

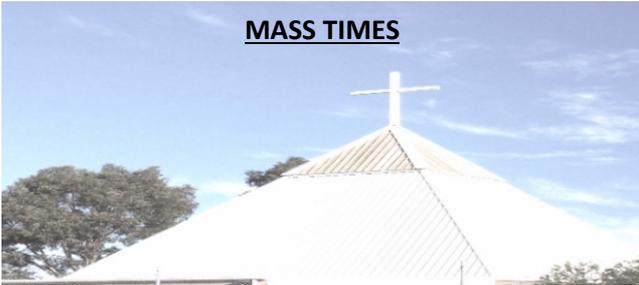


NEWSLETTER

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: 5444 6666 (YMCA)

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

MASS TIMES



CALENDAR

MARCH 2023

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 Incursion
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 Clinic Incursions (F-2)

MAY 2023

Mon 1 st – Fri 5 th	Catholic Education Week
Wed 3 rd	Interschool Cross Country
Fri 5 th	AFL Clinic Incursions (Gr 3-6)
Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th	Foundation 2024 Open Week
Wed 10 th	Foundation 2024 Information Evening

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and were able to have some time with family and friends. This week we welcome our Foundation children full time with no more Wednesday rest days. Thanks to all parents and both Meg and Jess, their teachers who have diligently worked through all the assessment tasks to ensure we have a very accurate picture of the children as they start their primary school journey.

Like all schools across the country, our Grade 3 & 5 children will be participating in NAPLAN testing beginning this week. The tests are a little earlier this year to hopefully provide results in a more timely manner. As in years gone by, we will support all children through the process. Many media outlets will highlight the 'testing time' which can be a challenge, often heightening anxiety and stress levels. However we are reminded that the tests are a point in time assessment and should be seen as such, our children learn and grow differently and at different times. It is essential to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but assessing learning progress. It is also important to remember that NAPLAN does not assess all the ways that your child is a learner and contributor to life. Everyday we celebrate the growth the children make.

Our rescheduled School Council meeting is to be held TONIGHT at 6pm in the Rosarium. We look forward to discussing the year ahead and planning for the future.

The drive through is a great asset to our school, ensuring movement of children and vehicles is smooth at the end of each day. A reminder before and after school that parents need to stay in their cars, to ensure traffic flow. It is also important that children are not dropped off before 8.30am and left on the tennis courts.

Paul Wilkinson
Principal



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

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY - THURSDAY 16TH MARCH

This coming Thursday is a very important day for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Please take a moment throughout the day to acknowledge the ongoing strength and resilience of the world's oldest living culture. Currently there is an unprecedented shift in the way governments have previously worked to close the gap. It acknowledges that to close the gap, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people must determine, drive and own the desired outcomes, alongside all governments.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM MEETING - MONDAY 20TH MARCH

Next Monday, our sacramental candidates and their parents will meet for the second time in a series of three meetings. The meeting will focus on the sacrament of Eucharist and the children will make a prayer cloth. The artwork will be placed on display in the church during term 2 as they progress towards the sacramental ceremony.



PROJECT COMPASSION: THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Priscilla's Story: We are now in the third week of Lent with the Project Compassion story of Priscilla, who lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband Charles, and two of their grandchildren. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

During times of intense drought and food shortages, Priscilla had to commute to the town centre and wait in long queues to collect food.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising in conservation farming. Priscilla also used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the techniques, tools and resources she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

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

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



DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:
Mon 20th March

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.

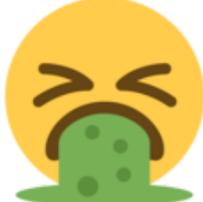
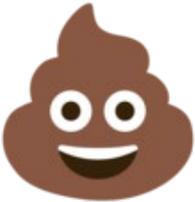
Need more information about Book Club? To view the Parent's Guide to Book Club visit https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/scholastic_book_club_parent_guide?fr=sODVIMDM0NDU5MDI

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

REMINDER: STAY HOME IF UNWELL

A reminder to all parents, that as per the Department of Health Minimum Period of Exclusion...for Infection Diseases, students displaying symptoms of vomiting or diarrhoea should not return to school 'until there has not been vomiting or a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.'

