



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 7 - 31st August 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 7

Wednesday

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

Friday

**Father's Day
Breakfast - 8am**

**Father's Day Liturgy
12.30pm (HFS Hall)
Stage 2**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday evening at Holy Family Church. It was a beautiful celebration of faith, and we are so proud of the reverence shown by our students as they participated fully in the Mass.

Last Thursday we enjoyed a wonderful celebration of children's literacy for Book Week. Our parade was very well attended, and it was a joy to see students dressed as their favourite book characters. Thank you to families and staff for supporting reading, imagination and a love of stories.

Well done to our hockey players who represented Holy Family in the Rex Smith/Lois Jones Hockey competitions last Friday. Mrs Noonan was impressed with the behaviour, sportsmanship and enthusiasm shown on the day— such excellent ambassadors for our school.

This week is Teacher Aide Appreciation Week, and I want to acknowledge the outstanding support staff we have at our school. Their care, skill and quiet commitment make a real difference every day. I encourage all families to take a moment to recognise and thank all of our support staff for all they do for our students and community.

Today and tomorrow we are hosting the Central Cluster Principals and Administration Staff Conference. We look forward to welcoming our visitors and proudly showcasing the great learning happening across our classrooms.

A reminder that tomorrow is a half day for the Parkes Show. School will finish at 12:00pm.

This Friday we will be celebrating our dads and father figures. We will hold a special breakfast from 8:00–9:00am, followed by a liturgy at 12:30pm to give thanks for the love, guidance and authentic witness our dads bring to family life. We hope to have lots of dads joining us on the day.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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Holy Family Parish School Parkes

★ Star of the Week ★

Ivy Pettit is our Star of the Week for her wonderful creativity! She is kind, thoughtful and always shows care and consideration towards others. Ivy is a fantastic friend and a wonderful member of our school community. We are so proud of you, Ivy! ★

Interview with Ivy



What is your favourite subject?	 English
In your free time, what do you like to do?	Play with the kitchen set and my friends
What is your favourite food?	Nutella sandwich
What do you like most about our school?	I have nice friends
 What are your strengths?	Singing
What would you like to be when you grow up?	English

Term 3 Week 7: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

Small Acts, Big Impact

The Bullying No Way Week theme encourages students to recognise that small actions — such as including someone, speaking up, showing kindness and supporting others — can make a big difference

This fortnight's challenge is on Anti-Bullying

1. What is bullying?	A. A friendly disagreement B. Repeated behaviour that hurts or intimidates someone C. Playing a different game D. Making a mistake
2. What should you do if someone is bullying you?	A. Fight back B. Keep it a secret C. Tell a trusted adult D. Bully them back

3. Who could you tell if you are being bullied?	A. A teacher B. A parent or carer C. Another trusted adult D. All of the above
4. Which is a safe online strategy?	A. Keep your passwords private B. Give your password to everyone C. Accept every friend request D. Share private information publicly
5. Which is an example of cyberbullying?	A. Playing an online game B. Sending repeated hurtful messages online C. Watching a video D. Sending a friendly message
6. Why is it important to report bullying?	A. So adults can help keep students safe B. So the bully can be embarrassed C. So everyone can hear about it D. So you can get revenge
7. What is a good response to an unkind comment?	A. Make an even meaner comment B. Stay calm and seek help if it continues C. Start a fight D. Tell everyone to dislike the person
8. What should you do if a friend tells you they are being bullied?	A. Laugh at them B. Tell them it is their fault C. Listen and help them talk to a trusted adult D. Tell everyone at school
9. Which action shows good anti-bullying behaviour?	A. Including others and treating people with kindness B. Making fun of someone who is different C. Leaving people out on purpose D. Joining in when someone is being teased
10. Why is it important not to forward hurtful messages?	A. It can spread the bullying and cause more harm B. It makes the message disappear C. It helps the person being bullied D. It automatically reports the bully

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

TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A

Congratulations to the ten children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday. Bishop Columba concelebrated the Mass with Fr Barry and Fr Andrew, which made it all the more special. The children were very reverent and made us very proud. Thank you to the 5 altar servers who volunteered their time to assist in the service - Marshall Munn (Red Bend Catholic College and ex-Holy Family student), Matilda McGrath, Ruby Smith, Knox Calabro and Emrys Cassidy. Their generosity was greatly appreciated.



Congratulations and blessings to Nate Calabro, Arlo Cassidy, Max Crowe, Florence Crawley-Watson, Harvey Gray, Rhys Hetherington, Hayden Jones, Jonti Lee, Sage McArdle and Piper Newham on their Confirmation.



Congratulations also to Florence Crawley-Watson on her Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, which she received on Thursday.

Upcoming Masses & Liturgies

***Father's Day Liturgy- 4th September, 12.30pm HFS Hall (Stage 2)**

All are welcome to attend, especially all fathers, grandfathers, foster fathers and father figures.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

PRESENTING

HOLY FAMILY'S GOT TALENT

Grand Finalists

PRIMARY

MJ9
Mary, Jordyn & Indigo

A Little Bit Bad
Hunter

Sk8r Girl
Aava

Fychans
Amelia & Kendall

Headlights
Katsye Trio
Hope, Ava & Aiyshu

Hit It
Joey



PRESENTING

HOLY FAMILY'S GOT TALENT

Grand Finalists

INFANTS

The Fruits
Navy, Emmerson & Ellie

Try My Best
Ivy

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
Millie, Isla & Chelsea

Peyton
Peyton Clark Singing

Juanita Isla
Isla Barber Singing

Sparkle Girls
Tully & Iris

SHOWTIME

HFGT 2026

GRAND FINAL PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

1:00 PM



Performers Entrance, MC Welcome & Introduction

1. *The Fruits*
2. *Try My Best*
3. *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun*
4. *Peyton*
5. *Iconic Isla*
6. *Sparkle Girls*



