



# NEWSLETTER

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HOLY ROSARY WEB SITE: [www.hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au)

## MASS TIMES

Holy Rosary – Hamelin St

Saturday's 6pm

(Numbers Limited)

Or online at:

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

## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY 2021

Tue 9	Learning Conversations
Wed 10	Foundation Rest Day
Wed 10	Learning Conversations
Sat 13	Marong Cup
Tue 16	Shrove Tuesday
Tue 16	Catholic School Swimming Carnival
Tue 16	Learning Conversations
Tue 16	Picnic in the Park
Wed 17	Foundation Rest Day
Wed 17	Ash Wednesday Class Liturgies
Wed 17	Learning Conversations
Sat 20	McCarthy House Mass – 6pm
Mon 22 – Tue 23	Hockey Clinics (Gr 2 -6)
Wed 24	Foundation Rest Day
Fri 26	School Photo Day

### MARCH 2021

Tue 2 – Fri 5	Swimming Lessons (Gr 3-6)
Wed 3	Foundation Rest Day
Mon 8	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tue 10	Foundation begin full weeks
Thu 11	Sacrament Meeting
Fri 12	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Fri 19	Canteen – Pizza Day
Sat 27	Sacrament Commitment Mass – 6pm
Sat 27	Harte House Mass – 6pm

### APRIL 2021

Thu 1	Last Day Term 1 – 2.15pm dismissal
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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our first full week of school was great to see the very calm and settled classrooms and the children actively engaged in their learning.

### SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Sunday's Gospel finds Jesus teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. The people were surprised that he taught with such authority. They were amazed when he confronted and cast out an evil spirit from a man who was among them. The evil spirit called Jesus "the Holy One of God." Those who witnessed this power and authority spread word of Jesus throughout Galilee.

Today is a good day to consider how we use our power and authority as parents, as bosses or supervisors, as coaches, as captain of the team. Do we use our power and authority for the good of others? Do we use our power and authority to bring about positive change? Do we use our power and authority to guide our children or others in the ways of holiness and righteousness? Our use of power and authority has the potential to lift people up or to tear them down. The words we choose, the tone of voice we use and the actions we take reveal to our family members, to friends and to others that it is Jesus Christ who has authority over our lives.

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

In the last few years we have worked hard to improve the children's participation in activity. Today we held our 'first' swimming sports carnival for Grade 3-6 at the Bendigo East Pool. A big thank you to Mr Coates for all his organisation and Miss Furlong for her work in ensuring the success of the day.

### UNIFORM

Our uniform is part of our identity and we ask children to wear the uniform as outlined in the newsletter and in the information booklet you received at enrolment. We appreciate support from parents and conversely will support parents as we ensure we continue to wear our uniform with pride. Necklaces and jewellery are not part of the uniform and children with shoulder length hair need to have it tied back. We have noticed some 'labels' shorts emerging and would appreciate wearing the appropriate school sports shorts.



Check out our school Facebook page to stay up to date with the latest news!  
<https://www.facebook.com/holyrosaryprimaryschoolwhitehills/>

## MARONG CUP

Saturday is the Marong cup race meeting and we have a final call for volunteers. As I mentioned last week, Catholic Schools in Bendigo benefit in receiving around \$6500 annually from this great day. We only need 6 helpers to collect glasses in shifts to ensure a successful day under the COVIDSafe regulations.

## LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

A reminder that we have learning conversations this week (Tuesday and Wednesday) and again next week. After such limited access last year we look forward to seeing everyone in the classrooms as we begin the new year. Please make a booking if you haven't already!

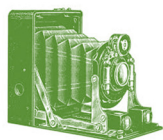
## SHROVE TUESDAY – PICNIC IN THE PARK

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday), is next week and we have an informal gathering in the Botanical Gardens to launch our new year. Families are invited to bring along a takeaway meal, picnic rug/chair and relax in the beautiful surroundings as a school community. We look forward to catching up with everyone between 5pm - 7pm (maybe a little later for some).



