



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 2 - 27 July 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 2
Tuesday

GTR Meeting 8.40am
(Re Room)

Art Excursion Stage 2
(Dubbo)

Thursday

Central Cluster
Athletics (Trundle)

Friday

Play and Grow
Playgroup 10am -
11am (Library)

Assembly 2.45pm
(Hall)



Dear Parents & Carers,

Congratulations to our Stage 2 teachers and students on preparing and leading a beautiful Grandparents Day Mass. The students read the Scripture readings with confidence, responded reverently throughout the celebration and demonstrated great respect, helping to create a meaningful and prayerful liturgy for our school community. We were delighted to welcome so many grandparents to join us and we would like to thank everyone who attended. We also hope that all grandparents enjoyed a very special Grandparents Day on Sunday, surrounded by the love of their families.

Congratulations also to Nazzarine Payne, Nate Calabro and Emrys Cassidy on their outstanding efforts at the NSW PSSA Cross Country Championships. Representing Holy Family and Wilcannia Forbes Diocese at this level is a wonderful achievement, and we are incredibly proud of the determination, perseverance and sportsmanship they displayed.

We wish our Stage 2 students and staff a fantastic day as they travel to Dubbo on Tuesday for their Creative Arts excursion. We know it will be an exciting opportunity to explore and appreciate the arts while learning together beyond the classroom.

Good luck also to the large group of students representing Holy Family at the Central Cluster Athletics Carnival on Thursday 30th July. We know you will compete with determination, encouragement and great sportsmanship. We also wish our Stage 2 Todd Woodbridge Cup participants every success as they take to the courts on Monday 3rd August. We are proud of the way all of our students embrace opportunities to challenge themselves and represent our school with pride.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Payne, Mrs Herring and Mrs Cusack for coordinating a wonderful NAIDOC Week celebration in Week 11 of last term. Through a range of engaging and meaningful activities, our students deepened their understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and achievements. Their efforts helped create a memorable and enriching experience for our entire school community.

Andrew Berger

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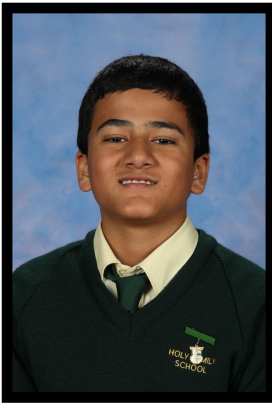
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Holy Family Parish School Parkes

★ Star of the Week ★

Prince Karki is our Star of the Week for being a kind and generous member of our school who is always willing to learn and try his best. He is a focused and well-behaved student who approaches his work with care and dedication. He takes pride in his appearance, arriving each day neatly dressed and ready to learn. His positive attitude and respectful manner make him a wonderful role model for others. Congratulations Prince!

Interview with Prince



What is your favourite subject?



Mathematics

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

Play soccer

What is your favourite food?

Pizza

What do you like most about our school?

The teachers



Soccer and gaming

What would you like to be when you grow up ?

A doctor

Term 3 Week 2: 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

SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A

What a beautiful **Grandparents' Day Mass** we celebrated last Friday! A big THANK YOU to the staff of Stage 2 for organising the Mass and the students for participating with such reverence when they did the readings, offertory and responses. A special mention goes out to all our school students for their respect and reverence during the Mass and also for their beautiful singing. It is always wonderful to have Fr Barry celebrate the Mass for us.

***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 has been sent to the families of all Catholic students to confirm that their child will be making their Confirmation. Please return the filled Enrolment Form by Monday, 3rd August, 2026.

***Sacrament of CONFIRMATION Information Session-** There will also be an Information Session on the 20th of August, 5pm, in the school RE Room for the parents of the children making their Confirmation.

****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.

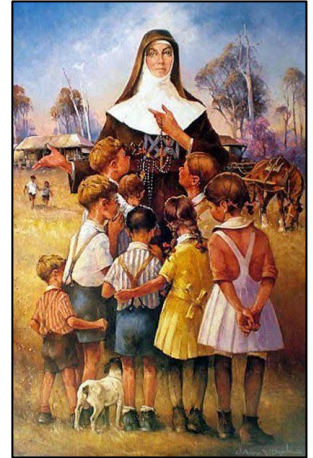
Upcoming Masses & Liturgies

***Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop Liturgy (Stage 1)-
Friday, 7th August, 12:30pm, HFS Hall**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger



Join the ICAS 2026 Academic Competition.

Registration
closes TODAY!

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



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



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Notes

WE NEED YOU! 

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!** 

 **Many hands make light work!** 

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



THANK YOU! 



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

national science week

THE BIG think



YOUTH LOCK IN: MAKERSPACE

Youth are invited to spend an evening in the Makerspace, diving into hands-on creativity and tech. Think podcasting, 3D printing, laser cutting and more not to mention plenty of pizza.

Tuesday 4th August, \$5, 5pm - 7pm, year 7 - year 12

CONSTRUCT AND CONQUER

THE GREAT STEAM CHALLENGE: Form small teams and tackle hands-on challenges. With prizes up for grabs, it's a fast paced, problem-solving adventure designed to spark teamwork, innovation and fun!

Saturday 15th August, FREE, 9am - 11.30am, year 5 - year 10



MAKERSPACE IN MOTION

See the Makerspace come alive with tools, tech and creativity. Experience STEAM in action with live demos in 3D printing, laser cutting, Robotics and more. This event is aimed at adults and youth. Children under 12 must be supervised at all times.

Thursday 20th August, FREE, 4pm - 6.30pm, adults and youth

LET'S TALK SCIENCE

John Sarkissian, Operations Scientist at the CSIRO Parkes Observatory, will present "Challenging Concepts: How well do we know what we think we know?"

Thursday 20th August, FREE, 6.30pm - 7.30pm, all ages



Gather

Gather • Together • Reflect

We warmly invite all parents, carers, grandparents, and parishioners to join us on Tuesday, 28 July 2026, at 8:40 am in the Holy Family School Religion Room as we Gather Together and Reflect.

Take a moment to pause, reflect and connect with others in our school community. Everyone is welcome.

Afterwards, stay for a coffee and a chat. We would love to see you there!



Venue: Marramara Makerspace
25 Bogan St Parkes

Bookings are essential
For all enquiries - Parkes Library 6861 2309

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



KEEP KIDS SAFE THIS TERM

UNDERSTANDING PARKING SIGNS AROUND SCHOOLS

Help make school drop-off and pick-up safer by following the parking signs around your school.

Remember:

- 'No Parking' zones are for drop-off and pick-up only (maximum two minutes). The driver must remain within three metres of the vehicle at all times.
- 'No Stopping' zones mean you cannot stop at any time.

Correct use of school parking zones improves traffic flow, reduces congestion and helps keep children safe.



Scan the QR code to learn more



Holy Family's Got Talent

2026

Registration
closes next
Monday

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 Mercy Mass - RBCC (Captains)	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 Interschool 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 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