



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 10 - 21st September 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 10

Monday

Assembly - 2.45pm

Wednesday

**Last Day Term 3
Students**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of Term 3. Congratulations to all staff and students for the continued high level of excellence that occurs each day at Holy Family School. In all we do, we strive to be a faith-filled community where every child is known, valued and encouraged to grow.

Last Wednesday we held the final of our Times Tables Challenge. It was a fantastic event, and our champions will now go on to represent our school at the Central Cluster Final next term. Our winners and runners-up are listed later in the newsletter. A sincere thank you to Mr Berger for his effort and commitment in coordinating this opportunity for our students.

Our Mufti-Mission Day last Friday was also a huge success, with students running a variety of stalls throughout the day. Funds raised will support two important causes: Dollar for Dusty and St Vincent de Paul. Thank you to our families for your generosity and for helping our students live out the Gospel call to service.

Thank you also to our P&F for coordinating the 'Crazy' Term 3 Disco. It was well attended by students and all had a great night.

Congratulations to Nazzarine Payne and Nate Calabro, who have been named Junior Girls and Senior Boys Polding Athletics Champions!

A reminder that school will conclude for all students on Wednesday. We are hosting the Central Cluster Curriculum Conference on Thursday and Friday, with over 90 staff from the Central Cluster attending. We are proud to welcome colleagues as we continue to grow together in best practice for learning and teaching.

Wishing all families a lovely spring holiday. Students will return next term in full summer uniform.

Denise Gersbach

Principal



Times Tables Challenge

Year 3 - Winner: Georgie Harris
- Runner-Up: Aarnav Gautam

Year 4 - Winner: Arshi Jodder
- Runner-Up: Tessa Dugan

Year 5 - Winner: Jack Burt
- Runner-up: Ashton Albert

Year 6 - Winner: Aava Dhakal
- Runner-Up: Nate Calabro



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Holy Family Parish School Parkes

★ Star of the Week ★

Bill O'Bryan is being recognised this week for always being focused and engaged in class, showing a positive attitude towards learning, and consistently giving his best effort. He is kind and caring towards other students, making sure they feel included, supported and respected. Bill is always willing to lend a helping hand, whether it is helping a classmate, assisting with classroom responsibilities, or simply noticing when someone needs a little extra support. He can be relied upon to make responsible choices, set a wonderful example for others, and contribute positively to the classroom environment.

Interview with Bill



What is your favourite subject?



Mathematics & Sport

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

Ride my bike

What is your favourite food?

Rissoles

What do you like most about our school?

The teachers



Rugby League

What would you like to be when you grow up ?

An archaeologist

Term 3 Week 10: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - TRUST)

Respect other people's secrets and belongings.

This fortnight's challenge is on My State - NSW

1. What is the capital city of New South Wales?	A) Melbourne B) Sydney C) Brisbane D) Canberra
2. Which famous opera house is located in Sydney?	A) Sydney Opera House B) Royal Opera House C) Harbour Opera Centre D) Australian Theatre House

3. What is the longest river in NSW?	A) Hawkesbury River B) Clarence River C) Murray River D) Parramatta River
4. Which mountain range runs through much of eastern NSW?	A) Great Dividing Range B) Blue Mountains Range C) Australian Alps D) MacDonnell Ranges
5. What is the highest mountain in NSW?	A) Mount Warning B) Mount Kosciuszko C) Mount Victoria D) Mount Blue
6. Which ocean borders NSW to the east?	A) Indian Ocean B) Southern Ocean C) Pacific Ocean D) Atlantic Ocean
7. What is the official state flower of NSW?	A) Golden Wattle B) Waratah C) Flannel Flower D) Banksia
8. Which famous beach is located in Sydney?	A) Surfers Paradise B) Bondi Beach C) Bells Beach D) Cable Beach
9. Which famous bridge crosses Sydney Harbour?	A) West Gate Bridge B) Story Bridge C) Sydney Harbour Bridge D) Anzac Bridge
10. Which river flows through Sydney?	A) Murray River B) Parramatta River C) Darling River D) Murrumbidgee River

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-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A

Well done to Stage 3 staff and students for organising and leading the school in a beautiful Saint Vincent de Paul Liturgy. The students were reverent and respectful, listening and actively participating in the readings and singing of hymns. After the liturgy, 5 Stage 3 students were inducted as Mini Vinnies Leaders. The liturgy was followed by Mufti Mission Stalls. All proceeds will go to The St Vincent De Paul Society and A Dollar for Dusty.

All Stage 3 students present on Thursday, 17th September, voted for their Mini Vinnies leaders.