Paul Wilkinson  
Principal

# SCHOOL NEWS



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be held on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. Please ensure that children are in a clean summer school uniform, clean tidy hair with **NO** bright coloured jewellery, ribbons or headbands. Photo orders will be online this year. More information will be supplied as it becomes available.

## SUN SMART - HATS

A reminder to all families that our **“No Hat No Play”** policy is active during Term 1. Students without a hat will sit out off the yard at recess and lunch. School hats are available at the school office.



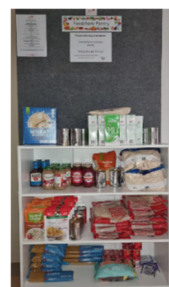
## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Should your child be unwell please notify the school as soon as possible via PAM, phone call or email.
- We ask that you please ring and/or make a prior appointment with your child's teacher, should you need to discuss any aspect of your child/rens progress.
- Parents must sign in at the office if they will be onsite longer than 15 minutes for any reason.
- **Children in the playground are supervised from 8.30 am. Gates and classrooms will remained locked until this time. Children should not arrive at school before this time.**
- Parents are welcome on the school grounds for a short amount of time (10-15 minutes) at drop off and pick up time. Parents are not permitted into classrooms to ensure we maintain density levels.

## FOODSHARE PANTRY

Bendigo Foodshare collects food that would otherwise go to waste and distributes it through community organisations and schools throughout Central Victoria. This year Bendigo Foodshare has rescued over 586,000 kgs of food.

Holy Rosary receives deliveries of food each week to help support our families and the wider community. The Foodshare pantry in the front foyer will be restocked weekly with items for families to take home. Depending on what we get, we may also send items home with students. Our pantry is there to support everyone; whether you forgot to go to the supermarket or you know someone who could use the extra hand, please feel free to use the pantry.



## COMMISSIONING MASS

Many staff members attended a Parish commissioning Mass over the weekend. The parishioners enjoyed watching us receive our Rite of Blessing from Father Rob Galea.

## TERM 1 LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Bookings for the Term 1 Parent Teacher Learning Conversations are open and can now be made using your SIMON Everywhere and/or PAM account. These conversations will discuss children's progress and learning goals.

### LEARNING CONVERSATIONS WILL BE HELD ON:

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 3:45pm - 6:30pm**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February from 3:45pm – 4:30pm**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February from 3:45pm - 6:30pm**

All families are strongly encouraged to make a booking for their child/ren. Due to time restraints, please only make one booking per child per family. If you feel you need more time due to more complex issues, please schedule another meeting time directly with the classroom teacher or our Learner Diversity Coordinator, Mandy Antoniadis.

If you require any assistance in booking your Learning Conversation, please speak to the Office.

## WELLBEING

For students, the start of a school year often brings excitement as well as nerves. New opportunities and new challenges often mean we experience a variety of emotions and behaviours. How we face these challenges as a child has a significant impact on how we deal with them as adults. Every week I will be providing information on a variety of wellbeing topics and this week I thought it may be useful to look at resilience.

Resilience ... it's a familiar word, isn't it? But what does it really mean?

Resilience is the ability to cope when things go wrong. It's a child's ability to cope with ups and downs, and bounce back from the challenges they experience during childhood. Building resilience helps children not only to deal with current difficulties that are a part of everyday life, but also to develop the basic skills and habits that will help them deal with challenges later in life, during adolescence and adulthood.

As a parent or carer, you can help to develop essential skills, habits and attitudes for building resilience at home by helping your child to:

- build good relationships with others including adults and peers
- build their independence
- learn to identify, express and manage their emotions
- build their confidence by taking on personal challenges

Parents play a really important part in their modelling and approach during stressful times. Children learn and take cues from the adults around them. Being mindful of how we approach stressful situations and the skills we use to resolve challenges is essential in helping our children develop resilience. Parents can also play an active role in supporting children during stressful times by facilitating problem-solving steps to work through situations positively. Over time, these skills can then be developed by the child so they are able to more independently resolve difficulties. Talking about what happened afterwards can also help to reinforce the learning and remind the child that things can turn out okay even when it's been a bit stressful.

