



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 3 - 4th May 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 3

Monday

**WF Cross Country
(Parkes)**

Tuesday

**Red Bend Visit
(Year 6)**

Wednesday

**Mother's Day Liturgy
Stage 1 - 12:30pm
(HFS Hall)**

**P&F Meeting 6pm
(Coachman Hotel)**

**Action Club Public
Speaking
Competition 6pm**

Thursday

**Mother's Day
Breakfast 8AM**

Assembly 2.45pm

Friday

**Pupil Free Day (No
School for Students)**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful and active time in our school community, with many opportunities for our students to shine.

Our children represented Holy Family proudly at the Cross Country event. They demonstrated determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to Tully Cassidy, Angus Walker, Nazzarine Payne, Elsie Galvin, Emrys Cassidy, Knox Calabro, Allegra Cronin, Jack Burt, Curtis Arndell, Nate Calabro and Arlo Cassidy who were outstanding in their efforts. We also acknowledge all of our Holy Family representatives for their participation and commitment. We are thrilled that these students have progressed to the next level and will now compete in Sydney at the Polding level. We wish them every success.

Congratulations also to Curtis Arndell who was selected at the Polding Winter Trials for hockey—an excellent achievement.

Our Year 6 students are eagerly anticipating their visit to Red Bend Catholic College tomorrow. This is always a valuable experience as they begin to look ahead to their secondary school journey.

Our Stage 1 students and teachers are busily preparing for the Mother's Day Liturgy, which will take place on Wednesday 6th May at 12:30pm in the hall. We warmly invite our mothers and special guests to join us for this celebration. We also hope many mothers can attend our Mother's Day Breakfast on Thursday 7th May at 8am, which is always a joyful community event.

A reminder that Friday 8th May is a pupil-free day.

Next week we begin our Catholic Schools Week celebrations. We will gather for Mass on Monday at 9:30am in the hall, followed by Open Classrooms until recess. Families are warmly invited to visit classrooms and share recess with their children. It will be a busy and enjoyable day, with students also participating in the Musica Viva program after lunch.

Finally, we wish all mothers and mother figures in our community a very happy and blessed Mother's Day on Sunday 10th May. Thank you for all that you do.

Andrew Berger
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★ Star of the Week ★

Jordyn Flaxman is our Star of the Week for demonstrating our core values of Praise, Love and Trust. She is always courteous, kind, and responsible, treating others with respect and making thoughtful choices in everything she does.

Interview with Jordyn



What is your favourite subject?

Sport



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

Listening to music

What is your favourite food?

Pizza

What do you like most about our school?

Everyone is kind and welcoming

Painting



What would you like to be when you grow up?

A nurse

Term 2 Week 3: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

We notice the good in others and let them know it.

This fortnight's challenge is on- Australia

<p>1. Which celebration includes a "minute of silence" to remember those who served?</p>	<p>A. Australia Day B. ANZAC Day C. Halloween D. New Year's Eve</p>
<p>2. Which celebration often includes barbecues, fireworks, and community events?</p>	<p>A. Australia Day B. ANZAC Day C. Easter D. Labour Day</p>

3. What happens during NAIDOC Week?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Fireworks displays only B. Cultural events, performances, and community activities C. Shopping sales D. Sporting finals
4. Which celebration recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. NAIDOC Week B. Easter C. Labour Day D. Christmas
5. What is the significance of Harmony Day?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Celebrating sports achievements B. Promoting cultural diversity and inclusion C. Remembering soldiers D. Celebrating the new year
6. Which holiday celebrates workers and their rights?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Labour Day B. Australia Day C. Christmas D. Easter
7. What do people often watch in Sydney on New Year's Eve?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Parades B. Fireworks over the harbour C. Football matches D. Concerts only
8. What is a common tradition on ANZAC Day?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Watching fireworks B. Dawn services and Marches C. Surfing competitions D. Costume parties
9. What does ANZAC Day commemorate?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The first European settlement B. Soldiers who served and died in wars C. The discovery of gold D. The founding of Parliament
10. When is Australia Day celebrated?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. 1 January B. 26 January C. 25 December D. 1 July

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.

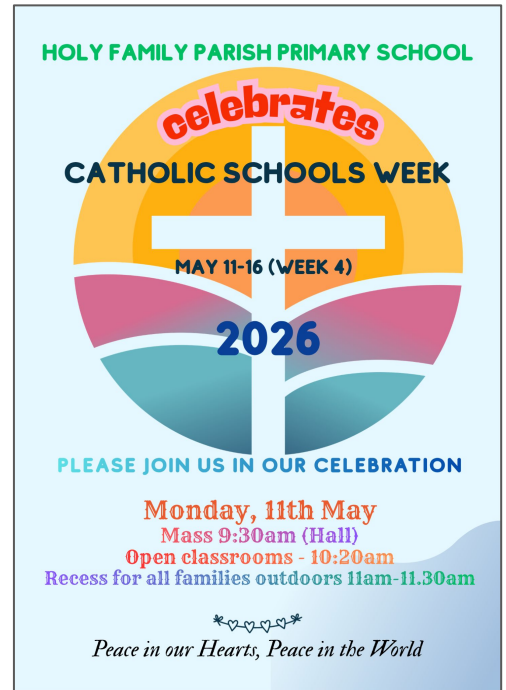
I hope everyone has a great week.

