HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 4 - 2nd November 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 4

Tuesday

WF Diocesan Cricket (Parkes)

Wednesday

Times Tables Challenge Final

P&F Meeting 6pm (Coachman)

Thursday

Assembly 2.45pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your wonderful support of Socktober last Friday. It was a fantastic day of crazy socks, soccer shoot-outs and generous fundraising for those in need.

Today we commemorate All Souls Day. All students will participate in a special liturgy to prayerfully remember loved ones who have died.

On Wednesday, we are hosting the Central Cluster Times Tables Challenge for Years 3–6. We wish the very best to Georgie Harris, Arshi Jodder, Jack Burt and Aava Dhakal as they represent our school with pride.

The P&F meeting will be held this Thursday at the Coachman Hotel at 6.00pm, with final organisation for our upcoming Colour Run. All parents are warmly invited to attend and contribute.

Finally, our Week 4 Assembly will be held this Thursday at 2.45pm. We look forward to welcoming families as we celebrate student learning and effort together.

Denise Gersbach

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⭐Star of the Week⭐

Archer McWilliam is our Star of the Week for being a fantastic role model in our school community. He consistently makes sensible choices, follows school rules, and treats both students and staff with politeness and respect. Whether working independently or alongside his peers, Archer stays on task, shows great maturity, and puts his absolute best effort into everything he does."

What is your favourite subject? 	**Science**
In your free time, what do you like to do?	**Origami**
What is your favourite food?	**Sushi**
What do you like most about our school?	**"Our school is always organising fun events, like our recent 'Soccer World Cup' and many others!"**
	**Maths & science**
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	**An engineer**

Term 4 Week 4: 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

Thirty-First Week in ordinary time / Year A

Sunday, 1st November, was All Saints Day, a Solemnity and a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics, who attend Mass to remember and honour the saints.



Today, Monday, 2nd November, is All Souls Day and Catholics worldwide attend Mass and spend the day in prayer, remembrance, and intercession for deceased family members, friends, and all the faithful departed.

Holy Family School staff and students will gather together for a short prayer service to pray for and remember our deceased loved ones at 12:30pm in the school hall.

All students received a prayer and candle last Friday from our Family Engagement Coordinator, Ms Gillian Lee. A letter to parents explained that students could, with the help of parents, decorate the candle in memory of a departed family member or friend. They could write the person's name and a brief message sharing their thoughts, feelings and/or memories, like "I miss your warm hugs, Nana." or just write their name and their date of birth and death. These candles will be placed in front of the altar in the hall during our prayer service, symbolising our community's shared prayers for those who have gone before us.

*Central West Mini Vinnies Gathering

On Thursday, 12th November, there will be a Central West Mini Vinnies Gathering involving other schools from around the diocese. All Stage 3 students are Mini Vinnies members so they will be involved in various activities and a liturgy.

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

Inviting all students and their families to join us for our Family Mass. Please inform the school office if you would like your child/children to participate in the Mass.

Masses and Liturgies

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

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

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Notes

Gather

Gather · Together · Reflect

We warmly invite all parents, carers, grandparents, and parishioners to join us on Tuesday, 3rd November 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!

Engage · Enrich



Don't miss out – fundraise with Monty the Monstar and grab some epic prizes!

« **Grand Master Badge**: Collect all of Monty's online virtual badges.
« **Champions Medallion**: Awarded to the top fundraiser in our school.
« **Online Golden Coins**: Complete fun online tasks to add up to **$75 extra** to your prize credit!

Hurry—fundraising closes soon! Make sure any cash you've collected is processed through your profile page before time runs out.

Jump online at myprofilepage.com.au and start fundraising today!





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



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.

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2 WEEKS TO GO

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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** Athletics - SOPA	22	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** **NSW Dental Health Visit**	17 **Reconciliation Parent Meeting - 5pm (RE Room)** **NSW Dental Health Visit**	18 **School Committee Meeting - 7.30pm** **Assembly - 2.45pm** **NSW Dental Health Visit**	19 **First Reconciliation - Year 2 - 6.00pm HF Church** WF Diocesan Cricket - Girls (Dubbo) TBC **NSW Dental Health Visit**	20 WF Diocesan Tennis & Basketball (Dubbo) TBC **Primary Swimming for Sport** **Year 5 Leadership Day (Central Cluster) Forbes** **NSW Dental Health Visit**	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 **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