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I have a FEVER	I've been VOMITING	I've had DIARRHOEA	I have a RASH	I have HEAD LICE	I have an EYE INFECTION
					
A temperature over 38.0c	Within the last 24 hours	Within the last 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or 'crusty' discharge from eyes

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication	Free from vomiting for at least 24 hours without the use of medications	Free from diarrhoea for at least 24 hours without the use of medications	Free from rash, itching or fever and evaluated by a doctor if needed	Treated with an appropriate treatment at home	Eye has returned to normal or have a note from doctor to return to school
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SCHOOL SPORT – WHAT'S HAPPENING?! *Troy Coates (PE Coordinator)*



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2023

Our school cross country will be on **Wednesday the 5th of April**. Foundation to Grade 2 will race at Holy Rosary. Grades 3 to 6 will compete in their cross country event at the Botanical Gardens, along the creek trail. Students in Grades 3 to 6 will walk down with their classroom teachers at approximately 12pm. A PAM note will be sent with information also.

If your child is concerned about the run, perhaps you could take them for a run a few runs in the weeks leading up to the event and help boost their confidence and capacity to complete the event. They will be given opportunities to practice their running as part of PE, however as we know, the more exposure we have to something we find challenging, the more comfortable we are with it. Your support in giving your child the best chance to be successful on the day would be greatly appreciated.

Schedule of Events:

JUNIORS (@ Holy Rosary) - 10.30-11

10.30am – Grade Two Race (800m)
10.40am – Grade One Race (400m)
10.50am – Foundation Race (400m)

SENIORS (@ White Hills Football Ground) - 12.30pm Start

12:20pm – 12/13 year old Race (3km)
12.30pm – 11 year old Race (3km)
12.40pm- 10 year old Race (2km)
12:50pm- 8/9 year old Race (2km)

All students in Grades 3 to 6 will return to school after the completion of all races. We predict this will be approximately 1:30pm. Students need to wear their PE uniform to school on this day. Could parents please pack appropriate food and a drink bottle for their child.

TENNIS CLINICS (GRADE 5 AND 6)

Last week, we welcomed Tennis Victoria to conduct the first of our tennis clinics with our Grade 5 and 6 students. These clinics will continue for another 3 weeks.

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.



PASTORAL CARE

We hope you have enjoyed the long weekend with your family, children and friends. A wonderful chance to enjoy the sunshine and enjoy some extra time with those around us. There have been many opportunities this term for families to work with teachers and the wider school community to ensure a positive and engaging school experience for your children. We continue to encourage you to contact your child's teacher or the wellbeing team if you have any worries, concerns or require support at the present time.

Thank you to all the Grade 5 & 6 parents and students who attended our Cyber Safety and Online Behaviours information night. We thank Grant Fitzgerald who facilitated the evening and provided up to date information and strategies on how we can navigate the online world with our children and make informed decisions regarding accessing the internet. One of the biggest takeaways from the evening is the 'Grandma Rule' If you wouldn't show the picture to your grandma or say the comment to your grandma Do Not Post it Online. - *Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)*

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is important for so many reasons for our children. Not only does regular attendance ensure academic success it also ensures social success for our children. We aim for all students to be at school 95% of the time. Our current attendance percentage for Holy Rosary for Term 1 is 93.19% which is positive, we would love for our students to be at school 95% of the time or more. If you have concerns for your child's attendance please contact their teacher or a member of the wellbeing team.

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Attendance Matters

Talk to school if:

Your child is not wanting to attend school

You need support getting your child to school

5 tips to keep your family safe online



Parents and carers can use a combination of strategies to help young people build their digital technology skills and have safer experiences online.

