



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

DECEMBER 2023

Fri 8 th	PSG Meetings
Fri 8 th	Foundation – Bendigo Cinema
Wed 13 th	Lunch on the oval
Wed 13 th	Graduation Evening
Thur 14 th	Grade 2 – Bendigo Cinema
Fri 15 th	Whole School Mass @ 9.15am
Fri 15 th	Last day of Term for Students @3.15pm

JANUARY 2024

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On this second Sunday in Advent, we turn our hearts to the words of Mark 1:1-8. The passage resonates with the spirit of preparation and anticipation, as John the Baptist heralds the arrival of Jesus Christ. In the midst of the holiday hustle, these verses serve as a gentle reminder to prepare not just physically but spiritually. John's call for repentance encourages us to reflect on our actions and align ourselves with the message of love and compassion that Christ brings. As we light the second candle of the Advent wreath, let it symbolise the growing anticipation of the arrival of the Light of the World. May we, like John, pave the way for hope, joy and transformation in our lives and communities, creating paths straight for the love that the Christmas season embodies.

Orientation Day on Tuesday was a resounding success, particularly in extending a warm welcome to our new students and introducing them to their classes for the upcoming year. It was wonderful to witness the seamless integration of fresh faces into our school community. The atmosphere was one of anticipation and excitement as students familiarise themselves with their future classrooms and had a glimpse of next year. As we look forward to next year, the positive energy from Orientation Day sets a promising tone for a collaborative and enriching learning experience.

Next week is the final week of the year. It is also an extremely busy week with a number of events and celebrations throughout the week. On Wednesday we celebrate 7 years of primary school with the grade 6 children and their parents with our graduation evening in the Parish Hall. To conclude the week we have a whole school Mass. This is a further opportunity to wish everyone a safe and restful Christmas and New Year and to thank everyone for their contribution to another successful year.



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

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS - FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER at 9:15am

We will come together for our final whole school Mass in the Church on Friday 15th December at 9.15am. We invite all of our parents, friends and community members to come together to celebrate the wonderful 2023 school year.

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE

Thank you to all the families who have kindly donated to the Christmas charity appeal. We are still taking donations until Wednesday 13th December. Jim and Helen Austin from St Vincent De Paul will collect these items on Thursday and distribute them to the White Hills community accordingly.

2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Details regarding next year's Sacramental program will be provided early in Term 1 2024. However, families who participated in Reconciliation this year have received an email regarding an online pre-registration session on Thursday 1st February. If you did not receive this email and believe you should have, please contact Jo Thurley ASAP.

PARISH NEWS

2023 CCPR RAFFLE - LIST OF WINNERS. DRAWN SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER AT 7:30PM Permit No – 10175/23

LIST OF WINNERS DRAWN

Prize Ticket No. Winner

Kia Picanto Car 25450 Marian Flynn - St Thomas Parish Drysdale

\$5000 Voucher 26548 Ann McGeary - Lifeboat Geelong

\$3000 Voucher 16925 Liam Gill - Holy Trinity Parish East Bentleigh

\$1000 Voucher 09756 David Swlleks - Holy Family Parish Mt Waverley

\$1000 Voucher 07033 Mirco Kovac - Resurrection Parish Keysborough

\$500 Voucher 09505 Peter Agardy - Holy Family Parish Mt Waverley

\$500 Voucher 55483 Losefo - Holy Child Parish Dallas.

AUSLAN SANTA:

The pilot program from last year has expanded to selected Westfield Shopping Centres in most states of Australia for 2023. Deaf and hard-of-hearing children and their families will be able to communicate in their own language with an Auslan-fluent Santa. This initiative, being able to talk to Santa, has been welcomed by the Deaf community. Children in regional Victoria will need to travel to NSW or suburbs in Melbourne to have this magical experience.

Mary Pianta. Disability Contact Coordinator.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & prayers for vocations: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers for vocations, for our priests, and seminarians will be held at St Kilian's Church on Thursday 14th December at 11.00am followed by Mass at 12.10pm. "The harvest is great but the labourers are few, pray that the Lord of the harvest sends labourers into His harvest" Bendigo Club of Serra International.

Our next Parish BBQ at Bunnings is Sunday 17th December 2023. Kevin Lane and Frank Gargiulo will be coordinating the BBQ together and we require volunteers between 8.30am and 4.30pm. Parishioners can contact Frank Gargiulo on 0409468690 or Kevin Lane on 0458485223.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Joy

Light the third candle of joy.



Christ our Joy,
Brighten our hearts with your presence. May we see your joy in the hopes and dreams of our sisters and brothers around the world. Help us to spread your light and love.