Andrew Berger

Religious Education

FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

Stage 1 staff and students have been preparing for our **Whole School Mother's Day Liturgy** at 12:30 pm on 6 May at the HFS Hall. They have been planning and practising to make the liturgy especially beautiful to honour all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and other maternal figures in our Holy Family community. All are invited to attend.



Catholic Schools Week: 11-16 May

Theme- "Peace in our Hearts, Peace in the World."

During Catholic Schools Week this theme of Peace will be explored in our classrooms. The students will be learning about compassion, reconciliation and how to seek peace and be peacemakers in their interactions with others.

"Peace exists; it wants to dwell within us. It has the gentle power to enlighten and expand our understanding; it resists and overcomes violence." Pope Leo

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.
Beverly Berger

Assembly Awards

Term 2- Week 2

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJ	Toby Scotti
	KC	Lola Wright
	1C	Savannah Tarry
	2CR	Naveah Tincknell
	3N	Everleigh Albert
	4WR	Kendall Hartwig
	5/6B	Allegra Cronin
	5/6HW	Davyd Mamulashvili
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - KC	Sonny Lock
	Primary - 4WR	Jewel Jasmine
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - 1C	Thenudi Rajapaksha
	Infants - 1C	Isla Barber
	Primary - 5/6B	Curtis Arndell
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - KJ	Ivy Pettit
	Primary - 3N	Aarnav Gautam
Leadership Award	Infants - 2CR	Tully Cassidy
	Primary - 5/6HW	Bill O'Bryan
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - KC	Louie Ross
	Primary - 4WR	Ava Byrnes

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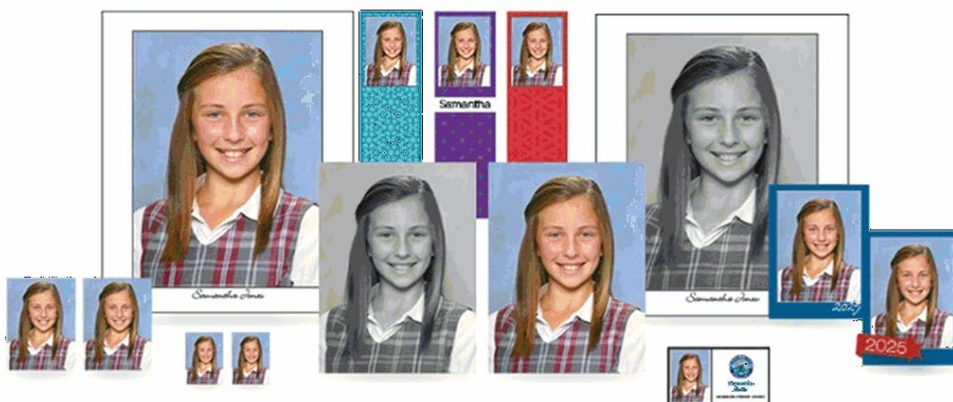
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Notes



Gather
Gather · Together · Reflect

Please join us in the Holy Family School Religion Room at 8.40am on Tuesday the 5th Of May , as we Gather Together and Reflect.

.....then stay for a cuppa and a chat.




DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE DO FOR YOUR SCHOOL PARENT/CARER COMMUNITY?

Representing Catholic school parents and carers in NSW and the ACT



As the peak body for parents and carers of children and young people in Catholic schools, CCSP is the go-to place for Catholic school parents and carers to be heard in education and government



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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.



For over 25 years, CCSP has been the voice of Catholic school parents/carers in decision-making within and beyond the NSW/ACT Catholic education sector



WHAT DOES IT COST?

What does your affiliation with CCSP cost your diocese?
It's just \$2.00 per student per year!



WHO'S ON THE COUNCIL?

- ▶ A parent and an alternate parent representative from each of the 11 NSW/ACT diocesan parent bodies/groups (22)
- ▶ A parent and an alternate parent representative from the Congregational School Group (2)
- ▶ An Executive Officer from each diocese and the Congregational School group (12)
- ▶ The Chair (or their nominee) of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Parent Committee (1)



RESOURCES

CCSP publishes resources for families and schools including our regular newsletter, *Parent Talk*.
On our website, you can also find our media releases and submissions, research papers, educational tips, activities and fact sheets. As a valued and trusted source of expertise, we support a wide range of stakeholders.



EDUCATION AND LEARNING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

We organise webinars and other events for parents and carers to attend on a wide range of current topics of interest to them regarding their child, such as cybersafety, vaping, mental health and wellbeing, school refusal and more.

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SUBSCRIBE TO OUR FREE PARENT TALK NEWSLETTER

Help your parent/carer community keep informed about the latest developments in education, wellbeing, CCSP advocacy initiatives and significant Catholic news and events by encouraging them to subscribe to our Parent Talk newsletter



CEWF ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS STUDENT ATTENDANCE FLYER

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, please discuss this with the school principal.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please **update this within 7 days** on the Compass Parent Portal or explain the reason by phone, e-mail or written note as soon as possible. Late arrivals and/or early departures can only be entered via the Compass Kiosk at the office.

After 7 days, the absence will remain as 'Unexplained' and cannot be changed (NSW Education Act 199

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Now in its 25th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. <https://www.walk.com.au/WSTSD/>

SAVE THE DATE



Friday, 18th May



**HOLY FAMILY
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