HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 6 - 16th November 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 6

Tuesday

First Reconciliation Information Session 5pm (RE Room)

Wednesday

WF Cricket Trials (Parkes)

Thursday

Assembly 2.45pm

First Reconciliation 6pm (Holy Family Church)

Friday

Swimming for Sport

Year 5 Leadership Day (Forbes)



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing afternoon we had at our Colour Run last Friday! A huge thank you to the parents who generously gave their time to set up, pack away and help out along the course during the event. The students had a wonderful time and we have raised some fantastic funds for our school. Please remember that students have one more week of fundraising available should they wish to raise a little more money before selecting their prizes.

Congratulations to Curtis Arndell, who has been selected in the Wilcannia-Forbes tennis team to compete at the upcoming Polding trials. We wish Curtis all the very best as he represents our school and Diocese!

This Thursday evening, our Year 2 students will be making their First Reconciliation. Ahead of the evening, there will be a parent meeting in the Religion Room this Tuesday at 5:00 pm. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this special sacrament.

On Friday, our Year 5 students are travelling to Forbes to participate in a Servant Leadership Day alongside students from Forbes, Trundle and Peak Hill. It is a great opportunity for them to connect with peers across our region and grow in their leadership.



Denise Gersbach

Principal

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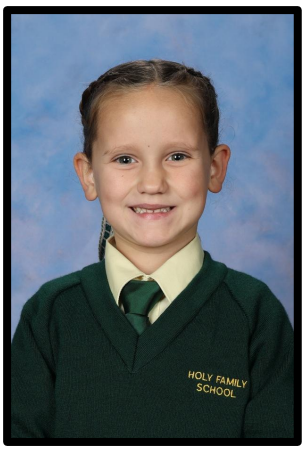
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Holy Family Parish School Parkes

⭐Star of the Week⭐

Congratulations to **Grace Edwards** who is our Star of the Week! Grace beautifully demonstrates our core values of *In Praise, Love and Trust* every single day. Known for her polite manners and genuine kindness, she is a deeply valued friend to her classmates and respectful towards all teachers. She consistently takes immense pride in her learning, producing work of an exceptional standard. Keep up the fantastic work,

Interview with Grace



What is your favourite subject? 	**Wiradjuri**
In your free time, what do you like to do?	**Play with my Play-Doh**
What is your favourite food?	**Strawberries**
What do you like most about our school?	**The play equipment**
	**Drawing love hearts and skipping**
What would you like to be when you grow up ?	**A dentist**

Term 4 Week 6: 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-Third Week in ordinary time / Year A

A big **THANK YOU** to Fr Alex, our Assistant Parish Priest, who met the Year 2 class on Thursday, 12th November, to talk to them about the Sacrament of Penance. All the students were very engaged and asked Fr Alex some very interesting questions to help them better understand the sacrament.



THANK YOU to all the staff, students and families who attended the Family Mass on Sunday, 15th November. The students who actively participated by doing the readings and offertory were very reverent and respectful, displaying great leadership.



- **The Season of Giving**

Please donate generously to our annual Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

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.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29, 2026 and runs through to Thursday, December 24, 2026

Masses and Liturgies

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

Wiradjuri

Wiradjuri Lesson- Walk to Rotary Peace Precinct

The students of Stage 3 went on an excursion to the Rotary Peace Precinct during their Wiradjuri lesson with Mrs Payne, Mr Anderson and their class teachers to explore and learn about the five carved timber sculptures which are carved with Wiradjuri iconography to acknowledge the First Peoples and local history. Mr Anderson explained the historical, spiritual, physical, social and cultural significance of the land to the Wiradjuri people.

The five carved dendroglyphs stand for peace, respect and value diversity, acknowledge the past, strong families, strong community, and Yindymarra Winhanganha - a Wiradjuri phrase meaning **'respect and learning through listening and thinking'**. The students listened to the sounds of nature and ambled along the beautiful paths, admiring the gum nuts and enjoying the peaceful surroundings, reflecting on the themes of unity, friendship, kindness and 'Gulbananha' (*Peace* in Wiradjuri).



Year 4WR



5/6 HW - 5/6 B

Notes

All Parents, Carers, Toddlers and Parishioners are welcome to... GatheR
Gather · Together · Reflect



DID YOU LOVE?

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

Gather - Together - Reflect

Our GTR this week is is about recognising that our faith is expressed through the love we show others in the ordinary moments of each day.

"Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." JOHN 13:34-35

In memory of all children who have died.

Annual Worldwide Candle lighting

The Compassionate Friends - Parkes

Lions Park (Orange road)
on **Sunday 13th December 2026**
from 5.30pm

Candles will be lit and poems read at 6pm.
Bring a photo of your loved one
BYO nibbles and drinks and stay for a chat.
We suggest you bring a chair/rug to sit at the Park. No RSVP needed. We would love to see you.



For more information contact Mandy Tulloch (0429 078 101), Tony & Judy Fisher (042897055)



WHAT A COLOURFUL DAY!

Our Colour Run on Friday was an absolute blast! So much fun, plenty of colour and, most importantly, an amazing effort raising funds for our **2027 School Drama Production!**
We're thrilled to announce that we've raised an incredible **$15,119 so far!**

PRIZE ORDERING IS NOW OPEN!
There's still time to get involved, with both fundraising and prize ordering closing on **Friday 20 November**. Make sure you order your prizes before this Friday.

A HUGE thank you to **NSW Fire & Rescue, C&S Stockfeeds, Parkes Junior Rugby League**, all our fantastic volunteers and everyone who donated and supported the event.
Your generosity and support helped make the day such a memorable success. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you for bringing the colour and helping bring our 2027 drama production to life!

There will also be some special presentations once the prizes arrive for our highest fundraisers.

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.





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	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 WF Diocesan Tennis & Basketball (Dubbo)	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 NSW Dental Health Visit WF Diocesan Cricket - Boys (Parkes) TBC	19 First Reconciliation - Year 2 - 6.00pm HF Church WF Diocesan Cricket - Girls (Dubbo) TBC NSW Dental Health Visit Assembly - 2.45pm	20 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