



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

Fri 15th Whole School Mass @ 9.15am
Fri 15th Last day of Term for Students @3.15pm

JANUARY 2024

Frid 26th Australia Day Public Holiday
Mon 29th First day for Staff
Mon 29th Uniform Shop Open – 9.30-2pm
Tues 30th First Day of Term 1 for students
Wed 31st Foundation Rest Day



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

2024 TERM DATES

TERM 1:

Tues 30th January – Thu 28th March

TERM 2:

Mon 15th April – Fri 28th June

TERM 3:

Mon 15th July – Fri 20th September

TERM 4:

Mon 7th October – Fri 20th December
(Last Day for students TBC)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we bid farewell to another amazing year of growth, laughter, and discovery, I would like to thank the many staff, parents and of course students for making the year another memorable one for us all. Thank you for being a cherished part of our Holy Rosary family! I again must thank our fantastic staff for the way they again stayed true to their role and often went above and beyond to ensure the children had every opportunity to succeed.

Orientation Day was a great opportunity to meet our new Foundation students for 2023 and we also welcomed our new teaching staff who spent the day acquainting themselves with our school and the children. Our Grade 6 children had an exciting day at their various secondary schools and from all reports are excited and ready for the next step in their education journey.

Wednesday night we celebrated the end of primary schooling for our Grade 6 children. It was refreshing and indeed important to be able to celebrate with mass and a formal presentation ceremony. Parents and children gathered in the church with staff and celebrant Fr Minh and afterwards the Parish catered for our end of year gathering in the Parish Centre. A big thank you to all staff involved, especially Mr Walker, Mrs Schmidt, Mr Scott and Mrs Cumming who have worked over and above to ensure we all had a chance to celebrate such a significant milestone in the lives of the children and their families.

We also farewell staff, Mrs Linford after many years of service and dedication to our school, who will move on to other endeavours. Her work as an LSO is certainly appreciated and our school is certainly better for having Fay present. In addition Mr Grace will be moving away as he has graduated and is set to begin life as a teacher. We certainly thank Nathan for all his support of the children over the past two years and wish him well in all his career aspirations. Also thank you to Miss Severn our AUSLAN assistant teacher who provided fantastic support in the classroom this year. We wish Chloe well. Finally Mr. Scott will be leaving (again). We certainly appreciate his willingness to take on the role of Grade 6

teacher mid way through the year. He has continued to provide stability and care for the children and we wish him all the best for whatever lies ahead.

Children's reports will be released this afternoon, they should be read in conjunction with the comments made in the learning conversations as well as the children's portfolios and rubrics. We look forward to continuing to work together to meet children's goals and achieve their best.

Finally, the Marong Cup is on the horizon! We will need volunteers to ensure the day is again a success, please mark Saturday 17th February 2023 in your calendar for a fun day at the races!

Merry Christmas and a very safe and happy New Year to everyone.



Paul Wilkinson
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

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

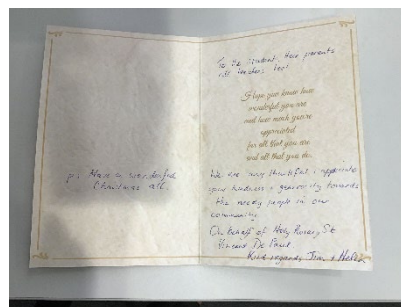
Today we came together for our final whole school Mass in the Church. We wish to thank Father Minh for all his hard work throughout the year.

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.

ST VINNES CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

Jim and Helen wish to express their thanks to all our families. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will make a difference to many families this festive season.



PARISH NEWS

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 8.30 am and 4.30 pm. Parishioners can contact Frank Gargiulo on 0409468690 or Kevin Lane on 0458485223.



Our final days of Advent, are a time when we can reflect on our Advent journey.





SCHOOL SPORT – WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

Troy Coates



HEALTH & PE WEEK WRAP UP

7 th	Grade 2
6 th	Grade 1
5 th	Foundation
4 th	Grade 4
3 rd	Grade 6
2 nd	Grade 5
1 st	Grade 3

LAPS OF OVAL		H&PE Run/Walk Club - Year Level Challenge						TOTALS
	FOUN	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	GR 6	
MON	146	183	105	125	164	139	154	
TUES	155	140	125	155	231	206	200	
WED	180	170	170	130	127	130	84	
THUR	0	102	114	150	98	148	192	
FRI	119	108	31	36	138	184	130	
TOTAL	744	551	477	488	728	624	527	

As part of our end of year Health & PE Week celebrations we conducted a Run/Walk Club each morning. It was fantastic to see so many students being active and running or walking laps of the oval, socialising with students and teachers from across the school. A massive thank you to our outstanding Grade 6 leaders who ran this event each morning, calculating the laps of each year level and having a leaderboard for students to keep an eye on.

A big congratulations to Grade 3 who achieved the most laps with a huge 888 laps for the week.

Further to this, we enjoyed extra activities including Christmas lunch together, bat tennis and staff v students hockey match. Thank you to all staff and students who participated and helped out for the week, it is always a nice way to finish off a very busy year.