A great video by KidsMatter which explains resilience in kids is available on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KP5sG4qb3Rk>

For more information and resources visit <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au> or <https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/healthy-homes/building-resilience>

*Chantel White (Student Wellbeing)*

## STATE NETBALL TRIALS



The Team Vic 12&U Netball 2021 Registration to Trial is open.

I am sharing the opportunity for any year 6 children that wish to trial for State selection.

Please note, this MUST be endorsed by Paul Wilkinson (Principal) and myself. The calibre of the player must be high. This is not a come and try day, it's a very high standard trial.



You can see further information on the trial using the link below:

Follow this link <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/pages/netball.aspx> to find all of the information and the RED button to go ahead and register, should you gain the go ahead from Paul and myself.

Please see selection guidelines:

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/Documents/TeamVicNetball12YearsandUSelectionGuidelinesConference2021.pdf>

The registration to trial will close on Monday 1 March. If you feel your child may be suited to trial, please get in contact with me ASAP. - Troy Coates (PE Coordinator) [tcoates@hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tcoates@hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au)

## SWIMMING LESSONS (GR 3-6)

The Year 3-6 children will have their swimming lessons early in Term 1, from Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th of March (4 days). This will be at Gurri Wanyarra in Kangaroo Flat. Permission forms will be released via PAM in the coming weeks.

Prep - Grade 2 swimming lessons will be in Term 4 (Start of December).

## LEVELLED LITERACY INTERVENTION- LLI

At Holy Rosary we will be implementing the Levelled Literacy Intervention program (LLI). Our scope in implementing LLI is to be able to support students across all year levels; and to further support their learning due to the unforeseen challenges from the 2020 school year due to COVID-19.

If your child is selected, they will participate in at least 3 (30-45 minute lessons) during which will address comprehension, vocabulary development, fluency practice, phonics and word study and writing about reading according to their level. The LLI lessons are given in addition to the regular reading instruction your child receives in the classroom.

The program runs over 14 weeks and there will be take home readers to support your child's learning. As always success in your child's learning is a partnership between home and school.

If your child has been selected to participate in the LLI program, a letter will be sent home this week explaining the program in further detail.

The following teachers will be running the LLI program across the school - Mrs. Antoniadis, Ms. McKnight, Mrs. Williams, Ms. Teed, Mrs. Matheson and Mrs. Thurley.

Feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher if you have further questions. - *LLI team*.



## FEES 2021

School fees are billed to families on a full yearly total and accounts are sent out at the beginning of each term (to be emailed to families shortly).

Payments may be made at the office at your convenience throughout the year by cash or cheque, you may pay directly into the school account by EFT or you may elect us to set up a Direct Debit facility from your bank account.

### 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

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) is a Victorian Government program that assists eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Any parents/carers who hold a valid means-tested concession card, a Gold DVA card or are a temporary foster parent, may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards these items.

The CSEF form was sent home to parents at the beginning of term.

If you did not receive a CSEF payment in 2020, have had a new child start, or are a new family please fill in and return the application form to the office as soon as possible. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, whether you need to reapply etc, please see Paula in the office.



## CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (CAP) 2021

The Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance from the Victorian State Government to assist families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school. The allowance is available to parents who are required to –

- drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to school (if there is no school bus)
- or drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to meet the nearest school bus to the school
- the child must attend their closest government or non-government school (Catholic)
- the allowance is based on kilometres travelled and not based on any financial eligibility

Distance is calculated by the shortest practical route from home to the school or from home to meet the nearest school bus to the school. Distance can be calculated by using Bing Maps. Application and Authority to Pay Forms required to be completed by a parent are available from the school office.

Parents who received the Conveyance Allowance in 2020 do not need to complete a new form in 2021 unless their children enrolled at Holy Rosary in 2021 have changed (i.e. Gr 6 student left at the end of 2020 or a Foundation child commenced in 2021). If your family circumstances have changed, a new form needs to be completed in 2021.

