



NEWSLETTER

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

MASS TIMES

Online at:

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

<https://www.frgministry.com/mass>

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Another amazing, unpredictable, extraordinary year with Holy Rosary dealing with more than most. After looking forward to a 'normal' year, it certainly wasn't the way anyone expected our year to pan out. With all that said I must thank our fantastic staff for the way they again stayed true to their role and often went above and beyond to ensure the children had every opportunity to succeed.

Orientation Day was a great opportunity to meet our new Foundation students for 2022 and we also welcomed our new teaching staff who spent the day acquainting themselves with our school and the children.

Our Grade 6 children had an exciting day at their various secondary schools and from all reports are excited and ready for the next step in their education journey.

Last Wednesday night we celebrated the end of the seven years of primary schooling for our Grade 6 children. After a tumultuous 3 weeks, it was refreshing and indeed important to be able to celebrate with mass and a formal presentation ceremony. In keeping with COVIDSafe practice the children and parents gathered in the church with staff and celebrant Fr Minh. A big thank you to all staff involved, especially Mr Coates, Mrs Gerrish and Mrs McConnell who have worked in an ever-changing environment to ensure a chance to celebrate such a significant milestone in the lives of the children and their families.

In additional staff news, we will also say farewell to Mrs Zimmer who will be taking up a classroom teaching position at St Francis of the Fields. I wish her all the best for the next stage in her career and thank her for her dedication and service over 13 years at Holy Rosary. Children's reports will be released this afternoon, and families will note that they are similar to last year in that in some areas we were unable to assess, whilst in others minimal assessment occurred due to lockdown. Our English, Maths and Religious education were a focus during our time away from school and as such we have focussed on these most important areas.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2021

Tue 14 Last Day Term 4 – 3.15pm dismissal

JANUARY 2022

Fri 28th Staff Return

Fri 28th Uniform Shop Open – 9.30am – 2.30pm

Mon 31st First Day Term 1

FEBRUARY 2022

Wed 2nd Foundation Rest Day

Wed 9th Foundation Rest Day

Sat 12th McCarthy House Community Mass – 6pm

Wed 15th Foundation Rest Day

Thur 16th Pupil Free Day – Staff PD

Sat 19th Marong Cup

Wed 23rd Foundation Rest Day

Fri 25th School Photo Day

MARCH 2022

Tue 1st Shrove Tuesday

Wed 2nd Ash Wednesday

Wed 2nd Foundation Rest Day

Wed 9th Foundation First Wednesday

Mon 14th Labour Day Public Holiday

APRIL 2022

Fri 8th Last Day Term 1 – 2.15pm dismissal

Sat 9th Harte House Community Mass – 6pm



Check out our school Facebook page to stay up to date with the latest news!

<https://www.facebook.com/holyrosaryprimaryschoolwhitehills/>

Thanks to the P&F group who supported the end of year Christmas hampers, a free raffle for each year level much to the excitement of all involved. We again look forward to engaging more fully with our parent community next year.

Finally, as things return to some normality the Marong Cup is on the horizon! We will need volunteers to ensure the day is again a success, please mark Saturday 19 February 2021 in your calendar for a fun day at the races!

Merry Christmas and a very safe and happy New Year to everyone.



Paul Wilkinson
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Mary Martin, the Parish Organist is very keen for children who may be attending Christmas Mass on Friday 24th December to participate in the choir. The service will be taking place on the school Oval @ 7pm. You can register your interest with me by email jthurley@hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au or simply turn up on the day and introduce your child to Mary.

CHRISTMAS MASS SERVICES

Friday 24 Dec Christmas Eve: Outdoor Mass at 7pm, School grounds (BYO Chair)

Saturday 25 December: 10am Mass at Holy Rosary, no Mass at St. Francis Xavier

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our St Vinnies Christmas appeal. Your kind donations will support 30 Families in the White Hills community.



LIBRARY NEWS



There are still many students with books to be returned. Please continue to have a good look everywhere for these books as they **all need to be returned to our library**. Congratulations to FBG for being the first class to have all their library books returned!
– Sue Johns (Librarian)

2022 TERM DATES

Term 1	Fri 28 January	-	Thur 8 April
	Fri 28 January – Staff		
	Mon 31 January – All Students		
Term 2	Tues 26 April	-	Fri 24 June
Term 3	Mon 11 July	-	Fri 16 September
Term 4	Mon 3 October	-	Tues 20 December <i>(Last day for students TBA)</i>

DIRECT DEBITS 2022

A reminder to Direct Debit families that payments will stop at the end of December and restart at the beginning of Term 1 2022. Letters were sent home to Direct Debit families last week outlining the amount of their direct debit for 2022 and the date it will recommence.

If your family would like to commence a direct debit in 2022, please call or email the school office for an authorisation form.



How Can We Help?

In the Pastoral Care / Wellbeing Team we would like to offer any support that we can, whether it be emotional, physical, spiritual or mentally. We can assist with support relating to your child or needs your family may have at the present time.

