



NEWSLETTER

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: 5444 6666 (YMCA)

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

MASS TIMES

Holy Rosary – Hamelin St

Saturday's 6pm Sunday's 10am

Weekday Masses – Tues - Sat 9.15am

St Francis Xavier – Strickland Rd

Sunday – 8.30am

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2023

Tue 28th – Fri 3rd Swimming Lessons (Gr 3 – 6)

MARCH 2023

Wed 1 st	Foundation Rest Day
Fri 3 rd	PSG Meetings
Sat 4 th	McCarthy House Community Mass – 6pm
Sat 4 th / Sun 5 th	Sacrament Commitment Masses
Tue 7 th	School Advisory Council Meeting – 6pm
Tue 7 th	Cyber Safety Night (Gr 5/6) – 6pm
Wed 8 th	Foundation Rest Day
Fri 10 th	PSG Meetings
Mon 13th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 15 th	Foundation First Wednesday
Fri 17 th	PSG Meetings
Mon 20 th	Sacramental Program Meeting
Thu 23 rd	Billy Tea Bush Dance
Fri 24 th	PSG Meetings
Fri 24th	Canteen – PIZZA DAY
Sat 25 th	Harte House Community Mass – 6pm
Sat 25 th / Sun 26 th	Sacrament Commitment Masses

APRIL 2023

Wed 5 th	School Cross Country
Thur 6th	Last Day Term 1 – 2.15pm dismissal
Fri 7 th	Good Friday
Mon 24th	Pupil Free Day – Learning Conversations
Tue 25th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wed 26th	First Day Term 2 (Students)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ash Wednesday Mass was the beginning of the church's season of Lent. It was wonderful to see so many families and parishioners join us for Mass, with the children ensuring a full house. We often talk to the children about giving things up and making sacrifices during this time of preparation for Easter. However, Fr Minh's message to the children and the community was to ask themselves over the coming days and weeks. - 'Have you been kind to someone today?' Maybe we can use this as a starting point for conversation and reflection. It is certainly a positive way in which we can reflect on being better people.

We are in desperate need of volunteers in the canteen for our upcoming Pizza day, we need 4 additional helpers on the Friday, or unfortunately we will be unable to have the popular day. Furthermore, the Canteen service has been sadly understaffed and requires more volunteer support if we are to continue to provide the service. I urge parents who are able to help to please offer help earlier rather than later. Again, this service is an important part of the school with many benefits for the children and families as well as the school as a whole, please consider helping out.

The first school council meeting for 2023 will be held next week on Tuesday at 6pm in the Conference Room. If you are interested in this part of the school life, please feel free to contact me and you will be welcome to attend on Tuesday.

Our mandated swimming program for Grade 3-6 children will take place this week at the Gurri Wanyarra Centre in Kangaroo Flat. As with any learning, swimming skills are supported through our program and embedded by parents with consistent access to swimming lessons outside the school environment. Our program has a significant focus on safety around water. The Foundation - Grade 2 program will take place in Term 4.



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

Paul Wilkinson (Principal)

SCHOOL NEWS

BILLY TEA BUSH DANCE BAND – NEW DATE!

The Billy Tea Bush dance duo will now be at Holy Rosary on **Thursday 23rd March**, with lots of fun activities. We will finish with a whole school dance and invite parents to join us. Thanks to Mrs Teed for coordinating the rescheduled day and we look forward to lots of fun.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - COMMITMENT MASSES

Our first commitment mass will be held this weekend, for students making their Eucharist and Confirmation sacraments. Candidates will be presented to the Holy Rosary parish community and receive a copy of the Apostles Creed. Please see the mass schedule below for dates and times.

COMMITMENT MASSES
1. Saturday 4th March - 6pm <u>OR</u> Sunday 5th March – 10 am
2. Saturday 25th March - 6pm <u>OR</u> Sunday 26th March – 10 am
3. Saturday 6th May - 6pm <u>OR</u> Sunday 7th May – 10 am

COMMUNITY HOUSE MASS

McCarthy House families and staff members are invited to share in our school house mass this weekend, Saturday 4th March at 6pm. It is also a wonderful opportunity to come along and support our sacramental candidates as they take the next step in their faith journey. All are welcome.

