HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 5 - 9th November 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 5

Friday

Colour Run - 2pm

Sunday

Family Mass 9.30am (Holy Family Church)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we had the pleasure of hosting the Central Cluster Times Tables Challenge, with students from seven schools competing across the day. Congratulations to all participants for their amazing efforts on the day. We are especially proud to announce that Holy Family was named Champion School, supported by these outstanding individual results: Arshi Jodder (Year 4 Champion), Georgie Harris (Year 3 Runner Up), Jack Burt (Year 5 Runner Up), and Aava Dhakal (Year 6 Runner Up). Thank you to Mr Berger for coordinating such an exciting competition for our students.

We are also very excited for our upcoming Colour Run this Friday. This is the last chance this week to raise funds, support our school and go in the draw to win some great prizes. Thank you for the way our community consistently works together for the good of all.

This Sunday, all families are warmly invited to join us for a Family Mass at Holy Family Church at 9.30am. It will be a special opportunity to gather in prayer and celebrate as a school community.

Please note that this week I will be attending the Diocesan Principals' Conference in Forbes. During my absence, please direct any enquiries to Mr Berger.

I am delighted to share some wonderful news for the future: in 2027 our school will be presenting a whole-school musical, The Wizard of Oz. Every child will be involved, and we will be beginning auditions for lead roles in the coming weeks. We cannot wait to see our students shine on the stage!

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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⭐Star of the Week⭐

Brooklyn Lawson is thoroughly deserving of being named our **Star of the Week**! He has adjusted remarkably well into Holy Family, settling into classroom routines with remarkable resilience, enthusiasm, and a wonderfully positive attitude. Always striving to do his absolute best, Brooklyn shows a fantastic work ethic and takes genuine pride in every activity he undertakes. Congratulations, Brooklyn—keep shining brightly!

Interview with Brooklyn

What is your favourite subject? 	**Mathematics**
In your free time, what do you like to do?	**Read books**
What is your favourite food?	**Cheese sticks**
What do you like most about our school?	**The sandpit**
	**I run very fast**
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	**A sailor**

Term 4 Week 5: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

Praise the Effort, Inspire the Success!

This fortnight's challenge is on - Biblical Figures

1. Who was chosen by God to build a large ark to save his family and pairs of animals from a great flood?	A) Abraham B) Noah C) Moses D) Elijah
2. Which brave shepherd boy defeated the giant Goliath with a sling and a smooth stone?	A) David B) Solomon C) Samuel D) Joseph

3. Who was chosen by God to be the Mother of Jesus, saying "Yes" to the Angel Gabriel?	A) Elizabeth B) Martha C) Mary D) Sarah
4. Which saintly carpenter was the foster father of Jesus and protector of the Holy Family?	A) St. Peter B) St. Paul C) St. Joseph D) St. John
5. Who led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai?	A) Joshua B) Moses C) Aaron D) Isaac
6. Which apostle was a fisherman, known as the "Rock," whom Jesus named as the first leader of His Church?	A) St. Peter B) St. James C) St. Andrew D) St. Matthew
7. Which prophet was thrown into a lions' den because he refused to stop praying to God?	A) Jeremiah B) Isaiah C) Daniel D) Ezekiel
8. Who was the cousin of Jesus that prepared the way for Him by preaching and baptising in the Jordan River?	A) John the Evangelist B) John the Baptist C) Simon D) Zacchaeus
9. Which woman was the first to see the risen Lord Jesus near the tomb on Easter morning?	A) Mary Magdalene B) Mary of Bethany C) Veronica D) Ruth
10. Who was swallowed by a great fish after initially running away from God's command to preach to Nineveh?	A) Jonah B) Job C) Tobias D) Samson

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-second Week in ordinary time / Year A

The Catholic students will be making the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday, 19th November. Fr Alex, our Assistant Parish Priest, will be visiting to talk to them about the sacrament on Thursday, 12th November.





Parkes Carols in The Park 2026 🎶🎶🎶🎶🎶🎶

The Holy Family School Choir will be participating in the Parkes Carols in The Park 2026 on Sunday, 13 December 2026, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Cooke Park. The choir will begin their practices shortly.

