



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 1 - 20th April 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 1

Monday

**First Day Term 1
(Staff and Students)**

Tuesday

**No GTR meeting this
week**

Friday

**Henry/Yeo League
Stars Challenge
(Condobolin)**

Dear Parents, Carers, Students, and Staff,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a joyful and blessed Easter break surrounded by loved ones.

As we begin this new term, I'd like to remind families that all students are now required to wear their full winter uniform, including the school tie. Our uniform is an important symbol of our school identity and pride, and we are committed to maintaining the high standards we hold at Holy Family.

This Friday, we will commence our athletics trials for students in Years 2-6. These trials will run over the next few weeks, culminating in our Athletics Carnival.

Good luck to our boys representing Holy Family School at the Henry Yeo League Stars Challenge this Friday. We wish them the best of luck!

This Saturday, we commemorate ANZAC Day, a day to honour the courage and sacrifice of the men and women who have served, and those who continue to serve, in our armed forces.

Our school captains and vice-captains will represent Holy Family School at the Dawn Service on Memorial Hill. We also warmly invite all students and families to join us for the ANZAC Day March. Students are asked to meet at the corner of Short Street and Caledonia Street at 8:15am, wearing their full winter uniform. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community and pay our respects to those who have given so much for our freedom.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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Term 2 Week 1: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

Be someone others can rely on

This fortnight's challenge is on- Australia

1. Who was the first Prime Minister of Australia?	a) Scott Morrison b) John Howard c) Edmund Barton
2. Who is a famous Australian actor who played Thor in Marvel movies?	a) Chris Evans b) Chris Hemsworth c) Robert Downey Jr.
3. Who is a famous Australian swimmer?	a) Usain Bolt b) Ian Thorpe c) Michael Phelps
4. Which Australian is a famous female tennis player and former world No. 1?	a) Ash Barty b) Naomi Osaka c) Venus Williams
5. Who explored Antarctica and is a famous Australian explorer?	a) Marco Polo b) Captain Cook c) Douglas Mawson
6. Which company, founded by Australians, helped create Google Maps?	a) Where 2 Technologies b) Microsoft c) Apple
7. Which organisation invented polymer banknotes (plastic money)?	a) NASA b) CSIRO scientists c) Google
8. Who invented the Hills Hoist clothesline?	a) Lance Hill b) Henry Ford c) James Watt
9. Who is the Australian inventor featured on the \$50 note?	a) Isaac Newton b) Albert Einstein c) David Unaipon
10. What did Howard Florey help develop?	a) The telephone b) Penicillin as a medicine c) The internet

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 OF EASTER

Term 2 presents us with opportunities to come together as a school community to celebrate many special occasions like ANZAC Day, Mother's Day, Catholic Schools Week, Champagnat Day and NAIDOC Day.



Holy Thursday Liturgy- Stage 3

The students of Stage 3 deserve to be commended for their leadership and reverence during the Holy Week Liturgy on Thursday, 2nd April. The students presented an enactment of the Passion of Christ, depicting his trial, suffering and death. The narrators, actors and singers told the story of Jesus' last days on earth with great respect and led the whole school in prayer and reflection.

Catholic Schools Week- May 10-16 (Week 4)

Catholic Schools Week provides an opportunity for us to celebrate the unique qualities of our Catholic schools and acknowledge the integral role Catholic education has played in our communities.

Holy Family Catholic Schools Week Celebrations - Monday, 11th May

Mass 9:30am (Hall)

Recess for all families outdoors 11am-11.30am

Open classrooms - 10:20am



I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Wiradjuri



Year 2CR

Year 2 students really enjoyed making and colouring baskets during their Wiradjuri lessons last term.

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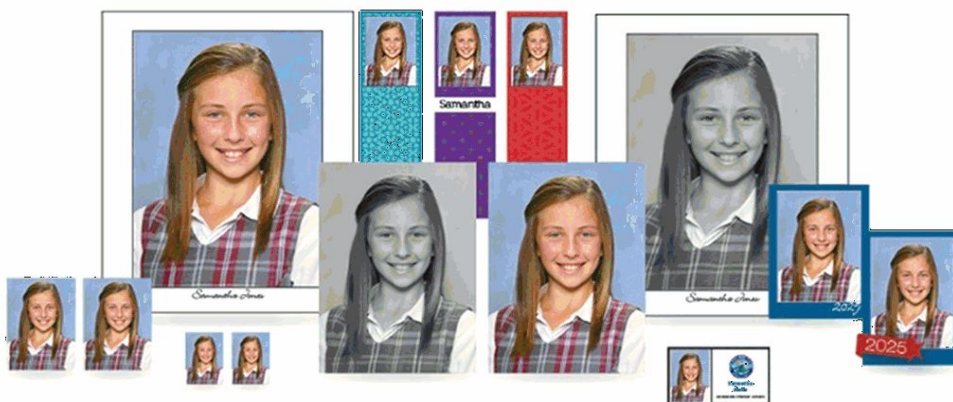
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Notes

REMINDER

POLDING GIRLS RUGBY 7S SELECTIONS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR 2026

CLOSING DATE 24 APRIL 2026



Date: Friday 15 May 2026

Venue: Santa Sabina College, Strathfield

Eligibility: Students should be in Year 5 or Year 6 and be turning 11 or 12 in 2026.

A NSWCPSS Polding team will be selected to attend the NSWPPSSA 12 Years Rugby 7s Championships.



