



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 11 - 29th June 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 11

Monday

**Polding Rugby Union
- Forbes**

Tuesday

Cancelled - GTR

**NAIDOC Day
Celebrations &
Activities**

**NAIDOC Liturgy
2.30pm**

Wednesday

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

Friday

Last Day of Term



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the final week of Term 2, I would like to congratulate all staff and students on what has been a very successful term. Thank you for the way you have embraced learning and helped strengthen our communities of belonging through kindness, effort and respect.

Last week, Mr Berger organised our Soccer World Cup event, with students from Year 2 to Year 6 competing. It was a fantastic two days, and it was wonderful to see such strong sportsmanship, teamwork and enthusiasm across all teams. Congratulations to our eventual winners – Brazil.

A huge congratulations to our cross country superstars who were named in the Polding team last week after outstanding performances at the Polding Cross Country in Sydney. Emrys Cassidy and Nazzarine Payne were gold medallists in their events, with Nate Calabro gaining 5th place in his event. All three students have now qualified to represent Polding at the NSWPSA Carnival next term. We are very proud of you.

Good luck to Seth Toomey, who is representing the Diocese at the Polding Rugby Union trials in Forbes today. We wish you all the very best.

Tomorrow we will be celebrating NAIDOC Day. Students will participate in a wide variety of learning activities, culminating with a liturgy in the afternoon. We are looking forward to what will be a wonderful day of culture, learning and gratitude. Thank you to Mrs Payne, Mrs Herring and Mrs Cusack for their hard work in preparing for this special day.

I will be on long service leave for the first three weeks of Term 3. During this time, Mr Berger will be Acting Principal. I know the school will be in very capable hands.

Finally, I would like to wish all families a restful and safe two-week winter break. We look forward to seeing all students return refreshed and ready for learning in Term 3.

Denise Gersbach

Principal



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★ Star of the Week ★

Jack Burt is our Star of the Week for the wonderful way he brings positive energy to our classroom each day. As a thoughtful and considerate student, he is always ready to lend a helping hand to his peers. He takes great pride in his schoolwork, stays actively engaged during lessons, and embraces new challenges with assurance and excitement. He constantly strives to grow and improve.

Interview with Jack



What is your favourite subject?



Art

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

Play footy

What is your favourite food?

Butter chicken

What do you like most about our school?

I have a lot of friends here



Sport & mathematics

What would you like to be when you grow up ?

A builder

Term 2 Week 11: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - LOVE)

Give others our full attention when they speak.

This fortnight's challenge is on- World Cup Soccer Legends Quiz

<p>1. Which Brazilian legend won an incredible three World Cups and is often called the "King of Football"?</p>	<p>A) Neymar B) Pelé C) Ronaldo Nazário D) Ronaldinho</p>
<p>2. Which Argentine superstar famously led his country to victory at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar?</p>	<p>A) Diego Maradona B) Sergio Agüero C) Lionel Messi D) Angel Di Maria</p>

3. Cristiano Ronaldo is one of the highest goalscorers in football history. What national team does he play for?	A) Spain B) Brazil C) Italy D) Portugal
4. Who holds the record for scoring the most total goals in World Cup history with 16 goals?	A) Miroslav Klose (Germany) B) Kylian Mbappé (France) C) Pelé (Brazil) D) Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal)
5. Which young French forward scored a stunning hat-trick in the thrilling 2022 World Cup Final?	A) Zinedine Zidane B) Antoine Griezmann C) Kylian Mbappé D) Karim Benzema
6. Diego Maradona scored a famous, controversial goal with his hand in the 1986 World Cup. What did he call it?	A) The Golden Touch B) The Hand of God C) The Miracle Strike D) The Flying Hand
7. With 5 tournament victories, which country has won the most FIFA World Cups in history?	A) Germany B) Argentina C) Italy D) Brazil
8. Which famous English player was known for his amazing cross-passes, free-kicks, and played in the 1998, 2002, and 2006 World Cups?	A) David Beckham B) Harry Kane C) Wayne Rooney D) Steven Gerrard
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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

THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

On Friday, 25th June some of the St Vincent de Paul members were presented with the donations of food items and money donated by our generous school community. Paula Sutherland, president of the St Vincent de Paul Parkes Conference, Kelly Morgan, Regional Director and Jess Easthope, Youth Engagement Officer, accepted our donation towards the 2026 Vinnies Winter Appeal and thanked the Holy Family community for their thoughtfulness and generosity. Our Mini Vinnies students received a card from Jess Easthope as a token of appreciation.