*** Congratulations to our newly elected 2026 Mini Vinnies Leadership Committee-**

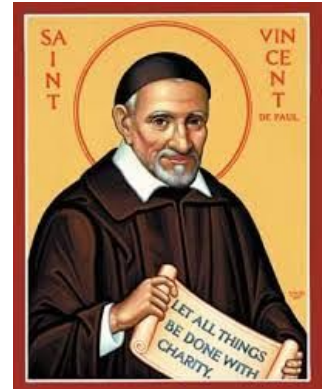
President- Aava Dhakal

Vice President- Joey Hazelton

Secretary- Max Crowe

Treasurer- Pulitha De Silva

Spiritual Advisor- Farrah Edmonds



Feast of St Vincent de Paul- 27th September



Topics covered in Class-

*As part of CEWF's Go M.A.D – Go Make A Difference with Kindness, Compassion and Peace Campaign, schools across the Diocese will come together on Monday 21 September at 12.00 pm to pray for peace.

Upcoming Masses & Liturgies

Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation)- Thursday, 19th November, 6pm Holy Family Church

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Wiradjuri



Year 3



In Wiradjuri Year 3 have been learning about scarred trees and marked trees and how they are a significant form of Aboriginal culture.

Last week our Year 3 students went on an excursion with Mrs Payne, Mrs Noonan and Mr Anderson to show the students a scarred tree then they visited the Rotary Peace Precinct Park at the bottom of Parkes Memorial Hill. The students looked at the themes of peace for each sculpture. Mr Anderson spoke about each plaque and their importance. Together they make harmony, and harmony is what the peace precinct is all about. The students asked questions and had a great time exploring the park.

Assembly Awards

Week 10

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJ	Arian Dhakal
	KC	Brighton Crisp
	1C	Arjun Jodder
	2CR	Iris Burt
	3N	Molly McCabe
	4WR	Amelia Gersbach
	5/6B	Curtis Arndell
	5/6HW	Nate Calabro
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - KC	Henry McGrath
	Primary - 4WR	Emrys Cassidy
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - 1C	Abigail Smee
	Primary - 5/6B	Rhys Hetherington
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - KJ	Toby Scotti
	Primary - 3N	Harper O'Brien
Leadership Award	Infants - 2CR	Joel Hazelton
	Primary in- 5/6HW	Arlo Cassidy
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - KC	Charlie Harmer
	Primary - 4WR	Finley Gibbons

Notes



PARKES NAIDOC 50 YEARS DEADLY FAMILY FUNDAY

Everyone Welcome!
A DAY FOR COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE OUR CULTURE

SATURDAY 31ST OF OCTOBER
10AM TILL 1PM

BUSHMANS HILL WIRADJURI AMPHITHEATRE

What's On ON THE DAY

- AWARDS PRESENTATION
- LOCAL PERFORMANCES
- ARTS & CRAFT
- DANCE WORKSHOP
- STALLS
- FREE BBQ
- FACE PAINTING

SUPPORTED BY:

- Aboriginal Affairs
- Parkes Shire Council
- Evolution Northparkes
- NSW
- Landcare
- CENTRAL WEST LACHLAN LANDCARE



PARKES JUNIOR TOUCH 2026 COMPETITION

COMMENCING WEDNESDAYS, FROM 14 OCTOBER

FROM 5PM

VENUE: CHENEY PARK

AGE GROUPS

MINI TOUCH - KINDY, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2	\$90.00
YEAR 3 & 4 - BOYS / GIRLS	\$105.00
YEAR 5 & 6 - BOYS / GIRLS	\$105.00

PLEASE READ  **PARKES TOUCH ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK PAGE**
FOR MORE DETAILS, ANSWERS TO FAQ AND LINKS

REGOS CLOSE 30TH SEPTEMBER

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!
parkes.nswtouch.com.au/get-involved/

PARKES PUMAS

School Holidays

at the Parkes Library and Cultural Centre

Sept

- 28 The Mermaid's Recycled Tail Puppet Show Parkes
- 28 The Mermaid's Recycled Tail Workshop Parkes
- 29 The Mermaid's Recycled Tail Puppet Show Peak Hill
- 29 The Mermaid's Recycled Tail Puppet Show Trundle
- 30 Junior Robotics Workshop, Years 3-6

Oct

- 1 Strike a Pose! Fun and Games, Years K-2
- 1 Cardboard Creations, Years 3-10
- 6 Sustainable Succulents, Years K-2
- 6 Youth Lock In Movie Night, Years 7-12
- 7 Interplanetary Robot Battles, Years 5-10
- 8 Personalise It, Years 7-12



For further details and bookings, scan the QR code.