CLASS PARISH MASS

This week our Grade 4 classes will be attending and actively participating in the Parish Mass on Thursday morning at 9.15am

INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR DAY

International Wheelchair Day is on Wednesday 1st of March. This annual event celebrates the positive impact a wheelchair has on the lives of wheelchair users. It is also an opportunity to give thanks to the millions of people who provide wheelchairs or support and care for wheelchair users. They make the world a better and more accessible place for people with mobility issues. We acknowledge and pray for the many tens of millions of people in the world who need a wheelchair, but are unable to acquire one.

Wheelchair etiquette: Never move, lean on, rock or touch his/her wheelchair without permission. The wheelchair is part of his/her own personal space. Always ask if he/she would like assistance BEFORE you help.

PARISH NEWS

MASS OF ANOINTING: Friday 3rd March 23 at 9.15am at Holy Rosary Church. Cup of tea after mass, please bring a plate.

PARISH COMMUNITY CATCH UP: Friday 3rd March 23 from 6pm till 9pm for a BBQ. Please bring a salad to share. Cost \$10 per person. Come along and enjoy the company of other parishioners. Drinks at bar prices. Everyone is most welcome.

BUNNINGS BBQ: We have secured the Sunday 5th of March 2023 for a parish fundraising event. If you can help please contact Tom Dobeli. Thank you.

VINNIES VOLUNTEERS WANTED: Do you have a few hours to spare? Choose your area of interest or try something different; Customer service, Merchandising, Jewellery, Books/DVDs/CDs, Millinery, Haberdashery, Shoes, Handbags, Manchester, Homewares, Clothes, Ironing, Yard work, Gardening, General Cleaning, Electrical Tag and Testing.

Come join the team at our Store Chapel Street, Bendigo. OPEN 7 DAYS Mon to Sat 9am - 5pm, & Sun 10am - 4pm. Enquires: 5443 5052



SCHOOL SPORT

– WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

Troy Coates (PE Coordinator)



SWIMMING LESSONS (GR 3-6) - Week 5

The Year 3-6 children will have their swimming lessons this week, from Tuesday 28th Feb - Friday 3rd of March (4 days). This will be at Gurri Wanyarra in Kangaroo Flat.

NO GR 6 LUNCH ORDERS: Please note due to the timing of swimming lessons there will be **no canteen orders on Friday March 3rd for Grade 6** students only. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch. Canteen orders are available for all other grades, Foundation - Grade 5.

STUDENTS SPORT RECAP

This week in sport we have been doing T-ball in Grades 3-6. It's a very new sport for the Grade 3s, but they had a great time while out there; with a few even hitting it on top of the COLA & some good home runs out there too. – *Leo Watson & Alex Hilson*

PASTORAL CARE

Wow week 5! Our students and staff have had a wonderful start to the year and are starting to settle in to the routine of our new school year. We encourage all our families to celebrate the wonderful learning our students have completed this year so far. Have a conversation with your child about the different learning they have completed and share in the work they may be bringing home to show you.

Our FoodShare pantry continues to be utilised by our whole school community. This week FoodShare will be delivered Wednesday instead of Tuesday, however there are still many items in our FoodShare room which you may like, prior to our restock on Wednesday. Have a fantastic week and enjoy time with your children and families. – *Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)*

LEARNER DIVERSITY: PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP “PSG” MEETINGS

PSG meeting times were allocated to families last week via the Parent Access Model (PAM) app. Furthermore, an email notification was sent to families on Wed, 15th February; advising families to check their allocated time and date on PAM. Please note this in your diary/calendar. All meetings have been scheduled as ‘virtual meetings’. If you would like your meeting to take place onsite please forward this preference to Mandy via email: mantoniadis@hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au

A reminder that careful consideration and thought has been put in place regarding the scheduling of PSG meetings, to ensure they align with the new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) for teachers. The EBA will impact on teachers' workloads and your access to teachers outside of school hours. Therefore, PSG meetings will take place **each Friday** during Term 1; beginning in **Week 5: March, 3rd** through to **Week 9: March 31st**.

