



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 3 - 26th October 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 3

Tuesday

**GTR Meeting
8.40am (RE Room)**

Friday

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

Socktober Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all students who competed at the NSWPSSA Carnival last week. You represented our school with pride and achieved outstanding results. A special congratulations to Emrys Cassidy, who has qualified to represent NSW at the All Schools Athletics Carnival in Melbourne later this term — an amazing achievement and a wonderful reward for consistent effort and dedication.

Thank you to all families who supported our Book Fair last week. With almost \$3,000 in sales, the school will receive valuable literacy resources through the commission raised. Your support makes a real difference to teaching and learning across the school.

This Friday is Socktober Day, our Mission fundraiser. Students may wear fun socks to school and are invited to bring a \$2 donation to support the Missions. We will also be running some fun activities during the day for students to enjoy.

It was wonderful to see Holy Family School represented in the local community, with Piper Newham and Mrs Brown taking part in the Parkes M&D Iconic 75th Anniversary Concert Series. We love seeing our staff and students sharing their talents and supporting the many wonderful community events that bring Parkes together.

Finally, I was very pleased to see the quality of writing samples in our infants classrooms last week. Well done to our staff and students for the strong focus on writing — it is wonderful to see such growth and pride in learning.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Georgie Harris is our Star of the Week for consistently following instructions and giving her best effort in the classroom! She actively includes her peers in every activity, treats her teachers with kindness and respect, and welcomes everyone with a positive attitude every day.

Interview with Georgie



What is your favourite subject?



Art

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

Read books

What is your favourite food?

Tacos

What do you like most about our school?

Everyone is kind and caring



Mathematics

What would you like to be when you grow up?

A zookeeper

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

Listen patiently when someone else is sharing their ideas.

This fortnight's challenge is on- ADVENT

1. What does the word "Advent" mean?	A) Present B) Coming or Arrival C) Celebration D) Winter
2. How many weeks does Advent last?	A) 2 weeks B) 3 weeks C) 4 weeks D) 6 weeks

3. What do children often open each day in December to count down to Christmas?	A) An Advent calendar B) A birthday gift C) A treasure chest D) An envelope
4. If a 5th white candle is placed in the center of the Advent wreath, when is it lit?	A) On the first day of Advent B) On Christmas Day C) On Saint Nicholas Day D) On New Year's Day
5. Who was the angel that visited Mary to tell her she would be the mother of Jesus?	A) Michael B) Raphael C) Gabriel D) Uriel
6. Which city was Jesus born in, as remembered during Advent?	A) Nazareth B) Jerusalem C) Bethlehem D) Rome
7. What shape is a traditional Advent wreath, symbolizing God's endless love?	A) Square B) Triangle C) Circle D) Star
8. What special candle color is usually lit on the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) to symbolize joy?	A) Pink (or Rose) B) White C) Blue D) Yellow
9. How many candles are on a traditional Advent wreath?	A) 3 B) 4 C) 5 D) 7
10. What color is most commonly used on the candles and decorations for Advent?	A) Red B) Purple C) Green D) Gold

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

THIRTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A

Holy Family is getting ready for our **'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 **\$2 Donation** and creating soccer balls with recycled materials in class. 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 Holy Family school page if you would like. Thanks for your support and generosity.

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

Kicking Goals for Good



Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation)- Thursday, 14th November, 6pm Holy Family Church

Family Mass-Sunday, 15th November, 9:30am, Holy Family Church

Feast Days-

1 November ALL SAINTS' DAY

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

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Assembly Awards

Week 2

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJ	Marley Cox
	KC	Charlie Plunkett
	1C	Arlo Stevenson
	2CR	Creed Townsend
	3N	Reuben Cook
	4WR	Jewel Jasmine
	5/6B	Hunter Wythes
	5/6HW	Hayden Jones
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 1C	Courtney Gorerino
	Primary - 5/6B	Ashton Albert
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - KC	Callie Hartwig
	Primary - 4WR	Amelia Gersbach
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - 2CR	Rusty Gibbons
	Primary - 5/6HW	Farrah Edmonds
Leadership Award	Infants - KJ	Ellie Wykes
	Primary - 3N	Mavis Jordan
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - 1C	Lacey Amor
	Primary - 5/6B	Isaac Siju

SOCTOBER DAY

Friday 30th October

\$2.00
Gold Coin
Donation

Wear your
sports clothes
with your
colourful socks!

