



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 5 - 10th November 2025

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 5

Monday

WF Cricket (Parkes)

Tuesday

Junior AECG Meeting



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already in Week 5 of the final term of our school year! As the year quickly draws to a close, we have so much to be grateful for and even more to look forward to in the coming weeks.

This week, I am attending the Wilcannia-Forbes Principals' Conference in Forbes alongside my fellow principals from across our Diocese. It is a wonderful opportunity to collaborate, learn and share ideas as we continue to strengthen and grow our school communities. In my absence, please feel free to contact Mr Andrew Berger if you have any questions or require assistance.

This week, our AECG students will attend their final AECG meeting for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful AECG representatives who have shown great dedication and commitment in representing Holy Family School at these termly meetings.

A special mention to Roy Clyburn and Mason Wild, who are attending the Diocesan Cricket Trials in Parkes today. We wish you both the very best and know you will represent our school with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

Tomorrow is Remembrance Day, a significant occasion where we pause to remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom. We are privileged to have our school captains, Jack and Elizabeth, represent Holy Family School at the Parkes Remembrance Day Service at Cooke Park. I encourage all families to take a moment tomorrow to reflect on the sacrifices made by so many for our country.

We are thrilled to announce that, due to the excellent response we have received for our 2026 Kindergarten Transition Program, we will be running two transition classes every Wednesday next year! This is a wonderful opportunity for our future students to begin their journey at Holy Family School with a strong foundation. If you know of anyone still looking to join our program, please encourage them to contact our school office as soon as possible to enrol.

My deepest sympathies go to Mrs Shane Noonan on the passing of her husband Michael early this morning. Mick had a long association with Holy Family and was a wonderful advocate for our school. He will be missed by us all. Please keep Mrs Noonan in your prayers during this difficult time.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Bill O'Bryan is our Star of the Week for demonstrating our Core Values – Praise, Love, and Trust by being respectful, cooperative and showing a positive attitude towards his learning.

Interview with Bill



What is your favourite subject?



Art

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

Read

What is your favourite food?

Steak and sausages

What do you like most about our school?

Everyone is kind



Sport

What would you like to be when you grow up?

An archaeologist

Term 4 Week 5: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

Praise is the best form of encouragement — it lifts others up and spreads joy

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

1. What did the angels sing to the shepherds?	A. "Peace on earth, goodwill to all people" B. "Run away!" C. "Time for dinner!" D. "Hide from King Herod!"
2. What did the shepherds do after visiting baby Jesus?	A. Went back to sleep B. Told everyone the good news C. Left gifts D. Built a stable

3. What season is Christmas in for Australia?	A. Winter B. Summer C. Spring D. Autumn
4. Who told Mary she would have a special baby?	A. Joseph B. An angel C. A doctor D. A shepherd
5. Who was the baby born on the first Christmas?	A. Moses B. Jesus C. Noah D. David
6. Why do Christians give gifts at Christmas?	A. To remember the Wise Men's gifts to Jesus B. To show off their money C. Because everyone else does D. For fun only
7. What did the angel tell Joseph in his dream?	A. To build a new house B. To take Mary as his wife C. To move to Nazareth D. To become a shepherd
8. What does the Christmas wreath represent?	A. A crown for a king B. The circle of God's eternal love C. A decoration only D. The star of Bethlehem
9. What does the name <i>Jesus</i> mean?	A. Prince of Peace B. God saves C. Light of the world D. Son of man
10. How did the Wise Men know not to return to Herod?	A. An angel warned them in a dream B. They got lost C. Herod changed his mind D. The star disappeared

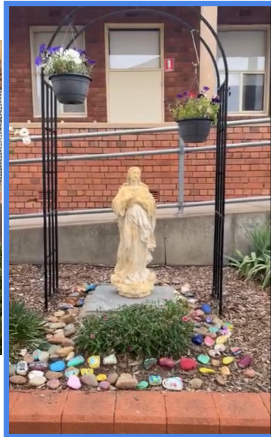
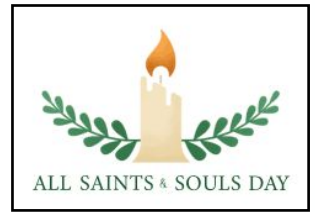
If there are multiple winning entries, your name will go into a draw. The winners will be drawn out of a hat and receive a prize at our School Assembly. Please write your name and answer on a piece of paper and hand it to me any time this week.

