



NEWSLETTER

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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

MARCH 2023

Mon 20 th	Sacramental Program Meeting
Thu 23 rd	Billy Tea Bush Dance Incursion
Fri 24 th	PSG Meetings
Fri 24 th	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 6 th	Last Day Term 1 – 2.15pm dismissal
Fri 7 th	Good Friday
Mon 24 th	Pupil Free Day – Learning Conversations
Mon 24 th	2024 Foundation Enrolments Open
Tue 25 th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wed 26 th	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
Wed 3 rd	Sacrament Program Meeting
Fri 5 th	AFL Clinic Incursions (Gr 3-6)
Sat 6 th	Frayne House Community Mass – 6pm
Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th	Foundation 2024 Open Week
Wed 10 th	Foundation 2024 Information Evening



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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to the parents who attended our school council meeting on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity to highlight the success we have had over the past year and the plans for the year ahead. A huge thank you to Heidi Kleinert who has been our chairperson for the past three years, which as everyone would attest, have been challenging times. Heidi has always had the school and our community at the forefront of her work and we thank her for her leadership. Congratulations and thanks also to Stephen Johnston who has taken on the role of chairperson as we work together to dream of a future for Holy Rosary and the children. Our next meeting will be held on May 9th and will be a joint meeting with the Parent Social Committee and the Council. We invite families to join us as we develop our calendar for this year.

The NAPLAN testing continues this week and I would like to congratulate all children for the positive manner in which they have approached the assessment tasks. The annual testing will conclude at the end of this week, with results hopefully returned in the middle of the school year.

This week is Harmony Week (20th - 26th March), celebrating Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Harmony Day which falls on the 21st of March coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

With around 45 per cent of Australians born overseas or with at least one parent who was, Harmony Week has always been a popular way for workplaces to showcase and acknowledge their cultural diversity. Celebrating Harmony Week can take any form you wish – big or small, simple or challenging. We are indeed proud of our own growing diversity and continue to welcome many new families to our school community.

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus made a paste to heal the blind man. The healing became a true conversion for the man, but created some problems for Jesus with the Jewish leaders. Because this healing took place on the Sabbath, the Pharisees accused Jesus of breaking

Jewish law. The Pharisees tried to get confirmation of this action from the blind man's parents and from the blind man himself. In the end, the authorities were unable to charge Jesus with any wrongdoing and had to recognize that Jesus was gaining many disciples.

In order for parents to help their children follow the light of Christ, they too must open their eyes. As Jesus helped the blind man understand, it is not enough to see only with our eyes. We need also to see with our hearts and allow our every action to reflect this sight. Jesus healed the man of his blindness, but in the end the man recognized Jesus as the Messiah and worshiped him.

This week we also have our rescheduled Bush Dance with the Billy Tea Band providing a great day of work and fun. We look forward to families joining us in the afternoon for a dance and a great opportunity to get together and have some fun. Thanks to Mrs Teed for her organisation, it promises to be a great day.

As we move toward the end of Term 1, we also start thinking about our 2024 enrolments. If you have a child ready to start Foundation in 2024, please contact the office to have them put on our list. Enrolment paperwork will be sent home to existing families soon.

If you have family or friends who would like to join our Holy Rosary community next year, information packs are available from the school office with foundation enrolments officially opening for 2024 on Monday 24th April.

Finally, tomorrow work will begin to replace the fence on the school side of the tennis courts. We anticipate that these works will take approximately 1 week to complete. Whilst this should not have any affect on our drive through or play space, please be mindful of possible changes in traffic conditions.



Paul Wilkinson
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM MEETING - MONDAY 20TH MARCH

Tonight, 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.

HARMONY DAY - TUESDAY 21ST MARCH

Harmony day is observed on the 21st of March each year. It is a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. Recently in the gospel readings we heard about Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman and how both parties were changed by the interaction they shared. We all have something special to bring to the table and we can all learn from each other as fraternal brothers and sisters.

WORLD WATER DAY - WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH

This year World Water Day is about accelerating change to solve the water and sanitation crisis. Water is a precious resource that we have a duty of care to use wisely. What small changes can you make to ensure a more sustainably balanced water system for future generations?

EARTH HOUR - SATURDAY 25TH MARCH

Switching off for the benefit of our planet. Every year on the last Saturday of the month of March from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., millions across the world choose to turn off their lights for one hour to celebrate their commitment to the planet. So, join in the fun, it is so easy to do!





PROJECT COMPASSION: FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

This week through Project Compassion we learn about Thu, who lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife Linh, after she suffered a stroke.



Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

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

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



BILLY TEA BUSH BAND – THIS THURSDAY



We are very excited to welcome the Billy Tea Bush Dance Band back to Holy Rosary this year for a fabulous day of bush dance workshops and Aussie themed activities this Thursday 23rd March!

The day will involve the whole school and comprise of four activity rotations in House groups throughout the day, culminating in a whole school community bush dance on the tennis courts at 2.15pm.