Money raised will go to
Catholic Missions

catholic mission
Reach out. Give life.



gather

All Parents, Carers, Toddlers and Parishioners
are warmly invited to join us for this week's GTR...



**Do Not
Be
Afraid**

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

This week's GTR invites us to explore fear, trust and the reassurance
Jesus gives us. We'll reflect on how God walks with us, especially
in the difficult and uncertain times, and the grace and strength
He gives us to keep going.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

ISAIAH 41:10



The countdown is on for our Monty the Monstar Fun Run!

We can't wait for our Monty the Monstar
Fun Run on 13th November from 1PM to
3:15 PM. 🏃💥

To keep things safe, smooth, and super
fun, we need some awesome volunteers.
If you can help, please contact the
school office 6862-1610.

Thanks for supporting our school — we
hope to see you there!

Don't forget the main attraction- [SLIME
A TEACHER]. The following teachers
have nominated to be slimed on the day:
**Mr Hanstock, Mrs Herring, Mrs Jones,
Ms Thompson.** Receive donations on
four separate days and you'll go into the
draw for the chance to slime them!

Jump online at myprofilepage.com.au to
create your profile today.

This is one event you won't want to miss!



Healthy Start: Healthy Schools Term 4 2026

Health Promotion Newsletter

We are excited to share our final Healthy Start Healthy Schools Newsletter for 2026.

Please note, this edition includes newsletter content promoting free parent and carer webinars taking place **this week**, focused on reducing child anxiety during the transition to primary school and from primary to high school. We encourage you to include this content in your school communications and share it with your school community.

[Click Here for Newsletter](#)

**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
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT

\$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
GROUP OF 5 TICKET
(SAVE \$20)

\$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**
DELIVERING AUSTRALIA WIDE

STUDENT AMBULANCE COVER CONDITIONS

Student Ambulance Cover applies to transportation following a student accident, not an illness or medical condition. School policy is to call an ambulance in the event of a serious injury or illness (e.g. severe asthma attack, anaphylactic reaction, seizure etc). If your child has a pre-existing medical condition that falls into this category, please be aware that the cost of the ambulance may be at the parent's expense if you do not have family ambulance cover.

BUCKLE UP AND BE SAFE!

Road Safety with The Wiggles and Transport for NSW

Transport for NSW has partnered with The Wiggles to create '[Buckle Up and Be Safe!](#)', song to help little passengers stay safe in the car and get them excited about buckling up.

The song promotes Transport for NSW's "They're counting on you" message, and encourages the correct use of child car seats. I'm counting on you:

1. Have you got the right car seat?
2. Have you fitted and adjusted it correctly?
3. Do you know how to check it properly?

Did you know that two in three child car seats are not being used correctly? This greatly increases the risk of serious injury. When children are correctly restrained in approved child car seats they are less likely to be seriously injured or killed in a car crash, so it's important to give parents and carers as much information as possible so they can make an informed decision.

To make the safest choice, compare more than 200 different types of child car seats and find Authorised Restraint Fitting Stations, visit [Child car seats](#).

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3 WEEKS TO GO
MONTY THE MONSTAR FUN RUN



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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 Athletics - SOPA	23 Assembly - 2.45pm	24 / 25
Oct/Nov	3	26	27	28	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 - 6pm	5 Assembly - 2.45pm	6	7 / 8
Nov	5	9	10 AECG Meeting- Junior and Senior (venue TBC) Christian School Orientation Day	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 Red Bend Orientation Day	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 - 8.00pm	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 Carols by Candle- light 13/12
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