Upcoming Masses & Liturgies

***Tuesday, 30th June, NAIDOC Liturgy (AECG)
2.30pm, Holy Family School Hall
All are invited to attend.**

**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



Assembly Awards

Week 10

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJ	Ellie Wykes
	KC	Gisele Jasmine
	1C	Noah Al-Maliky
	2CR	Evie Byrnes
	3N	Michal(Mimi) Sibanda
	4WR	Sophie Ross
	5/6B	Archie McIntyre
	5/6HW	William O'Bryan
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - KJ	Arian Dhakal
	Primary - 3N	Abraham Al-Maliky
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - 2CR	Iris Burt
	Primary - 5/6HW	Aava Dhakal
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - KC	Brighton Crisp
	Primary - 4WR	Risika De Silva
Leadership Award	Infants - 1C	Jack McCabe
	Infants - 1C	Millie McIntyre
	Primary - 5/6B	Nazzarine Payne
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - KJ	Harley Gibbons
	Primary - 3N	Reuben Cook

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

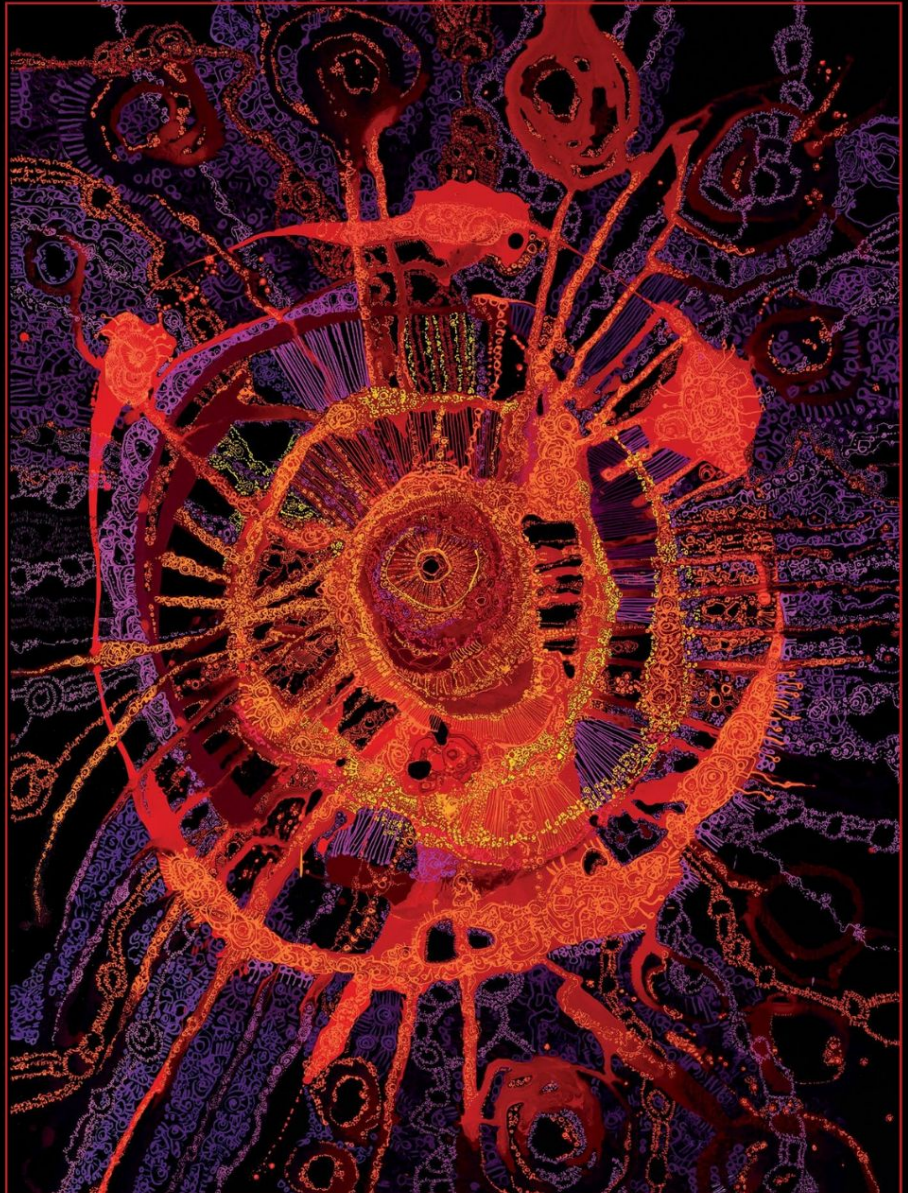
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Aboriginal Flag designed by Mr Harold Thomas.
Torres Strait Islander Flag reproduced by kind permission of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, designed by the late Mr Bernard Namok.



