Term 3 (Staff and Students)	22	23 Todd Woodbridge Tennis Cup (Stage 2) NSWPSSA 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 Bullying No Way: National week of action(11th-15th Aug)	12 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 ICAS Spelling Bee	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 - 2.35pm	30/31
September	7	1	2	3 Indigenous Literacy Day 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
		Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week					
	8	8 Todd Woodbridge - Stage 2 Regional Playoffs (Forbes)	9 Assembly - 2.45pm	10 Holy Family's Got Talent - Grand Final School Committee Meeting - 7.30pm	11	12 Polding Athletics (Glendale) Parish Dinner - School Hall - 5.30pm	13/14
	9	15 Questacon Fascinating Science Excursion - Parkes Shire Library (Stage 2 and Stage 3)	16	17	18 Holy Family - Times Tables Challenge Final	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	