We may assist with

- Practical Help (Meals, groceries etc)
 - A Listening Ear
 - School Attendance
- General information & advice, with links to outside agencies & community support

- Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care Leader)

STUDENT NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Emmanuel White, Jye Stokes-Logan, Tayla Holm, Riley Cawley, Cody Pearce and Rani Sheldon. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

During the last weeks of December (and the first weeks of school holidays) we also wish a Happy Birthday to Tahlia Mullane, Maverick Van Der Hagen, Isobel Crennan, Isabella Soccio, Laura Papworth and Georgia Wings.

P&F NEWS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winners of our Christmas Raffle!

Foundation: Indy Brown

Grade 4: Harper West

Grade 1: Dexter McDerby

Grade 5: Erin Bradshaw

Grade 2: Jasper Crennan

Grade 6: Oscar Davies

Grade 3: Anikah Cini

- P&F Raffle's Committee



COMMUNITY NEWS

MARONG CUP

Mark your calendars - the 2022 Marong Cup is coming up on Saturday 19th February!

The full range of kid's activities will be back and at this stage the only COVID restrictions are vaccinations in accordance with government requirements. We can't wait to see everyone back!





YMCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bookings are now open for our exciting Summer School Holiday Program! Incursions and Excursions are back for Summer. Check out our program and book online! <https://childrensprogram.ymca.org.au/school-holiday-programs/bendigo>

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SUMMER EVENT SERIES

Join Axe Creek Landcare this Summer in a series of workshops that will immerse you in nature and cultivate your creative mind.

Places are limited, book fast to avoid disappointment.



The Art of Environmental Photography
with Alison Pouliot



Cooking and Conversations:
Lemon Myrtle & Wattleseed Scones with Peta Hudson



Nature Journaling Workshop
with Science Illustrator Chris Rockley



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with Axe Creek Landcare



For more information, visit our website at www.axecreeklandcare.com



SPORTS NEWS



DOCKERS BENDIGO JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC
NO. A0048477U

Registrations for 2022 season open now

We believe that as a club we can offer a number of advantages for your children.

- Excellent coaching staff where respect, improvement and participation are valued.
- First class facilities for training and game day at Weeroona Oval.
- An active family environment.
- A bus service that runs from CMC Junortoun campus to Weeroona Oval on all training nights.
- An established pathway into a variety of senior clubs in the region.
- With small numbers (only 1 or 2 teams) an ability to play teams in divisions where they can improve the most.
- Dimmies for players after training on Thursday nights!

If you are interested in playing with our friendly inclusive club (Under 14's or Under 16's) please complete the google form via the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQKS3-E7VS21hCHzpxwkWoJL0zkOwc6bhQUtdX_DOLaDNjCw/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have any questions, you can contact Jacinta Mathews on 0409 803 239 or Justin Gee on 0418 506 826. For more information or you can also email the club on dockersbendigofc@gmail.com



KELLY SPORTS Summer HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Thurs 16th Dec 2021 to Thurs 23rd Dec 2021
Tues 4th Jan 2022 to Fri 28th Jan 2022

Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including A Year of World Cups, Lots of Sports, Awesome Games & **MUCH MORE!**

Some activities may need to be supported for other exciting ones!
Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your school.

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DECEMBER - JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ST LIBORIUS SPORTS STADIUM, 379 EAGLEHAWK RD, EAGLEHAWK, 3556

A timetable and full programme information is available online or at the programme venue.

Who can attend: Boys & Girls aged 4 - 12 years.

General information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

What do you need to bring: Appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Payment details: Payment is required up-front within 2 hours of your booking. A receipt will be issued when a completed booking is received. All details will be included on the receipt.


Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the programme.

Prices: (Including GST)	Half Day: \$35 8.30am to 12.30pm or 1pm to 5:00pm
Five-Day Discounted Price: \$195 Mon-Fri, 8.30am to 5:00pm	Full Day: \$50 8.30am to 5:00pm

Book before the 31st of December & use the discount code 'FYONY8U5' to receive 10% off

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HUNTLY FNC

Welcomes all new and returning players to

15 & UNDER 17 & UNDER

2022 NETBALL TRYOUTS

SCAN TO REGISTER



OR CONTACT COACHES DIRECTLY

15 & Under
Kym Bell Sophie Disher
0407 226 701 0429 222 569

17 & Under
Chloe Fletcher
0400 632 335



BENDIGO DIVERS PRESENTS



Come and try Diving Clinic

Ever wanted to know what it takes to dive gracefully off a 1 metre springboard or a 10 metre platform??

Ever thought to yourself while watching the diving superstars at the Olympics... WOW!!!

Well now's your chance to find out from the best.

Bendigo Divers are holding a come and try clinic open to all ages and abilities at the Faith Leech Aquatic Centre, with special guest Coaches and Athletes from Diving Victoria to take a number of sessions which will include demonstrations as well as :

Board Safety Basic Entries Range of Differing Skills and more...

WHEN: Sunday 23rd January 9.00am – 5pm

WHERE : Faith Leech Aquatic Centre, Barnard Street, Bendigo

WHAT : 3 Sessions for the kids/students/beginners (must be able to swim 10mtrs)

1 Session for Teachers (Personal Development)

COST : \$20 per session – you can do 1 or all three

\$50 for Teacher's session (refundable through education dept.)

CONTACT : Darren Field - Bendigo Divers Secretary on **0408391277**

OR email bendigodivers@gmail.com