



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 6 -17th November 2025

## EVENTS

### THIS WEEK 6

#### Thursday

Year 3/4 - Dish and  
Stargazing Excursion

Primary Swimming for  
Sport

Assembly - 2.45pm

#### Friday

WF Tennis and  
Basketball (Dubbo)

### Next Week

Year 2 Intensive  
Swimming (Mon - Fri)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another exciting week at Holy Family School! As we near the end of the term, we have many wonderful events and activities happening across our school community.

Firstly, I'd like to wish our Year 6 students all the very best as they visit RBCC today for their Orientation Day. This is such an important step as they prepare to transition to high school.

A warm welcome to Kaleb Howse, who joined our school community in 5/6HR last week. We are delighted to have Kaleb and his family with us.

Our Year 5 students are currently busy preparing their Captain speeches, which they will present to the rest of the school next Monday. This is always an inspiring and exciting time, and I know we will see some fantastic displays of leadership and confidence from our future leaders.

This Thursday, our Year 3/4 students will be heading out on an exciting excursion to The Dish, where they will explore the wonders of space. Later in the evening, they will return to school for a Star Gazing Session and dinner. This promises to be a memorable experience for the students, and I thank the teachers for their hard work in organising such a fantastic opportunity.

Looking ahead to 2026, I am pleased to share with you the class structure for next year:

- Kindergarten: 2 classes
- Year 1: 1 class
- Year 2: 1 class
- Year 3: 1 class
- Year 4: 1 class
- Year 5/6: 2 classes

This structure will ensure that we can cater to the needs of all our students and provide them with the best possible learning environment. Families will be notified of class teachers in Week 9.

*Denise Gersbach*

**Principal**

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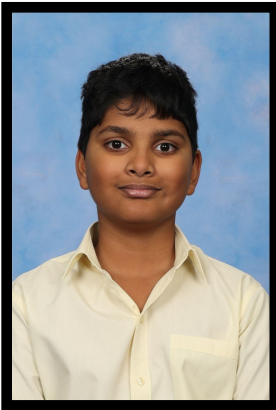


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## ★ Star of the Week ★

Isaac Siju 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 Isaac



What is your favourite subject? 	Art
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Online gaming
What is your favourite food?	Pepperoni pizza
What do you like most about our school?	I get to meet my friends
	I'm good at playing Roblox
What would you like to be when you grow up?	I want to be a YouTuber

**Term 4 Week 6: 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-Third Week in Ordinary Time

On Sunday, 16th November, many families attended our **Thanksgiving Family Mass** at the Holy Family Catholic Church. It was really wonderful to see so many children, from K-6, at the Mass. Some children did the readings, while some altar-served (it was fantastic that we had seven altar servers!) and some took up the Offertory; each did their part with reverence and respect. Father Barry mentioned during his final blessing, "A church without children is a church with no future". Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Mass and supported your children in their faith journey.

Holy Family commemorated **Remembrance Day** on the 11th of November with a solemn whole school Liturgy to remember all service men and women who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts. The students were very respectful throughout the service.



### **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**

- ★ Kindergarten Advent 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

# Wiradjuri



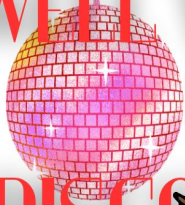
In our Wiradjuri lesson, Year 2CR created beautiful **Indigenous Leaf Wreaths**.

Each student coloured their own leaf and then helped glue them onto two boomerangs to form a stunning leaf wreath.

**Well done, Year 2!**

# Notes

## FAREWELL YEAR 6



### DISCO



THEME FOR KINDER - YEAR 5

THEME: YEAR 6

BLACK & WHITE

YEAR 6 - COLOURS

6.00 PM TO 7.00 PM

THURSDAY, NOV 27TH

STARLIGHT ROOM  
UPSTAIRS AT PARKES SERVICES CLUB  
\$3 ENTRY  
SNACKS FOR SALE

## TOY DONATIONS



### Kindergarten Transition Program

Any donations of second hand toys in a good condition for our second Kindergarten transition class will be gratefully accepted.

Please drop off at school office or contact the school 68621610 or email [admin.parkes@wf.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin.parkes@wf.catholic.edu.au)

# Gather

Gather • Together • Reflect

Please join us in the Holy Family School Religion Room on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Of November at 8.40am as we Gather Together and Reflect!

....then stay for a coffee and a chat



## IS YOUR FAMILY READY FOR THE SOCIAL MEDIA DELAY ON 10 DECEMBER?

The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT asked Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia's leading psychologists, author and broadcaster, to help educators and parents and carers with children under 16 prepare for the upcoming changes social media platforms.

In this 30-minute video, Dr Carr-Gregg explains what social media is, how the age restrictions will work, why it's happening and how it will affect families and schools.

We invite parents and educators to take time out for half an hour to watch this video so that they understand and are equipped to handle the impact of the changes on their families and students.

PLEASE WATCH THE VIDEO HERE ON OUR WEBSITE: '[The Social Media Delay: What It Means for Parents and Schools](#)'

# Notes

## Meal Deal tomorrow

### Tuesday, 18th November.

**Menu:** Wedges with sour cream and sweet chilli sauce or tomato sauce and a treat

**Cost:** \$8.00

If you would prefer **no sour cream or no sweet chilli sauce or**, please note this in the comments section when ordering.

**PLEASE NOTE : Orders will close 1PM today**

### MONDAY 17th November.

**Please order on Compass Under Meal Deal - WEDGES**



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.**

## RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS

The Catholic Education Office Wilcannia-Forbes (CEO) is committed to providing a harmonious and safe environment for all students, parents and staff. The CEO and the schools in its care strive to be communities of faith, hope and love, where communication takes place in an environment of openness and mutual respect.

The Concerns and Complaints Handling Policy provides guidance on the Complaint management system for students, parents, caregivers and community members who wish to raise a concern or make a complaint about a Diocesan School. It applies to all CEOWF Staff, School Staff and individuals engaged at the school including but not limited to external service providers, contractors, helpers and volunteers.

A Parents Concern and Complaints Brochure is available from our school office and downloadable from our website.

# 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	12 AECG Meeting - Junior and Senior	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) Dads In School (Kindy) 11.30pm - 1pm 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