We await your coming with delight.
Amen



The third Sunday in Advent is Gaudete Sunday, from Latin meaning 'rejoice'.





SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

We currently have a lot of items especially rugby jumpers in our secondhand uniform area. Please come and fill a bag for gold coin donation for the next two weeks. Come and stock up for next winter.

HEALTH & PE WEEK - NEXT WEEK

Next week we finish off the term with our Health and PE Week. Students are encouraged to wear their sports uniform and will be able to participate in extra PE and Health activities throughout the week.

*Morning Run/Walk Club - Each morning students can walk or run laps of the oval, listening to music. The year level that completes the most laps will get a prize at the end of the week.

*Christmas Lunch - Wednesday the whole school will come together for lunch on the oval and listen to Christmas carols. Students are invited to wear a Santa hat during lunch, along with their usual sports uniform.

Further to this there will be junior and senior lunchtime sports activities. Then on Friday we finish the week with the Grade 6 v Staff hockey match.



GRADE 2

Today the Grade 2's received their award for having a successful year. We had pizza for lunch and popcorn for dessert. To make our day more comfortable we wore pyjamas while watching the Grinch. What a relaxing way to finish our week.



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.

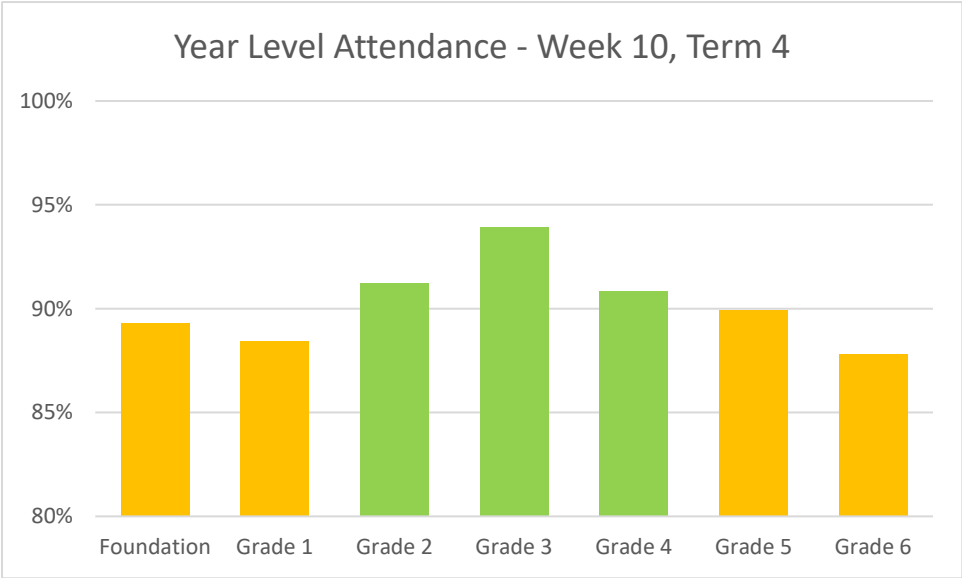
Food items often available include:

- Tinned Spaghetti
- Pasta Sauce
- Rice
- Vegetables
- Frozen items
- Wraps
- Milk
- 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.

ATTENDANCE



>95%

STAR PERFORMER

90%

GREEN FOR GO!

85%

AMBER- Take Care

80%

RED LIGHT- Be Alert

<80%

AT RISK

STUDENT NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are Ivy Penny, Annabelle Reeves, William Reeves and Emmanuel White. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



	Students of the Week
FJM	Lily P
FMM	Clementine M
1CV	Chelsea W
1GS	Matilda B
2JH	Marley W
2SD	Indiana V
3CW	Josh M
3OG	Charlie M
4BD	Remmi C
4LS	Tahlia M
5DL	Lucy P
5JO	Maddy G
6DW	Xander B
6MG	Maddi G
YMCA	Natalie H

Explaining Absences

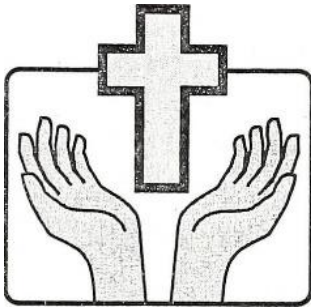


Report your child's absence before school commences

Provide a reason for your child's absence

Notify the school of any upcoming absence

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



Gingerbread will be available to order for the last Canteen of 2023. Choc chip biscuits will not be available next week. Flexi schools will not allow you to put in your reoccurring order if it usually contains a Choc chip biscuit. Sorry for the confusion.