Please be aware that the meetings will now run for **35 minutes** to allow parents, teachers and the Learner Diversity Leader to discuss the student's personalised learning plan (PLP) with an emphasis on the student goals that have been put in place to support the learning for your child. – *Mandy Antoniadis (Learner Diversity Leader)*

TOP ATTENDANCE TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents - act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's teacher, our school or the wellbeing and pastoral care team to discuss your concerns and ask for advice.
- Remember that everyday counts
- There are no safe numbers of days for missing school - each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness.
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day.
- Open and prompt communication with your child's teacher about all absences is a good idea.
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the day or planning family holidays during the school term.
- Seek help from your child's teacher if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. We want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.



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 is attached to this newsletter or is available by clicking [here](#) to access our [Back to School site](#).

If you did not receive a CSEF payment in 2022, 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.

CYBER SAFETY

As parents the time our children spend online can impact their social, emotional and physical health. This week we are sharing some tips to supports parents with the amount of time their children may spend online. - *Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)*



Time online

How much is too much?

There is no magic figure. The right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child's age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine.

It can be easy to focus only on the clock, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement, are just as important.

Help your child manage their online time

- **Stay engaged and encourage balance** — keep an eye on the games, apps and devices your child uses by sharing screen time with them. Help them stay aware of their important offline activities, like hobbies and sports.
- **Create a plan** — involve your child in creating a family plan that balances time spent sitting in front of screens, with a variety of offline activities.
- **Use the available technologies** — parental controls and tools to monitor online time allow you to measure and set time limits on device use or internet access. But be honest and open with your children about why you want to use these technologies.

Signs to watch for:

- less interest in social activities like meeting friends or playing sport
- not doing so well at school
- tiredness, sleep disturbance, headaches, eye strain
- changes in eating patterns
- reduced personal hygiene
- obsession with particular websites or games
- extreme anger when being asked to take a break from online activity
- appearing anxious or irritable when away from the computer
- becoming withdrawn from friends and family

Further tips and advice for parents/carers on managing time online are available on [eSafety's website](#).

Cyber Safety Information night

**HOLY ROSARY
PRIMARY GRADE 5 & 6**

**CYBER SAFETY and ONLINE
BEHAVIOUR INFORMATION
NIGHT**

**TUESDAY 7TH OF MARCH
6 PM**

IN THE ROSARIUM

**Facilitated By
GRANT FITZGERALD**

Catholic Education Sandhurst

**Be careful of
what you post.**

Remember: what you post on
the internet will stay there
forever.



**Be careful of what
you download.**

Avoid downloading apps
or software that look
suspicious. It may result
in malware.

Stay safe online!



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)

SPORTS FEE ASSISTANCE - ACTIVE KIDS VICTORIA

Round 6 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open! Victorian families with a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can apply for up to \$200 to support their child's sport and active recreation activities. Find out more at www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers Applications close Wednesday, 10 May 2023.

Important Dates:

21 February - 10 May 2023: Round open for parents, carers or guardians to apply for a Voucher or Reimbursement

28 November 2022 - 10 May 2023: Date range that families can seek a reimbursement for eligible expenditure

21 May 2023: Last day for vouchers to be presented to activity providers

21 February - 7 June 2023: Portal open for activity providers to redeem vouchers.

Please note: The Get Active Victoria program is a state government program. We are sharing the information to bring awareness to it for eligible families. The school does not have any further information.

GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM



Apply for up to \$200 to support your child
in sport and active recreation activities.

