



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 10 - 22nd June 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 10

Tuesday

GTR Meeting 8.40am
(RE Room)

Wednesday

Polding Cross Country
- Sydney

Friday

Assembly

NEXT WEEK

Monday

Polding Rugby Union -
Forbes

Tuesday

NAIDOC Day
Celebrations &
Activities

Friday

Last Day of Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Monday we held our Athletics Carnival on a glorious winter's day. Congratulations to all students for the way you participated, encouraged one another and showed outstanding sportsmanship.

A special congratulations to the 44 students who have qualified to represent our school at the Cluster Carnival in Trundle on 30/07/2026. Well done also to our champions, runner-up champions and record breakers, who are acknowledged later in this newsletter.

Thank you to our P&F for hosting the Term 2 Disco last week. It was terrific to see such a strong turnout, and the students certainly enjoyed "going back to the 80s" together.

Thank you to the families who joined us for our Family Mass at Holy Family Church yesterday. Congratulations to the students who participated so reverently—your authentic witness helped lead our prayer beautifully.

Good luck to the 11 students representing our Diocese at the Polding Cross Country Carnival in Sydney on Wednesday. We look forward to cheering you on via livestream.

Finally, a reminder that our final assembly for Term 2 will be held this Friday at 2:45 pm in the hall. All families are warmly welcome to join us.

Denise Gersbach

Principal



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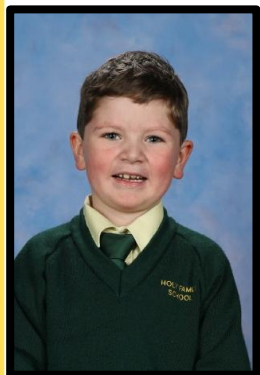
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★ Star of the Week ★

Star of the Week

Charlie Harmer is our Star of the Week for the wonderful way he contributes to our classroom each day. He is a thoughtful and respectful student who is always willing to help others. Charlie takes pride in his learning, remains focused during lessons, and approaches new challenges with confidence and enthusiasm.

Interview with Charlie



What is your favourite subject?



English

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

Play with dinosaur toys

What is your favourite food?

Chocolate

What do you like most about our school?

I get to play with my friends at lunchtime



Writing

What would you like to be when you grow up?

A zookeeper

Term 2 Week 10: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

Brighten someone's day with words that lift; accept their praise like a beautiful gift!

This fortnight's challenge is on- FIFA World Cup 2026 Quiz

1. Which sport is played at the FIFA World Cup?	A. Cricket B. Soccer C. Tennis D. Basketball
2. How often is the FIFA World Cup held?	A. Every year B. Every 2 years C. Every 4 years D. Every 10 years

3. Which three countries are hosting the 2026 FIFA World Cup?	A. Australia, New Zealand and Fiji B. England, Scotland and Wales C. United States, Canada and Mexico D. Brazil, Argentina and Chile
4. What is another name for soccer in many countries?	A. Rugby B. Football C. Hockey D. Netball
5. How many players from one team are usually on the field at a time?	A. 7 B. 9 C. 11 D. 13
6. Which player is allowed to use their hands during play?	A. Striker B. Defender C. Midfielder D. Goalkeeper
7. What colour card is shown for a serious foul?	A. Blue B. Green C. Red D. Purple
8. Which country has won the most FIFA World Cups?	A. Germany B. Italy C. Argentina D. Brazil
9. What shape is a traditional soccer ball mostly made from?	A. Squares and triangles B. Pentagons and hexagons C. Circles only D. Octagons only
10. What are Australia's national soccer teams commonly called?	A. Kangaroos and Wallabies B. Socceros and Matildas C. Boomers and Opals D. Sharks and Dolphins

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

TWELFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Thank you to all the children who participated in our Family Mass on Sunday, 21st June. The children did all the readings and the Offertory. They were all very reverent and respectful. It is their commendable participation that is a true example of working together in 'Praise, Love and Trust'. Thanks to all the parents who supported the school and Parish by taking their children to the Mass.