Join Parkes Netball to build your skills, boost your confidence, and most importantly – have a great time. Move, laugh, and make new friendships both on and off the court. Whether you're new to the game or already love it, **there's a place for you on the team!**

COMMENCING TUESDAY, 21 APRIL

**Junior competition 5.30-6.30pm
(AGES 5-15, DIVIDED INTO AGE GROUPS)**

Come & try netball

Registrations open soon! Follow our facebook page for more information or call Sarah on 0407 513 848

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Cross Country Canteen Helpers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to assist in the P&F-run canteen at the Wilcannia Forbes Diocesan Cross Country, to be held in Term 2 on Monday, 4th May.

The canteen will operate as a fundraising event, with many schools from across the diocese attending, making it a wonderful opportunity to support our school community.

Any support, even for a short time, would be greatly appreciated and will help ensure the day runs smoothly for all students and visitors.

If you are available to lend a hand, please contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

OPEN DAY 26

Saturday 9 May 10am - 2pm

We're Opening Our Doors!

See the demos, learn fire safety, meet your local firefighters plus free giveaways.

For locations visit fire.nsw.gov.au/openday



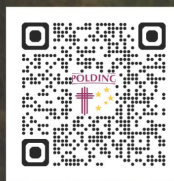
Open Day 2026 - learn about fire safety
 Ngày Mở Cửa năm 2026 - Tìm hiểu về an toàn hỏa hoạn
 2026开放日——了解消防安全
 2026開放日——瞭解消防安全
 2026년 오픈 데이 - 화재안전에 대해 배웁시다
 يوم مفتوح في عام 2026 - تعلم كيفية الحماية من الحرائق



REMINDER

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS GOLF SELECTIONS

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2026 CLOSE 5 JUNE



Date: Tuesday 30 June 2026
 Venue: Blackheath Golf Club
 Eligibility: DOB 1/1/2013 - 31/12/2018, Years 3-6

A MacKillop and Polding team will be selected to attend the NSWPSA Golf Championships.



Kindergarten Transition PROGRAM 2027

KICKSTART YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING JOURNEY

Our 2027 Transition Program is now available from Term 1 - 17th March 2027 to Term 4 - 8th December 2027 for children starting Kindergarten in 2028.

*Please note that Term 3 and 4 attendance are limited to students who are enrolled for 2028 Kindergarten at HFS.

- FREE - No Cost
- Program aligns with school hours
- On EVERY Wednesday 9 am - 3 pm (During School Terms)
- Canteen lunch available
- FREE Holy Family sports shirt for the program.



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HOLY FAMILY P&F

Term 2 - Parent Calendar

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Apr	1	20 First Day - Term 2 (Staff and Students)	21	22	23	24 Henry/Yeo League Stars Challenge	25 / 26 ANZAC Day (25 - PH)
Apr/May	2	27 ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)	28 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room)	29	30 Healthy Harold	1 Polding Winter Trials (Bathurst) Healthy Harold Assembly - 2.45pm	2 / 3
		NSW PSSA Swimming (28th)					
May	3	4 WF Cross Country (Parkes) Healthy Harold	5 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) Red Bend Visit - Year 6	6 Mother's Day Liturgy 12:30pm HFS Hall Stage 1 P&F Meeting - 6pm	7 Mother's Day Breakfast 8am Assembly - 2.45pm	8 Pupil Free Day	9 / 10 Mother's Day (10)
May	4	11 Catholic Schools Week Mass 09:30am (Hall) Open classrooms - 10:20am Recess for all families outdoors 11am-11.30am Musica Viva - 2pm	12 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room)	13	14	15 Polding Girls Rugby 7's Dads in School (Kindergarten) National Walk Safely to School Day	16 / 17
		Catholic Schools Week					
May	5	18 WF Rugby (Parkes)	19 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) AECG Meeting- Junior and Senior (venue TBC) CWA Primary Public Speaking Competition - Parkes	20	21	22	23 / 24
May	6	25	26 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) HFS Spelling Bee Year 2 - Year 6 National Sorry Day	27 Reconciliation Week (27/5-3/6)	28 Assembly - 2.45pm	29	30 / 31
Jun	7	1 School Photo Day Parent/Teacher Interviews K-6 (School Hall)	2 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) Kindergarten Library Visit 12pm - 1pm	3 P&F Meeting - 6pm	4 Athletics Carnival	5 Feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat (Stage 3) Whole School Mass - 9:45am (Hall)	6 / 7
Jun	8	8 King's Birthday (PH)	9 Pupil Free Day	10 Backup Date - Athletics Carnival	11 Bright Future STEM Program - Year 5/6 - School Hall	12 Polding Touch (Port Macquarie) Assembly - 2.45pm	13 / 14
Jun	9	15	16 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room)	17	18 School Disco - 6.00pm	19	20 / 21 Sun 21/6 Family Mass 9:30am
Jun	10	22	23 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room)	24 Polding Cross Country (Sydney)	25	26 Assembly - 2.45pm	27 / 28 Polding CSP Rugby (Forbes) - 28th
Jun/Jul	11	29 Polding Rugby Union (Forbes)	30 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) NAIDOC Day Celebrations and Activities	1 P&F Meeting - 6pm	2 NAIDOC Liturgy 2.30pm AECG	3 Last Day of Term 2	4 / 5