To be eligible your child must be:
• aged 0 to 18 years
• a resident in Victoria
• named on a valid Health Care Card or
Pensioner Concession Card and
Medicare Card.

Visit getactive.vic.gov.au



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STUDENT NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Makenzie Giri, Isabel Kent, Riley Stevens, Chelsey Combe & Sophie Gray. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



	Students of the Week
FJM	Theodore
FMM	Jacob
1CV	Edie
1GS	Tegbir
2JH	Jack
2SD	Evie
3CW	Mila
3OG	Leila
4BD	Remmi
4LS	Flynn
5DL	Evie
5JO	James
6DW	Levi
6MG	Tayt

P&F NEWS

NO GR 6 LUNCH ORDERS THIS FRIDAY – 3RD MARCH

Please note due to the timing of swimming lessons there will be no canteen orders on Friday 3rd March for Grade 6 students only. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch. Canteen orders are available for all other grades, Foundation - Grade 5.



PIZZA DAY

Friday 24th March

Orders will open soon via Flexischools.



- PIZZA meal deal -
1 Slice of Pizza and a drink

Extra Pizza slices available
Add a Homemade Cookie (Chocolate Chip) or Donkey Drop (Rum Ball)

Pizza – Hawaiian, BBQ Meat Lovers, Cheese Lovers, Ham & Cheese
Drink – Chocolate Milk, Strawberry Milk, Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Apple & Blackcurrant Juice

*Please Note: There will be no pasta meal deal available for this day.
Ordering is available via Flexischools only. No late orders or cash/paper bag orders will be accepted.*

PIZZA DAY VOLUNTEERS

We are excited to offer our much-loved Pizza Day again this Term, however we will be unable to run the day without volunteers. It is always a big rush to get pizza slices out of their boxes and into kids' lunches, so many hands make light work. Unlike other weeks, **we need FOUR volunteers** total (2 x 10.00am – 12.00pm & 2x 10.45am – 11.45pm) to be able to offer this day.

As this day also relies on external suppliers, if we do not have volunteers locked in by Monday 6th March, we will have to cancel our Pizza Day.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you been thinking about volunteering in our school Canteen but not sure that you have what it takes? Good news! You don't need any special culinary skills; just a friendly can-do attitude and a Working with Children Check!

We are still also in dire need of more volunteers for our Canteen. If you, or anyone in your extended family is keen to help out please get in touch. We love seeing our community get involved, whether it be parents, grandparents, or even older brother and sisters!

Please note, volunteers must report directly to the school office to sign in and must provide a copy of their WCC or VIT card and other necessary volunteer paperwork. **Volunteers DO NOT need to hold a Food Handling Certificate.**

If you are able to volunteer in our Canteen, please contact the school office, Laura Prange on 0438 079 982 or Tamara McIntosh on 0413 473 174

TERM 1 2023 - VOLUNTEER ROSTER

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
MARCH 2023		
Thur 2 nd March	9.00am – 11.00am	Ash M
Fri 3 rd March	9.00am – 12.00pm	Suzie Y & Volunteer Needed
Fri 3 rd March	10.30am – 11:45am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 3 rd March	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thur 9 th March	9.00am – 11.00am	Ash M
Fri 10 th March	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Fri 10 th March	10.30am – 11:45am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 10 th March	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thur 16 th March	9.00am – 11.00am	Ash M
Fri 17 th March	9.00am – 12.00pm	Chloe H & Rebecca S
Fri 17 th March	10.30am – 11:45am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 17 th March	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thur 23 rd March	9.00am – 11.00am	Andrea Patterson
PIZZA DAY - Fri 24 th March	10.00am – 12.00pm	Riley E & Volunteer Needed
PIZZA DAY - Fri 24 th March	10.45am – 11:45pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Fri 24 th March	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thur 30 th March	9.00am – 11.00am	Ash M
Fri 31 st March	9.00am – 12.00pm	Susie Y & Volunteer Needed
Fri 31 st March	10.30am – 11:45am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 31 st March	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed



WINTER JACKET SPECIAL ORDER

Perfect for the cooler weather, this winter jacket is made from crease-proof and water-resistant microfibre with a cotton lining. This jacket can be worn over school jumpers or short/long sleeve polo shirts during playtime and lunchtime.

