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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

**Learning Conversations** 

#### **CALENDAR**

#### JULY 2023 Mon 17<sup>th</sup>

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Learning Conversations
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Netball Carnival (Gr 6)
Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Girls Football Carnival (Gr 5/6)
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Boys Football Carnival (Gr 5/6)
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Sacrament Information Evening
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Rosary Athletics Carnival
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> No Lunch Orders this week

#### AUGUST 2023

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Harte House Community Mass – 6pm

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Pupil Free Day – Staff PD

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Sacrament of Reconciliation – 6pm

Wed 9th – Fri 11th Grade 5 Camp

Wed 16th Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival

Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Fire Safety Incursion (F)

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Book Week

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Fire Safety Incursion (F)

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> McCarthy House Community Mass – 6pm

Mon 28th – Tue 29th Grade 4 Camp

#### SEPTEMBER 2023

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 'Googabinj' Indigenous Music Incursion

Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Festival of the Sacred (Gr 5)

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Health & PE Week Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Last Day Term 3



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to everyone, hopefully it was an opportunity to rest and stay warm! It is great to be back at school after being away studying in Chicago, a trip that certainly provided me with an opportunity to grow and learn, but also appreciate the wonderful place that is our home. I certainly appreciate and thank Jo Thurley for standing in during my absence and the staff who continued to provide her with great support.

Our termly Learning Conversations are scheduled for next week. It is great to see so many parents already booked in as these conversations are a major part of the assessment and reporting process.

In the next few weeks we have a number of senior sports events with football, netball and soccer all being held. As we continue to grow, we are now participating in the upper divisions and are extremely proud of the efforts the children make.

Term 3 is also a significant part of our enrolment process for 2024, as we hold our Foundation Enrolment Interviews. These are an opportunity for new and existing families to begin the transition to school process and for us to learn a little bit about the children before they start school.



Paul Wilkinson Principal



## SCHOOL NEWS

#### **TERM 3 LEARNING CONVERSATIONS**

Bookings for the Term 3 Parent Teacher Learning Conversations are OPEN NOW. All bookings are to be made using your SIMON Everywhere and/or PAM account. These conversations will discuss children's progress and learning goals.

#### **LEARNING CONVERSATIONS WILL BE HELD ON:**

Monday 17th July & Tuesday 18th July - 2.20pm - 6.40pm

All families are strongly encouraged to make a booking for their child/ren. Due to time restraints, please only make one booking per child per family. If you feel you need more time due to more complex issues, please schedule another meeting time directly with the classroom teacher or our Learner Diversity Coordinator, Mandy Antoniadis.

If you require any assistance in booking your Learning Conversation, please speak to the Office.

**Please note, students in 4BD** will be offered alternate dates (18<sup>th</sup> July & 24<sup>th</sup> July) for Learning Conversations due to scheduling conflicts. An email has been sent to parents with more information.

### **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

#### **END OF TERM LITURGY**

Thank you to our Grade 4 students and teachers who helped prepare the end of Term 2 liturgy. The liturgy was held in the church and it was wonderful to see a few families and some of the parishioners from the parish in attendance. Again, thank you to those who came along to support us in our school's faith journey.

#### 2023 RECONCILIATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Families of baptised children in Grade 2 have been notified of the opportunity to participate in the upcoming Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey. If you did not receive the survey and your child is eligible to participate please contact Jo Thurley ASAP. Our information session is scheduled for Wednesday 26th July, 5.30pm in the Rosarium.



# SCHOOL SPORT - WHAT'S HAPPENING?!





#### HOLY ROSARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday 28th July, we will be having our school athletics carnival. This will be held at the Flora Hill Athletics Track.

Grade 3 - 6 events will be from 9:30am to 2:30pm.

Foundation to Grade 2 events will be from 11am - 1pm.

The carnival is a fantastic day for all of our students to participate in a range of sporting events to the best of their ability. Please feel free to come and support our school and our kids!

