



NEWSLETTER

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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

MARCH 2023

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
Tue 14 th	School Advisory Council Meeting – 6pm
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
Mon 24 th	2024 Foundation Enrolments Open
Tue 25th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wed 26th	First Day Term 2 (Students)
Wed 26 th	Learning Conversations
Fri 29 th	AFL Clinics Incursion (F-2)

MAY 2023

Mon 1 st – Fri 5 th	Catholic Education Week
Mon 1 st – Fri 5 th	Foundation 2024 Open Week

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The second Sunday of Lent always gives us an account of the transfiguration. Jesus asked Peter, James and John to go with him to the mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transfigured and became dazzling white before them. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The voice of God announced that Jesus was his son and that all should listen to him. The disciples were frightened, but Jesus calmed them. When Peter, James and John looked up, Jesus was the only one left . . . the one to whom we need to listen.

As we reflect on this Gospel, we know children adapt to change. They love the excitement of something new. As parents however, we'd like to slow down the changes we see - changes in our community, our jobs, government and even the changes in our growing children. As it was for the disciples, it's hard sometimes for us to understand and accept things changing in front of our eyes. However, change and constant motion are part of the divine plan as we journey to God. Today, instead of digging in our heels to slow the change, try lightening your heart as a child and enjoy the changes you face.

Our school council meeting will be postponed to next Tuesday 14th March at 6pm. We look forward to inviting new members along, to discuss the future plans for the school, the opportunities and the challenges as we see the school grow and develop. We have a number of parents attending our Cyber Safety night with Grant Fitzgerald (CES) and to avoid a clash, the Council meeting will be held over a week.

We continue to call for volunteers for the canteen particularly on a Friday. The service provided is certainly valued by all, however we really need some additional volunteer commitment. Last Friday, I stepped in and rolled up my sleeves to lend a hand in getting out well over 100 orders! It is a great opportunity to meet other parents, help out and the children love it when they see their parents helping out!



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

Thanks to the staff involved in the senior swimming program. It is undoubtedly a challenge to coordinate 200+ children in and out of the school to swim. Particular thanks to Mr Coates for ensuring the program ran smoothly and we had a successful time. Hopefully the many tired bodies were able to have a great rest over the weekend.



Paul Wilkinson (Principal)

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

SACRAMENTAL/HOUSE COMMITMENT MASSES - MCCARTHY HOUSE MASS

Thank you to all those families and staff members that attended mass over the weekend. It was wonderful to see school faces in the church, engaging with our parish community. We look forward to another parish and school gathering on Saturday 25th of March with Harte house members.

CLASS PARISH MASS

This week our Grade 3 classes will be attending and actively participating in the Parish Mass on Thursday morning at 9.15am



PROJECT COMPASSION 2023: SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Tereesa's Story: This week through Project Compassion we learn about Tereesa, a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Once Tereesa became pregnant with her first child at the age of 16, she left school. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Through Baabayn, Tereesa was also able to hear stories from Indigenous Elders and reconnect with her culture.

Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community. Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

Watch a short film about Tereesa's story [here](#).

Please support Project Compassion: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion



SCHOOL SPORT

– WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

Troy Coates (PE Coordinator)



TENNIS CLINICS (GRADE 5 AND 6)

Over the next four weeks (on a Friday) we welcome Tennis Victoria to conduct tennis clinics with our Grade 5 and 6 students. The classroom to court program is aligned to the curriculum and delivered by a local provider. The final week is a fun, welcoming and inclusive event at the local tennis club (Bendigo Tennis Centre). The idea is to create ongoing connections between club, school and participants, post the program completion.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2023

On Wednesday 5th April we will have the Holy Rosary White Hills Cross Country. The junior event will be held at school at 10.30am. The senior event will be held at the Botanical Gardens (running along the creek trail) starting at approximately 12pm. We encourage you to start practicing for the run with your child/children as it takes several weeks to build stamina and we want to give every child the best possible chance to succeed. Classroom teachers will begin cross country preparations at school soon. Please keep an eye out for further information via PAM over the next two weeks.

DIVISION SWIMMING RESULTS

Congratulations to our three students who represented Holy Rosary at the Divisional Swimming last Wednesday 1st March. All students did extremely well and we are very proud of them. Results are; Alex 1st in Backstroke and Breaststroke, Tom 1st in Butterfly, Ruby 3rd in Butterfly and 4th in Freestyle. Good luck to Tom and Alex who are off to Swan Hill for the Loddon Mallee Finals.



GRADE 3 – 6 SWIMMING LESSONS

Last week, our Grade 3 – 6 children travelled to Gurri Wanyarra Swimming Pool each day for swimming. They spent time learning about water safety and swimming technique. We are very proud of the efforts of each of the students who attended. Thank you to Gurri Wanyarra for a great week of lessons!



FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Choir and Instrumental sessions will be starting over the next couple of weeks. If your child is involved in any of these sessions this year, a note has been sent home with them with their session times. If I wasn't able to get your child into their chosen session this year, their name has been put on a waiting list and they will be notified when an available spot comes up.

We have an assortment of instruments in various conditions of repair and priced accordingly, which may be available if you would like to **purchase a second-hand instrument** for your child. Feel free to contact me regarding instruments.

We are looking forward to welcoming the **Billy Tea Bush Dance** band on Thursday 23rd March. Parents/Carers are welcome to join us for the community bush dance on the tennis courts at 2.20pm. - *Elizabeth Teed (Performing Arts)*

LEARNER DIVERSITY: PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP "PSG" MEETINGS

PSG meeting times were allocated to families last month 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)*

PASTORAL CARE

Welcome to Week 6. A fantastic effort by our Grade 3-6 students to complete the swimming program this year. It is an opportunity for our students to develop new skills and further develop the skill of resilience and for some taking them outside their comfort zone.

We are encouraging all Grade 5 & 6 families to attend our **Cyber Safety and Online Behaviour evening** Tuesday night 6pm in the Rosarium. Please enter through the side gate. It is a great opportunity to hear from Grant Fitzgerald from the CEO, informing us of the current online trends and concerns for our children and students when online. It will provide an opportunity to discuss online topics with your child and hopefully help you continue the conversation with your child about online safety after the evening.

Our **food share pantry will be restocked** on Tuesday. The freezer is full and each week we are getting a great selection of pantry goods you, or a family you know, may like. Food share pantry is open along with the second hand uniforms each day in the Rosarium.

Have a fantastic week, enjoy the sunshine. - *Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)*

ATTENDANCE

The importance of arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents

What if my child has to be away from school?

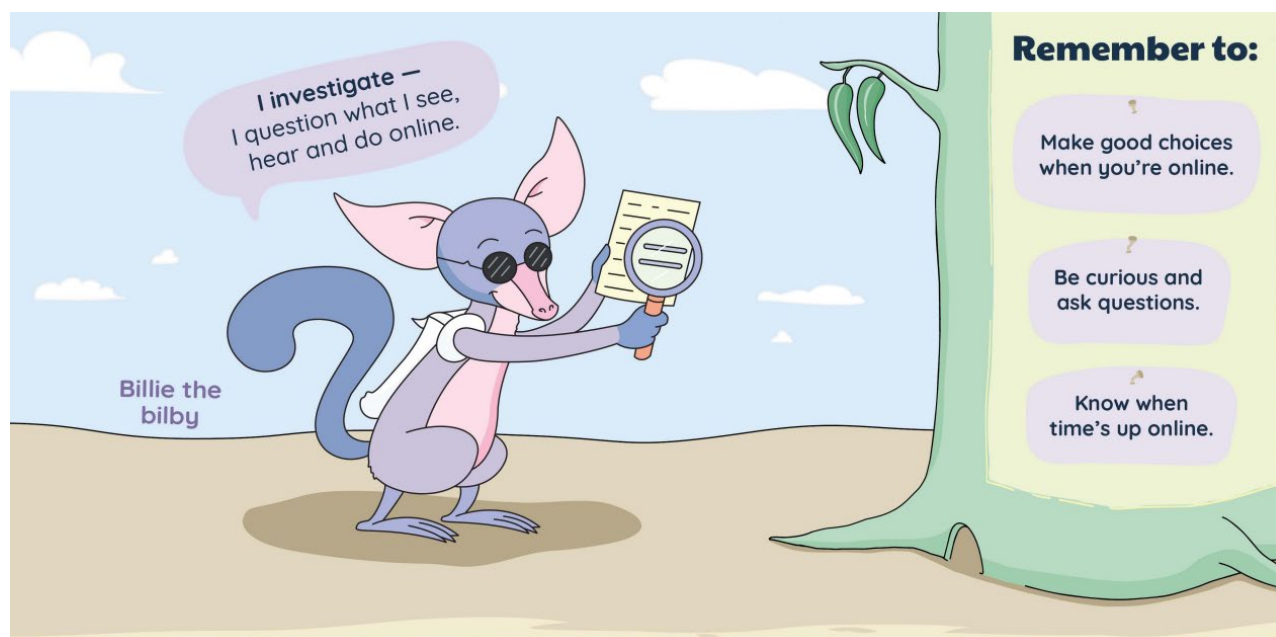
On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal.

CYBER SAFETY

- *Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)*



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

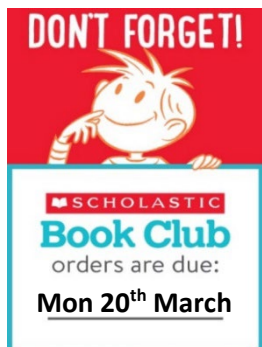
Be careful of
what you post.

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!



SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB – ORDERS DUE MONDAY 20TH MARCH

The Issue 2 Book Club catalogue was sent home last week. Ordering books through Book Club is an easy way to offer students the best in children's books for the home and to encourage independent reading for fun.

Plus, every order you place earns the school FREE books and learning resources.

Need more information about Book Club? To view the Parent's Guide to Book Club visit https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/scholastic_book_club_parent_guide?fr=sODVIMDM0NDU5MDI

Please note: Book Club orders must be placed online via LOOP. No cash orders will be accepted at the school office.

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.





TEACHER/LSO PROFILE

Get to know our staff with the help of Leo & Alex in Grade 6!

Staff Member: Mr Purcell

Favourite Colour? Green

Number of siblings: 2 brothers

Age: 20

Job: LSO in Grade 5

Does pineapple belong on pizza? No

What is your batting average? 19.56

What's your favourite part about your job? Getting to go to camp.

Favourite footy team? CARLTON!!!!!!!!!! Go Blues!

What is your dream job? To become a Primary school teacher.

If you could live in another country, would you? Yes, I would live in Greece.

Have you ever met a celebrity? Travis Head

Have you ever jumped off a bridge? Yes

Do you have any friends? What are their names? Charlie, Sam, Billy.

Are you the oldest, youngest or middle child? Oldest

Would you trade your siblings? Yes, one of them.

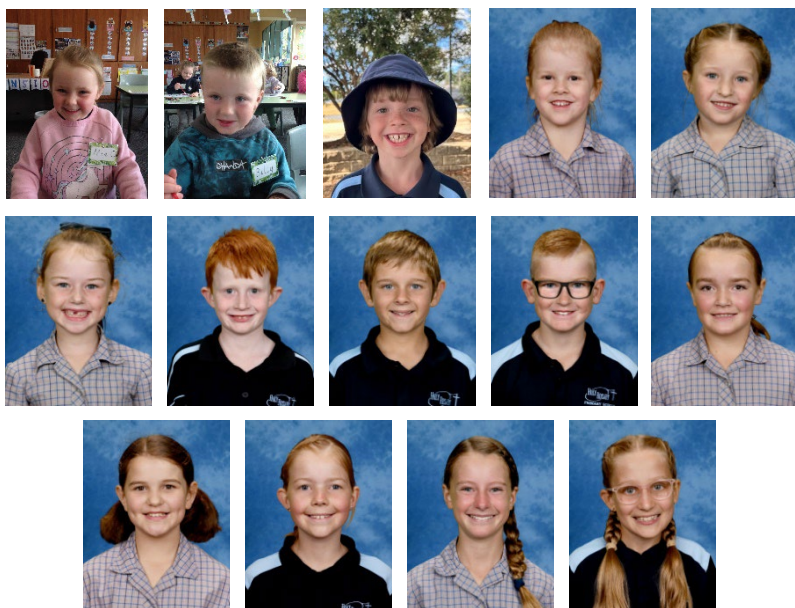
STUDENT NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Alec Bradshaw, Ethan Crust, Fiona O'Connell, Jasmine Kaur, Tayah Damiani & Thomas O'Connell. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FJM	Mia
FMM	Billy
1CV	Rory
1GS	Matilda
2JH	Harper
2SD	Edison
3CW	Nate
3OG	Cooper
4BD	Fraser
4LS	Miley
5DL	Anikah
5JO	Jayde
6DW	Lily
6MG	Dakota

P&F NEWS



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

CANTEEN PRICE UPDATES

There will be some small price increases for some Canteen items due to increased prices passed on from our suppliers. The following items have increased in price, effective for this week's canteen orders:

Pie - New price \$4.10

Party Pie - New price \$1.60

Sausage Roll - New price \$3.30



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 collecting an order form from 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)

TERM 1 2023 - VOLUNTEER ROSTER

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
MARCH 2023		
Thur 9 th March	9.00am – 11.00am	Ash M
Fri 10 th March	9.00am – 12.00pm	Jess R & Danielle B
Fri 10 th March	10.30am – 11:45am	Johno
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	Rebecca S & Volunteer Needed
Fri 17 th March	10.30am – 11:45am	Janet
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	Jess B, Tam F & Danielle M
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	Chelsea K
Fri 31 st March	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed

SPORTS NEWS



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 whjfcclub@gmail.com for further information.

SIGN UP FOR THE 2023 SEASON

REGISTER TO PLAY

Junior Non-Competitive Age Groups
Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's & 10's

Junior Competitive Age Groups
Under 12's, 14's & 16's

Join the Epsom Football Club in 2023!

We are now taking registrations for all ages. Don't miss out on your chance to play for Epsom this soccer season. Teams are currently being put together, so if you would like to request playing with a friend, get in quick so we can try our best to accommodate this.

Registrations closing soon!

To register visit www.epsomfc.com.au

For further information contact juniors@epsomfc.com.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

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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