



NEWSLETTER

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: 5444 6666 (YMCA)

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

OCTOBER 2023

Fri 20 th	TwistED Echuca excursion Gr 1
Thu 26 th	'Beats & Pieces' Music Incursion (Gr 3 - 6)
Tue 31 st	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD

NOVEMBER 2023

Wed 1 st	Bendigo Cup Public Holiday
Thu 2 nd	All Souls Day
Fri 3 rd	Barefoot Bowls 5pm – Save the Date
Fri 3 rd	PSG Meetings
Sat 4 th	Frayne House Community Mass – 6pm
Mon 6 th – Wed 8 th	Grade 6 Camp
Wed 8 th	PSG Meetings
Fri 10 th	Colour Run Event Day
Fri 10 th	PSG Meetings
Wed 15 th	PSG Meetings
Fri 17 th	PSG Meetings
Fri 17 th	Canteen Pizza Day
Sat 18 th	McAuley House Community Mass – 6pm
Wed 22 nd	PSG Meetings
Fri 24 th	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Tue 28 th – Fri 1 st	Swimming Program (F-2)
Wed 29 th	PSG Meetings

DECEMBER 2023

Tue 28 th – Fri 1 st	Swimming Program (F-2)
Fri 15 th	Last day of Term for Students

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our learning conversations were again well attended and a big thank you to our families who continue to work with teachers to continue to achieve the best for our children.

It was great to see parents attending our Friday assembly in the yard last week, as our weather improves it is a great opportunity to share what's been going on at school, acknowledge our success and celebrate together. Feel free to attend, we try to start at 2.45pm and usually finish just after 3pm.

In Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells the story of a king who throws a grand wedding feast for his son. He invites many guests, but they refuse to come. Undeterred, the king invites everyone he can find, filling the banquet hall with guests. One man, however, attends without wearing the proper wedding attire and is subsequently cast out.

This parable holds a profound lesson for all of us, especially our young learners. It reminds us of the importance of acceptance and openness. The king's initial guests, who refused the invitation, symbolise closed hearts and minds. In our diverse and vibrant school community, it's crucial to embrace differences, cultures and ideas. We must be open to new friendships, experiences and learning opportunities, just like the diverse guests welcomed to the wedding feast.

The parable also emphasises the significance of being prepared, not just in terms of appearances, but also in our attitudes and actions. Just as the guest lacked the proper attire, we must be mindful of how we present ourselves to others, not only physically but also with kindness, empathy, and respect.

Let us all strive to create an atmosphere of acceptance and understanding within our school. Let's teach our children the value of inclusivity, compassion and the willingness to embrace differences. By doing so, we can ensure our school community truly mirrors the spirit of the open-hearted king in the parable, welcoming everyone with open arms and warm smiles.



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

We are also about to begin planning for the 2024 school year and ask that parents who may have requests regarding class placement, please put your request in writing to myself and I will share these with the teachers before the end of October.



Paul Wilkinson
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

PARISH NEWS

Catholic Mission Month

October is Catholic mission month. On the last day of term 3 the students participated in a crazy sock and footy colours day to raise money for Catholic Missions Australia as part of its Socktober campaign. Throughout October 2023, students and their families across Australia will team up to support families in Timor-Leste facing health and wellness challenges. I am pleased to announce that we collected \$294.70 for this worthy cause.

Upcoming Weekly Parish Mass

Date	Year level attending
Friday 13th October	Grade 4
Friday 20th October	Grade 3
Friday 27th October	Grade 2



VISIT THE
MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE
EAST MELBOURNE, VIC

A UNIQUE TREASURE IN THE HEART OF MELBOURNE

MUSEUM | CHAPEL | GIFT SHOP | ACCOMMODATION | MEETING ROOMS | REFRESHMENTS

LOCATED IN CENTRAL MELBOURNE, OPPOSITE FITZROY GARDENS, LIES AN HISTORIC MUSEUM DEDICATED TO AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SAINT AND AUSTRALIAN HERO.

MUSEUM

Visit us to find inspiration by experiencing Mary's life journey, hearing about her challenges and achievements, and the story of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and their influence on Australian history through education and social welfare reform.

This history is told through a curated collection of relics, artefacts, books, textiles, art work and audio-visual display.

Today the Sisters continue to work in ministries both nationally and internationally and we invite you to share in their story.



HOSPITALITY

In the heritage building, that St Mary MacKillop built, walked and prayed, events can be catered for that celebrate those special occasions and milestones with family and friends.

Others may just prefer a night out in town staying in one of the self contained apartments that are close to Melbourne's amazing sporting precincts, theatres and diverse dining experiences.

