



# HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 7 - 24th November 2025

## EVENTS

### THIS WEEK 7 Monday

**Year 2 Intensive  
Swimming (Monday -  
Friday)**

### Thursday

**Central Cluster  
Spelling Bee  
(Narromine)**

**Primary Swimming for  
Sport**

**Dads In School  
11.30am - 1pm  
(Kindergarten)**

**School Disco  
(Upstairs RSL)  
6pm - 7pm**

### NEXT WEEK 8

### Wednesday

**Kindergarten Liturgy  
12:15pm  
(Chapel)**



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into Week 7, I would like to take a moment to thank our dedicated teachers who have been working diligently to finalise the Semester Two reports. These reports provide a comprehensive overview of each child's progress and achievements, and I am grateful for the time and effort our staff put into ensuring they are meaningful and insightful for parents and carers.

Last Thursday, our Year 3 and 4 students had the wonderful opportunity to visit The Dish in Parkes for an informative and engaging excursion. The students were captivated by the rich history and science behind this iconic landmark. The learning experience continued into the evening with a spectacular night of stargazing on the school grounds. The children enjoyed a delicious pizza dinner, followed by a magical evening of exploring the night sky. They were thrilled to view Saturn and distant galaxies through telescopes, guided by the expertise of the gentlemen from the Parkes Astronomy Club. We extend our thanks to them for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm with us.

Today, our Year 5 students are presenting their Captain Speeches, and voting for 2026 School Captains, Sports Captains, and SRC representatives will take place. Best of luck to all the students who have put their hand up for these important leadership roles.

We are also excited for our Year 2 students, who begin their Intensive Swimming Program today! Over the next two weeks, they will enjoy the opportunity to develop their swimming skills with daily lessons. This program is such a valuable experience, not only for building water confidence and safety skills but also for promoting health and fitness.

A big congratulations to Curtis Arndell, who has been selected to represent the Wilcannia-Forbes Tennis team at the Polding Trials in Tamworth in February next year.

This Thursday, we have two events to look forward to. Firstly, we wish good luck to our talented spellers – Georgie Harris, Elsie Galvin, Jack Burt, Daniella Anasta and Minaga Lekam Ralalage – who will be representing our school at the Central Cluster Spelling Bee in Narromine. In the evening, we will host our Term 4 Disco from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Ex-Services Club. This special event is an opportunity for us to farewell our Year 6 students as they prepare to move on to high school. We look forward to seeing everyone there for a night of dancing and celebration!

*Denise Gersbach*

**Principal**

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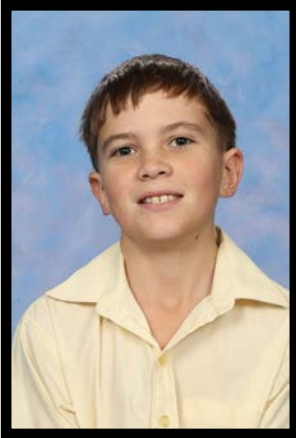


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## ★ Star of the Week ★

Curtis Arndell is our Star of the Week for exemplifying our Core Values—Praise, Love, and Trust through his kindness towards others and his focus in class.

### Interview with Curtis



What is your favourite subject?



English

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

Play golf

What is your favourite food?

Spaghetti bolognese

What do you like most about our school?

The oval



What would you like to be when you grow up?

Swimming, tennis & hockey

Professional golfer

Term 4 Week 7: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

**Trust is earned through actions, not words.**

**This fortnight's challenge is about Mary, the Mother of God.**

<p>1. What was the name of the angel who visited Mary?</p>	<p>A. Michael B. Raphael C. Gabriel D. Daniel</p>
<p>2. What message did the angel give Mary?</p>	<p>A. She would become a queen B. She would be the mother of Jesus C. She would travel to Egypt D. She would build a temple</p>

<b>3. Where was Jesus born?</b>	A. Jerusalem B. Nazareth C. Bethlehem D. Rome
<b>4. What is the special prayer we say to honour Mary?</b>	A. The Our Father B. The Gloria C. The Hail Mary D. The Creed
<b>5. What do we call the prayer that honors Mary and reflects on Jesus' life?</b>	A. Stations of the Cross B. The Rosary C. The Angelus D. The Psalms
<b>6. What do we call Mary because she always listens and cares for us?</b>	A. Our Queen B. Our Mother C. Our Sister D. Our Teacher
<b>7. What colour is often used to represent Mary in art?</b>	A. Red B. Blue C. Green D. Gold
<b>8. What did Mary do when she visited her cousin Elizabeth?</b>	A. She asked for food B. She helped Elizabeth and praised God C. She built a house D. She travelled to Rome
<b>9. What special feast celebrates Mary being taken into Heaven?</b>	A. The Ascension B. The Transfiguration C. The Assumption D. Holy Thursday
<b>10. What is Mary often called because she protects and guides us?</b>	A. Star of the Sea B. Queen of Animals C. Lady of the Temple D. Mother of Kings

