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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

FEBRUARY

Sat 17thMarong CupMon 19thPSG meetingsTues 20thSacrament Preparation Evening no 1Tues 20thCatholic Swimming CarnivalFri 23rdSchool Photos

PSG meetings

MARCH

Mon 26th

Mon 4th **PSG** meetings Fri 8th Billy Tea Bush Dance Mon 11th **Labour Day Holiday** Tues 12th Grd 3-6 Swimming Lessons Wed 13th Grd 3-6 Swimming Lessons Thur 14th **Grd 3-6 Swimming Lessons** Fri 15th Grd 3-6 Swimming Lessons Mon 18th **PSG Meetings** Mon 18th Sacrament Preparation Evening no 2 Tues 20th Catholic Swimming Carnival Mon 25th **PSG Meetings** Wed 27th **Cross Country** Thur 28th Last Day Term 1 Fri 29th Good Friday

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This Sunday we celebrate the first Sunday in Lent. In the Gospel, Jesus shows us the power of prayer and resisting temptation. As Catholic parents, we can reflect on this passage with our children, teaching them the importance of seeking God in quiet moments and standing firm against wrongdoing. We can encourage them to trust in God's strength during tough times and to turn to prayer for guidance. Through this, we instill in them a deeper understanding of faith and resilience, preparing them to face life's challenges with courage and conviction.

A reminder that the Marong Cup will be held this Saturday, February 17th, 2024. It is a great opportunity for parents and students of the school to engage in a fun social event. There are a lot of fun attractions and rides for the students to participate in. It would be great to see as many families as possible supporting Holy Rosary as one of the organising schools for the cup. Thank you to all those who have offered to volunteer their time on the day. Once again, all Foundation students will be offered a free wristband (to access the kids rides).

It was great to have the Carlton players visit us on Wednesday. Students participated in a Question/Answer session and some kick to kick with players from the as part of the AFL Community Program. The players spoke with our students regarding a range of topics associated with being a professional athlete, and answered questions from our somewhat 'Star Struck' students. I would like to thank the Carlton Football Club, on behalf of our students, for their time.

Next Tuesday 20th February is the Catholic Swimming Carnival. Last week students participated in a trial event and were selected to represent our school in the Catholic Swimming Carnival. Thank you to Mr Coates for your preparation for this event.

Our uniform is an important part of our school identity. We ask that hair ties and ribbons are in line with the 'blue' aspect of the uniform and that jewellery is restricted to studs or sleepers for earrings. Chains and necklaces should not be worn. Thanks for supporting us in this case.

A combined School Council and Parents social group meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th February at 6.30pm, in the conference room (enter through the front gate). Agenda items will include the fundraising and social calendar for the year and our most recent update to the schools strategic plan. New and existing parents and carers are invited to attend.

Paul Wilkinson Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

Enrolments for our 2024 Sacramental program are now closed. Our first meeting is Tuesday 20th February. Parents of all enrolled candidates should have received a reminder email about this event. If you believe you are enrolled and have not received an email regarding this upcoming meeting, please contact Jo Thurley immediately. Important dates are listed below, please ensure you have these dates in your calendar as non attendance will impact on your child's participation. **Important Sacramental Dates**

Date	Time	Activity	
Tuesday 20 th February	5.30pm	Sacrament Preparation Evening 1	
Sat 2 nd March Sun 3 rd March	6.00pm 10.00am	Commitment Mass	
Monday 18 th March	5.30pm	Sacramental Preparation Evening 2	
Sat 23 rd March Sun 24 th March	6.00pm 10.00am	Commitment Mass	
Tuesday 16 th April	5.30pm	Sacrament Preparation Evening 3	
Sat 20 th April Sun 21 st April	6.00pm 10.00am	Commitment Mass	
Saturday 18 th May	6.00pm	Eucharist /Confirmation Mass.	

