

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

NOVEMBER 2023

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| Fri 24th | Pupil Free Day – Staff PD |
| Tue 28 th – Fri 1 st | Swimming Program (F-2) |
| Wed 29 th | PSG Meetings |

DECEMBER 2023

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| Fri 1 st | PSG Meetings |
| Tue 28 th – Fri 1 st | Swimming Program (F-2) |
| Tues 5 th | Orientation Day Foundation - Gr 6 (CMC) |
| Wed 6 th | PSG Meetings |
| Fri 8 th | PSG Meetings |
| Fri 8 th | Foundation – Bendigo Cinema |
| Thur 14 th | Grade 2 – Bendigo Cinema |
| Fri 15th | Last day of Term for Students |

JANUARY 2024

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| Mon 29 th | First day for Staff |
| Tues 30 th | First Day of Term 1 for students |

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In Sunday's gospel we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, the final week in the liturgical calendar. Jesus shares a powerful message about kindness and compassion, reminding us that when we extend love and care to others, we are doing it for Him. This passage encourages us to be mindful of our actions and to see the face of Christ in those around us.

As we navigate our days at Holy Rosary, let's instill in our young learners the importance of empathy and generosity. Simple acts of kindness, whether it's helping a friend in need or showing understanding to a classmate, echo the teachings found in this passage. By fostering a culture of compassion, we not only contribute to a positive school environment but also embody the values that lie at the heart of our faith.

Let's encourage our students to be the hands and feet of love, making a difference in the lives of others. In doing so, we not only shape them into kind and considerate individuals but also sow the seeds of a community where everyone feels valued and cared for.

May the lessons from Matthew's gospel this week guide our actions and inspire a spirit of love and kindness in our school community.



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

ADVENT:

The first week of Advent begins on Sunday 3rd December. Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical year in the church calendar. The church has three liturgical cycles: A, B and C. This year we will be moving into Year B, which focuses on the Gospel of Mark.

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE

Donations due by Wednesday 13th December. Each grade has been assigned a specific category so we can capture a more diverse selection of items:

Foundation: Toiletries - soap, toilet rolls, toothpaste/brush, powder, hand sanitiser

Grade 1: Grains and Pasta - rice, pasta, soups, noodles

Grade 2: Tinned Foods - beetroot, soup, tuna, baked beans, corn, peas, pasta sauces

Grade 3: Holiday Treats - chocolate, lollies, sweet biscuits, Christmas cake

Grade 4: Savoury Items - dry biscuits, shapes, rice cakes, nuts, chips, popcorn

Grade 5: Condiments - jams, sauces, Vegemite, peanut butter, maple syrup,

Grade 6: Breakfast Cereals - Oats, Corn Flakes, Long-life milk & custard, pancake mixes

PARISH NEWS

UPCOMING WEEKLY PARISH MASS

There are no Friday School Parish Masses as we move into the Advent Season. The children will be participating in a Whole School Liturgy as part of Assembly each week on Friday afternoon. Families are encouraged to join us and celebrate during this time of waiting for Jesus in our liturgical calendar.

STAFF SPIRITUALITY - FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Today our staff participated in a faith formation day with Carlie Anderson. Carlie has given us new and inspiring ways to bring the Gospel to light with our children in our classroom and we are looking forward to using Imaginative Prayer with our children at Holy Rosary.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS (2024)

The Cathedral Choir is looking to recruit new members in all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) and scholarships to the value of \$1,200 per year are available for successful applicants from Catholic schools in the Bendigo region. The famous saying: "those that sing, pray twice" is attributed to St Augustine of Hippo (c. 354-430), a famous Father of the Church who is honoured in the Cathedral's daily Mass chapel and rear stained glass window. Promoting and supporting the choir's membership is a powerful way to help choristers and congregations enter into the spirit and mystery of the Church's liturgy and prayer. Auditions will be held on Sunday 17th December 2023 and on Sunday 28th January 2024 after the 11am Mass in the Cathedral Choir Room. Enquiries: paul.taylor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

There is no 9.15am mass on Tuesday 28th November. Fr Minh has an engagement in Melbourne at 10.30am. Sorry for inconvenience. Thank you.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

HOPE

Light the first candle of hope.



Christ our Hope,
Shine in our lives with hope
and promise. Open our eyes to
see you in others. Help us to
be people of hope.
We await your coming with
gratitude.
Amen



Advent is a special time in
the church year when we
prepare and get ready to
celebrate the birth of Jesus.



GRADE 3 – GARDEN OF THE FUTURE

On Wednesday, the Grade 3's went to the Garden of the Future at the Botanical Gardens. Grade 3 have been learning about indigenous culture and the history of Bendigo through their most recent knowledge unit. They have now seen real life evidence of how mining in Bendigo has affected the Bendigo Creek and what the Dja Dja Wurrung people are doing to rectify this. The students loved seeing many of the plants they had studied and were very keen on picking up rubbish and caring for the environment.



TERM 4: PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS:

Term 4 PSG meetings will run this week through to Friday 8th December. You can view your allocated time via PAM. A link to access the online meeting will become visible on your PAM account on the day of your appointment.

Mandy Antoniadis (Learner Diversity Leader)

F-2 SWIMMING LESSONS

Next week, our F-2 students will be participating in swimming lessons at the Gurri Wanyarra Leisure Centre. Please revise your PAM note with information regarding this event. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's classroom teacher or myself.

