



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 7 - 1st June 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 7

Monday

School Photo Day
Parent/Teacher
Interviews - Year 2-6
(Hall)

Tuesday

GTR Meeting 8.40am
(RE Room)

Kindergarten Library
Visit

Wednesday

P&F Meeting 6pm
(Coachman)

Thursday

Athletics Carnival

Friday

Feast of St Marcellin
Champagnat 9.45am
(Stage3) Whole School
Mass (Hall)

NEXT WEEK

Monday

King's Birthday
Holiday - No School

Tuesday

Pupil Free Day (No
School)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is School Photo Day. Individual, class and family photos will be taken throughout the day. Parents can expect photos to be returned early next term.

This evening we will hold our Parent/Teacher Interviews in the school hall. Our teachers are looking forward to touching base with families and sharing important information about your child's learning, progress and next steps.

Congratulations to all the brilliant spellers who took part in our Spelling Bee last week. The winners from each year group will go on to represent Holy Family at the Central Cluster Spelling Bee in Narromine later this year.

Tomorrow our Kindergarten students will enjoy a visit to the town library. This mini excursion supports a love of stories, language and learning, and the students are very excited.

Our Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Thursday (weather permitting). Students are to wear full sports uniform and be prompt to school. Years 2-6 will walk to the oval at 9.00am, with Years 1-2 joining us at recess. A reminder to please place canteen lunch orders in advance.

On Friday, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat with a special Mass in our hall at 9.45am. Parents and friends are warmly welcome to join us for this beautiful celebration of faith and service.

Finally, a reminder that next Monday is a public holiday, and Tuesday 9 June is a pupil free day. Enjoy the extended long weekend, and may it be a time of rest and renewed connection for your family.

Denise Gersbach

Principal



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★ Star of the Week ★

Isla Duong is our Star of the Week for demonstrating our core values of Praise, Love and Trust. She is a friendly student who is always cooperative, follows instructions carefully, and shows respect to others.

Interview with Isla.



What is your favourite subject?



Mathematics

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

Play on my iPad

What is your favourite food?

Sushi

What do you like most about our school?

The canteen



I'm smart

What would you like to be when you grow up ?

A doctor

Term 2 Week 7: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

Trust is earned—be honest and dependable.

This fortnight's challenge is on- Mathematical language

1. What does a "pair" mean?	A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4
2. What does a "trio" mean?	A. 2 B. 3 C. 4 D. 5

3. What does a “quartet” mean?	A. 3 B. 4 C. 5 D. 6
4. What does a “baker’s dozen” mean?	A. 12 B. 13 C. 14 D. 15
5. What does a “score” mean?	A. 10 B. 15 C. 20 D. 100
6. What does a “gross” mean?	A. 120 B. 132 C. 144 D. 100
7. What does a “century” mean?	A. 50 B. 100 C. 500 D. 1000
8. What does a “fortnight” mean?	A. 7 days B. 10 days C. 14 days D. 21 days
9. What does a “brace” mean?	A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4
10. What does a “quintet” mean?	A. 4 B. 5 C. 6 D. 7

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

NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

On Friday, 5th June, our school community will be celebrating the Feast of Marcellin Champagnat. Stage 3 will be preparing and organising the Mass and have begun practising. This is a special occasion as Holy Family is a Marist school. The Marist schools were founded by Saint Marcellin Champagnat in 1817 in La Valla, France. We invite all parents and carers to join us for the Mass. Some students from each class will be receiving Champagnat Awards for displaying Marist Characteristics.



You're Invited!



SAINT MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT MASS
FOLLOWED BY CHAMPAGNAT AWARDS
FRIDAY 5 JUNE, 9:45AM
HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HALL
ALL ARE WELCOME!



"To teach children you must first love them, and love them all equally." Saint Marcellin Champagnat

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger



Simplicity
Humility
Modesty



Saint Marcellin Champagnat
MARIST CORE CHARACTERISTICS

Presence:
Caring for others personally by being attentive, welcoming, and building trusting relationships.

Simplicity:
Being genuine and straightforward, acting without pretense, and doing good quietly

Love of Work:
Emphasizing diligence, perseverance, and being ready to "roll up our sleeves" to meet the needs of others.

Family Spirit:
Fostering community, acceptance, and a sense of belonging, treating everyone as members of a loving family.

In the Way of Mary:
Emulating the faith, compassion, and humility of Mary, acting as the perfect model for educators and students alike.

*View the video-

[2026 Marist National Theme-Full of Grace](#)

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

VINNIES

WINTER APPEAL

PLEASE DONATE!

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

Awareness and Outreach

"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.



Assembly Awards

Term 2- Week 6

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJ	Elsie Cowling
	KC	Jedda Stevenson
	1C	Isla Duong
	2CR	Rusty Gibbons
	3N	Georgie Harris
	4WR	Arshi Jodder
	5/6B	Ruby Smith
	5/6HW	Sydney Tarry
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 2CR	Peyton Clark
	Primary - 5/6HW	Sophie Wood
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - KJ	Elliana Ringk
	Primary - 3N	Evie Clarke
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - 1C	Abigail Smee
	Infants - 1C	Cooper Culhane
	Primary - 5/6B	Hunter Wythes
Leadership Award	Infants - KC	Callie Hartwig
	Primary - 4WR	Amelia Gersbach
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - 2CR	Cohen Calabro
	Primary - 5/6HW	Mia Townsend

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

Gather

Gather • Together • Reflect

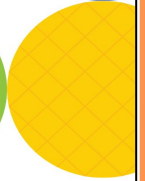
Please join us in the Holy Family School Religion Room at 8.40am on Tuesday the 2nd Of June, as we Gather Together and Reflect.

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



HELPERS NEEDED!

HOLY FAMILY Athletics CARNIVAL



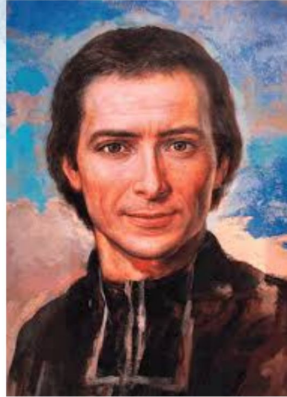
THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE

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

[Helpers Registration](#)



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Notes

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

MINI VINNIES

FOOTY JUMPER
FUNDRAISER



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH

WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE FOOTY JUMPER TO
SCHOOL AND DONATE A GOLD COIN FOR
THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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PLAY AND GROW

A HAPPY PLACE TO GATHER



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

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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KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN AND OUT OF THE CAR

A child who is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a crash than one who is not.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

National child restraint laws require your child to be restrained in the car as follows:

- 0 – 6 months Approved rear-facing child car seat.
- 6 months – 4 years Approved rear or forward-facing child car seat.
- 4+ years Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.
- 145cm or taller Suggested minimum height to use adult lap-sash belt.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safe in and out of the car:

- Children should remain in the car until an adult opens the 'Safety Door'. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.
- A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while in the car.
- Assist your children to buckle up – always check the seatbelt is buckled up firmly and not twisted.
- Make it a rule that every passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.
- Always help your child get in and out of the car through the 'Safety Door'.

Never leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. Children may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and organ failure if left unattended, especially on hot days.

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) <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 National Walk Safely to School Day	23 / 24
May	6	25	26 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) <i>National Sorry Day</i>	27 <i>Reconciliation Week (27/5-3/6)</i> 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	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 NAIDOC Liturgy 2.30pm AECG	1 P&F Meeting - 6pm	2	3 Last Day of Term 2	4 / 5