



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 4 - 10th August 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 4

Monday

ICAS English

Thursday

**WF Athletics Carnival
(Northparkes Oval)**

Friday

**Touch Football
Development Sessions**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. I'm thrilled to be returning after my leave and to see all students so settled and engaged in their learning.

Congratulations to our Year 1 and Year 2 students for their beautiful preparation of the Mary MacKillop liturgy last Friday—an authentic witness to our faith and a wonderful example of our community of belonging.

Today, students who nominated for the ICAS English competition completed their test. We're proud of the effort and perseverance shown in taking on this challenge.

This week we are hosting the Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Northparkes Oval. Twenty-four students have qualified to compete. The top three in each event and the top two relay teams will qualify to represent the Diocese at the Polding Carnival in Newcastle later this term. We wish all competitors the very best.

Our P&F will be running the canteen on the day. If you are able to assist in any capacity, please contact the school office this week. Donations of cakes, soups and slices will be welcomed. Your support is greatly appreciated and strengthens our partnership with families.

On Friday, our primary students will participate in touch football development sessions as part of sport.

Stay warm this week in this very cold weather! Please ensure students arrive at school with jumpers and jackets.

Denise Gersbach

Assistant Principal



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Holy Family Parish School Parkes

★ Star of the Week ★

Harper O'Brien is our Star of the Week for the positive way she lives out our school motto of Praise, Love and Trust each day. Harper is a kind and respectful member of our class who always treats others with care and consideration. She consistently follows classroom expectations and shows a willingness to learn. Keep up the fantastic effort, Harper!

Interview with Harper



What is your favourite subject?



Mathematics

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

Draw

What is your favourite food?

Mangoes and lasagne

What do you like most about our school?

I have many good friends

Writing & dancing



What would you like to be when you grow up ?

A police officer

Term 3 Week 4: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

Praise builds others up—look for opportunities to encourage someone today.

This fortnight's challenge is on- The 2026 Commonwealth Games

1. Which city hosted the 2026 Commonwealth Games?	A. Melbourne B. Gold Coast C. Glasgow D. Birmingham
2. In which country is Glasgow located?	A. England B. Wales C. Ireland D. Scotland

3. Approximately how many nations and territories compete in the Commonwealth Games?	A. 25 B. 40 C. 74 D. 100
4. Which Australian swimmer won gold in the men's 400m freestyle?	A. Kyle Chalmers B. Elijah Winnington C. Sam Short D. Flynn Southam
5. Mollie O'Callaghan won gold in which event at Glasgow 2026?	A. 100m Butterfly B. 200m Freestyle C. 200m Backstroke D. 400m Individual Medley
6. Which Australian athlete won gold in the women's 10,000m athletics event?	A. Jemima Montag B. Jessica Hull C. Rose Davies D. Claudia Hollingsworth
7. Which sport did Georgia Godwin win a gold medal in?	A. Swimming B. Athletics C. Cycling D. Artistic Gymnastics
8. Which Australian athlete won gold in the men's discus?	A. Kurtis Marschall B. Matt Denny C. Rohan Browning D. Lachlan Kennedy
9. Mackenzie Little won a gold medal in which event?	A. Long Jump B. Shot Put C. Javelin D. Discus
10. Which Australian athlete won gold in the men's pole vault?	A. Matt Denny B. Kurtis Marschall C. Peter Bol D. Cameron Myers

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

NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A



On the 15th of August we celebrate The Assumption of Mary. The Assumption commemorates the Catholic belief that when Mary died, both her soul and body were taken to Heaven, to be with her Son, Jesus. On November 1, 1950 Pope Pius XII infallibly declared the doctrine of the Assumption a dogma.

The Assumption of Mary is also known as the Falling Asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary or the Dormition of Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. As the feast day falls on the weekend this year, we do not have a whole school Mass like we usually do but all classes will participate in a special liturgy in their own classrooms to commemorate the Assumption of Mary.

***Sacrament of CONFIRMATION -**

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

***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.

Special blessings go out to our students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Upcoming Masses & Liturgies

****Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary In-Class Liturgy***

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Holy Family's Got Talent

✨ Get Ready for the Talent Quest! ✨

Are you performing in the upcoming Talent Quest? We are holding **Audition Rehearsals** next week in the hall to help you get stage-ready!

When is your rehearsal? Your rehearsal day is on the **same day of the week** as your main audition:

- **Monday Auditions (Aug 24):** Rehearsal is **Monday, Aug 17**
- **Tuesday Auditions (Aug 25):** Rehearsal is **Tuesday, Aug 18**
- **Wednesday Auditions (Aug 26):** Rehearsal is **Wednesday, Aug 19**

Important Details:

-  **Where & When:** Head straight to the hall as soon as you finish eating your lunch. We have a lot of performers, so please be prompt!
-  **What to bring:** Bring any props, music, or instruments you need for your act.
-  **What to wear:** Standard school uniform is fine—no need to change into costumes for practice!
- MCs and Stage assistants will also need to be at the rehearsals.