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

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

Notes



Save the Date

HOLY FAMILY'S GOT TALENT

Auditions
TERM 3 WEEK 6

Finals
TERM 3 WEEK 8

Show us what you've got and grab your chance to shine on stage!

DETAILS COMING SOON



Marist Champagnat Award

Congratulations to Joey Hazelton on receiving his Marist Champagnat Award at our school assembly on Friday 26 June.

Marist Champagnat Awards are presented to students who display the Marist qualities of: doing good quietly; love of work; being faithful like Mary was to Jesus; family spirit; simplicity; humility; modesty; and generosity.



School Holiday Activities

JULY 2026

BOOKINGS OPEN NOW!

Bookings via Humanitix.
School aged children only.





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

Notes

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

PLEASE DONATE!

**PLEASE SEND YOUR
DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL
OFFICE. THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY.**

“At the beginning, I didn’t even have a sleeping bag,” he said. “All I had was a suitcase and shoulder bag that I used as a pillow at nighttime. I couldn’t believe how quickly it happened.”

David reached out to Vinnies, where he received the immediate and long-term support he urgently needed, thanks to generous people like you.

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term, that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

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



Family Connect and Support helps children, young people and families in NSW with:

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- Financial Stress
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- Domestic and Family Violence
- And more

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We'll give you information and advice and help you connect to the services in your area so you don't have to retell your story. We stay connected with you until you're matched with the right services or support. We welcome families from all cultures and backgrounds, lands and communities.

Contact us to find out more

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WEEK 1

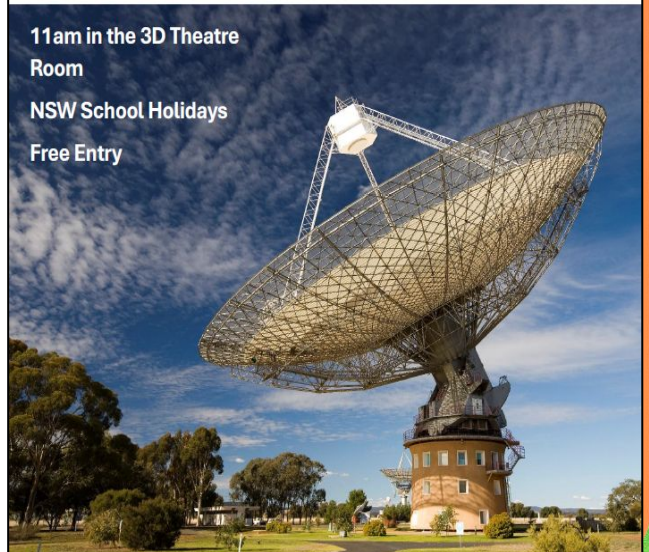
Tuesday 7th July at 11am
Thursday 9th July at 11am

Astronomy talks
at the DISH these
school holidays!

WEEK 2

Tuesday 14th July at 11am
Thursday 16th July at 11am

11am in the 3D Theatre
Room
NSW School Holidays
Free Entry



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**

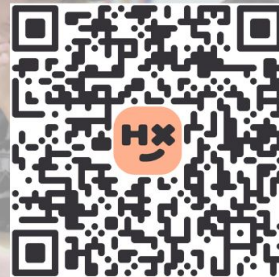
**\$5, 5:30PM - 7:00PM,
YEARS 5 - 8**

TUES 14 JULY

**FINGERPRINT
FUN**

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

**Bookings via Humanitix.
School aged children only.**



CCSP 2026
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CONFERENCES

SYDNEY

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TICKETS
\$30
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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

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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

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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

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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 Joachim & Anne (26/7)
Jul/Aug	2	27	28	29	30 Central Cluster Athletics (Trundle)	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 Assumptio n of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug	5	17 Bullying No Way: National Week of Action (17-21 Aug) Polding Golf (Blackheath) 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 <i>Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week</i> (31/8-4/9)	1 ½ 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 <i>Indigenous Literacy Day</i>	8 Assembly - 2.45pm	9 Holy Family's Got Talent - Grand Final	10	11 Polding Athletics (Glendale)	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 Mufti 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