1. Start the chat

Get into the habit of talking about online safety as a family, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they ever need help working out an issue. It's never too early to introduce [good online habits](#) such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. As your child grows older, eSafety's advice about [hard to have conversations](#) will help with some of the tricky topics like sending nudes, online pornography and contact from sexual predators.

2. Create a family technology agreement

Creating a Family Technology Agreement can help you and your kids decide together when and how digital technology will be used at home. As a family, brainstorm easy-to-follow rules and display them where everyone will see them. Your agreement could cover things like: time limits, apps your kids are allowed to use and online behaviour. Families with younger children can [download](#) a template to guide the conversation.

3. Set up parental controls

Parental controls let you monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. It's best to use them in combination with the other online safety strategies listed here. [Taming the technology](#) can help you understand your options. Grab a device and get started with our guides to setting up parental controls on [devices and accounts](#) or in [social media, games and apps](#).

4. Choose games and other apps carefully

Use eSafety's [App checklist for parents](#) to think about the positives and negatives when your child asks to download a new game or other app. The checklist covers things like age ratings, managing privacy settings and reporting abuse in-app. You can also use [The eSafety guide](#) to check and set up safety features with your child.

5. Use digital technology together

Exploring or playing on devices or online with your child can be a positive experience that promotes learning and development. Ask questions, be curious and get involved. To learn more, read our blogpost [How to encourage good screen practices for your child](#).

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STUDENT NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Oliver Anfuso, Tayt Rechter, Samuel Nurse, Madeline Cooper & Cooper Rogers. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FJM	William
FMM	Indiana
1CV	Xavier
1GS	Nate
2JH	Matilda
2SD	Xavier
3CW	Frankie
3OG	Hudson
4BD	Elsie
4LS	Aiden
5DL	Ethan
5JO	Jonathan
6DW	Paige
6MG	Thomas

P&F NEWS



PIZZA DAY

Friday 24th March

ORDERS NOW OPEN 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.

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!

Whilst our Term 1 roster is now looking quite nice, we are already working on Term 2. 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 brothers 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

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 completing the order form attached below.

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 16 th March	9.00am – 11.00am	Ash M
Fri 17 th March	9.00am – 12.00pm	Rebecca S & Nizelle
Fri 17 th March	10.30am – 11:45am	Janet
Thur 23 rd March	9.00am – 11.00am	Andrea Patterson
PIZZA DAY - Fri 24th March	10.00am – 12.00pm	Susie Y & Jess B
PIZZA DAY - Fri 24th March	10.45am – 11:45pm	Tam F & Danielle M
Thur 30 th March	9.00am – 11.00am	Ash M
Fri 31 st March	9.00am – 12.00pm	Riley E & Chloe H
Fri 31 st March	10.30am – 11:45am	Chelsea K

SPORTS NEWS



JOIN THE FUN!

White Hills Auskick Centre

Scott Street Oval

Friday's 4:15pm starting May 5th

Brock Rogers - 0492 923 496

Whitehillsauskick@gmail.com

Scan the QR Code to register!



COMMUNITY NEWS

DISCOVER MORE IN 2024

Expand your Horizon

OPEN DAY

Register online now

Wednesday 29 March, 4.30-7pm | Coolock Campus, Mclvor 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.
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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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Please speak to the uniform shop if you require other sizes.

To order your jacket please complete the form below and return with payment to the school office, or order via Flexischools, by **Friday 24th March**. Orders will be sent home in Term 2.



Debbie & Janet

Holy Rosary Uniform Shop Committee

Winter Jacket Special Order Form

Family Name _____

Child name _____

Grade _____

Phone number _____

Size(s)	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	S	M
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Quantity										
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Total Order \$ _____ @ \$45 per Jacket

Money enclosed \$ _____

**Please order via Flexischools, or return this order form and payment to school
no later than Friday 24th March.**

Unfortunately, late orders cannot be processed.