Parents, carers and family members are warmly invited to attend the Community Bush Dance on the Tennis Courts at 2.15pm.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours and may wish to dust off an Akubra, make a cork hat, or wear an Aussie style accessory to school on the day. We also ask students to bring along a gold coin donation, with proceeds going to Caritas. We are looking forward to welcoming the Billy Tea Bush Band to Holy Rosary for a fun-filled day, building and developing musical skills and social connections within our school community.



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 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) - 10.30am Start

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.

PASTORAL CARE

Welcome to week 8, the term is flying by meaning it is not long to the holidays. This week we are expecting our new delivery of food share on Tuesday and encourage all who would like to come in and utilise the service to do so. We also have plenty of items in our second hand uniform stock. If you need second hand uniform please come into the Rosarium and take items you require. You can make a gold coin donation to the office for any second hand uniform you may need. The gold coin donations from second hand uniform are used to support our pastoral care program. If you have any old uniform you would like to donate we would be grateful for any donations. - Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)

ATTENDANCE

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. At Holy Rosary we work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

All school aims for 95% attendance across our student population. This week our attendance at Holy Rosary was 93.11% attendance. We encourage you to continue to keep your child at home if they are unwell, but would love to celebrate our students being at school at all other times.

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:


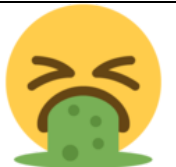


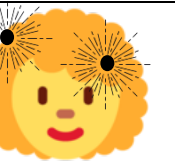
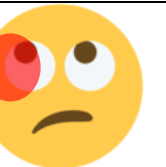
- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with Mr Wilkinson or your child's teacher. - Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)

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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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](#).

STUDENT NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Freddy Evans, Edie Patching, Maitilda Kearns & Lily McKee. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FJM	Lulu
FMM	Chelsea
1CV	Chelsey
1GS	Daniel
2JH	Zac
2SD	Aiden
3CW	Arlie
3OG	Tayah
4BD	Lacee
4LS	Sibylla
5DL	Sienna
5JO	Rylee
6DW	Fiona
6MG	Keighlan

WEEK 7 REVIEW

At Holy Rosary we have had ordinary garden beds at the block for a while now, but we are planning to upgrade to wicking beds built and designed by the students. To do this we have had the beds dug out and in a little time, this term they will be built. The way a wicking bed works is by having a reservoir at the bottom of the bed so it gets watered from the bottom. With this system hopefully by the end of the year we will have some great big potatoes for all to enjoy. Led by Mrs Angove and Bailey O'Connor, we will be working on getting the parts and maintaining them. This will certainly be a step towards a better future of the block.

On Tuesday 14th of March 2023, 2 students from Holy Rosary went to Swan Hill for Regional Swimming. Tom Barlow got 4th place in butterfly, while Alex Dobie got 1st in backstroke and second in breaststroke. Alex will now represent us at the State School's Swimming Carnival in Melbourne. Their day went well overall. There were about 11 schools and the carnival got wrapped up pretty quickly. Most events were finished in around an hour. - Grace W and Ruby D

P&F NEWS

PIZZA DAY

THIS 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 only needs one more volunteer, 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 THIS 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 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 & Volunteer Needed
Fri 31 st March	10.30am – 11:45am	Chelsea K

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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.

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

ENTER THE DRAGON MILE
SUNDAY 9TH APRIL 2023
Bendigo Bank

ICONIC DRAGON MILE
MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE
ALSO INCORPORATING GYM CUP, TEAMS OF 4 FROM YOUR FAVORITE GYM BATTLING IT OUT FOR BEST GYM!
\$10.00 MINI MILE & PRIMARY SCHOOLS - \$20.00 SECONDARY SCHOOLS/OPEN AND VETERANS
WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT
TIME: 10:30AM START

WIN WITH YOUR GYM

BENDIGO AC HARRIERS

BENDIGO EASTER FESTIVAL

ENTER HERE

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DISCOVER MORE IN 2024
Expand your Horizon

CATHERINE MCAULEY COLLEGE

OPEN DAY
Register online now

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

CHECK OUT ALL THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES ON OFFER AT CATHERINE MCAULEY COLLEGE IN 2024.

View the progress of the new state-of-the-art Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct, opening this year for the College and local community. Learn about reGEN for a sustainable future, our integrated curriculum and student-led initiatives. Explore STEAM, contemporary technology, hands-on learning and the instrumental music and agriculture programs. Join us for a BBQ, guided tours, live music, displays and a chat with students and staff about Year 7 at CMC.

COLLEGE TOURS:	ENROLMENTS OPEN	ENROLMENTS CLOSE
Coolock Campus during April & May. Book online now!	FOR YEAR 7, 2024: Wednesday 29 March 2023. Apply online!	FOR YEAR 7, 2024: Friday 12 May 2023.

Treasure Hunt launches online Wednesday 15 March
Find your way around and complete the quiz for your chance to win AirPods, a College summer uniform pack or a family ticket to the 2023 Production, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*! Winners announced on 29 March.

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES: Audra Petri College Registrar
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