Thank you to all the families who have sent in donations for our Vinnies Winter Appeal. Your generosity is very much appreciated. We will present our donations to Vinnies at our next school Assembly on 26th June at 2:45pm. If anyone would like to donate towards the Vinnies Winter Appeal, please drop off your donations to the school office.

Our Footy Colours Mufti Day was a great success! We collected \$380 from our Mufti Day gold coin donations and sale of the Footy Colour Cupcakes. A big Thank you to Ms Robynne Casperson for making the cupcakes and Mrs Herring for donating some of the edible cupcake decorations. The money will be donated towards the Vinnies Winter Appeal.



Feast day of Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Sunday, 27th June
Patron Saint of Wilcannia Forbes Diocese

Upcoming Masses & Liturgies

***Tuesday, 30th June, NAIDOC Liturgy (AECG)**
2.30pm, at the Holy Family School Hall

Friday, 24th July, Grandparents' Day Mass (Stage 2)
12.15pm - at the Holy Family School Hall

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Holy Family is donating non-perishable food items and winter woolies such as scarves, gloves, socks and beanies.

VINNIES
WINTER
APPEAL

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Awareness and
Outreach

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



**Champion House - Currajong
Spirit Award - Phoenix**



Record Breakers

Age Champions

Jnr Girls Champion: Nazzarine Payne
Jnr Girls Runner-Up: Elsie Galvin
Jnr Boys Champion: Emrys Cassidy
Jnr Boys Runner-Up: Reed Wild

**11 Years Girls Champion: Allegra Cronin
& Tatum Staines**

**11 Years Girls Runner-Up: Matilda
McGrath**

11 Years Boys Champion: Jack Burt

11 Years Boys Runner-Up: Mason Wild

**Snr Girls Champion: Florence Crawley-
Watson & Piper Newham**

Snr Girls Runner-Up: Layla Al-Maliky

Snr Boys Champion: Arlo Cassidy

Snr Boys Runner-Up: Nate Calabro

8yr Girls 100m	Iris Burt	17.40
Jnr Boys 200m	Emrys Cassidy	31.06
Snr Boys 200m	Arlo Cassidy	27.96
Jnr Girls 800m	Nazzarine Payne	2:47.84
Jnr Boys 800m	Emtys Cassidy	2:42.35
Snr Boys 800m	Nate Calabro	2:37.84
Jnr Girls 1500m	Nazarene Payne	5:49.06
Jnr Boys 1500m	Emrys Cassidy	5:23.28
11yr Girls 1500m	Allegra Cronin	6:27.41
Snr Boys 1500m	Arlo Cassidy & Nate Calabro	5:34.75



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)

Register Here → <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/UEI950>



Janison.



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Phyllis
Year 4

NAIDOC DAY 2026

Tuesday 30th June



**NAIDOC
WEEK**
**50 YEARS
DEADLY**
5-12 JULY 2026

Paralpi by Zaachariaha Fielding

Paralpi extends Zaachariaha's acclaimed *Inma* series and reflects a deeply cultural and immersive narrative grounded in Country. The artwork depicts the sounds of *Paralpi*, a significant place just outside Mimili on the eastern APY Lands in South Australia. As Zaachariaha describes, *Paralpi* is a place where people come to embrace and celebrate children, where they are taught by Elders to move and mimic their Clan emblem – for Mimili, this being the maku (witchetty grub).