#### **Some Important Information:**

- PARENT HELPERS NEEDED We are in need of about 10-12 parent helpers for our athletics day. Duties mostly include
  measurement and recording. If you are able to help, please let Troy or the office know. All volunteers will need to have a
  valid WCC (or exemption) and have completed their Volunteer Application and Child Safety Code of Conduct documents.
- Your child is asked to wear their **house colours** for the day. If you are unsure of what your child's colour is, please see your classroom teacher.
- Students need to bring a hat, water bottle and food for the day.
- There will be no school canteen (lunch orders) on this day

<sup>\*</sup>Please sign and check your child's PAM note and refer to this for any further information.

The next level is the **Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival**, which will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at the Flora Hill Athletics Track. Students in Grades 3 to 6 will be notified if they make this event. Please note that 9yr old students can only make it through in shot put, long jump, hurdles and 100m. Students finishing 1st & 2nd in each event will be offered a spot in those events for the Catholic Schools Carnival. However, each student can only compete in 3 individual events. Should they qualify for more than 3, they will have to choose their preferred events and then the spot is offered to the next highest finishing student. Thank you for your ongoing support!

**PHOTOS AT SCHOOL EVENTS:** A reminder to parents, that as per the *CES Child Safety Policy - Photographing, Filming and Recording (Students)*, we ask that parents consider the *'risks of publishing the photographs or videos/recordings/films and how to best protect the students' safety and privacy.'* As such, we ask that parents be mindful that they do not include other student's in any photos they take, as much as is practicable and that they consider the privacy of their own and other's children, when sharing photos taken at school events.

#### **LEARNER DIVERSITY: POST PSG MEETINGS**

Parents who had a PSG meeting scheduled last term, should have received an email from 'Adobe sign' requesting you to sign your child's Personalised Learning Plan (PLP). Please check your junk mail / spam folder to ensure you do not miss this. Once the document has been signed, you will receive a digital copy for your records.



If you did not receive your child's PLP document, please let me know.

- Mandy Antoniadis (Learner Diversity Leader)



#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the Rechter & Barlow families who both welcomed new additions to their families over the school holidays!

Nicole & John Barlow welcomed Ella Barlow to the world on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023, sister to Tom (5JO) and Will (2SD).

Jane & Troy Rechter welcomed Isla Rose Rechter to the world on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023, sister to Tayt (6MG).

## 3 ways parents can foster eSafety

Adapted from CatholicCare Victoria website

In a world driven by technology, eSafety is a challenging and often concerning topic for parents and carers.

While it's impractical and frankly impossible for parents to supervise children online 24/7, parents play an important role in teaching children safe practices and setting boundaries for safe technology use.

eSafety is important for young people of all ages, and latest research recommends parents and carers start discussing eSafety with children from a young age – under five years old!

#### **The Challenges**

There are many challenges surrounding eSafety, and it's important for parents, children and young people to have an understanding of these challenges and how to deal with them when they arise.

Some of the key issues and challenges regarding eSafety include:

- Cyberbullying
- Privacy Maintaining privacy, and setting boundaries regarding the sharing of personal information or images
- Online behaviour Maintaining respectful communication and what to do when concerning communication is experienced
- Time spent online / using technology
- Content viewed Understanding whether your child is old enough for specific content or technology use
- Online gaming and social media Where all of the challenges above can come into play!

#### **Encouraging Safe Technology Use**

Learning about eSafety can feel overwhelming, but parents and carers don't have to be experts in technology to improve the eSafety of their children.

To improve your children's safe use of technology, parents and carers should:

#### • Be open and supportive

- Let your child know that they can come to you with any concerns, and that you won't cut off internet or technology
  access if they tell you they've felt unsafe online. Children and young people are less likely to talk to their parents
  about eSafety concerns if they feel that they'll be punished for it.
- Openly discuss and talk about your child's favourite games, social media, or other ways they use technology. Show interest and curiosity, and perhaps you might even offer to play a video/mobile game together.
- Ask about who they're spending time with online and get to learn about them. This is a great way to start conversation with your child, and open up discussion for any concerns they may be experiencing with their online friendships.