Holy Family's Got Talent Audition Timetable ~ Auditions begin at 1:15pm

Monday 24th August	Tuesday 25th August	Wednesday 26th August
MC: Max & Aava Stage: Isaac, Hayden, Nate & Rhys	MC: Bill & Jasper Stage: Kaleb, Seth, Prince, Ethan & Hunter	MC: Layla & Harvey Stage: Jonti, Flo, Olivia & Tatum
Eyekons Singing & Dancing Amelia & Kendall	Sophie Rose Singing Sophie	Mad Scientists Experiment Jax, Archer & Archie
Peyton Singing Peyton C	Sparkle Girls Dancing Tully & Iris	Iconic Isla Singing Isla
Super Girls Dancing Ruby, Farrah, Nazy, Matilda & Allegra	Tessa Singing Tessa	MJI Dancing Mary, Jordan & Indigo
The Fruits Dancing Navy, Emmerson & Ellie	The Jackson IIs Dancing Arlo, Nate, Hayden, Jonti, Rhys, Harvey, Piper, Tatum, Flo, Layla & Olivia	Sing Singing Roo Preet Kaur
Magic Magic Tricks Sanuja	Try My Best Singing Ivy	Freeze Dance Dancing Sonny & Charlie
Smooth Vibes Dancing on Hoverboard Joel	The Bestie Club Dancing Peyton S, Naveah & Amity	Piano Artist Playing Piano Sydney
Arshi Singing Arshi	Sk8er Girl Playing Keyboard Aava	Katseye Trio Dancing Ava, Hope & Aiyshu
Headlights Playing Headlights by Allan Walker on Piano Aarnav	Therapy!! Acting Max & Isaac	A Little Bit Bad Singing Hunter
Magic Magic/Card, Coin & Finger Tricks Wanuja	The Cowboys! Playing Guitar & Singing Toby, Harvey & Zoe	Twinkling Little Stars Singing Marli & Jemma
Karate Karate Demonstration Kolby	Guitar Girls Playing Guitar & Singing Molly, Piper, Georgie & Mavis	Billie Jean Singing Braith
Hit It Playing Drums Joey	Rollin' Down Town Singing Roy & Mason	Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Dancing Isla, Chelsea & Millie
Thriller Harper		

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

Many
hands make
light work!

YOUR HELP
SUPPORTS
OUR SCHOOL
COMMUNITY!



THANK YOU!



PLEASE VOLUNTEER
& MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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



Holy Family's Got Talent
Save the Dates

Monday 24th August – 1.15pm

Tuesday 25th August – 1.15pm

Wednesday 24th August – 1.15pm

Grand Final

Wednesday 9th September – 1pm

Holy Family School Hall
Family and Friends welcome

WELCOME TO OUR GTR ABOUT PERSEVERANCE



Keep Going



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

Gather | Together | Reflect

“Do all you can with the means at your disposal, and calmly
leave the rest to God.”

MARY MACKILLOP

Our GTR this week is about perseverance - finding the
courage to keep going and trusting God along the way.

All Parents, Carers, Toddlers and Parishioners are welcome!

BOOK WEEK PARADE



SYMPHONY OF STORIES

PARENTS AND FRIENDS COME JOIN US FOR OUR SCHOOL
BOOK PARADE

THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST AT 9.00 AM

COME ALONG AND SEE OUR STUDENTS PROUDLY PARADE IN
THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER COSTUMES.

Notes

Sacrament of Confirmation

MASS
August 28, 2026 • 6 PM
Holy Family Catholic Church
29 Currajong St, Parkes NSW 2870



Come and join



Parkes Day View Club

Celebrate their

TRIVIA NIGHT

At the

TOWN BOWLING AND SPORTS CLUB
on

Tuesday 11 August 2026

7PM FOR 7.30PM

\$10.00 per person – includes supper.

Proceeds to:

THE SMITH FAMILY – “LEARNING FOR LIFE”

For more information contact
Wendy Stoker – Ph: 0497 017 459



 **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



Venue: Marramara Makerspace
25 Bogan St Parkes

Bookings are essential
For all enquiries - Parkes Library 6861 2309



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

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnerships with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences. Schools, in providing a caring teaching and learning environment, which addresses the learning and support needs of students, including those with additional learning and support needs or complex health conditions, foster students' sense of wellbeing and belonging to the school community.

Parents are responsible for:

- enrolling their children of compulsory school age in a government or registered non-government school or registering them with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) for home schooling;
- ensuring that their children attend school every day the school is open for their instruction;
- explaining the absences of their children from school promptly and within 7 days to the school;
- working in partnership with the school to plan and implement strategies to support regular attendance at school, including communicating with the school if they are aware of issues impacting on their child's attendance or engagement with school.



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



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) P&F Meeting - 6pm	6	7 Mary MacKillop Liturgy Stage 1 12:30pm - Hall	8 / 9 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (8/9)
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 Book Week Parade 9am	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 P&F Meeting - 6pm	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