Upcoming Friday Class Masses:

Friday 23rd Feb - Grade 5

Friday 1st March - Grade 4

Friday 8th March - No Class due to Whole School Incursion

Friday 16th March - Grade 1

Holy Rosary School House Masses Term 1 2024

Saturday 2 nd March	6pm	School HARTE House/Family Parish Mass
Saturday 23 rd March	6pm	School FRAYNE House/Family Parish Mass

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - CATHOLIC VALUE AWARD

This week our Saint Hero is St Juan Diego who displayed the value of Perseverance. Next week's Saint Hero will be St Veronica who displayed the value of Kindness. We encourage you to discuss each Saint and their value with your child/ren, helping them to learn how they can live out our Christian values.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

After attending Ash Wednesday Mass, all classes focused on what it means to repent and believe in the gospel. After brainstorming their ideas they chose a Lenten promise and presented their class promise at assembly. These are now on display in the church during the Lenten season.









Ash Wednesday 14 February





This week, the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Please give generously to Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help vulnerable people around the world, now and *for all future generations*.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to assist communities around the world through income generation, water and sanitation, food security, education and disaster risk reduction programs.



Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and online by visiting <u>caritas.org.au/project-compassion</u> or by calling 1800 024 413.



First Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 19 February)





This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

Meet Ronita from the Philippines. Ronita lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet <u>Leaia</u> from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for <u>Leaia</u> and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of <u>Ronita</u>. <u>Leaia</u> and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

Watch a short film: Introduction to Project Compassion (Primary school version) or Introduction to Project Compassion (General)

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We currently have an excess of size 6 shorts, pants and jumpers. Please come into the secondhand uniform room and grab some for a gold coin donation.

FEE INTENTION FORM

You should have received a Fee Intention Form last week. Please have these completed forms returned to the office ASAP.

UNIFORM POLICY

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn.

- Variations to the uniform, e.g. Leggings, Cargo Pants, Track suits with logos or stripes are not permitted.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. spikes or mohawks) are not permitted. All boys and girls with shoulder length, or longer hair are required to have their hair tied back.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only acceptable headwear is the school hat consistent with our SunSmart policy, and sold through the Uniform Shop. They must be worn outside during the high UV period. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Hair accessories should be kept to a minimum with only navy hair ribbon and navy scrunchies allowed.
- Leisure Footwear NOT permitted for protection, sandals must have an enclosed toe.

The Uniform Shop is located in the Parents Room, in The Rosarium building and is open every Friday from 8.45am to 9.15am (pupil free days, public holidays and school holidays excluded). Second-hand uniforms are also available.

Please ensure that our children wear their uniforms correctly.

NO bright coloured jewellery, ribbons or headbands should be worn.

Example of Holy Rosary Summer Uniform.



SCHOOL PHOTOS



Our school photos will be held on Friday 23rd February.

Please ensure that children are in a clean summer school uniform, clean tidy hair with NO bright coloured jewellery, ribbons or headbands.

If children are wearing non uniform items in their hair they will be removed prior to photos being taken. **Both individual and family photos will be ordered online this year.**

PLEASE NOTE FAMILY PHOTOS MUST BE ORDERED BEFORE 4.30PM THE NIGHT BEFORE PHOTO DAY. Please insure your orders are placed before this time as NO exceptions will be possible on Photo Day.



HOW TO ORDER YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOS

1. Visit leadingimage.com.au on your browser (Google Chrome is the preferred browser) 2. Click on 'Order Your School Photos' CONTACT US ORDER YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOS Q 3. Select Victoria by clicking on the map 4. Enter our school Access Key: KY4RVTMM 5. Enter your personal email address & click 'Open' I wish to place an order for a 6. Select if your order is for a student photo or for a family photo Student Family 7. Fill in the student's details & your details & Click 'Next' 8. Select the photo package(s) you would like to order by clicking the 'Add to Cart' button 9. If ordering for a second student, or wishing to also place a family ←I Order for another ₩ View Cart order, click 'Order for Another' & repeat steps 6-8 10. When you have completed orders for all children (and added a family View Cart ←I Order for another photo if required), click 'View Cart' to review your order. 11. Select 'Checkout' to complete your order & Checkout ←I Order for another Continue Shopping

NOTE: You will not need to return anything to the school or photographer once you have completed your online order.



