



NEWSLETTER

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: 0467 555 572 (YMCA)

HOLY ROSARY WEB SITE: www.hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au

MASS TIMES

Please note that Masses have been suspended until further notice.

Sunday Mass with the Bishop can be live streamed at

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au>

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Mon 16th Pupil Free Day – Learning Conversations
Fri 27th Pupil Free Day – Staff Planning Day

DECEMBER

Wed 16th Last Day Term 4

Due to the current circumstances the dates shown in the calendar for this term are subject to change.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This Wednesday 11th November, we celebrate Remembrance Day in memory of all who have died or fought in conflicts protecting our country. We will have a short service and a minute of silence prior to recess. As time passes, the day can only grow in significance as our children continue to appreciate the great country in which we live and the sacrifices made to ensure we preserve our way of life.

God of peace you call us to peace,
Peace within and peace without
Peace before us and peace behind us
Peace on our right and peace on our left.
Christ of Peace you call us to peace,
Peace with our brother and with our sister,
Peace with our neighbour and with the stranger
Peace with friends and with foes
Spirit of peace you call us to peace,
Peace in work and in play
Peace in thought and in deed
Peace in word and action
Grant us peace, O God of peace.

NAIDOC Week.

Across Australia this week we celebrate NAIDOC week. Always Was, Always Will Be recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists. Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies. We built and engineered structures - structures on Earth - predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge.



Hey Kids!
DON'T FORGET
to bring your
DRINK BOTTLE
to school

Please DO NOT send your child to school if they are unwell in any way.
Thank you.



The theme this year, Always Was, Always Will Be, acknowledges that hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land - the biggest estate on earth - to sustainably provide for their future. Through ingenious land management systems like fire stick farming we transformed the harshest habitable continent into a land of bounty.

NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606 - with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples. Our coastal Nations watched and interacted with at least 36 contacts made by Europeans prior to 1770. Many of them resulting in the charting of the northern, western and southern coastlines – of our lands and our waters.

For us, our countries story began at the dawn of time. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations. It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history.

Foundation Transition

We have almost completed our interviews for foundation students next year and will be completing some modified transition visits in the coming weeks according to the ever changing guidelines. We look forward to welcoming all new students and their families to our community.

Learning Conversations

A reminder that we have our Learning conversations next week, a great opportunity to celebrate your child's learning and achievements throughout this remarkable year. Please make the appropriate booking for our Google Meet video conference.

Staffing News

In staffing news, I would like to congratulate Mrs Watson who has successfully secured a position at St Joseph's Quarry Hill for the 2021 school year. We wish Brooke all the very best as she embarks on an exciting new chapter in her professional life. The process of finding a replacement has begun already and we look forward to adding to our team at Holy Rosary.

This week is also our final week with Mrs Schmidt before she leaves on family leave. We wish Bianca and Daniel all the best for the arrival of their 3rd child and in this exciting time in their lives.

Fees

In today's newsletter we are able to advise the 2021 school fees. As in years gone by, these fees are set by the School Board with the advice of the Catholic Education Office. We are conscious of the challenges that COVID 19 has placed on families this year. Keeping this in mind we have not increased the Capital fee or the CSE Levies for 2021.

Paul Wilkinson



Principal

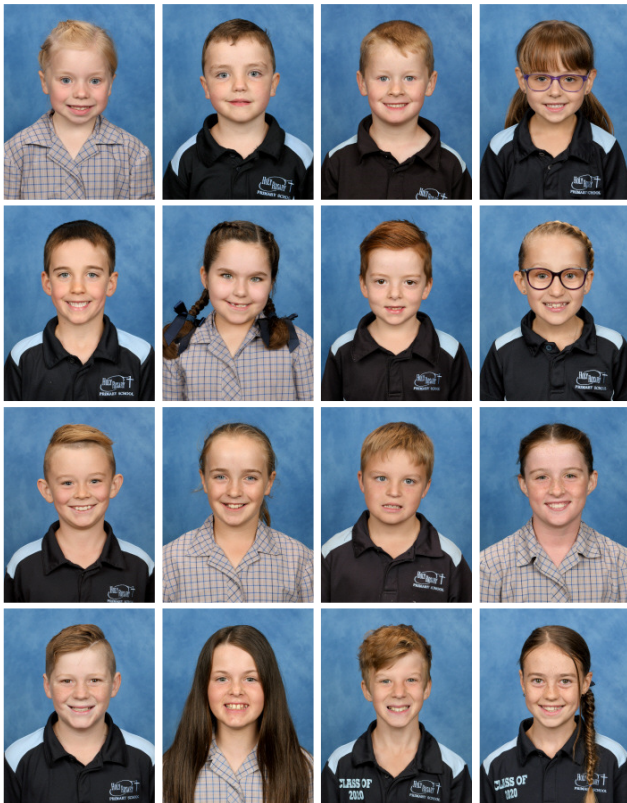
STUDENT NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Isabelle Robertson, Frankie Connors, Charles Matthews, Eleanor Matthews, Sienna Millar, Preston Anfusio, Samuel Gibbons, Seth Ilott, Emily Dillon, Abigail Jacob, Georgia Moulday. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