If you have recently changed address please advise the office if you are no longer eligible. Application and Authority to Pay forms need to be completed and returned to the office by Friday 22 March 2021 please.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/transport/Pages/conveyance.aspx>

If you are unsure if you may be eligible, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## STUDENT NEWS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are Bronte Ellerton, Miller Connors, Rubi Morrison, Harley Tuohey, Caleb Cross & Liam Gladman. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FBG	Remy Kearns
FNJ	Harper Ilott
1DC	Dexter McDerby
1ML	Hudson McKenna
2DP	Elsie Rice
2LC	Aiden Cross
3CW	Jonathon Keller
3ZD	Sienna Gladstone
4AG	Jack Yates
4BS	Charlie Ayres
5JE	Chris Mason
5JO	Bronte Ellerton
6MG	Caitlin Watson
6TC	Rex Bell

# P&F NEWS

## CANTEEN 2021

**VOLUNTEERS:** A HUGE thank you to the parents who have put their hand up to help out in our canteen! We have almost filled our volunteer roster for Term 1 (attached) in only one week! We do need just a few more shifts filled, so if you are able to volunteer in our Canteen this term, please contact Lindy Vance on 0409 067 404.

Please note, that volunteers in our canteen DO need to have a current WWC Check, but DO NOT need to hold a Food Handling Certificate.

### CHANGES:

- We will no longer be accepting cash orders for canteen. Orders must be placed online via Flexischools (information attached).
- There will be no window sales during 2<sup>nd</sup> play on Friday.
- All **snack items will be delivered at the same time as lunch items** at 11.40am
- Frozen items are currently not available for order.

## MARONG CUP

The 2021 Marong Cup is coming up on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February. As always we are seeking volunteers to help out, however this year will look a little different and we will only require volunteers on Saturday. 2 volunteers are needed for each of the shifts listed below, with their duties being to collect glasses in the bar area. Volunteer forms are included in this week's newsletter or are available from the school office.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – 11.30am until 1.30pm  
– 1.30pm until 3.30pm  
– 3.30pm until 5.30pm

Please note, volunteers will need to sign in at the front entrance and get a wristband to enable entry to the racecourse. Volunteers working on the day will not be able to take children (unless they have pre booked a seat) and must leave the course following their shift unless they have purchased a ticket.



There will also be a few other changes to the way Marong Cup will look this year to keep everyone COVID safe. Some of those changes are:

- No kids activity area, so no wristband sales at school.
- No musical entertainment
- No Schools Race this year
- Admission only by pre-booked ticket with BJC and will be allocated a specific seat in the grandstand or other area.
- There will not be any sitting on the lawn area and no one will be permitted to just roam around the grounds
- No tickets sold at schools or at the gate

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ARE YOU A CARER?

(Caring for a school aged child with a disability, learning disability, mental illness or chronic illness)

Would you like to take some time out to care for yourself? Be part of a social support group with others experiencing similar situations?

If the answer is yes then join the Walking and Wellbeing Group. There will be two walks each week, you can choose which one to attend.

### Walking & Wellbeing Group

#### Lake Weeroona

Tuesdays & Thursdays during school terms. Meet between 9-9.20am at the Rowing Club end of the lake.



For more information contact  
Natasha Harrick on 1800 068 978 or  
email [nharrick@bendigohealth.org.au](mailto:nharrick@bendigohealth.org.au)

# SPORTS NEWS



## Holy Rosary Netball Club!

After several false starts in 2020 - we are working towards a successful (and COVID-safe) season with BSNA in 2021.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest for boys or girls in grades 3+ who may be interested to join our Netball Teams this year. Please get in touch for more information!

holynosarynetball@gmail.com  
www.holosarynetball.com



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## 2021 MARONG CUP VOLUNTEERS

SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021



The 2021 Marong Cup is coming up on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February. As always we are seeking volunteers to help out.

**Please ensure you wear covered in shoes (no open toe shoes due to Health and Safety Regulations).**

Please write your name and phone number and tick any times you are available on the below form and return to the school office by **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February**.