Swimming times for each group are:

Grade 2 - 9.30am

Grade 1 - 10.15am

Foundation - 11.00am

****These are different to the bus times - please check your PAM note for information about these.**

Thursday the 30th of November is a Water Safety Day. Please pack a spare t-shirt and shorts your child can wear in the water. These can be casual clothes - they don't need to be a school uniform. It is extremely helpful if your child can wear their bathers underneath their school uniform to school. A pair of slip on shoes (thongs, slides, etc) can be worn to and from the pool but students must wear their normal school shoes to and from school.

Troy Coates

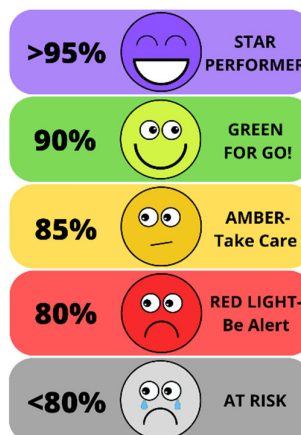
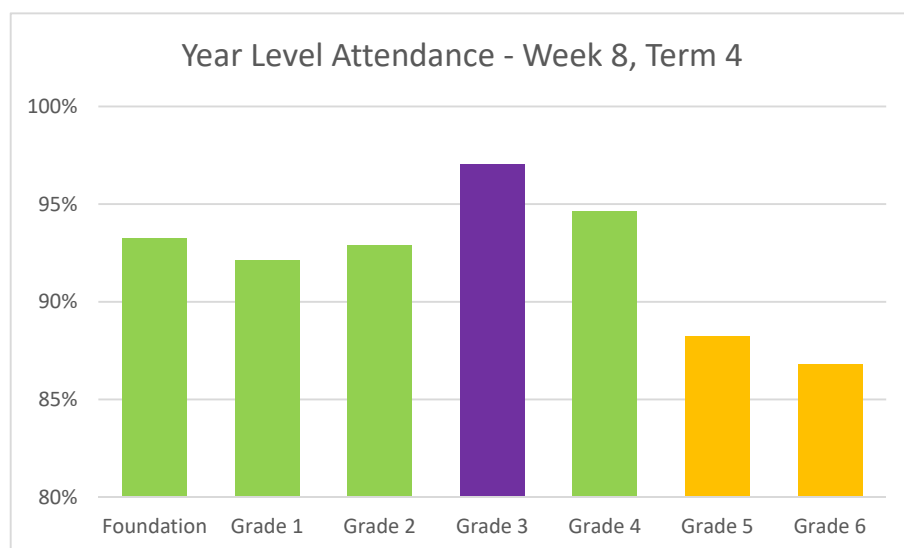


Unexplained Absences

If a student is absent without reason, the school will contact the parent

If contact cannot be made with the parent/carer, the emergency contact/s will be contacted to ensure the safety of the student

ATTENDANCE



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.

STUDENT NEWS

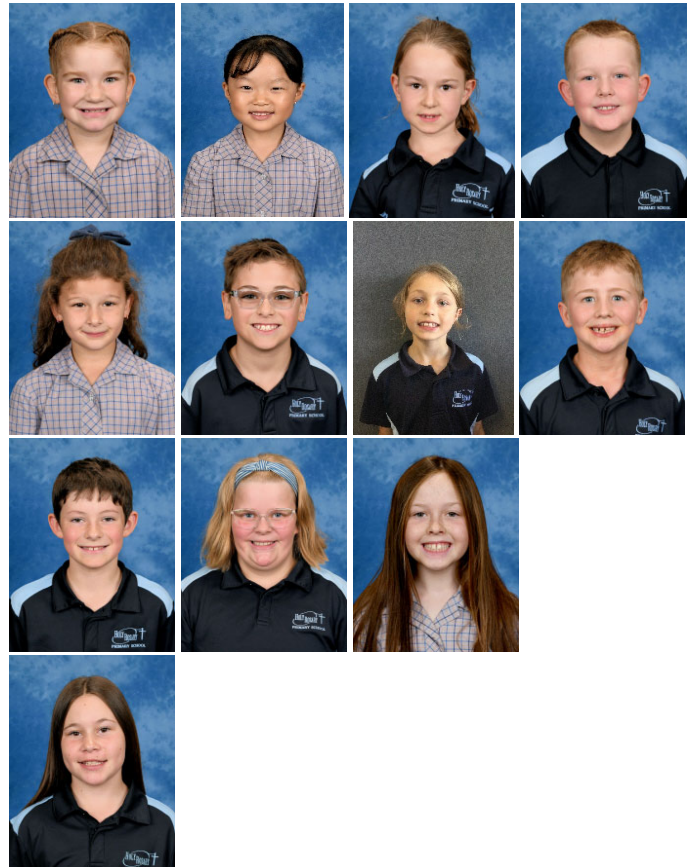


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are Joshua Mason, Lucy Patching, Fraser Wild, Ryan Brown, Harrison Bell, Hunter Bogumil, Sabrina Rai, Hunter Wallis and Zac Victor. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

| | Students of the Week |
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| FJM | Mercadies S |
| FMM | Addison D |
| 1CV | Ella A |
| 1GS | Evie K |
| 2JH | Tarkyn M |
| 2SD | Emilia W |
| 3CW | Ava H |
| 3OG | Lucas S |
| 4BD | Jimmy C |
| 4LS | Mack G |
| 5DL | Hannah T |
| 5JO | Sophie M |
| 6DW | |
| 6MG | Katelyn M |
| YMCA | |



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

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

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 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| DECEMBER 2023 | | |
| Fri 1 st December | 9.00am – 12.00pm | Maree & Chloe H |
| | 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 |

SPORTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

*Community
Christmas
Festival* ✨

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER
GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE
5 PM - 8 PM



MARKET · GAMES · FOOD FROM 5 PM
CHRISTMAS CAROLS FROM 6:30 PM

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