



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 3 - 27th October 2025

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our Polding Athletics representatives, Nate Calabro, Emrys Cassidy and Seth King, for their outstanding performances at the NSWPSA Athletics Carnival held at Homebush last week. We are so proud of their dedication and commitment.

A big thank you to all parents and families for your incredible support of our Book Fair last week. We are thrilled to announce that the event raised over \$2800! The commission from this fantastic result will enable us to purchase valuable new Literacy resources that will directly benefit our students' learning.

Congratulations to our Year 2 students, who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Family Church last Thursday evening. The reverence and active participation of the students was outstanding and they are to be commended for their preparation and prayerful involvement.

A special thank you to Mrs Caldwell, Mrs Rice, and Mrs Berger for their guidance and dedication in preparing the students for this important step in their faith journey.

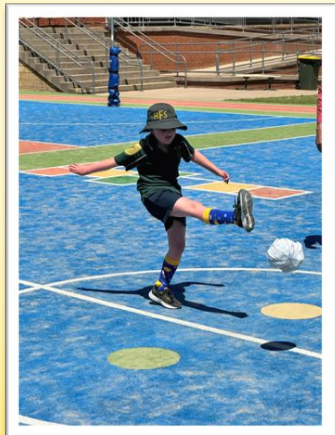
Please take note that this term the P&F Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 6pm at the Coachman (and online). The next meeting is on Thursday, 6th of November.

Last Friday, we embraced creativity and community spirit with our Socktober Crazy Hair and Crazy Socks Day. The colourful socks and hairstyles brought smiles to everyone's faces, and the highlight of the day was the fun soccer shootout using class-made soccer balls, which saw students and staff facing off in friendly competition.

Through your generosity, we were able to raise \$189 in funds for the Missions, supporting those in need and living out our call to care for others. Thank you for your ongoing support of this important initiative.

Denise Gersbach

Principal



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Holy Family Parish School Parkes

★ Star of the Week ★

Evie Acret is the Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values – In Praise, Love, and Trust by always being kind and friendly.

Interview with Evie



What is your favourite subject?

Art



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

Play with my dolls

What is your favourite food?

KFC

What do you like most about our school?

The playground



I'm good at drawing

What would you like to be when you grow up ?

A vet

Term 4 Week 3: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

Be honest and reliable so others can depend on you.

This fortnight's challenge is about the - Birth of Jesus

1. Who is the mother of Jesus?	A) Elizabeth B) Mary C) Martha D) Sarah
2. Who was Mary engaged to?	A) Peter B) John C) Joseph D) David

3. Where were Mary and Joseph travelling to when Jesus was born?	A) Jerusalem B) Bethlehem C) Nazareth D) Egypt
4. Why did Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem?	A) To visit family B) To escape from Herod C) For the census D) To go shopping
5. Where was Jesus born?	A) In a palace B) In an inn C) In a stable D) In a temple
6. What special name is given to Jesus that means "God is with us"?	A) Emmanuel B) Messiah C) Christ D) Saviour
7. Who came to visit Jesus first?	A) The Wise Men B) The Shepherds C) King Herod D) The Soldiers
8. What guided the Wise Men to Jesus?	A) A map B) A rainbow C) A bright star D) An angel
9. What gifts did the Wise Men bring?	A) Gold, silver, and diamonds B) Gold, frankincense, and myrrh C) Food, clothes, and toys D) Money, perfume, and spices
10. Where did Mary and Joseph take baby Jesus to keep Him safe from King Herod?	A) Jerusalem B) Nazareth C) Egypt D) Galilee

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

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Penance



Congratulations to all the children who made the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday, 23rd October 2025. They were very reverent and prayerful throughout the liturgy. Thank you to Mrs Caldwell and Mrs Virginia Rice for preparing them for the sacrament. A big thank you also to Ms Gill Lee for engaging families and inviting parents to be involved in their children's faith journey.