LEARNING DIVERSITY:

PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS (PSG'S)

The Program Support Group (PSG) Meetings have been scheduled for Term 1 and you are now able to view your appointment time on the PAM app.

This year our PSG meetings will take place each Monday beginning week 4: February 19th, through to Week 9: March 25th . PSG's will run for 35 minutes to allow parents, teachers and the Learning Diversity Leader time 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. Parent attendance is important as it provides an opportunity for home and school to have collaborative discussions in support of your child.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY:

As we return for the 2024 school year, speech pathology at Holy Rosary has significantly reduced to fortnightly sessions. As per many sectors and faculties within the workforce, Catholic Education Sandhurst (CES) have found it difficult to fill this position and to provide us with the weekly support we have been so privileged to receive in the past.

We are fortunate to have Ms. Georgia Donat take on the speech pathology role for 2024. I look forward to working with Georgia as we continue to support the needs of our students. I thank you in advance for your patience, as we navigate our way through our current caseload list.

Mandy Antoniadis (Learning Diversity Leader)



SCHOOL SPORT - WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

Troy Coates



CATHOLIC SWIMMING CARNIVAL (Grade 3-6) - Week 4

Date: Tuesday the 20th of February

Time: 9:45am - 2:00pm

Where: Bendigo East Swimming Pool

As there is a short turnaround from our trials, students who are successful in representing Holy Rosary received a PAM note by

Wednesday the 14th Feb.

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

SWIMMING LESSONS (GR 3-6) - Week 7

The Year 3-6 children will have their swimming lessons in Term 1 again, from Tuesday 12th March - Friday 15th of March (4 days). This will be at Gurri Wanyarra in Kangaroo Flat from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Permission forms with further information will be released via PAM in the coming weeks.

*Please note: Foundation - Grade 2 swimming lessons will be in Term 4 (End of November).

AFL PLAYER 'COMMUNITY CAMP' VISIT - CARLTON

Once again the AFL 'Community Camp' hit Bendigo, allowing AFL players to connect with local schools to promote the game. We were very lucky at Holy Rosary that we were able to meet and interact with 7 Carlton Football Club players, including 2 x Coleman Medalist and superstar of the AFL Charlie Curnow. We had a questionnaire, kicking challenge, signature time and some giveaways. The players were kind enough to stick around at the end and have a kick on the oval with our students. Charlie Curnow 30, Nic Newman 24, Darcy Vescio 3, Mimi Hill 10, Bree Moody 16, Celine Moody 8, Gab Pound 6.





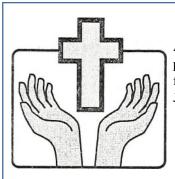




STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



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	Students of the Week		
FJM	Isla C		
FMM	Mackenzi J		
1CV	Billy R		
1DL	Avaya H		
2JH	Hunter B		
2SD	Daniel S		
3JO	Emma G		
3MM	Oliver A		
4BD	Levi I		
4CW	Charlie M		
5GS	Sybilla C		
50G	Ashton T		
6DW	Delilah B		
6LS	Rylee M		
YMCA	Ojas G		



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

SPORTS NEWS

HOLY ROSARY NETBALL CLUB

We are getting ready for an awesome 2024 Netball Season for the Holy Rosary Netball Club! We will be playing at the Golden City Courts each Saturday, kicking off in April.

We have a few spots in our Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 6 teams! And we are looking for any Grade 2 or 3 kids who would like to join our Grade 3 team this year!

Please get in touch at holyrosarynetball@gmail.com if you'd like more information!

- Ben Dillon (Club President)

P&F NEWS

Tickets now available!