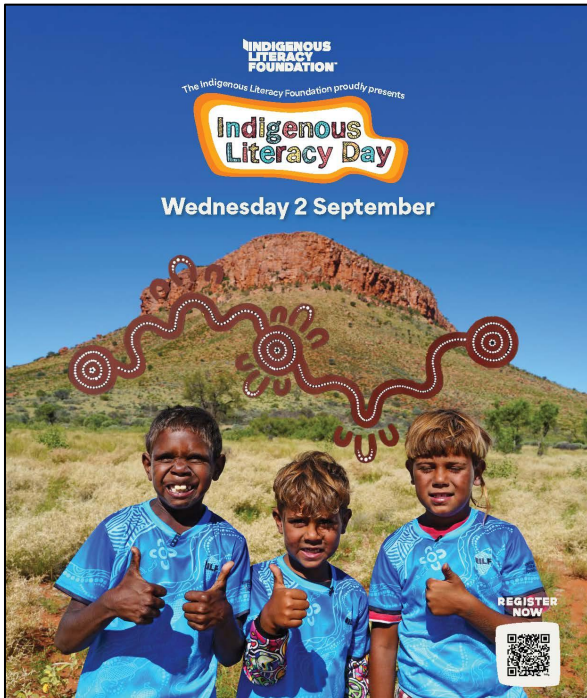
1. *MJI*
2. *A Little Bit Bad*
3. *Sk8er Girl*
4. *Eyekons*
5. *Headlights*
6. *Katseye Trio*
7. *Hit It*

Notes

INDIGENOUS LITERACY FOUNDATION
The Indigenous Literacy Foundation proudly presents

Indigenous Literacy Day

Wednesday 2 September



REGISTER NOW

COUNTRY IS OUR TEACHER

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Supporting Sponsor: Teachers Mutual Bank

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO...

PLAY AND GROW
A HAPPY PLACE TO GATHER



Fridays from 10am – 11.00am
in the Holy Family School Library for
children aged 0-5yrs with parents/carers.
Don't forget your own snacks!



Gather
Gather • Together • Reflect

We warmly invite all parents, carers, grandparents, and parishioners to join us on Tuesday 1st September 2023, at 8:40am in the Holy Family School Hall, 1000 Ross Street. We Gather Together to reflect, take a moment to pause, reflect and connect with others in our school community. Afterwards, stay for a light breakfast. We would love to see you there.

CANCELLED

Please note: GTR will not be held this week, Tuesday 1st September. We will see everyone again next week.



FATHER'S DAY Breakfast

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

Time: 8am

Where: School Hall

While the dads enjoy their bacon and egg rolls the children have an opportunity to pick out the perfect Father's Day gift from the P&F Stalls



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Aboriginal Families as Teachers (AFaT)

Families are a child's first and most important teachers.

The Aboriginal Families as Teachers (AFaT) program supports Aboriginal children to get the best start in life, building their confidence, promoting cultural connection, and supporting early education.



A fun and free program

AFaT is a fun and FREE program for Aboriginal families that supports learning in the early years (0-5 years) before school.

How does it work?

When you join AFaT in Orange, Parkes, or Dubbo, you will have the opportunity to join in weekly playgroups, meet with other families, learn about your child's development, and connect with other services and activities in your community.

Call 1800 580 580 today!

Please contact us to find out more about the AFaT program, or contact the service provider below.

Tara Bennett
AFaT Facilitator – Parkes

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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.

Notes

KEEPING SAFE AROUND SCHOOL CROSSINGS

For your child's safety, it's very important to ensure they use the school crossing.

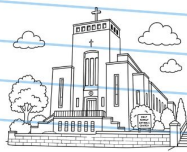
At all crossings you must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road.

If there's a School Crossing Supervisor, wait until they have stopped the traffic and called you to cross. If you are driving, you must not proceed until the School Crossing Supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that you may proceed through the crossing.

Children's crossings

Children's crossings are usually part-time crossings that operate before and after school hours. They can also operate at other times when children use the crossing for excursions or during break times. When 'Children Crossing' flags are displayed, you must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



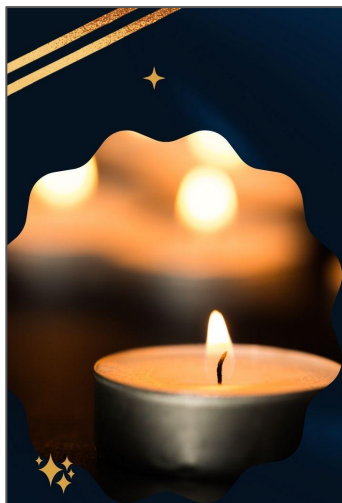
**CHILDREN'S
LITURGY**

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUNDAY 9:30AM MASS

All children are warmly welcome to attend! Children will leave during Mass to hear the Gospel in a child-friendly way, take part in activities, and reflect on God's message before returning to the congregation.

Children under 4 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

**For more information, please contact:
Mrs Wheeler at Holy Family School**



Prayer for Nepal & Tibet

We pray for all the people of Nepal and Tibet who have been affected by the floods. May God provide comfort to all those who have lost their loved ones and homes.

We pray for the rescue and recovery workers who are providing essential aid to all those who have been impacted in any way.

*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Amen*

**STAFF, STUDENTS & FAMILIES
HOLY FAMILY PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL, PARKES, NSW.**

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 (8/8)
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 Book Week Parade 9am	28 Lois Jones/Rex Smith Interscholar Hockey Confirmation - 8.00pm 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 - 8.00pm	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