



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 2 - 27th April 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 2

Tuesday

GTR Meeting 8.40am
(RE Room)

Thursday

Healthy Harold

Friday

Polding Winter Trials
(Bathurst)

Assembly 2.45pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by congratulating all our students for the wonderful way they have commenced the new term. It has been pleasing to see students wearing their winter uniforms so smartly and embracing their learning with such positive attitudes.

A special thank you to our students, families, and staff for their participation in the ANZAC Day commemorations. Holy Family School was extremely well represented at this meaningful occasion. Our captains and vice-captains laid a wreath at the Dawn Service, and Piper and Arlo delivered an inspiring speech at the ceremony in Cooke Park. We were so proud to see the outstanding number of students and staff who marched proudly in the community ANZAC Day march. It is moving to witness our school community come together to honour those who have served our country.

This term, we are delighted to welcome Jax Purcell to Holy Family School. Jax joined Year 2 last week.

Students who have nominated to compete in high jump will complete this event at school on Wednesday. Students participating may wear their sports clothes for the day.

Best wishes to the students representing the Diocese at the Polding Winter Sports Trials in Bathurst this Friday.

The Life Education Van will arrive at our school on Thursday. Over the next week, all classes will have the opportunity to visit the van. This is always an enjoyable and educational experience for our students.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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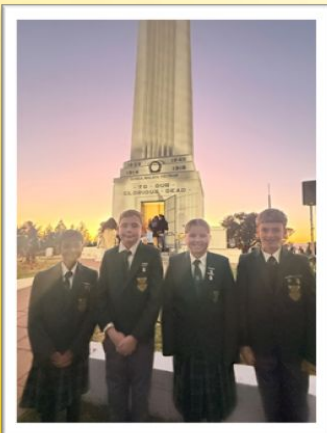
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★ Star of the Week ★

Max Crowe is our Star of the Week for demonstrating our core values of Praise, Love and Trust. He is a dedicated student who consistently approaches his learning with focus and commitment. Max is always polite and helpful, demonstrating excellent manners in all interactions. His gentle, caring and respectful nature makes him a valued member of the school.

Interview with Max



What is your favourite subject?



Art

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

I enjoy playing with my dog and playing video games.

What is your favourite food?

Chicken Fingers

What do you like most about our school?

It is very welcoming



I'm good at Mathematics, have a strong imagination, and am confident when speaking in public.

What would you like to be when you grow up ?

A gemologist

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

Be someone others can rely on

This fortnight's challenge is on- Australia

<p>1. Who was the first Prime Minister of Australia?</p>	<p>a) Scott Morrison b) John Howard c) Edmund Barton</p>
<p>2. Who is a famous Australian actor who played Thor in Marvel movies?</p>	<p>a) Chris Evans b) Chris Hemsworth c) Robert Downey Jr.</p>

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

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

This year the Catholic Education Office Wilcannia-Forbes has embraced the theme of **"Peace in our Hearts, Peace in the World."** The theme of peace, acts as a pillar of strength for us to act with compassion, to seek justice, and to walk gently with one another. During Catholic Schools Week this theme of Peace will be explored in our classrooms. Our students will be participating in many activities to help them learn about the importance of peace.

*Here is something you can do together as a family-

***Family Challenge:**

How Well Do You Know Each Other?

Sit down for a family meal and take turns answering questions about your family members—see how many you get right!

- What's (Name's) favourite food?
- What's (Name's) biggest fear?
- What's one thing (Name) always says?
- What makes (Name) laugh the most?
- If (Name) could do any job for a day, what would it be?
- What's (Name's) favourite movie or TV show?
- If (Name) could have any superpower, what would they choose?
- What's something (Name) is really good at that others might not know?

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

celebrates

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

MAY 10-16 (WEEK 4)

2026

PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR CELEBRATION

Monday, 11th May
Mass 9:30am (Hall)
Open classrooms - 10:20am
Recess for all families outdoors 11am-11.30am

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Peace in our Hearts, Peace in the World

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.
Beverly Berger

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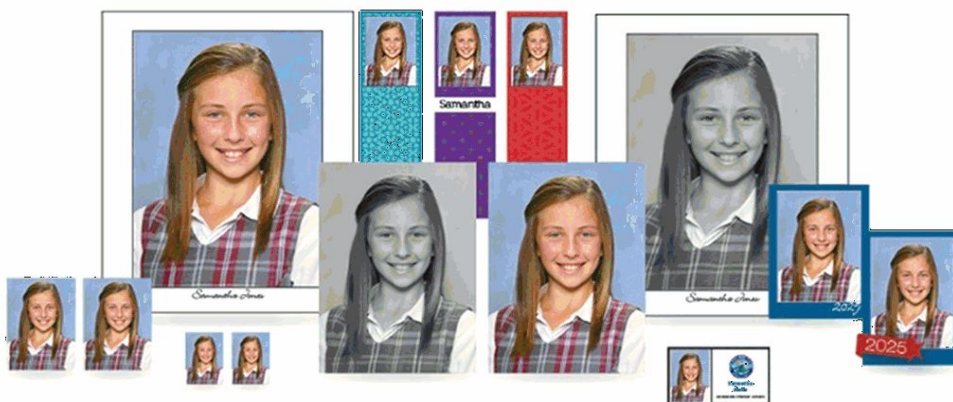
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Notes



WELCOME TO THE PARKES SHIRE



ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARKES SHIRE?

Join us at this free event to learn about local services, meet our Councillors and staff, and enjoy prizes and raffles in a welcoming atmosphere!



Thursday
21st May 2026



5:30pm-7:30pm
Doors open 5pm



The Starlight Lounge
Parkes Services Club



RSVP by
14th May 2026

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Lessons with Luke

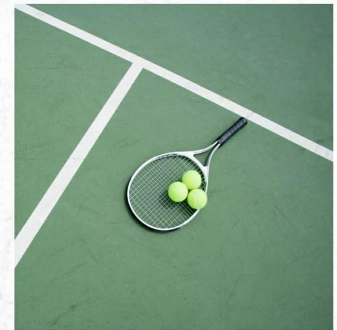
LESSONS WITH A QUALIFIED NSW TEACHER

MONDAY
4 PM – 6 PM
SCHOOL TERMS
AGES: 5+

TERM 2 STARTING
DATE:
11TH MAY

LOCATION:
PARKES TENNIS
CLUB

PRICE:
30 MINUTE PRIVATE
LESSON - \$35
30 MINUTE GROUP
LESSON (4 MAX) - \$15
PER PERSON



LIMITED SPOTS -
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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.

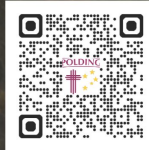
For locations visit fire.nsw.gov.au/openday



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 NSW PSSA Golf Championships.



Have Your Say



The Draft Operational Plan & Budget 2026-27 outlines what Council will deliver over the next year and how it will be funded.



- View it online or in person at Council's Administration Building or the Library until 5pm Thursday 28 May 2026.
- Scan the QR code or visit www.parkes.nsw.gov.au for more info.

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SCHOOL PARKES**



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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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 Athletics - High Jump Event	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 Athletics -1500m Event	14	15 Polding Girls Rugby 7's Dads in School (Kindergarten) <i>National Walk Safely</i> <i>to School Day</i>	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 <i>National Sorry Day</i>	27 <i>Reconciliation Week</i> <i>(27/5-3/6)</i>	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
		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