



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 4 - 3rd November 2025

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 4

Thursday

P&F Meeting - 6pm
(Coachman Hotel or Zoom)

Friday

Assembly - 2.45pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we journey through Term 4, I am reminded of the many blessings we share as a school community. It is a busy time of year, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated teachers for their tireless efforts in supporting our students to grow and achieve their best.

At the moment, our teachers are diligently completing the end of year DIBELS and PAT assessments with all students. We are already receiving some very pleasing results, which reflect the outstanding teaching and learning that has taken place throughout the year. It is pleasing to see the wonderful growth our students have made and I thank our staff for their commitment and dedication to providing such rich learning opportunities for every child.

On a sad note, we extend our deepest sympathies to the Amor family on the recent passing of Clive. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the love and support of our school community and the promise of eternal life through Christ.

This week, we also gathered as a school community to commemorate All Souls' Day. Together, students and staff took part in a special reflection to remember and honour our loved ones who have passed away. A particularly meaningful part of this service was the preparation of memory stones, which were lovingly placed around the Grotto in our infants' area. Thank you to Miss Lee for coordinating this beautiful opportunity for prayer and reflection.

I would like to remind you of some upcoming events in our school calendar:

- P&F Meeting: This Thursday at 6:00 PM at the Coachman Hotel. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and friends of our school to come together, share ideas, and support our community. I encourage you to join us if you are able.
- Week 4 Assembly: Our next assembly will be held this Friday at 2:45 PM in the school hall. We warmly invite all parents and carers to attend and celebrate the achievements of our students.

As we continue through this term, let us keep the spirit of gratitude and community at the heart of all we do. May we support one another in faith and love and strive to reflect God's love in our actions.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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ALL SAINTS & SOULS DAY

★ Star of the Week ★

Star of the Week

Jackson Jordan is our Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values – Praise, Love, and Trust by being settled in class and actively engaging in his learning.

Interview with Jackson



What is your favourite subject?



Mathematics

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

Play with my Lego

What is your favourite food?

Lasagne

What do you like most about our school?

The maths activities



Mathematics

What would you like to be when you grow up?

A teacher

Term 4 Week 4: 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

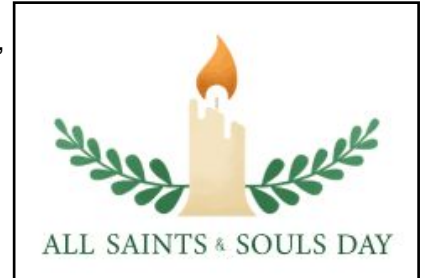
If there are multiple winning entries, your name will go into a draw. The winners will be drawn out of a hat and receive a prize at our School Assembly. Please write your name and answer on a piece of paper and hand it to me any time this week.

I hope everyone has a great week.
Andrew Berger

Religious Education

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Each November, the Church celebrates two very special days, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. This year those dates fell on Saturday and Sunday when we were not at school. On these two days we remember the saints and the holy lives they lived, and we remember all people who have died, especially the ones we have loved here on earth.



As **All Saints Day** (1st November) and **All Souls Day** (2nd November) were last weekend, this week we will gather together as a community, to remember all our loved ones who have died, in a special prayer service on Monday, 3rd November, at 2:30pm. At this Remembrance Activity, all students will represent their families and place a small remembrance stone at the Grotto of Our Lady.

Our Family Engagement Coordinator, Ms Gillian Lee, sent home to all families a note and a remembrance stone, so that families could pray together for their loved ones who have died. May this Remembrance Activity bring comfort and foster a deeper understanding of our Catholic belief that "life is changed, not ended" and that our loved ones are still with us, just in a different way.



Season of Advent begins-30th November



*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

Notes



JOIN US FOR A
**PRESENTATION
EVENING**

MONDAY, 8TH DECEMBER - 6:00 PM

The school's Presentation Evening will be held on Monday, 8th December, at 6:00 PM in the school hall. Please have your child seated by 5:45 PM to ensure a smooth start to the evening.

CHILDREN ARE TO WEAR THE FOLLOWING COLOURS ON THE EVENING:

KINDERGARTEN - RED TOPS

YEARS 1 & 2 - GREEN TOPS

YEARS 3 & 4 - RED TOPS

YEARS 5 & 6 - WHITE TOPS

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OUR FAMILIES THERE TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER.

Gather

Gather · Together · Reflect

Please Join us in the Holy Family School Religion Room at 8.40am on Tuesday the 4th of November 2025, as we Gather Together Reflect!

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



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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.

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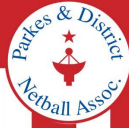
Learn to SING



Learn to play DRUM KIT

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 ▶



*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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School Attendance

Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnerships with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences. Schools, in providing a caring teaching and learning environment, which addresses the learning and support needs of students, including those with additional learning and support needs or complex health conditions, foster students' sense of wellbeing and belonging to the school community.

Parents are responsible for:

- enrolling their children of compulsory school age in a government or registered non-government school or registering them with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) for home schooling;
- ensuring that their children attend school every day the school is open for their instruction;
- explaining the absences of their children from school promptly and within 7 days to the school;
- working in partnership with the school to plan and implement strategies to support regular attendance at school, including communicating with the school if they are aware of issues impacting on their child's attendance or engagement with school.

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