

# 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

### AUGUST 2023

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of Reconciliation – 6pm
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of St. Mary of the Cross
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5 Camp
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of the Assumption Mass – 9.15am
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Safety Incursion (F)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	PSG Meetings
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PSG Meetings
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Safety Incursion (F)
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week Parade
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	PSG Meetings
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	McCarthy House Community Mass – 6pm
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> – Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 4 Camp
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	PSG Meetings

### SEPTEMBER 2023

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	'Googabin' Indigenous Incursion
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Basketball Carnival (Gr 6)
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	PSG Meetings
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	PSG Meetings
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	PSG Meetings
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Health & PE Week
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	PSG Meetings
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	PSG Meetings
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 3 – 2.15pm dismissal

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week, our school participated in a school improvement review which occurs every 4 years. It was great to be able to welcome the three panel members from various backgrounds in education to Holy Rosary. It was also pleasing to receive a number of commendations and recommendations that we can now use to develop our strategic plan. A special thanks to the staff and students for the warm welcome they provided for our visitors and their feedback, which was both honest and positive. We look forward to working with our school council and social committee to further explore the report.

On Tuesday evening 24 children will receive the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time. I would like to congratulate them as they take this next step in their faith lives. Thanks also to Mrs Thurley and their classroom teachers for all the work in preparation and to the parents who have been committed to the preparation over the past few weeks.

Grade 5 children will be attending their annual camp at Billabong Ranch near Echuca on Wednesday through to Friday. We have a number of staff attending and look forward to what is always an exciting time away. A huge thanks to the wonderful staff for giving up the home comforts and families etc to be there with the students.

### Playground and grounds after school

The school offers yard supervision from 8.30am & after school until 3.30pm. Children should not be sent to school before 8.30am; and picked up by 3.30pm. We are very fortunate to have a great partnership with the YMCA in providing after school care if 'drop off' or 'pick up' times are proving difficult. We ask that children not play on the playground after hours. Thanks for your support in this matter.

Currently the council have been making spot inspections at schools including Holy Rosary. I urge parents to be patient and mindful of



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<https://www.facebook.com/holyrosaryprimaryschoolwhitehills/>

regulations. Our drive through also operates very effectively however traffic is dangerously banking up in Hamelin Street and I ask that if your car is in a line up out into the roadway, it is an idea to complete a lap of the block.

### **Feast of St Mary of the Cross**

On Tuesday 8th August we celebrate the Feast of St Mary MacKillop. Mary MacKillop is Australia's first saint. Mary MacKillop was a trail-blazer in her lifetime, leaving a culture of exemplary living for her followers to emulate. Mary paved the way for education of poor children and a variety of ministries which addressed the needs of 19th century Australia.

Mary MacKillop was the founder of the inspirational group of women who continue her work today in our country and in neighbouring countries. Mary MacKillop is an example of faith put into action and words, as she followed her dream to ensure country children in small rural communities in Australia were able to receive a good education in their Catholic faith and academic skills for their future. She always went out of her way to minister to the poor, the lonely, the sick and those who were outcasts. Mary MacKillop's mantra was "To never see a need without doing something about it".



### **Mary MacKillop Prayer**

Ever generous God,  
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop  
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in  
bringing hope and encouragement  
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.  
With confidence in your generous providence and through the  
intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop  
We ask that you grant our prayers.  
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so  
that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and  
openness.  
Ever generous God hear our prayer.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Go Cats

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Wilkinson'.

Paul Wilkinson  
*Principal*

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

#### **CLASS PARISH MASS**

This week our Grade 2 classes will be attending and actively participating in the Parish Mass on Friday morning at 9.15am.

#### **HARTE HOUSE COMMUNITY MASS**

It was really lovely to see Harte House families and staff members at last Saturday's House Mass!

#### **2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – RECONCILIATION**

This week we have 24 students being presented to our Parish community at our Sacrament Mass on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate this wonderful milestone in their faith journey.