***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.

***The Central West Mini Vinnies Gathering which had been scheduled for Thursday, 12th November has been postponed.**

Masses and Liturgies

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

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

Kindergarten Liturgy- Wednesday, 2nd December, 12:15pm, St Aloysius Chapel (HFS school grounds)

Year 6 Graduation Mass- Thursday, 3rd December, 6:00pm, Holy Family Catholic Church

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Assembly Awards
Week 4

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJ	Elsie Cowling
	KC	Oscar McWilliam
	1C	Jackson Jordan
	2CR	Navy Edwards
	3N	Sawyer Dengate
	4WR	Tessa Dugan
	5/6B	Matilda McGrath
	5/6HW	Mary Drooger
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - 2CR	Emmerson Pope
	Primary - 5/6HW	Jordyn Flaxman
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - KJ	Harley Gibbons
	Primary - 3N	Dave Jeffress
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - 1C	Harvey Williams
	Primary - 5/6B	Jack Burt
Leadership Award	Infants - KC	Jedda Stevenson
	Primary - 4WR	Kendall Hartwig
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - 2CR	Preston Stevenson
	Primary - 5/6HW	Sophie Wood

Notes

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

Beyond the Rules

This week's GTR explores how the Beatitudes invite us to move beyond following rules so we can choose to make a difference through intentional acts of kindness, compassion and love.



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

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
JOHN 1:17

Family Mass

Holy Family Catholic Church 9.30am,

Sunday 15th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,
We are pleased to inform you that we are having a Family Mass on Sunday the 15th of November at 9.30am at Holy Family Catholic Church. We would like to extend an invitation to all families in our school to attend our special mass.

It would be wonderful if students would like to volunteer to read, altar serve, or take up the Offertory during Mass. Please respond to the Google Form if your child is able to participate as we come together as a school community. We look forward to celebrating with you all.

With gratitude,
Holy Family Staff



⏰ Time's Almost Up—Don't Miss Out!

Only 4 days to go until Monty the Monstar Fun Run! Let's give it one final push.

It's your last chance to help your child:

- Raise $100 and be one of the lucky students to Slime A Teacher!
- The top earning class gets the exclusive VIP tent on the day complete with snacks 7 cold drinks

Set up your child's My Profile Page now—let's finish strong, raise funds, and boost school spirit!

Don't forget: bring a white shirt and enclosed shoes. Let's get colourful! 🌈

CYBER-BULLYING

Cyberbullying may be defined as “any form of bullying that utilises technology such as instant messaging, online chat rooms, online bulletin boards and email. In many ways this is a more insidious form of bullying since it may reach into a victim’s home.” In other words, technology now allows the bully to inflict psychological harm on his or her victim anywhere and any time without respite. (Schools and the Law - Des Butler and Ben Matthews p.46)

Learn more about how to protect your children provided by the Catholic Network Australia Digital Citizenship web portal.

SCHOOL SAFETY - ROAD SAFETY PARENT RESOURCES

School-age children might seem independent, but they still need a hand. Young children learn how to safely use the road from you. The habits they learn stay with them when they’re old enough to travel alone.

- Walking to and from school
- Driving to and from school
- Getting the bus



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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MONTY THE MONSTAR FUN RUN

Friday, 13th November

FINAL WEEK

MONTY THE MONSTAR FUN RUN



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2027 School Fee Structure

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School Fees Structure 2027

Tuition Fees per annum

	2027
First child	$ 1318.76
Second child	$ 1186.89
Third child	$1055.01

Resource Fee: per child per annum **$410.38**

Chromebook Fee (K-6) Touch Screen: per child per annum of **$200.00**

Building Fund: per family per annum is set at **$383.01**

Total Fees per annum

	2027	Amount if paid upfront by 1st March 2027 5% discount
One Student	$ 2312.16	$2196.55
Two Students	$ 4109.42	$3903.95
Three Students	$ 5574.81	$5296.07
Four Students	$5985.19	$5685.93

If fees are paid as a lump sum by the 1st March 2027 a 5% discount will be applied

Weekly breakdown of fees (over 40 weeks of the school year):	
One student:	$ 57.80 per week
Two students:	$ 102.75 per week
Three students:	$ 139.40 per week
Four Students:	$ 149.62 per week

Upfront, Weekly and Fortnightly payments are encouraged.

Available methods of account payments:

- BPay is the preferred method of payment.
- Credit Card payments can be made at the school office or through Compass.
- Centrepay arrangements are available please contact the office.

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