



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 2 - 19th October 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 2

Tuesday

Bookfair

No GTR Meeting

Wednesday

Bookfair

Athletics Sydney

Thursday

Athletics Sydney

Friday

Assembly - 2.45pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 5/6 students to the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Tea Gardens. Over the three days, our students were outstanding—supporting one another, showing courage and stepping outside their comfort zones as they took on some challenging activities. A sincere thank you to the staff and parents who travelled with us to supervise and care for our students; your presence helped make the experience both safe and memorable.

This week, we wish Nazzarine Payne, Jack Burt, Emrys Cassidy, Arlo Cassidy, Nate Calabro, Hayden Jones and Dave Jeffress all the best as they represent Polding at the NSWPSA Athletics Carnival in Homebush. We look forward to cheering you on via the livestream.

Parents are kindly asked to review the Term 4 calendar, as a few dates have been changed.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we will be hosting a Book Fair in the school hall. Parents are warmly invited to attend with their children to view the books for sale.

Our Week 2 Assembly will be held this Friday at 2.45pm. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us.

Finally, a reminder that all students must be wearing their hats at school. Please ensure your child arrives each day with a hat.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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Holy Family Parish School Parkes

★ Star of the Week ★

Wanuja Arumanda Hewage is the Star of the Week for always showing enthusiasm and actively participating in all school activities. He approaches every day with a positive attitude and a big smile, making him a wonderful friend to everyone in the classroom. Wanuja has adjusted very well into Holy Family, demonstrating great confidence, helpfulness, and a wonderful curiosity for learning. Keep up the fantastic effort, W!

Interview with Wanuja



What is your favourite subject?



Mathematics and Sport

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

Watch television

What is your favourite food?

Sri Lankan curry and rice

What do you like most about our school?

The basketball court



Singing and basketball

What would you like to be when you grow up?

A teacher or a scientist

Term 4 Week 2: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - LOVE)

Include Others and Speak with Kindness

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-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A

Socktober 2026-

This year Socktober is raising awareness and funds for Malawi. Holy Family will have a '**Socktober Shootout**' and '**Crazy Socks**' event on Friday, 30th October. All students will participate in the event by wearing CRAZY SOCKS to school for a Gold Coin Donation and creating their own soccer balls with recycled materials. Families can participate by helping their child/children create a soccer ball using recycled materials.

[How to Make a Sockball](#)

[Kick Goals For Good With Socktober in 2026 | Catholic Mission](#)

Please donate to our school page if you would like. Thanks for your support and generosity.

<https://www.socktober.org.au/fundraisers/HolyFamilyParishSchoolParkes>

♥ *Further information/details regarding the Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation) will be sent home shortly.*

Upcoming Masses & Liturgies

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Family Mass-Sunday, 15th November, 9:30am,
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Feast Days-

1 November ALL SAINTS

2 November THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger



Notes



Book Fair

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO...



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!



Get ready to run wild with Monty! It's here - Monty the Monstar Fun Run!

Jump in now! Set up your child's My Profile Page – it's quick, easy and super fun.

We also have some amazing bonuses up for grabs:

- Every student gets rainbow sunglasses and a headband!
- The class with the most profiles at the end of week one will win an ice block party!
- Receive donations on four different days and go into the draw to Slime a teacher!
- Raise \$20 and go into the draw to win a tuckshop voucher!

Together, we can achieve amazing results for our school!

Gather

Gather • Together • Reflect

We warmly invite all parents, carers, grandparents, and parishioners to join us on Tuesday 25th August 2020, 6:30am at St. Mary's Family School, 11 Major Road. We will gather together to 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 will see you there!

CANCELLED

THIS WEEK



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:



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Landcare

CENTRAL WEST LACHLAN LANDCARE

This initiative is made possible by the NSW Landcare Program, an initiative of the NSW Government and Landcare Australia.

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT MIDDLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE, PARKES LEAGUES CLUB OR ONLINE USING THE QR CODES BELOW

JACKSON ACES

THE MAGICIAN SENSATION IS COMING TO PARKES!

Get ready for an unforgettable night of **mystery, music and fun** as viral magician sensation Jackson Aces makes his Central West debut at the Parkes Leagues Club!

★ CHILD FRIENDLY SHOW 3:30 PM

A fun-filled magic spectacular designed especially for families and kids, packed with amazing tricks, laughs, surprises and more!

\$20 INDIVIDUAL TICKET PRICE
\$90 TICKET (5 PEOPLE)
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



SCAN FOR CHILD FRIENDLY SHOW TICKETS

★ EXTENDED NIGHT SHOW 7:30 PM

Experience the full magic spectacular with Jackson Aces, plus live music from talented local country music artist Gracey Denham-Jones as the special opening act.

\$50 INDIVIDUAL TICKET PRICE
\$100 VIP TICKETS LIMITED AVAILABLE
\$200 GROUP OF 5 TICKET (SAVE \$20)



SCAN FOR EXTENDED NIGHT SHOW TICKETS

SPECIAL GUEST GRACEY DENHAM-JONES

PARKES LEAGUES CLUB

ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

RESOLUTION Drilling

LUNAR CABINS

PARKES COURIER SERVICE

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.

COLOUR • SLIME • STANDARD



Friday
13th November
1PM

4 WEEKS TO GO MONTY THE MONSTAR FUN RUN

Jump in now! Create
your safe online profile
at myprofilepage.com.au
and start fundraising.



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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	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 Socktober Day	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 - 8pm	5 Assembly - 2.45pm	6	7 / 8
Nov	5	9	10 AECG Meeting- Junior and Senior (venue TBC)	11	12 Mini Vinnies Central West Gathering - School Hall	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 Year 5 Leadership Day (Central Cluster) Forbes	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