Talk to us about how together we can make that special moment happen.

HOLD YOUR SPECIAL EVENT HERE: www.mmhc.org.au ☎ 03 9926 9300

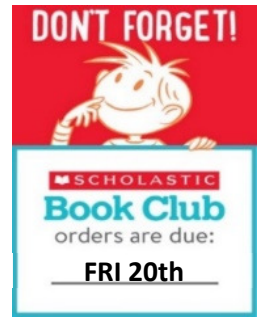
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ORDERS DUE FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER

The **LAST** Book Club catalogue for 2023 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=sODVIMDMONDUSMDI

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



SCHOOL SPORT – WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

Troy Coates (PE Coordinator)



SCHOOL RUN 4 FUN: COLOUR EXPLOSION

Our Colour Explosion School Fun Run fundraising has started! You can win big with a huge variety of automated incentive prizes, competitions and added bonuses! The brightest day at school is on **Friday 10th November!**

Sponsorship booklets were sent home last week. Don't forget to jump on and create your profile. If you haven't already, make sure you start fundraising online at www.australianfundraising.com.au.



Big prizes are up for grabs for every fundraiser! Raise just \$10 and your child can will receive prizes from a selection of awesome items. The more you fundraise, the bigger the prizes!

Incentive Prizes - Fundraising for our Colour Explosion School Fun Run is entirely online. At the end of our fundraiser, student's incentive prizes are ordered automatically based on their fundraising total and Golden Coins. Students can win up to 15 unique incentive prizes!

You only need to raise \$10 to achieve your first incentive prize. From there, you will win more and more as your fundraising total soars! For example, if you raise \$100, you will win incentive prize A, B, C, D and E!

Monty the Monstar Prizes! - Monty the MonSTAR is giving away lots of extra prizes to help you reach for the fundraising STARS! Will you collect them all? Check out your sponsorship booklet to see what Monty has up for grabs.

You have to be in it to win it! If you haven't already, make sure you start fundraising online at www.australianfundraising.com.au. Happy fundraising!



REGIONAL ATHLETICS RESULTS

Congratulations to Miley and Jensen who represented Holy Rosary at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Bendigo on Monday. Both students should be very proud of making it this far and they both competed extremely well. Jensen finished fourth in his discus event and Miley finished second in the shot put. Miley will now go on to the State Athletics in Melbourne on the 1st of November. Good luck Miley.



NOTIFYING ABSENCES VIA PAM

Thank you to those parents who have been using PAM to notify us of their child's absence. It has been great to see an increase in parent use. PAM is quick and efficient for both parents and our office staff.

However, we would like to remind parents that PAM should only be used to notify the school of full day absences. If a child is going to be late to school, or collected early, **we require parents to come to the office and sign students in and out manually on drop off or collection.**

While the online system does allow part day absences, the office does not receive any notifications for these absences so they can get missed. Part day absences added in this way can also negatively affect your child's attendance record as they directly affect the classroom rolls.

GRADE 3-6 STEM PROGRAM

During this term, our 3-6's are designing and creating a variety of things.

They require the following items:

Old Cd's/blank

600ml water bottles

plastic supermarket bags

tissue boxes

jar lids - any size

straws

If you have any of these items sitting around at home, feel free to send them to school for our STEM room.



Thank you in anticipation

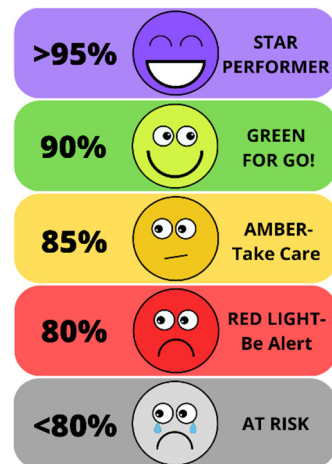
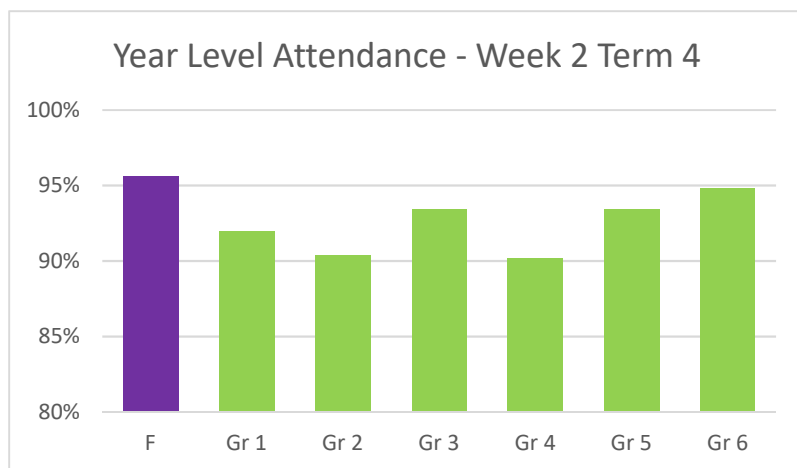
Tracey Angove (Senior STEM)

