



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 1 - 19 July 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 1

Tuesday

**GTR Meeting
Cancelled**

Wednesday

**NSWPSSA Cross
Country (Sydney)**

Friday

**Grandparents' Day
Mass Stage 2
12.15pm - Hall**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope all our families enjoyed a restful and refreshing holiday break. It has been wonderful to see our students return with smiling faces, eager to reconnect with friends and embrace the exciting learning opportunities that await them this term.

Congratulations to our Year 1 teacher, Laura Cook, who was married during the school holidays. On behalf of the Holy Family community, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Laura and her husband as they begin this exciting new chapter together.

We warmly welcome our new student Mackenzie Collins, who commenced at Holy Family School today.

This Friday, 24th July, we look forward to celebrating Grandparents' Day with a special Mass. Grandparents play such an important role in the lives of our children, sharing their love, wisdom and faith. We warmly invite all grandparents and special visitors to join us as we give thanks for the invaluable contribution they make to our families and school community.

Next week, our Year 5 and Year 6 students will participate in an Inclusion Awareness Education Program on Monday and Tuesday. This valuable program encourages students to develop empathy, understanding and respect for others while promoting the importance of inclusion within our school and wider community.

We wish Nate Calabro, Nazzarine Payne and Emrys Cassidy every success as they travel to Sydney to represent Holy Family at the NSWPSSA Cross Country Championships on Wednesday, 22nd July. Qualifying for this prestigious event is a remarkable achievement and reflects their dedication, perseverance and commitment to their training. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and know they will represent our school with pride, determination and outstanding sportsmanship. Good luck, Nate, Nazzarine and Emrys!

Excitement is continuing to build as students prepare for Holy Family's Got Talent this term. We are looking forward to seeing the amazing talents, creativity and confidence of our students as they rehearse for this much-anticipated event.

A reminder that students in Years 3 to 6 will once again be participating in our Times Tables Challenge this term. Students who demonstrate outstanding recall and accuracy will have the opportunity to represent Holy Family at the Inter-School Times Tables Challenge against other schools across our Diocese. Regular practice at home can make a significant difference, so we encourage families to spend a few minutes each day helping children build their confidence, fluency and recall of multiplication facts.

We look forward to another wonderful term of learning, faith and community, filled with opportunities for our students to grow, achieve and shine.

Andrew Berger

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Holy Family Parish School Parkes

Term 3 Week 1: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

Build trust through honesty, respect and kindness.

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

1. Which Brazilian legend won an incredible three World Cups and is often called the "King of Football"?	A) Neymar B) Pelé C) Ronaldo Nazário D) Ronaldinho
2. Which Argentine superstar famously led his country to victory at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar?	A) Diego Maradona B) Sergio Agüero C) Lionel Messi D) Angel Di Maria
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 goals in World Cup history?	A) Miroslav Klose (Germany) B) Kylian Mbappé (France) C) Pelé (Brazil) D) Lionel Messi (Argentina)
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

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

SIXTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A

Welcome to Term 3! We have many important liturgies and Masses in Term 3, beginning with a very special one, our **Grandparents' Day Mass**, on Friday, 24th July, 12:15pm at the HFS Hall. We welcome all to our Mass, especially all the grandparents in our community. The Stage 2 students and staff are organising the Mass and have already been preparing to make it a very special celebration. At Holy Family School, our Grandparents' Day Mass and celebrations are linked to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (Mary's parents).



***Sacrament of CONFIRMATION**

Friday, 28th August, 6pm, Holy Family Parish Church

All Catholic students in Year 6 are invited to make the Sacrament of Confirmation. **An enrolment form will be sent to the families of all Catholic students to confirm that their child will be making their Confirmation.** There will also be an Information Session closer to the day.

****Some important information to keep in mind-***

A Confirmation Candidate will need a Sponsor. *A Confirmation sponsor is a spiritual mentor who supports and guides a candidate through their faith journey. To serve as a sponsor in the Catholic Church, you must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic at least 16 years old, and cannot be the candidate's parent. The Sponsor's name will need to be filled in the enrolment form.*

A Confirmation Candidate will need to have a Confirmation name (a Saint's name). *Ideally, a confirmation name should be the name of a saint whom you know something about, or who inspires you, or whose virtues you want to imitate. It is the name of a saint who will accompany you through life. It is a reminder of the day of your Confirmation.*

Upcoming Masses & Liturgies

Friday, 24th July, Grandparents' Day Mass (Stage 2), 12.15pm – at the HFS Hall

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)



Phyllis
Year 4

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VOLUNTEERS Needed!

DIO ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

HELP OUT IN THE

CANTEEN

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST

7:00AM - 2:00PM
Any time you can give – even just an hour makes a big difference! ♥

VENUE: NORTH PARKES OVAL

YOUR HELP SUPPORTS OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY! ♥

PLEASE VOLUNTEER & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
Sign up at the school office or contact the P&F Association.
Thank you for your support! ♥



STUDENTS ON VISA

For our families from overseas, it is important that the school has details of your current residency status.

Please provide us with your new visa grant notice or Australian citizenship documents, if:

- there has been any change in your visa sub class or the expiry date, or
- if you previously had a visa but have now become an Australian citizen



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

Notes

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

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.



Holy Family's Got Talent

2026

Get ready to shine! 🎤✨ Our school's Talent Quest is calling ALL students to unleash their awesomeness on stage! Whether you're a solo sensation or want to team up with your crew (maximum of 6), this is your chance to get in and have a go! 🎉 Think singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, cracking jokes, performing magic, doing a science experiment, reciting poetry, or anything else that shows off your unique flair!

Grab your audition form and get it back to school by Monday, 3rd August – no late entries, so don't miss out! Pop a \$3.00 entry fee in with your form, and you're good to go! When filling out your audition form, don't forget to give your act a name.

Bring your own props, costumes, instruments, or whatever makes your act pop! 🤖 No need to stress about music - download it at school, and we've got the sound system and mics ready to amplify your talent! Parents, just give a quick check to make sure song choices and lyrics are kid-friendly, please! 😊

Auditions are set to rock Week 6, Monday, August 24th, Tuesday, August 25th, and Wednesday, August 26th. We'll let you know your performance slot ahead of time. The best acts from Infants and Primary will score a spot in the epic Grand Final Concert on Wednesday, September 9th in Week 8!

Let's make this Talent Quest the most unforgettable show yet—grab your form and let's see what you've got! 🚀

Holy Family's Got Talent 2026

Holy Family's Got Talent Audition Form

Name/s:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Name of Act:

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Description of Act/Music to be used:

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Entry Fee to participate: \$3.00 each

Please place your money and entry form in an envelope and return to school by
Monday 3rd August

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 Confirmation Parent Information Session 5pm (RE Room)	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 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