Gather

Gather • Together • Reflect

We warmly invite all parents, carers, grandparents, and parishioners to join us on Tuesday, 22 September 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!



PAINT THE TOWN WITH MUSIC

Friday 16th October 2026

Cooke Park

9:30 am to 12 pm

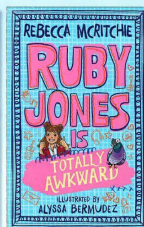
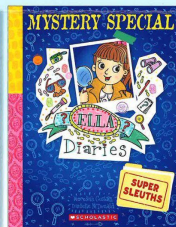
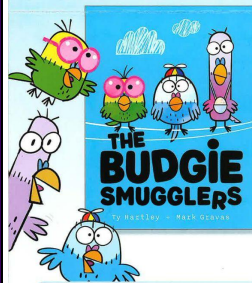
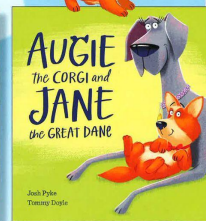
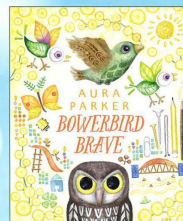


Neighbourhood
CENTRAL



For more information contact Shonel 6862 1872

You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC **Book Fair**
THE #1 BOOK FAIR



The Book Fair will be held in the Hall during Week 2 on **Tuesday and Wednesday 20th and 21st October during the Morning 8.30 am - 9.00 am and Afternoons - 3.15pm - 4.15 pm.** Cash and EFTPOS facilities are available.

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term, that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families. School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

THANK YOU!

Every bottle and can makes a difference!

Thank you for supporting our

Recycle & Return

bins at school.

Your recycling helps raise money for our school and supports great causes!



Together we can make a
BIG DIFFERENCE!

Supported by Mini-Vinnies members



Friday 13th
November

COMING SOON

MONTY THE MONSTAR FUN RUN



AUSTRALIANFUNDRAISING.COM.AU • PHONE 1300 133 022

Subject: Get Ready to get colourful with our Holy Family School Monty the Monstar Fun Run!

Next term on **Friday 13th November** your Parents & Friends association is bringing the excitement with a Monty the Monstar Fun Run, all while raising funds to support the **2027 School drama production**.

Getting involved is super easy—just head to myprofilepage.com.au, set up a profile, and share it with family and friends for online donations. Kids can earn awesome prizes and collect Monty Coins as they go!

The class with the most profiles raised by the end of week 1, Term 4 wins a class Ice Block party.

Raise just **\$10 to unlock your first prize**—and the more you raise, the more prizes you can mix, match, and choose! You can even donate your fundraising to one of six great causes.

Happy Fundraising!

BOOK WEEK 2026

WRITING & DRAWING COMPETITION

SYMPHONY OF STORIES

FOR
STUDENTS
IN K - 6



Step into a Symphony of Stories!

Enter our Book Week writing and drawing competition.

HOW TO ENTER

Write a short story on the theme 'Symphony of Stories'. Limit of 3 pages.

OR

Draw a picture on the theme 'Symphony of Stories'

Submit your entries to

library@parkes.nsw.gov.au

Include Child's Name, Age, School, Class, Phone and Email

ENTRIES ACCEPTED UNTIL 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

No playgroup this week. Play and Grow will resume the first week back of next term.

PLAY AND GROW A HAPPY PLACE TO GATHER



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE FOR SOME FUN, STORIES, CRAFT AND A SNACK

WHEN: Fridays from 10am – 11.00am

WHERE: Holy Family School Hall

WHO: Children aged 0-5yrs with parents/carers

WHAT TO BRING: Morning Tea for your child





50 YEARS DEADLY NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2026 PARKES NAIDOC AWARDS

Do you know of someone who has been contributing positively to indigenous culture and inclusion in our community?

**AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT
PARKES NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY ON
SATURDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2026**

NOMINATION CLOSE AT 9AM ON WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2026

**YOUTH - PRIMARY & SECONDARY | ELDER | NON-INDIGENOUS |
SPORTSPERSON | CREATIVE TALENT | CARING FOR COUNTRY &
CULTURE | EDUCATION | INNOVATION | ANNETTE SLOANE**

STEPS FOR NOMINATING:

- Scan the QR Code for the Nomination Jotform
- Download the Privacy Form, Category Overview and Selection Criteria and ask the person that you would like to nominate if they would accept the nomination. If they will, sign the Privacy Form and scan/photograph the Form ready to upload.
- Complete each section of the Jotform Application, Upload your Privacy Form and SUBMIT. We encourage school aged nominations to include an additional letter of support from a school staff member, preferably the Principal.