Mark your calendars - the 2024 Marong Cup is coming up tomorrow Saturday 17th February!

The full range of kid's activities will be back and we can't wait to see everyone back for another fantastic year!

Adults \$15 Concession \$10 Children (16 & under) Free

Kids Rides

(All Day Pass \$15 or \$10 if pre purchased at school)

(Please note, we are only able to accept cash payments. Concession Price tickets are only available on the day)

VOLUNTEERS: This year Holy Rosary has been tasked with two jobs; Kid's Food & Slushies. Extra hands are also always appreciated at the Lawn Bar (RSA required). Tickets and wrist bands are available for purchase at the school office. Prep students will receive a free wrist band with a Adult ticket purchase.

Any adults who volunteer their time will receive free entry!

Please contact Tamara McIntosh on 0413 473 174 if you are able to volunteer any of your time.

If you are available we have slots to fill for the following times.

 10am-12pm
 2 people

 12pm-2pm
 4 people

 2pm-4pm
 4 people

 4pm-6pm
 2 people

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT AREA

FREE KIDS RIDE PASSES: This year all our Foundation students are eligible for a Free Kids Ride Pass with Adult ticket purchase (adult supervision required)! Simply drop into the school office to claim yours! Add in a FREE Volunteer ticket and you could have an amazing day out for no cost!



Laser Tag
Cha Cha
Meltdown
Cars Giant Slide
Rock Wall
Inflatable Activity Castle
Face Painter
Mini Swinging Chairs

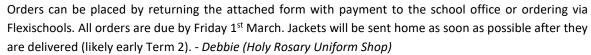
From 12.30pm – 4.30pm
4 Hours of Rides for Only \$10
(\$15 if purchased on the day)

Please bring Bathers/Towels For Kids Using The Water Slide

WINTER JACKET SPECIAL ORDER

Perfect for the cooler weather, this winter jacket is made from crease-proof and water-resistant microfibre with a cotton lining. This jacket can be worn over school jumpers or short/long sleeve polo shirts during playtime and lunchtime.

Sample sizes are available for viewing in the Holy Rosary Uniform Shop on a Friday morning. Cost for each jacket will be \$45.00.



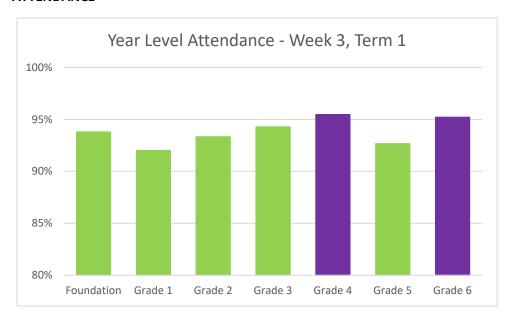


WINTER JACKET SPECIAL ORDER FORM						
Family Name						
Child name						
Grade						
Phone number						
Size(s)	3 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 S M					
Quantity						
Total Order	\$ @ \$45 per Jacket					
Money enclosed	<u> </u>					

Please order via Flexischools, or return this order form and payment to the school office no later than Friday 1st March.

Unfortunately, no late orders can be processed.

ATTENDANCE





CANTEEN 2024

A reminder that we no longer accept cash orders for canteen. Orders must be placed online via Flexischools by 9:00am Thursday. Counter sales are cash only and are limited supply each week.

VOLUNTEERS:

This year we will be looking for volunteers for the following times:

Thursdays (as needed) 9:00am - 11:00am (3 volunteer)
Fridays 9:00am - 12:00pm (2 volunteers)
10.30am - 12:00pm (1 volunteer)

1:30pm – 2:30pm (2 volunteers)

Please note, all volunteers must check in at the school office to sign in and must provide a copy of their WCC or VIT card and other necessary volunteer paperwork. Volunteers will be requested to complete a short questionnaire before their shift to comply with new food safety requirements. This can be done at home or at the start of the shift.

