



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 4 - 11th May 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 4
Monday

**Catholic Schools
Week Liturgy**
9.30am (Hall)

Open Classrooms
10.20am

**Recess for all
families outdoors**
(11 - 11.20am)

Musica Viva

Wednesday

1500m Event
(Northparkes)

Friday

Dads in School
(Kindergarten)

**Walk Safely to
School Day**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week, and we are so proud of our wonderful Catholic school community. We're looking forward to a special day with families today, beginning with a beautiful liturgy this morning. We'll then enjoy open classrooms, where the children can't wait to share their learning with family members, followed by a shared morning tea in the sunshine. This afternoon, students are very excited to finish the day with a Musica Viva performance in the hall.

This week, students in Years 2 to 6 will complete their Spelling Bee tests in class to determine finalists for each year level, with our Spelling Bee Final happening in two weeks' time. Best wishes to every student as you give it your best.

On Wednesday, students who have nominated for the 1500m event are to wear sports uniform to school. We will be walking to Northparkes Oval first thing Wednesday morning for students to compete in this event.

This Friday, we warmly welcome our Kindergarten dads to school for a special Dads in School Day.

Congratulations to Finley Gibbons who was named runner-up of the Year 3/4 division of the Action Club Public Speaking Competition last week! This is a wonderful achievement Finley, we are very proud of you.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week!

Denise Gersbach

Principal



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★ Star of the Week ★

Arshi Jodder is our Star of the Week for demonstrating our core values of Praise, Love and Trust. She is a very dedicated and hardworking student who is always focused and attentive in her learning. Her positive attitude, strong work ethic and willingness to learn make her a wonderful role model for her peers.

Interview with Arshi



What is your favourite subject?



Mathematics and art

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

I like to draw and colour, and sometimes I enjoy doing craft activities.

What is your favourite food?

Sushi

What do you like most about our school?

The teachers are kind, and the school has good resources—every one of them is important.



Drawing and problem solving.

What would you like to be when you grow up ?

A lawyer or a mechanical engineer.

Term 2 Week 4: 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- Mathematical terminology

<p>1. What does the word “sum” mean?</p>	<p>A. Subtraction B. Addition C. Division D. Multiplication</p>
<p>2. What is the correct word for “-”?</p>	<p>A. Add B. Multiply C. Minus D. Equals</p>

3. What does “product” mean?	A. The answer to addition B. The answer to subtraction C. The answer to multiplication D. The answer to division
4. What does “difference” mean?	A. The answer to addition B. The answer to subtraction C. The answer to multiplication D. The answer to division
5. What does “quotient” mean?	A. The answer to addition B. The answer to subtraction C. The answer to multiplication D. The answer to division
6. What does the symbol “=” mean?	A. Not equal B. Greater than C. Equals D. Less than
7. What does “total” mean?	A. The answer after subtraction B. The answer after addition C. The answer after division D. The answer after multiplication
8. What does “estimate” mean?	A. An exact answer B. A close guess C. A formula D. A measurement tool
9. What does “remainder” mean?	A. The answer in addition B. The amount left over after division C. The product of multiplication D. The difference in subtraction
10. What does “numerator” mean?	A. The bottom number in a fraction B. The top number in a fraction C. The answer to multiplication D. A type of shape

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

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

On Thursday, 7 May, Holy Family came together for a wonderful celebration of Mother's Day. Many mothers, grandmothers and other maternal figures attended the **Mother's Day Breakfast**.

Thank you to the staff and students of Stage 1 for preparing and leading us in our **Mother's Day Liturgy**. The children read and sang beautifully, giving us a special performance of the song 'A Song for Mum' by John Burland. Many mums, grandmothers and maternal figures in our school community attended.

Catholic Schools Week: 11-16 May

***PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE NOW HAVING A LITURGY ON MONDAY May 11, DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES ➔**



Spiritual Formation Day

The Holy Family Staff joined the staff of Wilcannia-Forbes Central Cluster schools to attend a Spiritual Formation Day on Friday, 8 May, to pause and reflect on the diocesan theme "Peace in our Hearts, Peace in the World."