Mr Coates

SWIMMING LESSONS IN 2024

The Grade 3-6 children will have their swimming lessons in week 7 of Term 1 in 2024. Foundation – Grade 2 will be in Term 4.

Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Lesson Dates:

Tuesday 12th March - Wednesday 13th March - Thursday 14th March - Friday 15th March

YEAR 3-6 HOLY ROSARY SWIMMING TRIALS - FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

This will take place at Bendigo East Pool. This event will only be for students who are aiming to make it through to the Catholic Swimming Carnival (Tuesday, February 20th). *Students attending will need to be able to swim 50m without stopping. Events will be freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly.

HOLY ROSARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL - SHIFTED TO THE END OF THE YEAR

We have decided to move our school swimming carnival to the end of the year. We aim to make this a whole school event.

SOME OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO BE MINDFUL OF IN 2024:



Swimming:

Catholic Swimming Sports (Grade 3-6's): Tuesday 20th February

*Please note, Grade 3's are ONLY eligible for 3 individual events- 50m freestyle, breaststroke & backstroke.

Divisional Swimming Championships: Friday 1st March (TBC)

Regional Swimming Championships (Swan Hill): Tuesday 12th March

State Swimming Championships (Melbourne): Friday 19th April



Cross Country:

Holy Rosary Cross Country: Wednesday 27th March

Division Cross Country (Year 3-6's): Wednesday 1st May (TBC)

Regional Cross Country (St Arnaud): Tuesday 28th May

State Cross Country (Melbourne): Thursday 18th July



Athletics:

Holy Rosary Athletics Sports: Friday 1st August

Catholic Athletics Championships (Grade 3-6's): Wednesday 21st August

*Please note, Grade 3's are ONLY eligible for 4 events- Shot put, Long jump, 100m & hurdles.

Divisional Athletics Championships: Monday 16th September

State Athletics Championships: Wednesday 6th November

VISUAL ARTS

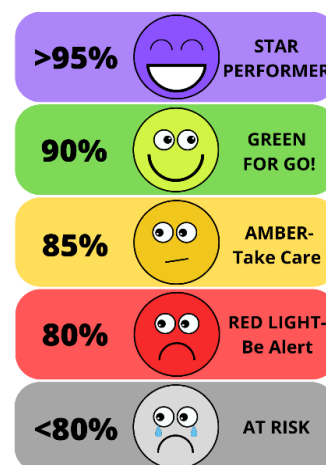
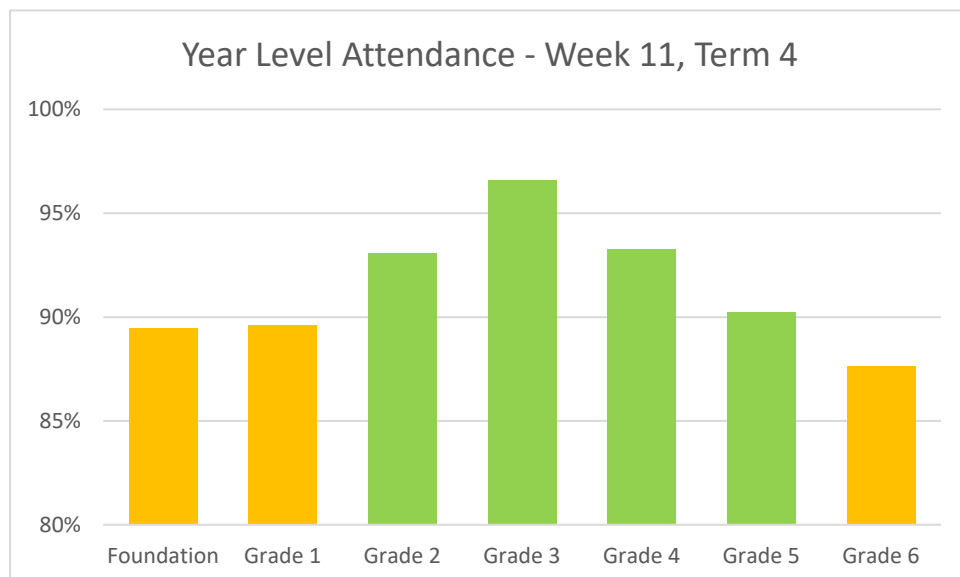
Congratulations to all the students who entered the Jacinta Allan Christmas card competition this year. They have all received a certificate from Jacinta which will be in their Learning Portfolios with their artwork. Extra congratulations to Lulu Gill from Foundation who is the winner of the Jacinta Allan Christmas Card competition for our school this year. Lulu was very excited and wins a \$40 voucher. For the grade 5 students who entered, there was also a vote from some of students from the school

The winners were Imogen Schultz, Henry Kleinert, Jayde Young, Mitchell Cope, Ethan Crust and Lucy Patching. Congratulations to you all. It has been a pleasure teaching your children Visual Arts for the last 7 years. As well it has been very rewarding for myself observing the students grow in confidence, art skills and enjoy the many dimensions of Visual Arts .