If you are able to volunteer in our Canteen this term, please contact Lindy Vance 0409 067 404.

DATE	DATE TIME		VOLUNTEERS			
FEBRUARY						
FRI 23 rd	9:00am -12noon	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed			
FRI 23 rd	10:30am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	-			
FRI 23 rd	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed				
MARCH						
FRI 1 st	9:00am -12noon	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed			
FRI 1 st	10:30am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	-			
FRI 1 st	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed				
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FRI 8 th	9:00am -12noon	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed			
FRI 8 th	10:30am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	-			
FRI 8 th	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed				
THURS 16 th	9:00am-11:00am	Volunteer Needed	-			
PIZZA DAY FRI 15 th	10:00am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer needed			
FRI 15 th	10:45am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer needed			
FRI 15 th	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed				
THUR 22 nd	9:00am-11:00am	Volunteer Needed	-			
FRI 22 nd	9:00am -12noon	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed			
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SPORTS & COMMUNITY NEWS







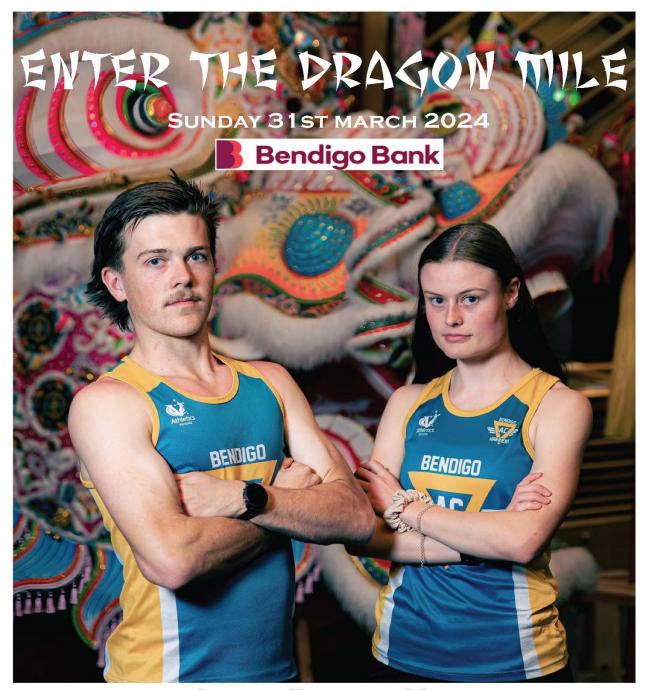






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ICONIC DRAGON MILE

MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE USE THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PRICING AND AGE GROUPS

WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT





GYM CUP TEAM EVENT







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General Admission \$15 · Kids 16 & Under Free





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SCHOOL PHOTO HELP STATION

PHOTO DAY INFORMATION

- To place an order for school photos go to www.leadingimage.com.au Select - Order Your School Photos, choose your State, enter your Access Key
- 2 NO credit card fees apply for Online Orders
- There is one Access Key for all students and family photos please enter student's details correctly when placing your order.
- Once you have ordered online please keep your Order Reference Number which will be emailed to the email address used when placing the order. You do not need to advise the School or Leading Image of your Order Reference Number.
- If you lose your Access Key, please contact the School Office to retrieve it. Leading Image does not give out Access Keys over the phone due to students' privacy.
- Only parents who have ordered a family photo and pay for it before photo day will have a photo taken
- 7 Family packages must be ordered before 4.30 pm the night before photo day.
- 8 The Family Discount is available to all families who have three or four students attending the school, where parents pay for two students and receive their third and fourth students' packages for free.
- We do not have control over the way your child's name appears in the photo any changes or requests are strictly handled by the school.



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School Photo Ordering is now online only. Take advantage of the many benefits of the Online Order program including:

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- Easy Convenient Better value.

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- 3 Enter your ACCESS KEY

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