***Saint Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal-** Holy Family are pledging to donate non-perishable food items and warm Winter woolies such as scarves, gloves, beanies etc. Please send your donations to the front office. Thank you.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

celebrates

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

MAY 11-16 (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

Assembly Awards

Term 2- Week 3

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJ	Kaleb Beard
	KC	Henry McGrath
	1C	Claire Hulse
	2CR	Noah Ross
	3N	Owyn Reedy
	4WR	Knox Calabro
	5/6B	Indigo Gillingham
	5/6HW	Jordyn Flaxman
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 1C	Chelsea Spedding
	Infants - 1C	Keaton Atherton
	Primary - 5/6B	Pulitha De Silva
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - KC	Marli Jayet
	Primary - 4WR	Hope Sargent
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - 2CR	Archer McWilliam
	Primary - 5/6HW	Kaleb Howse
Leadership Award	Infants - KJ	Marley Cox
	Primary - 3N	Frankie Clarke
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - 1C	Courtney Gorerino
	Primary - 5/6B	Piper Newham

Notes

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS



JOIN US
FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

TO ALL AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND LOCAL COUNCILS

Now in its 27th year, National Walk Safely to School Day encourages primary school children, their parents and carers to walk safely and regularly to school.

Walking every day builds confidence, improves concentration and establishes healthy habits for life - while making our roads safer and our air cleaner for everyone.

Research shows that children who are active before school are more focused, more productive and perform better in the classroom.

BETTER HEALTH • IMPROVED ROAD SAFETY • CLEANER AIR
REDUCED CAR-DEPENDENCY • INCREASED USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT

GET INVOLVED

- Ask every student to wear a tattoo on the day to help promote this important community event
- Use the Teachers' Tool-Kit and publish WSTSD information in your school's newsletter
- Display the poster on your noticeboard and print additional posters at walk.com.au
- Host a Healthy Breakfast - ask your P&C, council or local supermarket to sponsor it
- If you can't walk all the way, combine a walk with public transport
- If you must use the car, try leaving it a good distance from school and walk the rest of the way
- Register your school as a WSTSD Ambassador at walk.com.au



**Until they're ten, children must always hold
an adult's hand when crossing the road**



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WORKING BEE



LET'S CLEAN UP TOGETHER!

HELP US CLEAN UP THE P&F SHED

AT
HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

SUNDAY
31ST MAY
8AM

Breakfast
PROVIDED!

RSVP TO THE OFFICE ON **6862 1610**
(FOR CATERING)



PLAY AND GROW

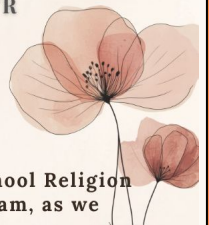
A HAPPY PLACE TO GATHER



Catholic Schools Week GTR

Peace in our Hearts

Peace in the World



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

Gather - Together - Reflect

Our GTR this week is about how peace can be shared with others through everyday acts of kindness, beginning with a smile

"Peace begins with a smile."
Mother Teresa

All Parents, Carers, Toddlers and Parishioners are welcome!



The Holy Family School Play and Grow Playgroup will be starting back this Friday, 15 May 2026!

Notes



Healthy Harold's Colour Run

PARKEES FESTIVAL of health

When: Wednesday 20th May, 2026

Where: Keast Park, Hooley Street, Parkes NSW

Time: 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Cost: FREE

Join Healthy Harold for a colourful afternoon of fun! Plus, explore interactive booths for valuable community information on health, safety, and wellbeing.

All families and community members welcome!

Free BBQ provided for all & exciting giveaways throughout the event.



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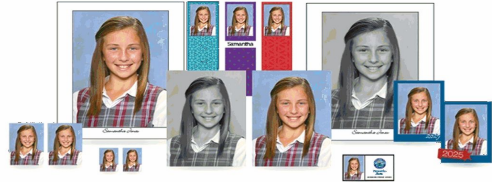
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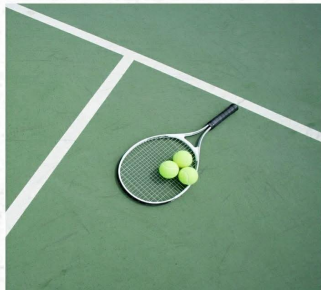
LESSONS WITH A QUALIFIED NSW TEACHER

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 - CONTACT LUKE EVANS FOR MORE INFORMATION
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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.



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

STUDENT AMBULANCE COVER CONDITIONS

Student Ambulance Cover applies to transportation following a student accident, not an illness or medical condition. School policy is to call an ambulance in the event of a serious injury or illness (eg severe asthma attack, anaphylactic reaction, seizure etc). If your child has a pre-existing medical condition that falls into this category, please be aware that the cost of the ambulance may be at the parent's expense if you do not have family ambulance cover.

NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK

An annual initiative from the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, partnering road safety organisations and Government. The week highlights the impact of road trauma and ways to reduce it.

roadsafetyweek.com.au



**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	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 Action Club Public Speaking Competition 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 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 (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
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