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 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



ELF ACADEMY

CLASS IN SESSION: 16-23 DECEMBER 2023



**DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT REALLY TAKES
TO BE ONE OF SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS?**

Central Deborah Gold Mine will transform into
a Christmas wonderland from 16-23 December.

Through a series of craft activities, games and challenges,
gain your Certificate IV in Elf Training and be elf-ficially
inducted into Santa's renowned team!





**BOOK YOUR
TICKETS NOW!**

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**PRE - XMAS
SHOP 'N' DROP
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
DAILY SPORTS SCHEDULE**

	Monday 18th Dec	Tuesday 19th Dec	Wednesday 20th Dec	Thursday 21st Dec	Friday 22nd Dec
8:30 - 9:00	Intro/fun games	Intro/fun games	Intro/fun games	Intro/fun games	Intro/fun games
9:00 - 10:00	Soccer	AFL	Mini Olympics	Inflatable Volleyball	Coach vs Kids Games
SNACK BREAK					
10:30 - 11:30	Dodgeball Showdown	Basketball Bonanza	Futsal Frenzy	Inflatable Soccer	Crazy Christmas Games
11:30 - 12:00	Team Building Games	Volleyball	Netball	Hockey	Christmas Scavenger Hunt
12:00 - 1:30	Coach vs Kids Dodgeball	3 Point Shootout	Water Sports & Soccer Shootout	Lego Competition	Mystery Christmas Movie
LUNCH TIME					
1:30 - 2:30	Scavenger Hunt	Mini Golf Madness	Pickleball Tournament	Tennis	Water Wars
2:30 - 3:30	Cricket	Amazing Race	Water Wars	Crazy Inflatable Games	Parachute Games
SNACK BREAK					
4:00 - 5:00	Parachute Games	Inflatable Soccer	Team Building Games	Circus	Kids Choice



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT:
WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU/BENDIGO

Please note: Our Pre-Christmas Holiday
Program will run from Dec 18 - 22. We will then
take a short break, with our January Holiday
Program running from January 3- 31.



Who can attend:
Boys & Girls aged 4 - 12 years old.

General Information:
We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

What do you need to bring: Appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Food:
Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12.30pm to 1.30pm each day.

Programme activities:
Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

Payment details:
Payment is required up-front within 2 hours of your booking. A receipt will be issued when a completed booking is received. All details will be included on the receipt.

Please note:
Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the programme.



**SHOP 'N' DROP PRE XMAS
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

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Website: www.kellysports.com.au/bendigo
Contact: Beau Cross
Email: beau@kellysports.com.au
Phone: 0428 326 924
Facebook: Kelly Sports Bendigo
Address: 379 Eaglehawk Rd, Eaglehawk, 3556

Mon 18th Dec

DYNAMIC DODGEBALL
 Dodge, duck, dip, dive and...DODGE! Our holiday Dodgeball Tournament is back. Stretch up & come along for our Day 1 fun! Today is going to be an absolute BLAST!!

Tue 19th Dec

BASKETBALL BONANZA
 Each of our little superstars will get the chance to show off their basketball skills in our basketball tournament, activities and challenge games. The kids will also participate in loads of fun games & lunchtime basketball activities.

Wed 20th Dec

WATER SPORTS
 Water bomb wars, sponge races and crazy water games. Today will be a truck load of fun! The kids are also welcome to bring along their own water guns! Today will also include many other sports-crazy activities!

Thu 21st Dec

INFLATABLE SPORTS
 A truckload of fun is awaiting each of our little legends today! With super sized inflatable games such as Giant Inflatable Soccer, Inflatable Volleyball, inflatable challenge games & more, this is one you won't want to miss!

Fri 22nd Dec

CHRISTMAS GAMES
 Join in the festive fun with our Crazy Christmas Games. This time, with a touch of Christmas & festive cheer. Team games, Santa sack races, prizes and who knows, maybe Santa Claus himself will pop in for a visit.

FULL DAY: \$52
 8:30am - 5:00pm
KS SESSION: \$60
 8am - 5:30pm
HALF DAY: \$35
 8:30am - 12:30pm OR
 1pm - 5pm

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PLEASE NOTE: THE THING I USED IS THE MAIN ACTIVITY FOR THE DAY
EACH DAY WILL ALSO INCLUDE OTHER SPORTS & GAMES FOR KIDS WITH LOADS
AND ONLY DAILY SCHEDULE & ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION CAN BE
FOUND ON THE CURRENT WEBSITE