Copies of the Privacy Form are also available via school offices or the Parkes Library or to download from the Central West Lachlan Landcare website at www.centralwestlachlanlandcare.org

SUPPORTED BY:



Contact parkesnaidoc@gmail.com or 0418 611 053 for further information.



50 YEARS DEADLY PARKES NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY 2026

**STALL HOLDER
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

BE PART
OF OUR
BIGGEST
COMMUNITY
EVENT!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THIS YEAR'S
PARKES NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY?**

We are now inviting **community groups, organisations, businesses, food vendors, market stalls and information services** to submit an Expression of Interest to host a stall at our 2026 Parkes NAIDOC Family Fun Day.

THIS IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Showcase your organisation or business.
- Connect with the local community.
- Celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.
- Support one of Parkes' biggest community events.

EVENT DETAILS

**SATURDAY,
31 OCTOBER 2026
PARKES NAIDOC
FAMILY FUN DAY**



**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HAVING A STALL,
WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:

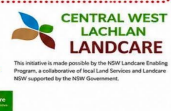
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**EOIs CLOSE: WEDNESDAY,
16 SEPTEMBER 2026**

COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF NAIDOC WEEK
AND CREATE ANOTHER MEMORABLE DAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

SUPPORTED BY:



Connect the Dots

You are invited to the launch of this special project to make everyone in our community feel welcome!

Join us for:

- Music
- Drumming
- Games
- BBQ

**Saturday 26 September
10:00am - 12:00pm
Kelly Reserve, Parkes**

Everyone is welcome!

Proudly funded by



This project is proudly funded by the NSW Government through the NSW Social Cohesion Grants for Local Government.



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.

Term 4 - Parent Calendar

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Oct	1	12 First Day - Term 4 (Staff and Students)	13 Eco Schools Day - Year 5	14 Year 5/6 Excursion - Great Aussie Bush Camp Kindy Enviro Day - Kelly Reserve	15 Year 5/6 Excursion - Great Aussie Bush Camp	16 Year 5/6 Excursion - Great Aussie Bush Camp Kindergarten - Reading Day (Paint the Town ReAd) 9.30am	17 / 18
Oct	2	19	20 Book Fair	21 Book Fair	22	23 Assembly - 2.45pm	24 / 25
Oct / Nov	3	26	27	28 Athletics - SOPA	29	30	31 / 1 All Saints (01)
Nov	4	2 All Souls	3 WF Diocesan Cricket - Boys (Parkes) TBC	4 Central Cluster Times Tables Challenge Final - Parkes P&F Meeting - 6pm	5 Assembly - 2.45pm	6	7 / 8
Nov	5	9	10 AECG Meeting- Junior and Senior (venue TBC)	11	12	13 Colour Run 2.00pm-3.15pm	14 / 15 Sun 15/11 Family Mass 9:30am
Nov	6	16	17	18 School Committee Meeting - 7.30pm Assembly - 2.45pm	19 First Reconciliation - Year 2 - 6.00pm HF Church WF Diocesan Cricket - Girls (Dubbo) TBC	20 WF Diocesan Tennis & Basketball (Dubbo) TBC Primary Swimming for Sport	21 / 22
Nov	7	23 Year 5 captain speeches - 9.15am	24 Central Cluster Spelling Bee - Narromine	25 CPS Aquathon (Maroubra)	26 School Disco - 6.00pm	27 Primary Swimming for Sport	28 / 29 First Sunday of Advent (29)
Nov/Dec	8	30 Year 2 Intensive Swimming	1 Year 2 Intensive Swimming	2 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Kindergarten Liturgy Chapel 12:15pm P&F Meeting - 6pm	3 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Polding Cricket Trials (Dubbo) Year 6 Graduation Mass - 6.00pm (HF Church)	4 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Assembly - 2.45pm Primary Swimming for Sport Deadly Science - Year 3 and Year 4 (Hall)	5 / 6
Dec	9	7 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Presentation Night - 6.00pm	8 Year 2 Intensive Swimming	9 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Last Day - Kindergarten Transition	10 Year 2 Intensive Swimming	11 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Primary Swimming for Sport Year 6 Retreat - 9.00am - 1.00pm Assembly - 2.45pm	12 / 13
Dec	10	14 Year 6 Assembly - 2.00pm	15	16	17 Last Day for Students	18 CEWF SDD Day 8 Can be traded	19 / 20