### LEARNER DIVERSITY: PSG MEETINGS

The upcoming appointments for the Program Support Group (PSG) Meetings have been allocated. Please check your Parent Access Module (P.A.M) account for your allocated appointment. Please note this in your diary/calendar. **PSG meetings will take place each Wednesday and Friday during Term 2; beginning in week 6 (Friday, 18th August) through to Week 10 (Friday, 15th September).** In addition, meetings will 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 students goals that have been put in place to support the learning for your child.

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. If you can not view your time on P. A.M, please feel free to contact the office and they will be able to assist you, alternatively, you can email Mandy [mantoniadis@hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mantoniadis@hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au)  
- Mandy Antoniadis (Learner Diversity Leader)



### SCHOOL SPORT – WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

*Troy Coates (PE Coordinator)*



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:** A friendly reminder that Catholic Athletics is on **Wednesday 16th August**. If your child has been successful in qualifying for this, you should have received a PAM note last Thursday.

\*\*\*Please be aware that 8/9 Year Olds only have four events at the Catholic Athletics - 100m, Hurdles, Long Jump & Shot Put.



## Attendance in Early Years Matters!

- attendance matters full stop!
- what is your child's attendance at? 95% is the target

# Social Media: Are They Old Enough?

While the internet offers incredible opportunities for children to access information and connect with others, it's important for parents to teach them how to navigate online environments safely. Without proper supervision and understanding of concepts like privacy, children may face negative experiences that can impact their well-being.

## Wait Till 13

One common question that arises is when your child should have a social media account.

Most social media platforms, including Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, and Facebook, require users to be at least 13 years old to register. Following these guidelines, we recommend that no primary-aged child should have their own social media account. As a school community, we kindly request that you protect your child by allowing them to access social media only under your account and supervision.

After they are 13, take into account your child's:

- Maturity
- Resilience
- Understanding of the impacts of social media.

## Saying No

Safeguarding your child's confidence and self-worth during their primary school years is crucial, and social media can have negative consequences on your child's developing identity. We encourage you not to let the online environment distort this important phase of their development. Stay strong and resist the pressure to introduce your child to social media when they are too young.

Together, let's empower our children to explore the digital world safely while preserving their well-being and fostering a positive sense of self.



## How Can We Help?

At Holy Rosary, we are always here 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. Please reach out to your child's teacher, the office staff or Jo Thurley (Deputy Principal) at any 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

## STUDENT NEWS



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are Gracie Holmes and Abby Hayes. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



	Students of the Week
FJM	Lorelai
FMM	Clementine
1CV	Bodhi
1GS	Tilly
2JH	Jobe
2SD	Emilia
3CW	Isabella
3OG	Charlie
4BD	Maverick
4LS	Zara
5DL	Manuel
5JO	Tom
6DW	Fiona & Roman
6MG	Cian

## P&F NEWS

### CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Term 3 roster is still looking quite empty! It's 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. The full roster for this term is attached below.

*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

### SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS NEEDED!

The City of Greater Bendigo are looking for School Crossing Supervisors please refer to the City website for details. <https://citygb.applynow.net.au/jobs/850723-school-crossing-supervisors>



# HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN

## VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 3 2023

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
<b>AUGUST 2023</b>		
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am – 12.00pm	Dea Robertson & Gabbie Irwin
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am – 11:45am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> August	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Gabrielle Turner-Eylander & Volunteer Needed
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am – 11:45am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> August	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Jen Ball & Volunteer Needed
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am – 12.00pm	Dea Robertson & Volunteer Needed
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am – 11:45am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> August	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Jess Bragg & Volunteer Needed
<b>SEPTEMBER 2023</b>		
Thur 31 <sup>st</sup> August	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> September	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> September	10.30am – 11:45am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> September	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am – 12.00pm	Dea Robertson & Volunteer Needed
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am – 11:45am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> September	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Jen Ball & Gabrielle Turner-Eylander
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am – 11:45am	Volunteer Needed