#### • Be clear

- o It's important to set rules and boundaries for safe technology use. But it's also important that you work WITH your child rather than against them. Establish rules together, and discuss why these rules are important for their safety and for others. Rules can encompass how long technology is used for, online behaviour and sharing of personal information.
- Provide guidelines for safe technology use. You might establish an agreement for websites and apps that are safe for your child to use. You might also discuss what to do if your child is concerned about an online experience or if something has made them feel unsafe or uncertain.

#### Foster Learning

- o Children and young people are constantly learning and making mistakes (or breaking rules!) is a normal part of development. If you feel that your child is using unsafe technology/online practices, discuss this with them calmly and use this as an opportunity for learning. You might talk about ways they could have handled the situation in a safe manner and revisit or update any eSafety rules and guidelines you have in your household.
- Provide eSafety information for your child that they can explore if they want to learn more or find help. The eSafety
  Commissioner is a great website with age-appropriate support for kids and young people and plenty of tips for
  parents too.

While ensuring eSafety in your household may be challenging at first, cultivating an open and engaged relationship with your child is a great step to ensure they can come to you with any concerns.

And being attentive to your child's behaviours (both on and offline) can also help to identify unsafe situations early – for example, changes in your child's behaviour due to cyberbullying.

## STUDENT NEWS



#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Harrison Allen, Fletcher Bell, Lily Gaskin, Callen Murton, Madeleine Marchment and Ella Ahn. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

#### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK 9, TERM 2



	Students of the Week
FMM	Addison
1CV	Evelyn
1GS	Savannah
3CW	Cody
30G	Payton
4BD	Mitchell
4LS	Logan

## P&F NEWS

#### **SCHOOL BEANIES ARE HERE!**

With the cooler weather definitely here, we have sourced a supplier and design for our new school beanies. The beanies arrived in the school holidays and should be available for ordering via Flexischools this week. Beanies are \$20 each.



#### **CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

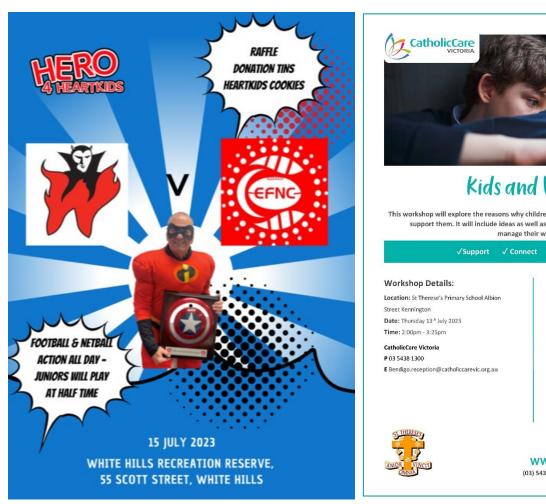
As we head into another term, we have an almost blank canteen roster, ready and waiting to fill with names of our fantastic community of volunteers. You are welcome to help out just once, or on a regular basis. We are in need of volunteers to fill the following shifts:

> Thursdays 9am - 11am Fridays 9am - 12pm Fridays 10.30am - 11.45am Fridays 1.30pm - 2.30pm

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!

Should we not have enough volunteers for the coming week by Thursday morning, we will be unable to offer our regular canteen. If you are able to volunteer in our Canteen, please contact the school office or Lindy Vance on 0409 067 404.

## SPORTS & COMMUNITY NEWS







## **INFORMATION**

**MULTI-SPORT** 

✓ Tennis

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

✓ AFL ✓ Basketball 
✓ Golf ✓ Soccer ✓ Hockey Netball

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For Prep - Year 6 students.

#### \$144 FOR 9 WEEKS!

Sign up anytime, and only pay for the weeks remaining in the term

School: Holy Rosary P.S Day: Tuesday's Start Date: 18th July End Date: 12th September Time: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

✓ Athletics

#### **BOOK EARLY & SAVE**

Sign up online before July 1st to receive a 10% discount. Use voucher code: earlybird

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