SOCKTOBER SHOOTOUT

What a wonderful effort everyone made to raise funds for Socktober! Thank you to all those who wore crazy socks and made crazy hairstyles for school. Our Socktober Shootout was so much fun! All classes participated and made sockballs out of recycled materials. The teachers took turns at goal-keeping and all students kept them on their toes! The atmosphere was light-hearted and happy as student spectators kept themselves busy on the sidelines by dancing to some great music. All funds collected will go to Catholic Mission's Socktober 2025 fundraising effort for Zambia.



*Upcoming Masses & Liturgies

- ★ Kindergarten Liturgy- Wednesday, 3rd December, Chapel 12:15pm
- ★ Year 6 Graduation Mass- Thursday, 4th December, Holy Family Catholic Church, 6pm

Have a wonderful week!

Beverly Berger

Religious Education Coordinator



Assembly Awards

Term 4 - Week 2

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJC	Mikayla Sibanda
	KC	Jackson Jordan
	1S	Kolby Pope
	2CR	Molly McCabe
	3N	Angus Walker
	4W	Kevin Jiang
	5/6B	Abel Medlyn
	5/6HR	Niamh McTiernan
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 1S	Peyton Sloane
	Primary - 5/6HR	Erica Malherbe
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - 2CR	Michal(Mimi) Sibanda
	Primary - 5/6B	Allie O'Brien
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - KJC	Cooper Culhane
	Primary - 3N	Elijah Hearn
Leadership Award	Infants - KC	Zoe Harris
	Primary - 4W	Jack Burt
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - 1S	Noah Ross
	Primary - 5/6HR	Elizabeth Toomey

Notes

REPRESENT PARKES



NETBALL



REP + DEVELOPMENT TEAM TRIALS
Trials will be held at McGlynn Park Netball Courts

10 + 13 NOVEMBER

TRIAL GROUPS ALIGN WITH THE AGE PLAYERS WILL TURN IN 2026.

5-6pm: Dev, 12 & 13yrs
6-7pm: 14, 15 & 17yrs

For more info and to register ▶



PCYC

HALLOWEEN DISCO

AT 6:30PM
31 OCTOBER, 2025

Best dressed competition | mummy wrapping race | DJ Sammy

BUY TICKETS HERE



PCYC - 36-38 Pearce Street Parkes



ROYAL LIFE SAVING
RISK | ACT | LIVE

SWIMVAC 2026

Thanks to Project Elevate, proudly funded by the NSW Government, Royal Life Saving are bringing accessible swimming lessons to regional NSW this summer.

Get access to TWO WEEKS of FREE lessons in 2026 for preschoolers, school-aged children, and adults. Limited spots available!

12-23 January 2026

- ✓ Daily intensive swimming lessons over two weeks
- ✓ Delivered by qualified instructors
- ✓ Student-to-teacher ratios in line with the GSPO
- ✓ Build confidence and reach swimming & water safety milestones

Bookings Open
1 October 2025



Conditions Apply: Participants must attend at least 8 of 10 lessons, complete a pre- and post-program survey, and keep a valid card on file. A \$100 fee will apply for missed lessons without a valid reason.

(02) 9634 3700
swimandsurvive@royalnsw.com.au
drowningprevention.org.au



Street Stall for Holy Family Parish, Parkes

Friday, 31 October, 2025

9 am to 2 pm
In front of Discount Dave's

Home baked biscuits, slices, cakes, rocky road. Produce.

