



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 7 - 9th March 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 7

Monday

Pupil Free Day

Wednesday

NAPLAN Writing

Thursday

NAPLAN Reading

Friday

**5/6HW Chapel/Mass
9.45am**

**Caritas Mufti Mission
Stalls 11am**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another exciting week at Holy Family School!

A huge congratulations to our talented swimmers who represented Holy Family School at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival last Friday. We are incredibly proud of all our students who participated and showcased their determination and sportsmanship.

A special mention goes to the following students who have qualified to represent the Diocese at the Polding Swimming Carnival on 1st April:

- Curtis Arndell
- Reed Wild
- Bruce Burt
- Knox Calabro
- Emrys Cassidy

We wish these students the very best as they prepare to compete at the next level.

This week, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will commence their NAPLAN assessments. The schedule for this week is as follows:

- Wednesday, 11th March: Writing Test
- Thursday, 12th March: Reading Test

To help your children perform their best, please ensure they:

- Arrive at school on time, as testing will take place during the morning session.
- Have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast to be ready for the day ahead.
- Bring a positive mindset and know that this is an opportunity to show their learning journey so far.

Last week, our Kindergarten students attended the NRMA Bus Safety Program, where they learned how to safely get on and off the bus, where to sit, and how to stay safe while travelling.

Yesterday, our staff participated in a Spirituality Day facilitated by Marist Schools Australia. This day allowed us to reflect on our mission as Catholic educators and deepen our understanding of our shared faith.

We are delighted to welcome Courtney Gorero, who joined our Year 1 class last week.

Wishing all families a wonderful week!

Denise Gersbach

Principal



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★ Star of the Week ★

Jhaan Joshi is our Star of the Week for demonstrating our core values of Praise, Love and Trust. He is a wonderful role model in the classroom, always displaying respect, responsibility and a positive attitude towards his learning. Jhaan approaches every task with dedication and care, and treats others with genuine kindness.

Interview with Jhaan



What is your favourite subject?

English



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

Play with lego

What is your favourite food?

Pizza

What do you like most about our school?

We have some free time during the day, and we can also play after we have finished eating our lunch.



What would you like to be when you grow up ?

Mathematics and soccer

A pilot

Term 1 Week 7: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

Trust is earned by actions.

This fortnight's challenge is on- Capitals of the World

<p>1. What is the capital city of Australia?</p>	<p>A. Sydney B. Melbourne C. Canberra D. Brisbane</p>
<p>2. What is the capital of the United States?</p>	<p>A. New York B. Washington, D.C. C. Los Angeles D. Chicago</p>

3. What is the capital of New Zealand?	A. Auckland B. Christchurch C. Wellington D. Hamilton
4. What is the capital of France?	A. Rome B. Paris C. Madrid D. Berlin
5. What is the capital of the United Kingdom?	A. London B. Manchester C. Dublin D. Glasgow
6. What is the capital of China?	A. Shanghai B. Hong Kong C. Beijing D. Guangzhou
7. What is the capital of Italy?	A. Milan B. Venice C. Rome D. Naples
8. What is the capital of Canada?	A. Toronto B. Vancouver C. Montreal D. Ottawa
9. What is the capital of Germany?	A. Munich B. Berlin C. Frankfurt D. Hamburg
10. What is the capital of Brazil?	A. Rio de Janeiro B. São Paulo C. Salvador D. Brasília

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



Third Week in Lent

The staff attended a Marist Spirituality Day on Monday, 9th March. Br Tony Leon presented the **Full of Grace: Transform the World with God's Love** program.

Please view the 2026 Marist theme video by clicking the link below-

[2026 Marist Theme Video](#)

Mufti Mission Day-Friday 13th March

Please come along and support our Mufti Mission Day. Children dress in mufti for a gold coin donation. We will also have stalls during **recess (11:00am)** for all to enjoy. All proceeds will go to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. .

Visit the [Caritas Project Compassion 2026](#) website for information on the wonderful work we support every year.

*5/GHW will attend the Chapel Mass - 9:45am on Friday, 13th March

*4HR will attend the Chapel Mass - 9:45am on Friday, 19th March.

Important Feast Days coming up-

*17th March-SAINT PATRICK

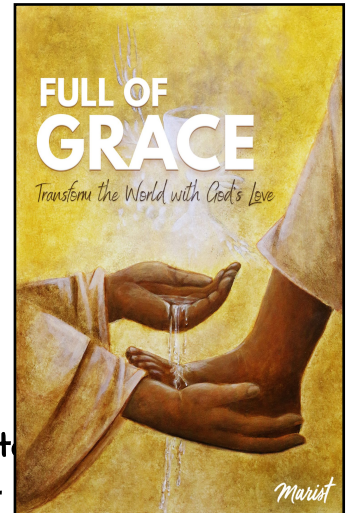
*19th March-SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Masses & Liturgies