Sample sizes are available for viewing in the Holy Rosary Uniform Shop on a Friday morning. Cost for each jacket will be \$45.00.

Orders can be placed via Flexischools or by returning the form attached to last week's newsletter with payment to the school office.

All orders are due by Friday 24th March. Jackets will be sent home as soon as possible after they are delivered (likely early Term 2). - Debbie & Janet (Holy Rosary Uniform Shop Committee)

SPORTS NEWS

HOLY ROSARY NETBALL CLUB

We are planning for our Netball Club's 2023 Winter Season with BSNA. The season will commence on the 18th March, playing Saturdays on the indoor courts at the Bendigo Stadium.

We are looking for players who would like to join our Grade 2/3, 4, 5 and 6 teams! Please get in touch via holyrosarynetball@gmail.com if you'd like more information!

Please note, for our Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 kids, information for our NetSetGO! program will be shared later in Term One. – Ben Dillon (Club President)



WANTED U12, U14 and U16 GIRLS FOOTBALLERS

The White Hills Junior Football Club is seeking any girls interested in playing Under 12, 14 or 16 Girls football.

If you are interested in playing, please contact Phil Murley on 0409 462 900 or email the club whjclub@gmail.com for further information.



JOIN THE FUN!

Bendigo

T1 All Girls Auskick Centre
Allingham Street Recreation Reserve
Thursday's 4:30pm - 5:30pm
2nd March - 30th March

Scan the QR Code to register!



Come and Try on

Sat 25 Feb 9:30am-12pm

Sat 4 Mar 9:30am-12pm

At our Table Tennis Stadium
140 Victoria Street Eaglehawk

Join in the FUN and GAMES

For ALL Ages



Bats/Balls supplied, please wear non-marking rubber shoes.

Enquiries Gary Fitzgerald 0425 792 933

<https://www.bendigotabletennis.org.au>

COMMUNITY NEWS

DISCOVER MORE IN 2024



Expand your Horizon

OPEN DAY

Register online now

Wednesday 29 March, 4.30-7pm | Coolock Campus, McIvor Hwy, Junortoun



**CATHERINE
McAULEY
COLLEGE**

COLLEGE TOURS:
Coolock Campus during April & May.
Book online now!

**ENROLMENTS OPEN
FOR YEAR 7, 2024:**
Wednesday 29 March 2023. Apply online!

**ENROLMENTS CLOSE
FOR YEAR 7, 2024:**
Friday 12 May 2023.

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES: Audra Petri College Registrar | 5445 9100 | enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au
Catherine McAuley College | A Ministry of Mercy Education Ltd | ABN 69 154 531 870



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FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Huntly Family Fun Day

Proudly sponsored by Fosterville Gold Mine

Sunday March 5, 2023





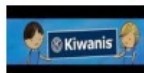
BBQ
Sausages, chicken
and veggie burgers
all \$2 each

**Drinks \$2 each &
FREE fresh fruit**

- Climbing Wall
- Inflatable Water Slide
- Face painting
- S.A.F.E Archery
- Animal Farm & Pony Rides
- Live Music and Dance
- Water Fun with Huntly CFA
- Woodwork with Northern District Community Enterprise
- Airbrush tattoos
- Coliban Water refill units – PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR DRINK BOTTLE

Wominjeka Simu
Welcome
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ပဝ္တိုလိမ့်မုာ်ဘိနု

Sunday March 5, 2023
10am – 1pm
Strauch Recreation Reserve
14 Gungurru Road, Huntly
**Remember to BYO towel and change of clothes
for the water slide!**



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

☐ Foster parent under a temporary care order* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes ☐ No ☐

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____/____/____