	Students of the Week
FBG	Chelsea Gray, Isaac Brennan
FJO	Thomas Marchment, Levi Illott
1BW	Willow Keeble
1DC	Samuel Kerville
2MC	Isabelle Robertson
2LC	Levi Macumber
3JT	Charlie Fisher
3ZD	Dakota Keeble
4AG	Rhyder Michielsen, Bronte Ellerton
4BS	Quiny Juac, Khayden Petersen
5JE	Zarah Reynolds
5MG	Oscar Davies
6ST	Erin McCarroll
6TC	Jakoben Peterson, Charlotte Ermel

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

ACCESS TO MASS AND TO CHURCHES

We are all encouraged to continue active participation in the life of the Church through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online.

There are many options for Mass online, including:

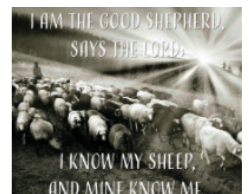
- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
- www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

The Bishop is also live-streaming Mass on Sunday mornings via the diocesan website: www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

On free to air TV, *Mass for You at Home* is broadcast at 6.00am every Sunday, Channel 10

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - GRADE 2 RECONCILIATION:

A big thank-you to the Grade 2, First Rite of Reconciliation sacramental families who have responded to recent emails. We have 22 children who will undertake the sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 3rd December. If you are a parent of a child who you believe is registered to participate but have not received any correspondence about this day or the parent information night, please contact Jo Thurley ASAP.



ALL SOULS DAY

Last Monday we celebrated All Souls Day with liturgies in our classrooms to remember all our loved ones who have passed away, including those named in our Imogen Illot Memorial Garden.



LIBRARY NEWS

As was announced earlier this term, we have received funding for our new building at school. Whilst this is very exciting, it means that a few things need to be moved around a little so that our school can still function. The library area needs to be moved to accommodate some of these changes. I'm sure that you can understand that moving these areas is quite a task. Due to this, we will need to cease library borrowing for students earlier than normal. This week (week 6) will be the final week of borrowing for students. All library books will need to be returned during Week 7.

Due to remote learning and school closures, many students were allowed to borrow more books than usual. There are some students that still have a few books that were borrowed before remote learning in March, and then again in July. Students will be informed during week 7 and 8 if they still have any outstanding loans. I understand that this year has been very different, but please just check your bookshelves carefully or check at Grandparents for any books that may have been forgotten about.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sue Johns, Library



TERM 4 LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we prepare for our Term Four Learning Conversations, an integral element of our assessment and reporting processes, it is necessary that these differ to our usual practice given the physical distancing requirements set out by the Victorian Government. As such, Term Four Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations will also be held via video conferencing using Google Meet.

Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations will be held **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th November. Please note that Monday 16th November is a Pupil Free Day.** Bookings are open and can be made via your PAM account. There should only be one Learning Conversation booking made for each student.

Logistics:

- At the time of the Learning Conversation, parents will need to click on the "[Click here to join interview](#)" on the link displayed in the "Booked Times" in PAM. It might also be a good idea to be logged into Google prior to using PAM to click the link. Please don't enter the meeting prior to your scheduled time.
- To cater for any technical difficulties, teachers will have access to a phone nearby. If you receive an incoming call from "No Caller ID" please be ready to answer this. This will ensure time is not wasted during your conversation and a Parent/Teacher Learning Conversation via speaker phone will take place.
- Teachers will have a timer ready at their end to monitor time elapsed to ensure that each conference does not go over the set time of 15 minutes. If families require additional time for discussion and the scheduled time is not long enough, another meeting time can be arranged with the teacher.
- Learning Conversations are primarily a discussion between parents and the teacher, though parents may select to have their child present. We ask that you are mindful of who may be present or overhear conversation content.
- On Tuesday 17th November, students will have a slightly altered program for the afternoon but will be dismissed from their usual classrooms and follow the normal procedures for exiting the school.

The agenda for the 15 minute Learning Conversations across the school include:

1. Reflection/Assessment of previous goals set.
2. Discussion about current achievement and progress
3. Summary of strategies/adjustments employed throughout the year to support the child's learning.

We strongly encourage all families to book a Learning Conversation. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about the Term 4 Learning Conversations.

With thanks,
Kim Carter



CANTEEN

PIZZA DAY – Friday 13th November. Usual meals deals on offer. See Flexischool's for all details as this is the only way to order due to COVID restrictions.

Please ensure all orders are placed on Flexischools before 9am Thursday.

Reminder: There will be no over the counter sales at the window during Term 4, please stay tuned for any updates. Thank You.