## MARONG CUP VOLUNTEERS

SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Time(s):

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11.30am – 1.30pm

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1.30pm – 3.30pm

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3.30pm – 5.30pm

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## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

**Holy Rosary's Dress Code Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions.**

Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn.

- Variations to the uniform, e.g. Leggings, Cargo Pants, Track suits with logos or stripes are not permitted.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g.: spikes or Mohawks) are not permitted. **All boys and girls with shoulder length, or longer hair are required to have their hair tied back.**
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only acceptable headwear is the school hat consistent with our Sunsmart policy, and sold through the Uniform Shop. They must be worn outside during the high UV period. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Leisure Footwear NOT permitted – for protection, sandals must have an enclosed toe.

The Uniform Shop, located in the Parents Room, is open every Friday from 8.30am to 9.15am. (School holidays excluded). Second-hand uniforms are also available – please see the office.

## THE UNIFORM

### **TERMS 1 & 4**

#### **GIRLS: SUMMER UNIFORM**

School Dress  
Navy Skort  
School Polo Shirt  
School Rugby Top, Polar Fleece or Jacket  
Black School Shoes/Sandals  
Navy Socks  
Navy or Reversible House Colour Bucket Hat

### **TERMS 2 & 3**

#### **GIRLS: WINTER UNIFORM**

Navy Slacks  
Navy Skirt or Skort with Tights  
School Polo Shirt  
School Long Sleeve Polo (or long sleeved navy top under school polo)  
School Rugby Top, Polar Fleece or Jacket  
Navy Socks/Tights  
Black School Shoes

#### **BOYS: SUMMER UNIFORM**

Grey Shorts  
School Polo Shirt  
School Rugby Top, Polar Fleece or Jacket  
Black School Shoes/Sandals  
Grey Socks  
Navy or Reversible House Colour Bucket Hat

#### **BOYS: WINTER UNIFORM**

Grey Trousers  
School Polo Shirt  
School Long Sleeve Polo (or long sleeved navy top under school polo)  
School Rugby Top, Polar Fleece or Jacket  
Grey Socks  
Black School Shoes/Boots

#### **GIRLS & BOYS: SPORTS UNIFORM:**

School Polo Shirt  
Navy Mesh Shorts (summer)  
Navy Track Pants (winter), not leggings

School Rugby Top, Polar Fleece or Jacket White Sports  
Socks and Runners  
Navy or Reversible House Colour Bucket Hat



# HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN

## VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 1 2021

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
FEB 2021		
THUR 11th	9am -11am	Cathy Harrington
FRI 12th	9am -12noon	Dea Robertson & Julie Allen
FRI 12th	11am-12noon	Yvette Sait
THUR 18th	9am-11am	Tamara McIntosh
FRI 19th	9am-12noon	Emma Gibbons & Jenya Thompson
FRI 19th	11am-12noon	Charlotte Healy
THUR 25th	9am -11am	Volunteer needed
FRI 26th	9am -12noon	Dea Robertson & Susie Young
	11am-12noon	Jacqui Mortimer
MARCH 2021		
THUR 4th	9am -11am	Tamara McIntosh
FRI 5th	9am -12noon	Emma Gibbons & Jenya Thompson
FRI 5th	11am-12noon	Charlotte Healy
WED 10th	9am -11am	Volunteer needed
THUR 11th	9am -12noon	Volunteer needed & Volunteer needed
THUR 11th	11am-12noon	Volunteer needed
THUR 18th	9am -11am	Cathy Harrington
FRI 19th - PIZZA	10am-12noon	Emma Gibbons & Emily Roberts
	11am-12noon	Volunteer needed & Volunteer needed
THUR 25th	9am-11am	Tamara McIntosh
FRI 26th	9am-12noon	Dea Robertson & Emily Roberts
FRI 26th	11am-12noon	Yvette Sait
WED 31st MARCH	9am-11am	Volunteer needed
THUR 1st APRIL	9am-12noon	Volunteer needed & Volunteer needed
	11am-12noon	Volunteer Needed