VISUAL ARTS

Last Tuesday Grade 6 & 5 students participated in water colour art sessions with local watercolour artist Terry Jarvis . Terry is very passionate about sharing his painting skills with students and engaged the students in either drawing and painting boats on the ocean or gum trees . He showed the students how to paint the background and then fill in the image to bring it to life. We are very appreciative that Terry comes to the school to work with our students. – *Eva Rosaia (Visual Arts)*



ATTENDANCE





Talk to school if:

Your child is not wanting to attend school

You need support getting your child to school

STUDENT NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are Lulu Gill, Indy Brown, Lacey Ermel, Shenuki Perera, Mariam Chacko, Addison de Gille, Ashton Tresize. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FJM	Lulu G
FMM	Indianna B
1CV	Wyatt H
1GS	Jasmine K
2JH	Harriet M
2SD	Chaise J
3CW	Azlyn B
3OG	Amy V
4BD	Gus J
4LS	Cooper B
5DL	Preston A
5JO	Imogen S
6DW	Harper W
6MG	Jasmine S
YMCA	Levi F

Holy Rosary is pleased to partner with FoodShare, Bendigo to provide food relief for families who may need it. Food is delivered each Tuesday morning and is available for ALL of our school community to use.

Food items often available include:

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| - Tinned Spaghetti | - Frozen items |
| - Pasta Sauce | - Wraps |
| - Rice | - Milk |
| - Vegetables | - Bread |



FoodShare is located in the Rosarium building, in the room directly inside of the big glass doors that you enter through.

Bags are available to fill with what you require. There is no need to ask before taking, we welcome you to come and just take what you may need.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS



Holy Rosary Parents and Friends Barefoot Bowls

18+ Event - Parents "night off"

Come alone or bring a friend. Everyone welcome!

FRIDAY 3 Nov 2023 5.30pm onwards

White Hills Bowls Club, Cnr Dundas and Bosquet St

\$30 p/person includes bowls, BBQ dinner and dessert.
Drinks available from bar.

Enquiries to Gabrielle T.E. 0433 363 549 or HR Office Staff

RSVP to school office by 27 October.

Payment by 27 October – cash payment at the school office or bank transfer to Holy Rosary Parents and Friends account.

Use first and surname as reference.

Account name: Holy Rosary P and F

BSB: 083 543, Account #: 445 602 776.



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

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!*

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.

HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 4 2023

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
OCTOBER 2023		
Thurs 19 th October	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 20 th October	9.00am – 12.00pm	Lauren R & Volunteer Needed
	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed
Fri 27 th October	9.00am – 12.00pm	Susie Y & Volunteer Needed
	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed
NOVEMBER 2023		
Fri 3 rd November	9.00am – 12.00pm	Chloe H & Maree
	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed
Fri 10 th November	9.00am – 12.00pm	Susie Y & Volunteer Needed
	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed
PIZZA DAY - Fri 17 th Nov	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
PIZZA DAY - Fri 17 th Nov	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
PIZZA DAY - Fri 17 th Nov	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed
THUR 23 rd November	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed
DECEMBER 2023		
Fri 1 st December	9.00am – 12.00pm	Maree & Volunteer Needed
	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed
Fri 8 th December	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed
Fri 15 th December	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Maree

PUPIL FREE DAY



YMCA Outside School Hours Care is running a full day service at Holy Rosary Primary School, for the upcoming Pupil Free Day. Children will enjoy a range of engaging activities and have the opportunity to socialise with peers from all year levels.

Date: 31st October 2023

Time: 7am – 6pm

Location: Holy Rosary PS

Session fee: \$102.30

Fee after MAX CCS*: \$15.35

*MAX CCS is the out of pocket fee paid by families who qualify for the maximum Child Care Subsidy percentage (85%). The fee above is calculated at 80% subsidy to allow for the 5% withheld by Services Australia to reduce the chances of an overpayment.



Scan the QR code to access enrolment and booking instructions.