**I hope everyone has a great week.
Andrew Berger**

Religious Education

Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Family students and staff came together on 3rd November to remember and pray for all their loved ones who have died. The whole school participated in a liturgy and remembrance service at the Grotto of Our Lady. Students and staff placed their Remembrance Stones at the feet of Our Lady as they prayed for the deceased members of their families.



A PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE- 2pm Tuesday, 18th November, 2025

As part of the Church's Jubilee Year celebrations, all students, with their teachers, will embark on a spiritual pilgrimage within our school grounds, stopping at 7 Stations to pray and reflect on 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 will conclude as they walk through the Chapel doors, symbolising the Holy Doors and marking the transformation and spiritual growth from their journey.

The 7 Stations of Prayer-

- Station 1: Mary the mother of God
- Station 2: Catherine McAuley
- Station 3: The Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Station 4: Anchor
- Station 5: The Rosary
- Station 6: St. Joseph - Foster Father of Jesus
- Station 7: The Holy Door



***Upcoming Masses & Liturgies**

- ★ Family Mass- Sunday, 9:30am, 16th November, 2025, Holy Family Catholic Church
- ★ Kindergarten Advent Liturgy- Wednesday, 3rd December, Chapel 12:15pm
- ★ Year 6 Graduation Mass- Thursday, 4th December, Holy Family Catholic Church, 6pm

***There will be a Remembrance Day Service at school- 11:00am, 11th November, 2025.**

Have a wonderful week!

Beverly Berger

Religious Education Coordinator

Assembly Awards

Term 4 - Week 4

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJC	Olivia Jiang
	KC	Ranuga Lekam Ralalage
	1S	Tully Cassidy
	2CR	Harrison Wythes
	3N	Tyler McPhee
	4W	Roy Clyburn
	5/6B	Piper Newham
	5/6HR	Ethan Richings
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 2CR	Sawyer Dengate
	Primary - 5/6B	Jasper Vigurs
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - KJC	Millie McIntyre
	Primary - 3N	Arshi Jodder
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - KC	Savannah Kelley
	Primary - 4W	Louie Cook
Leadership Award	Infants - 1S	Navy Edwards
	Primary - 5/6HR	Hayden Jones
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - 2CR	Frankie Clarke
	Primary - 5/6B	Olivia Culhane

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.

Invitation

Family Mass

Holy Family Catholic Church
29 Currajong St, Parkes NSW 2870
9:30am, Sunday 16th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,
We are pleased to inform you that we are having a Thanksgiving Family Mass on Sunday the 16th of November at 9:30am at Holy Family Catholic Church.

We would like to extend an invitation to all families in our school to attend our special Mass.

It is wonderful that many students have volunteered to read, sing in the choir, altar serve and take up the Offertory. Please join us as we come together as a school community in thanksgiving.

With gratitude,
Holy Family Staff and Students

6th November, 2025

In Praise, Love and Trust

DON'T BLAME STEVE

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

Gather Together and Reflect
with our special guest - Brene Brown

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other. Colossians 3:12

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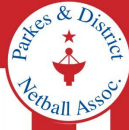
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Learn to play **DRUM KIT**

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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CYBER-BULLYING

Cyberbullying may be defined as “any form of bullying that utilises technology such as instant messaging, online chat rooms, online bulletin boards and email. In many ways this is a more insidious form of bullying since it may reach into a victim’s home.” In other words, technology now allows the bully to inflict psychological harm on his or her victim anywhere and any time without respite. (Schools and the Law - Des Butler and Ben Matthews p.46)

Learn more about how to protect your children provided by the [Catholic Network Australia Digital Citizenship](#) web portal.

SCHOOL SAFETY - NEW ROAD SAFETY PARENT RESOURCES

School-age children might seem independent, but they still need a hand. Young [children learn how to safely use the road](#) from you. The habits they learn stay with them when they're old enough to travel alone.

- [Walking to and from school](#)
- [Driving to and from school](#)
- [Getting the bus](#)

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	6 P&F Meeting - 6pm	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 Assembly - 2.45pm	21 WF Diocesan Tennis & Basketball (Dubbo)	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	4 Primary Swimming for Sport Year 2 Intensive Swimming Program P&F Meeting - 6pm Year 6 Graduation Mass - 6.00pm (HF Church)	5 Parents & Staff VS Students Basketball 9.30 am 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	13/14
	10	15 Assembly - 12.30pm Year 6 Assembly - 2.00pm	16 GTR - 8.40am	17	18 Last Day for all Students	19	20/21