*Year 2 Liturgy - 18th March, 12:30pm- Chapel

*Year 1 Liturgy -1st April, 12:30pm- Chapel

***Stage 3 Holy Thursday Liturgy- 2nd April - 12.30pm- HFS Hall**



I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Assembly Awards

Term 1 - Week 6

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJ	Harley Gibbons
	KC	Brighton Crisp
	1C	Riley Crowe
	2CR	Ellie Gersbach
	3N	Piper Slaven
	4WR	Elijah Hearn
	5/6B	Joey Hazelton
	5/6HW	Prince Karki
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - KC	Charlie Plunkett
	Primary - 4WR	Angus Walker
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - 1C	Zoe Harris
	Primary - 5/6B	Austin Vlores
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - KJ	Marley Cox
	Primary - 3N	Blaire Crisp
Leadership Award	Infants - 2CR	Archie Thomson
	Primary - 5/6HW	Meilani Kennedy-Dugan
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - KC	Gisele Jasmine
	Primary - 4WR	Roop Preet Kaur

Wiradjuri



In Wiradjuri, Year 1C students watched a clip about the First Peoples of Australia, they then listened to an Australian animal song. They were taught how to dance like a kangaroo, an emu and an echidna. The students had a great time acting and singing.

Homegrown Parkes Markets

Your P&F will be running a stall selling Homemade cakes, Fruit & Vegetables & hotdogs at the homegrown markets on **Saturday 21st March**. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise some funds and showcase our school to the wider community.



Volunteer Roster Homegrown Parkes Markets		Saturday 21 st March				
	Volunteer 1	Volunteer 2	Volunteer 3	Volunteer 4	Volunteer 5	Activity
7-8						Setup
8-9						Setup
9-10	Tanya Phlllips	Elizabeth T				Sales
10-11	Tanya Phlllips	Elizabeth T				Sales
11-12	Tanya Phlllips	Elizabeth T				Sales
12-1		Elizabeth T				Sales
1-2						Sales
2-3						Packup

If you can spare an hour or two to help on the stall or are able to donate cakes and slices or fruits & vegetables from your garden, please put your name in the roster in the attached link or contact the office. Any donations of cakes, slices or fruits and vegetables can be dropped off on the day, prior to 9am please.

Notes

Holy Family P&F AGM Results

Congratulations to our new P&F committee
Looking forward to a productive 2026 ☺

- **President – Mike Wood**
- **Vice President – Sam Jordan**
- **Secretary – Sarah Tarry**
- **Treasurer – Louise Wykes**
- **Communications Officer – Brittany Barber**
- **Grants Officer – Seth Toomey**
- **Committee Members – Mick & Tahnee Gibbons, Jasmine Joshi, Rachel Toomey, Carmen & Ryan Edwards, Brooke & Branden Plunkett**

Meeting held the first Wednesday of the Month, 6pm at the Coachman Hotel (& Online)
All Parents & Friends are welcome to attend.



FRIDAY 13TH MARCH / 11:00AM TO 12PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

MUFTI MISSION DAY

RAFFLES FOOTY TOSS COIN TOSS

CAKE STALL LUCKY DIP

AND SO MUCH MORE!

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TO PROJECT COMPASSION

FUN FOR EVERYONE!
ALL ARE WELCOME

HOLY FAMILY PARISH SCHOOL

Harmony Day

Celebrating Harmony
Friday 20th March 2026

We will be celebrating Australia's cultural diversity and inclusivity at Holy Family School on this day. Students can wear traditional cultural clothing or orange clothing or add a touch of orange to mufti (plain) clothes. Our classroom activities on the day will be focused on culture and belonging.

Parents are warmly invited to:

- Attend a Harmony Day Assembly that will be held at 12:15 pm with a special performance by the students.
- Join the students for lunch after assembly.
- Order a Special \$10 Harmony Day Lunch (order via Compass and orders closes on Wednesday)
- REGULAR CANTEEN MENU UNAVAILABLE ON THIS DAY

Notes

You are invited to GaTheR

I'M GIVING UP
WORRYING
FOR LENT



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

Gather - Together - Reflect

Theme: To recognise the worries we carry and how during this Lenten season, we can place them more trustfully into God's hands.

All Parents, Carers, Toddlers and Parishioners are welcome!



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN AND OUT OF THE CAR

A child who is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a crash than one who is not.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

National child restraint laws require your child to be restrained in the car as follows:

- 0 – 6 months Approved rear-facing child car seat.
- 6 months – 4 years Approved rear or forward-facing child car seat.
- 4+ years Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.
- 145cm or taller Suggested minimum height to use adult lap-sash belt.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safe in and out of the car:

- Children should remain in the car until an adult opens the 'Safety Door'. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.
- A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while in the car.
- Assist your children to buckle up – always check the seatbelt is buckled up firmly and not twisted.
- Make it a rule that every passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.
- Always help your child get in and out of the car through the 'Safety Door'.