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-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

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

As part of the Church's Jubilee Year celebrations, all students, with their teachers, embarked on a spiritual pilgrimage within our school grounds at 2pm, on Tuesday, 18th November, stopping at 7 Stations to pray and reflect on the main Diocesan themes for Jubilee 2025.

We are so proud of all students from K-6, who participated in the pilgrimage with reverence, walking from one station to another in quiet respect. Our Year 6 students displayed their leadership skills by leading the prayers and reflections at the 7 Prayer Stations. Well done Year 6!



### **News for the Christmas Season-**

- **ADVENT begins- 30th November 2025**
- **Carols In The Park 2025- Sunday, 14th December, 7:30pm**

Our Holy Family School Choir will be singing the Christmas carol 'Do You Hear What I Hear'.

- **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

Christmas is the Season of Giving, and we are asking our Holy Family Community to donate non-perishable foods or toys for those who will face Christmas alone or in poverty. All donations can be brought to our Giving Tree in the school foyer.

### **\*Upcoming Masses, Liturgies & Retreats**

- ★ Kindergarten Advent Liturgy- Wednesday, 3rd December, Chapel 12:15pm
- ★ Year 6 Graduation Mass- Thursday, 4th December, Holy Family Catholic Church, 6pm
- ★ Year 6 Retreat- Friday, 12th December, 9:00am-1:00pm HFS Hall

Have a wonderful week!

Beverly Berger

Religious Education Coordinator

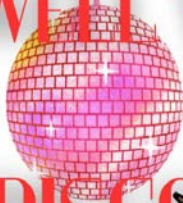
# Assembly Awards

## Term 4 - Week 6

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
<b>Student of the Week</b>	KJC	Isla Barber
	KC	Isla Duong
	1S	Creed Townsend
	2CR	Piper Slaven
	3N	Tessa Dugan
	4W	Curtis Arndell
	5/6B	Nina Jiang
	5/6HR	Rhys Hetherington
<b>Recognition of Learning Award</b>	Infants - KJC	Jack McCabe
	Primary - 3N	Emanuel Townsend
<b>Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)</b>	Infants - KC	Zoe Harris
	Primary - 4W	Ruby Smith
<b>Playground Behaviour Award</b>	Infants - 1S	Archer McWilliam
	Primary - 5/6HR	Issac Allen
<b>Leadership Award</b>	Infants - 2CR	Mavis Jordan
	Primary - 5/6B	Bill O'Bryan
<b>Living the Gospel Values</b>	Infants - KJC	Evie Acret
	Primary - 3N	Sophie Ross

# 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 at 8.40am on the 25<sup>th</sup> Of November as we Gather Together and Refelct...

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



Holy Family Parish School  
Parkes, NSW

YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS

★ *Class of 2025* ★



DECEMBER

THURSDAY 4 06:00 PM

2025

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
29 CURRAJONG STREET, PARKES  
NSW 2870

# Notes

HOLY FAMILY PARISH SCHOOL,  
PARKES, NSW

## VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

*Please donate generously towards a good cause.*

*Our school community is coming together to donate non-perishable items of food and toys for those who will be lonely and those who live in poverty this Christmas.*

*Please send your donations to our Giving Tree in the school foyer.*

### **ATTENDANCE ON STUDENT REPORTS**

The Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes will be reporting on student attendance in Semester Two Reports in the following way:

- The Attendance Period and number of Attendance Days which are being reported upon will be displayed.
- The report shows Whole Days and Partial Days Absent (Explained) and Whole Days and Partial Days Absent (Unexplained).
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Please note that a partial absence is counted as anything that is not a full day at school e.g. arriving to school 15 minutes late is counted as a partial absence.

### **STUDENTS ON VISA**

For our families from overseas, it is important that the school has details of your current residency status.

Please provide us with your new visa grant notice or Australian citizenship documents, if:

- there has been any change in your visa sub class or the expiry date, or
- if you previously had a visa but have now become an Australian citizen

# 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