



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 6 - 25th May 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 6

Tuesday

GTR Meeting 8.40am
(RE Room)

National Sorry Day

Wednesday

HFS Spelling Bee
(Year 2 - Year 6)

Thursday

Assembly - 2.45pm

NEXT WEEK

Monday

School Photo Day

Parent/Teacher
Interviews



Dear Parents and Carers,

The last couple of weeks I have had the pleasure of completing our 2027 Kindergarten enrolment interviews. Our future Kindergarten students have settled beautifully into the transition program and were very excited to attend an interview in the Principal's office. It is a joy to see our youngest learners growing in confidence as we continue building strong communities of belonging with families as our partners.

Congratulations to Seth Toomey, who was selected in the Diocesan Rugby Union team after a successful trial in Parkes last week.

Next Monday, Parent/Teacher Interviews for Years 2-6 will be held in the school hall. The booking portal on Compass is now open, and we encourage parents to make a booking to discuss their child's progress with their teacher.

This week we are holding our Spelling Bee finals. Congratulations to the students who have qualified. The winner of each final will represent our school at the Central Cluster Spelling Bee later in the year. We wish all finalists the very best as they listen carefully and do their best to spell the words they are presented with.

Tomorrow is National Sorry Day, a time for our school community to pause, remember and reflect on the impact of the Stolen Generations.

We warmly welcome Riley Denison, who is commencing in 5/6B at Holy Family today.

A reminder that our assembly will be held on Thursday in our hall at 2.45pm this week. All families are welcome to join us.

Please also note that next Monday is school photo day. Students are to be dressed in full winter uniform, including the green school jumper and tie.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Tully Cassidy is our Star of the Week for demonstrating our core values of Praise, Love and Trust. She is also very caring and attentive, always ready to lend a helping hand. Tully consistently tries her best in all areas of her school work.

Interview with Tully



What is your favourite subject?



Music

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

Draw in my sketch book

What is your favourite food?

Pasta

What do you like most about our school?

Everyone is friendly



I love running and also helping others

What would you like to be when you grow up ?

A teacher

Term 2 Week 5: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

Choose love—be kind, include everyone.

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

EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

On 5 June we will be having a **special Mass to celebrate the Feast of Marcellin Champagnat**, the founder of the Marist Brothers. Holy Family has close ties with the Marists and is one of the Marist Schools Australia member schools. At Holy Family the students are regularly reminded of the 5 core Marist Characteristics- Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work, and In the Way of Mary.

Presence- Being attentive and welcoming to others, being there for others

Simplicity- Doing good quietly

Family Spirit- Ensuring a nurturing environment

Love of Work- Hard work and diligence, being generous and persevering

In the Way of Mary- Be like Mary as a model of faith, humble, and dedicated to God

They are also reminded of the **Marian Virtues** (The Three Violets): Humility, simplicity, and modesty

Some students will receive **Champagnat Awards** after the Mass if they have been demonstrating the Marist characteristics and virtues mentioned above.



Upcoming Feast Days

May 24- OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS (Patroness of Australia)

May 31- THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost It honours the central dogma of the Trinity: one God in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

June 6- Marcellin Champagnat (Founder of the Marist Brothers)

June 7- THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Also known as Corpus Christi, a Catholic liturgical solemnity celebrating the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist).

Wilcannia-Forbes Diocesan Theme for 2026- Peace in our hearts. Peace in the World

"Let nothing perturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything." St. Teresa of Avila

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Join the ICAS 2026 Academic Competition.

The fun and inspiring challenge for bright young minds.

We're proud to offer ICAS 2026 to our students – a national competition that challenges their thinking, motivates them to excel, and celebrates their academic skills.

How ICAS helps our students succeed

- Develops critical thinking and problem solving through fun academic challenges
- Recognises academic achievement like we do in sport and the arts
- Provides insights that help educators and parents identify strengths and areas of growth.

Who can participate in ICAS?


ICAS offers a comprehensive suite of subjects for Year 2 to 12 students.

Dates and pricing

Each subject costs \$21.95 per student, except Writing which is \$25.95

 **Digital Technologies**
3 – 7 August

 **Science**
17 – 21 August

 **Writing**
3 – 7 August

 **Spelling Bee**
17 – 21 August

 **English**
10 – 14 August

 **Mathematics**
24 – 28 August



If your child is interested in taking part, speak with their teacher to find out how they can get involved.
[icasassessments.com](https://www.icasassessments.com)

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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026
27 MAY – 3 JUNE
FOR RECONCILIATION

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MAKE CHANGE

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25 YEARS OF RECONCILIATION AUSTRALIA

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)

NATHAN LYON IN PARKES

SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS TO AN AUSTRALIAN CRICKET LEGEND

WOODWARD OVAL
THURSDAY, JUNE 4
3:30PM - 7:30PM

REGISTER NOW

FREE PROGRAM

Join us for a Pentecost GTR

WITH SOFT HEARTS

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 the Holy Spirit gently works within us, softening hardened hearts and helping us remain open to hope, peace, love and connection.

"I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you."
Ezekiel 36:26

All Parents, Carers, Toddlers and Parishioners are welcome!



The Holy Family School Play and Grow Playgroup on this Friday from 10AM - 11AM. See you there!

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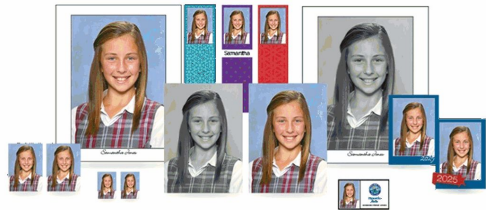
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HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL PARKES

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.

HELPERS NEEDED!

HOLY FAMILY Athletics CARNIVAL



JUNE 4TH

Northparkes Oval

THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE

If you are able to assist with timekeeping, field events, canteen or distributing morning tea please add you name via the Helpers Registration link below

[Helpers Registration](#)

YOUR GUIDE TO DRIVING AND PARKING SAFELY NEAR SCHOOLS

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

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

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

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 Action Club Public Speaking Competition 8pm	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) 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 National Walk Safely to School Day	23 / 24
May	6	25	26 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) National Sorry Day	27 Reconciliation Week (27/5-3/6) HFS Spelling Bee Year 2 - Year 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