Never leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. Children may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and organ failure if left unattended, especially on hot days.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au

OPEN DAY SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Explore all the College has to offer! 10am to 1pm



Questions? Contact our Enrolments Officer: tiffanynicholls@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au



2026 Player Registration Information

Prices for

Juniors are based on age in 2026

Non-competitive teams:

5 - 8yo \$130; 9-10yo \$150;

Competitive teams: 11-17yo \$180

Open Ladies \$280

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Register before March 14

and receive a 15% discount on EACH registration (Juniors & Ladies only).

To register, visit our Facebook page or website for links.

PARKE'S & DISTRICT AMATEUR SOCCER ASSOCIATION INC.



Harrison Park Complex, cnr Eugowra Rd & Nash St, Parkes NSW



PO BOX 494, PARKES 2870 NSW



www.pdasa.sportingpulse.net



<https://www.facebook.com/pdasa-inc>



Active Kids Vouchers accepted
Ensure you have your code ready
prior to registering!

Notes

You're Invited!

Come along and parade your finest Homemade Easter Hat

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Start : 9.15am

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend.

Children are to wear casual clothes



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO...



Fridays from 10am - 11.00am
in the Holy Family School Library for
children aged 0-5yrs with parents/carers.
Don't forget your own snacks!



HFS Breakfast Club



The popular HFS Breakfast Club currently runs three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). We would love to extend this popular program to five days a week so that all children can start their school day with a healthy breakfast every day.

To make this possible, we need your help. If you are able to spare just half an hour on any weekday morning, we would love to hear from you. Breakfast Club starts at 8:20am and finishes by 8:55am.

If this is something you can help with, please contact the school office. Many hands make light work! 😊

REGISTER NOW!

AGES 4 - 16



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🕒 5:30 - 6:30

📅 Fridays in March

📍 Spicer Oval

💰 \$20 per child



📞 Kimberley - 0432 866 966

🌐 <https://parkes-boars-store.square.site/>

Term 1 - Parent Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Jan/Feb	26 School Holidays Australia Day (PH)	27 School Holidays	28 School Holidays	29 Staff Commence	30 Staff Planning Day	31/1
Feb	2 Year 1-6 students commence Kindergarten Assessments P&F Meeting - 6pm	3 Kindergarten Assessments	4 Kindergarten students commence	5 Swimming Carnival	6 Polding Basketball/ Tennis Trials (Tamworth)	7/8
Feb	9	10	11 Induction of School Leaders Mass - 9.45am - HF Church	12	13	14/15 Sun 15/3 Family Mass 9.30am
Feb	16	17 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Recess 11am Central Cluster Swimming (Forbes)	18 Ash Wednesday Stage 1 Liturgy - 12.30pm Parent Information Night (Kindergarten) - 6.00pm	19 Back to School Bash & Disco (School Hall) - 6.00pm	20 Assembly - 2.45pm	21/22
Feb/Mar	23	24 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) AECG Meeting- Junior and Senior (HFS)	25 Parent Meeting (RE Room) - First Holy Communion - 5:15pm	26 Parent Meeting - First Holy Communion - 5pm	27 WF AFL Trials (Hay) 5/6B Chapel/Mass - 9:45am	28/1 1/3 First Holy Communion 9.30am
Mar	2 P&F Meeting - 6pm	3 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) NRMA / Kindergarten Bus Safety 9.30am	4	5 Assembly - 2.45pm	6 WF Diocesan Swimming (Parkes)	7/8
Mar	9 Pupil Free Day - Marist Spirituality	10 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room)	11 NAPLAN Writing School Committee Meeting - 7.30pm	12 NAPLAN Reading	13 5/6HW Chapel/Mass - 9:45am Caritas Mufti Mission Stalls - 11.00am	14/15
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Mar	16	17 St Patrick GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) NAPLAN Conventions of Language	18 Kindergarten Transition Commences NAPLAN Numeracy Year 2 Liturgy 12:30pm	19 St Joseph 4WR Chapel/Mass - 9:45am	20 Harmony Day Celebration Assembly - 12:15pm	21/22 Sun Home Grown Markets 21/3 - P&F stall
			NAPLAN Window			
Mar	23	24 WF Touch Trials (Parkes)	25 Annunciation of the Lord WF Diocesan Winter Trials (Parkes) 3N Chapel/Mass - 9:45am	26 World of Maths Inursion K-6 (School Hall)	27 School Cross Country Assembly - 2.30pm	28/29 Palm Sunday
			NAPLAN Window			
Mar/Apr	30 School Public Speaking Competition - Year 3-6 P&F Meeting - 6pm	31 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) Upstage K-6	1 NSWCPS Swimming Year 1 Liturgy - 12:30pm	2 Easter Hat Parade - 9.15am Holy Thursday Stage 3 Liturgy - 12.30pm Holy Thursday Last Day of Term 1	3 Good Friday (PH)	4/5 Easter Sunday (5)