#NAIDOC2026

#FIFTYYEARSDEADLY

#NAIDOCWEEK

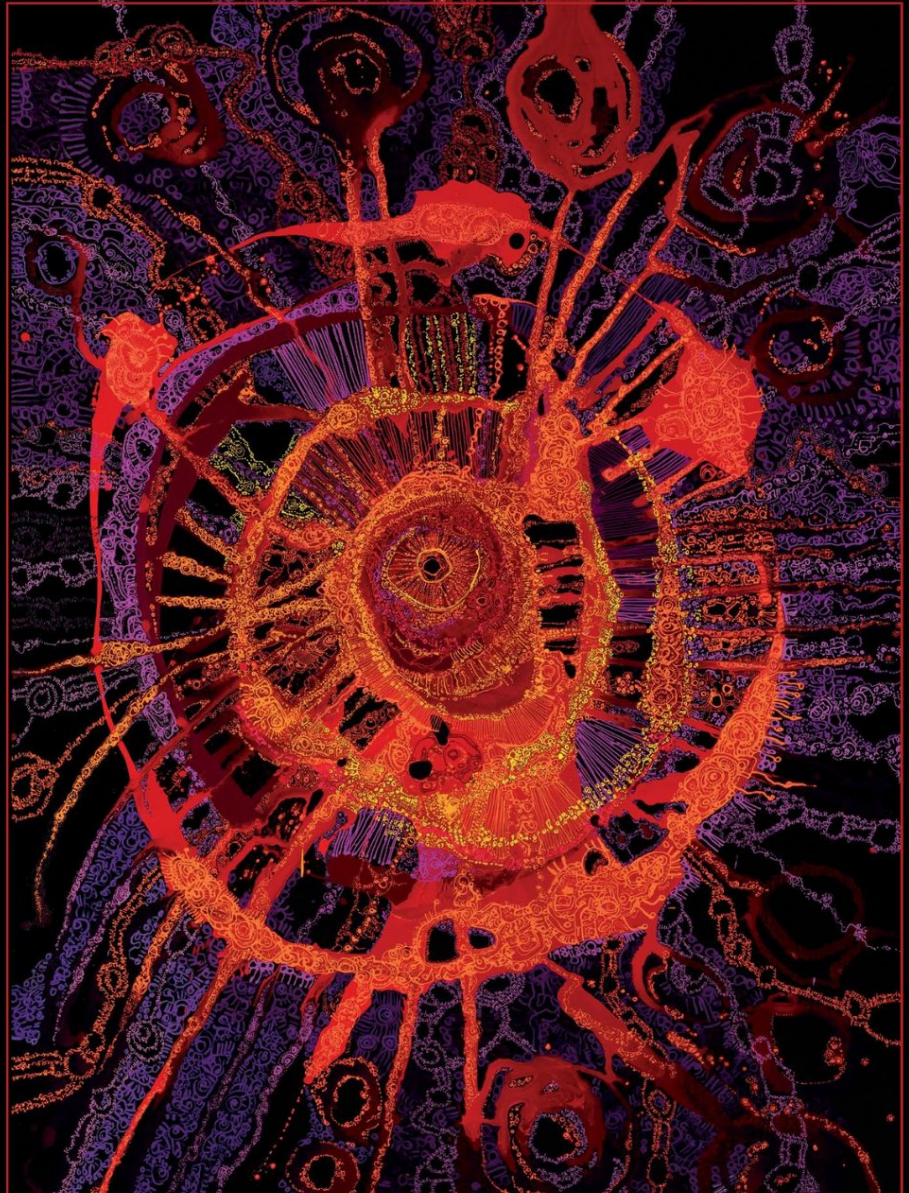
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Aboriginal Flag designed by Mr Harold Thomas.
Torres Strait Islander Flag reproduced by kind permission of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, designed by the late Mr Bernard Namok.



**Students are to wear Sports Uniform.
A sausage sandwich will be provided for
students on the day.**

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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

CCSP 2026
PARENT
CONFERENCES

SYDNEY

MORE SUPPORTING FAMILIES



TICKETS
\$30
PER
PERSON

WORKING TOGETHER IN A MODERN WORLD



A conference for parents and carers of children in NSW Catholic schools

FIND OUT ABOUT THESE HOT TOPICS:

- Partnering with your school
- Setting boundaries and managing children's behaviour
- Managing anxiety and resilience
- Respectful relationships
- Artificial intelligence in education
- Celebrating family values

You're Invited!