Holy Rosary Primary School

Pupil Free Day
Monday 16th & Friday 27th
November

8am – 6pm

YMCA

To secure your place log into My Family Lounge
and place a casual booking or
contact us on **0467 555 572**

Schedule of Fees and Charges

2021 School Fee Structure

The School Fee Structure has been set for the 2021 school year. The Fees and Levies have been determined by the Principal and approved by the School Board, paying particular attention to the needs and circumstances of the community, along with the ongoing and long-term strategic plan of the school.

2021 School Fees:

	Family Fee
1 Child	\$1,135.00
2 Children	\$1,702.00
3 Children +	\$1,986.00

	Capital & Maintenance Fee
Family	\$400.00

Further Costs for each Grade Level

	Curriculum & ICT Levy
Foundation	\$247.00
Grade 1	\$247.00
Grade 2	\$257.00
Grade 3	\$287.00
Grade 4	\$262.00
Grade 5	\$262.00
Grade 6	\$272.00

	Camps, Sports & Excursion (CSE) Levy
Foundation	\$130.00
Grade 1	\$130.00
Grade 2	\$150.00
Grade 3	\$160.00
Grade 4	\$210.00
Grade 5	\$370.00
Grade 6	\$470.00

Curriculum & ICT Levy

This levy covers part of the cost of supplies and resources for classrooms and specialist classes, eg. Art, Music and Drama, Library and Languages. It also assists the school to provide computers and iPads for use across the school.

Camps, Sports & Excursion (CSE) Levy

This levy covers part of the costs associated with the provision of Camps, Excursions, Incursions and Physical Education Programs

Payment of School Fees & Levies

The range of educational opportunities and experiences has been offered within the context of our budget. It will therefore be important that payment of fees and levies are honoured. We are very aware of the rising costs for families and this is given careful consideration in the process of setting school fees and levies. However due to Government school funding agreements, there is an expectation that Catholic school communities contribute to the cost of education. In order to assist families, we encourage payment via direct debit. This allows for regular payments to be made equally over the year. Please note: If your current payment arrangement is direct debit, you will receive a letter shortly with your revised payment amount for the 2021 school year.

Payment Options for School Fees & Levies

All fees and levies for the year will be billed at the start of the school year. Families will receive a school fee statement in early February 2021. The school provides a number of payment options for payment of school fees and levies.

- Cash or cheque (accepted via the office)
- Direct Debit (fortnightly)
- Direct payment into school bank account
- Centrepay (Centrelink payments)
- Individual instalments to suit particular needs of families

International Entertainment's



**Stream the 'CIRCUS QUIRKUS' show for free and on-demand from
from Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd November 2020
- hosted by the Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia (IDFA)**

COVID has changed everything for all of us, and particularly so for the vulnerable and 'high-risk' children and families, many who can no longer safely attend public spaces. We are unable to do live events, but as the old saying goes, "the show must go on"...

The Immune Deficiencies Foundation (IDFA) is again holding its annual *Circus Quirkus* event, but this year with a difference... we will be streaming it directly to the audience over the internet.

Circus Quirkus is an eclectic & entertaining mix of circus acts brought to you from all over the world, with internationally renowned clowns, jugglers, acrobats & more, delivering hilarious, hugely engaging & sometimes death-defying acts of unbelievable skill. Suitable for all ages.

We hope this event provides children of all abilities and backgrounds with an opportunity to experience world-class entertainment in an inclusive, accessible & safe environment where they feel free to be themselves without restriction or judgement.

This year audience members can watch *Circus Quirkus* from their own COVID-safe bubble at home [or together at school], or if they prefer (and if it's safe) gather with friends to watch it as a group.

The show can be watched at any time during the three-day period, and unlimited access means they can also watch it as many times as they like during that time. Or just play their favourite bits over and over again.

All that is needed to enjoy our show this year is an internet connection and a device with a screen such as a PC, laptop, tablet or even a smartphone. We will provide you with a web address and a password for the show.

HOW TO BOOK...

(Please respect that the show has been funded through local business sponsorship for special needs and disadvantaged groups ONLY; it is not to be made available for general viewing)

Please contact the families at your school to ask who would like access to the online show, and then email meredithnewman@showintent.com.au or call 0476-589-799 with the following information:-

- The total number of families, booked and how many devices they require access for
- If possible, how many people will be watching from each location/device (approximately)
- If you would also like access to streaming for in-school viewings please let me know approximately how many students will be viewing the shows and how many devices you require access for.

Once we have received your response, we will provide you with the web address and password to access the 'Circus Quirkus' show online, **available to stream on-demand on 20/21/22 November 2020**

If preferred, you are welcome to request the web address and password now and confirm how many families you shared access with and the approximate number of devices closer to the streaming date.

Individual ticket orders from parents, guardians, carers, etc. are welcome if bulk orders cannot be accommodated. Please ask them to email me directly at the above address.