Tickets in RAFFLE:

- \$500 fuel (1st prize)
- \$200 fuel (2nd prize)

Notes

ACTIVE AFTERNOONS
HOLY FAMILY
TERM 4, TUESDAY
3:15-4:15
STARTS WEEK 2 TERM 4

SPORTS, ACTIVITIES, GAMES & LOTS OF FUN

SIGN UP BEFORE WEEK 2 TO RECIEVE THE FIRST 2 WEEKS FREE

REGISTER HERE



\$100 PER TERM, INCLUDES 1 YEAR PCYC MEMBERSHIP

PCYC PARKES

PARKES SERVICES

ACTIVE KIDS

KIDS JUNIOR SQUASH

PARKES SERVICES SQUASH CENTRE



Fun Play Friends

Junior Squash - Beginners Welcome
Squidgies 4:15 - 5pm
Junior Comp 4:30 - 5:30pm
FRIDAY

• Costs is \$5 Per Week During School Terms
Equipment Provided

Active Kids Voucher = 10 sessions

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



BEHIND THE EYES



Please join us in the Holy Family School Religion Room on Tuesday 28th of October at 8.40am, as we

Gather Together and Reflect



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

Psalm 139:1



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 (e.g. 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.

BUCKLE UP AND BE SAFE!

Road Safety with The Wiggles and Transport for NSW

Transport for NSW has partnered with The Wiggles to create 'Buckle Up and Be Safe!', song to help little passengers stay safe in the car and get them excited about buckling up.

The song promotes Transport for NSW's "They're counting on you" message, and encourages the correct use of child car seats. I'm counting on you:

1. Have you got the right car seat?
2. Have you fitted and adjusted it correctly?
3. Do you know how to check it properly?

Did you know that two in three child car seats are not being used correctly? This greatly increases the risk of serious injury. When children are correctly restrained in approved child car seats they are less likely to be seriously injured or killed in a car crash, so it's important to give parents and carers as much information as possible so they can make an informed decision.

To make the safest choice, compare more than 200 different types of child car seats and find Authorised Restraint Fitting Stations, visit [Child car seats](#).

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Term 4 - Parent Calendar

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
October	1	13 First Day - Term 4 (Staff and Students) 5/6 Canberra Excursion	14 AECG Meeting - Junior and Senior (AGM -Parkes Public) 5/6 Canberra Excursion	15 5/6 Canberra Excursion	16	17	18/19
	2	20 Book Fair Year 2 Reconciliation Parent-Student Workshop - 5pm	21 GTR - 8.40am Book Fair	22	23 First Reconciliation - Year 2 - 6.00pm HF Church	24 Assembly - 2.45pm	25/26
Oct/Nov	3	27	28 GTR - 8.40am	29	30	31	1/2
November	4	3	4 GTR - 8.40am	5 P&F Meeting - 6pm	6	7 Assembly - 2.45pm	8/9
	5	10 WF Diocesan Cricket - Boys (Parkes)	11 GTR - 8.40am AECG Meeting - Junior and Senior (TBA)	12	13	14	15/16
	6	17	18 GTR - 8.40am	19 School Committee Meeting - 7.30pm	20 WF Diocesan Cricket - Girls (Dubbo) Primary Swimming for Sport Yr 3/4 - Dish and Stargazing Excursion	21 WF Diocesan Tennis & Basketball (Dubbo) Assembly - 2.45pm	22/23
Nov/Dec	7	24 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program	25 GTR - 8.40am Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program	26 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program	27 Primary Swimming for Sport Central Cluster Spelling Bee (Narromine) Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program School Disco - 6.00pm	28 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program	29/30
December	8	1 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program	2 GTR - 8.40am Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program	3 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program Kindergarten Liturgy Chapel 12:15pm P&F Meeting - 6pm	4 Primary Swimming for Sport Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program Year 6 Graduation Mass - 6.00pm (HF Church)	5 Assembly - 12.30pm Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program Christmas Parade - 6pm	6/7
	9	8 Presentation Night - 6.00pm	9 GTR - 8.40am	10 Last Day - Kindergarten Transition	11 Primary Swimming for Sport	12 Year 6 Retreat - 9.00am - 1.00pm Assembly - 2.45pm	13/14
	10	15 Year 6 Assembly - 2.00pm	16 GTR - 8.40am	17	18 Last Day for all Students	19	20/21