Join us for a value-packed day of listening and learning, connecting and collaborating, eating and relaxing, with expert presenters including Daniel Principe and Genevieve Muir

**Supporting you to parent bravely
in a modern world**

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Saturday 22 August 2026

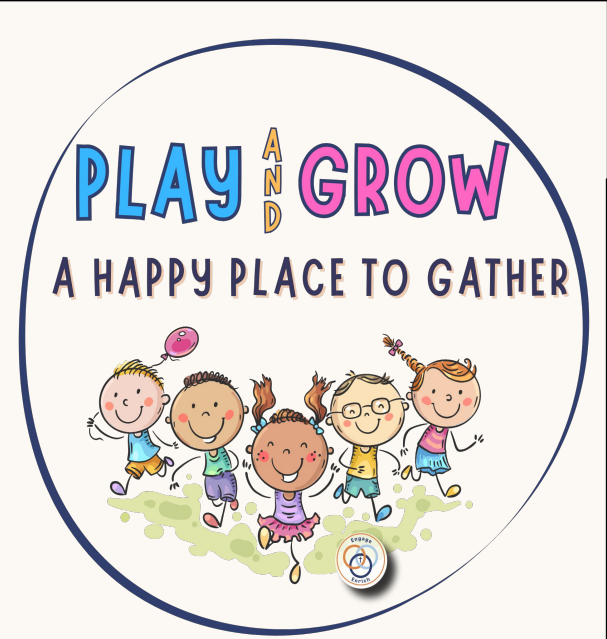
9am – 3.30pm

**Rydges World Square Hotel
389 Pitt Street Sydney**



Register now

<https://ccsp Sydney conference 2026.eventbrite.com.au>



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

Notes

School Holiday Activities

JULY 2026

BOOKINGS OPEN NOW!

Bookings via Humanitix.
School aged children only.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL PARKES

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM

KICKSTART YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING JOURNEY!

Our 2027 Transition Program begins in Term 1 and runs from **17 March 2027** to **8 December 2027** for children commencing Kindergarten in 2028.

- 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.

Attendance in Terms 3 and 4 is limited to students enrolled for 2028 Kindergarten at HFS.

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Stargazing with Murriyang

Join CWAS at CSIRO's Parkes Observatory Visitors Centre for a night observing the stars.

Tuesday, 30th June 2026 & Wednesday, 8th July 2026

5:30pm to 8pm

No booking required for this free event. BBQ available and cost applies – cash ONLY

This is a family winter event, so please rug up! If the weather is cloudy or stormy please call to confirm – (02) 6861 1777.

Disconnect to protect our science When approaching the observatory please turn off all mobile, WiFi and Bluetooth technology to help protect our telescope.

Australia's National Science Agency



All Parents, Carers, Toddlers and Parishioners are welcome to join us for this week's GTR...

**Put Your Hand Up
If You Know The
Answer!**

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

Gather - Together - Reflect

**This week's GTR reminds us that when life leaves us
with questions, the one who truly has the answers we
need is God.**

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.



Psalm 147:5:36:26

Notes

School Holiday Activities

PARKES SHIRE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTRE

TUES 07 JULY
BUTTON MOSAICS

\$2, 10:30AM - 12:00PM, YEARS K - 2

WED 08 JULY
HOLIDAY FLICKS (PG)