Eva Rosaia



ATTENDANCE



STUDENT NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are Hamish Combe, Cody Pearce, Tahlia Mullane, Maverick Van Der Hagen, Spencer Coleman, Jazmeen Rai, Keighlan Madalino and Isabella Soccio. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

During the last weeks of December (and the first weeks of school holidays) we also wish a Happy Birthday to Tilly Runnalls, Georgia Wings, Mia Ristrom, Charlie Rogers, Lola McGrath, Maison Hooke, Henry Kleinert, Emilia Walker, Isaac Brennan, Edward Johnstone, Rylee McCashney, Jensen Sawyer, Edward White, Wyatt Higgins, Harper Ilott, Remy Kearns, Mercadies Skipper, Madeline Gregory, Jayde Young, Harriet McConville, Cooper Runnalls, Patrick White, Zara Kaplan, Mila Murchie, Dash Comer, Chaise Jeanes, Dakota Keeble and Kyan Manson.



Talk to school if:

Your child is not wanting to attend school

You need support getting your child to school

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 THANK YOU

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that have given up their time to help in the canteen this year. The canteen has received record numbers of orders this year and I am extremely grateful for the help of each and every one of you, without you it would not be possible to have the canteen running. So many nuggets counted and cooked, so many cookies and donkey drops rolled, so many laughs, so many smiling faces. Thank you all.

Merry Christmas and enjoy the holidays! – *Lindy Vance (Canteen Manager)*

SPORTS & COMMUNITY NEWS



SBFNC JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLINIC

THE PROGRAMS CATER FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, WITH SENIOR SOUTH BENDIGO FNC FOOTBALL STARS INVOLVED!!



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> TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY



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Email: beau@kellysports.com.au
Phone: 0428 326 924
Facebook: Kelly Sports Bendigo
Address: 379 Eaglehawk Rd, Eaglehawk, 3556

SHOP 'N' DROP PRE XMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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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.



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!!



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.



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!



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!



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

***FULL WEEK DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE**

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PLEASE NOTE: THE THING I USED TO DO 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 FOLLOWING WEBSITE



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
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 LUNCH TIME	Coach vs Kids Dodgeball	3 Point Shootout	Water Sports & Soccer Shootout	Lego Competition	Mystery Christmas Movie
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
4:00 - 5:00	Parachute Games	Inflatable Soccer	Team Building Games	Circus	Kids Choice

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.

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SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY



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General Admission \$15 • Kids 16 & Under Free minimum 10 people



BENDIGO JOCKEY CLUB

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MARONG 20 CUP DAY 24

SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY

CONTACTS

President

Tom Maher 0408 910 497

Marong Racing Club Inc.

PO Box 2705

Bendigo DC 3554

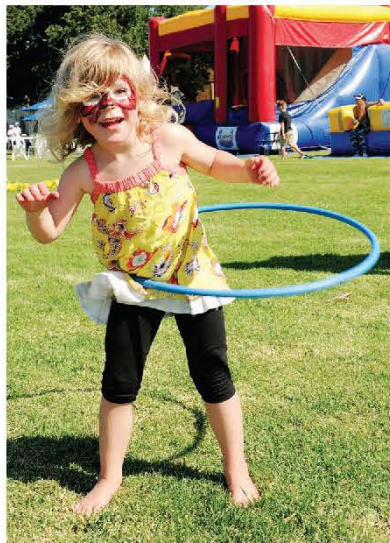
Email tom@maherrealestate.com.au

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

Kids Ride passes only \$15

if purchased on the day

If prebooked at school \$10



BOOK YOUR 2024 PACKAGES NOW!

ADMISSION PRICES

Adults	\$15
Concession (aged Pension and TPI only)	\$10
Cross over to Members Reserve	\$10
Children (16 years and under)	FREE

TRACKSIDE UMBRELLAS

Fenced off enclosures on the lawns are set aside for package patrons.

• Market umbrella	\$320 (10 people)
• Table	<i>*Price does not include alcohol</i>
• Chairs	<i>*Price does not include admission</i>

'SILKS' DINING PACKAGES

Silks dining room is located within the Members Reserve.

Set high above the track, this is a spectacular location to view the course in air-conditioned comfort.

• Admission to 'Members Reserve'	\$99 per person
• Reserved seat for the day	\$89 per person members
• Free drink on arrival	
• Two course hot luncheon	
• Air-conditioned comfort	
• Racebook	
• Private TAB facilities	
• Cash bar	

ULTIMATE MARQUEES

• Mini Marquee	\$110 per person
• Large table	<i>*Minimum 10 people</i>
• 10 chairs	
• Anti pasto platter and sandwiches	
• Admission to the course	

TERRACE AND DECK PACKAGES

The ultimate area to enjoy the races at the Bendigo Track!

• Marquee	\$700 (20 people)
• Large market umbrella	
• 2 garden tables	
• 20 chairs	
• 1 large wine barrel	
• 6 tolux bar stools	
• Racebook for each guest	

Beverage packages can be pre-ordered or drinks purchased at the cash bar.

For all Package Bookings contact the office at the Bendigo Jockey Club

03 5448 4209

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