FREE, 10:30AM - 12:00PM, YEARS K - 6

THURS 09 JULY
SCREEN PRINTING

\$10, 10:00AM - 11:30AM, YEARS 3 - 6

THUS 09 JULY
SCREEN PRINTING

\$10, 12:30PM - 2:00PM, YEARS 7 - 12

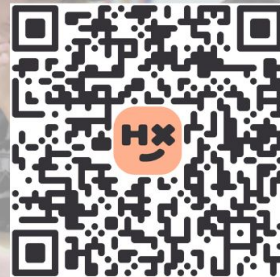
MON 13 JULY
K-POP LOCK-IN

\$5, 5:30PM - 7:00PM, YEARS 5 - 8

TUES 14 JULY
FINGERPRINT FUN

\$2, 10:30AM - 12:00PM, YEARS 3 - 6

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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 - Fri)
Apr/May	2	27 ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)	28 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room)	29 Athletics - High Jump Event	30 Healthy Harold	1 Folding 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 - 8pm 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 Folding Girls Rugby 7's Dads in School (Kindergarten) National Walk Safety 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 10C) CWA Primary Public Speaking Competition - Parkes	20	21	22 National Walk Safety 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)	3 P&F Meeting - 8pm	4	5 Feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat (Stage 3) Whole School Mass - 9:45am (Hall)	6 / 7
Jun	8	8 King's Birthday (Fri)	9 Pupil Free Day	10	11 Bright Future STEM Program - Year 5/6 - School Hall Kindergarten Library Visit 12pm - 1pm	12 Folding Touch (Park Macquarie) Assembly - 2.45pm	13 / 14
Jun	9	15 Athletics Carnival	16 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room)	17 Mini Winnies Fundraiser - Foaty Jumpers	18 School Disco - 8.00pm	19	20 / 21 Sun 21/6 Family Mass 9:30am
Jun	10	22	23 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room)	24 Folding Cross Country (Sydney)	25	26 Assembly - 2.45pm	27 / 28 Folding CSP Rugby (Sydney) 28th
Jun/Jul	11	29 Folding Rugby Union (Parkes)	30 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) NAIDOC Day Celebrations and Activities NAIDOC Liturgy 2.30pm AECG	1 P&F Meeting - 8pm	2	3 Last Day of Term 2	4 / 5

Term 3 - Parent Calendar

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Jul	1	20 First Day - Term 3 (Staff and Students)	21	22 NSW PSSA Cross Country	23	24 Grandparents' Day Mass Stage 2 12.15pm - Hall	25 / 26 Sts Joseph & Arina (26/7)
Jul/Aug	2	27	28	29	30 Central Cluster Athletics (Hurdles)	31 Assembly - 2.45pm	1 / 2
Aug	3	3 Todd Woodbridge Cup - Stage 2 (Forbes)	4 ICAS Digital Technologies (TBC)	5 ICAS Writing (TBC)	6	7 Mary Mackillop Liturgy Stage 1 12.30pm - Hall	8 / 9 St Mary of the Cross Mackillop (8/8)
Aug	4	10 ICAS English (TBC)	11	12	13 WF Diocesan Athletics (Parkes)	14 Year 3-6 Touch Football Development Sessions	15 / 16 Assumpti n of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug	5	17 Bullying No Way: National Week of Action (17-21 Aug) Folding Golf (Stackshead) ICAS Science (TBC)	18 AECG Meeting - Junior and Senior (venue TBC)	19 ICAS Spelling Bee	20	21 Assembly - 2.45pm	22 / 23 Book Week (22-28 Aug) Sun 23/8 Family Mass 5.00pm - Chapel
Aug	6	24 ICAS Mathematics Holy Family's Got Talent - Auditions	25 Holy Family's Got Talent - Auditions	26 Holy Family's Got Talent - Auditions	27	28 Lois Jones/Rex Smith Interscholar Hockey Assembly - 2.45pm Confirmation - 6.00pm Holy Family Church	29 / 30
Aug/Sep	7	31 Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week (31/8-4/9)	1 1/2 Day Public Holiday - Parkes Show	2	3	4 Father's Day Liturgy Stage 2 12.30pm HFS Hall Father's Day Breakfast (8am)	5 / 6
Sep	8	7 Indigenous Literacy Day	8 Assembly - 2.45pm	9 Holy Family's Got Talent - Grand Final	10	11 Folding Athletics (Clendale)	12 / 13
Sep	9	14	15	16 Holy Family - Times Table Challenge Final - 11.30am	17 School Disco - 6.00pm	18 St Vincent de Paul Liturgy 10.15am Multi Mission Day Stalls	19 / 20
Sep	10	21 Assembly - 2.45pm	22	23 Last Day of Term 3 - Students	24 Pupil Free Day	25 Pupil Free Day Last Day Of Term 3 - Staff	26 / 27