



NEWSLETTER

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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

Fri 23rd School Photos
Mon 26th PSG meetings

MARCH

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This weekend is the second Sunday in Lent, and the story of the Transfiguration. Just as Peter, James, and John witnessed this manifestation, we're called to guide our children in recognizing Christ's presence in their lives. Let's cultivate a home environment where we prioritize listening to Jesus amidst the noise of the world. Like the disciples, let's engage in thoughtful reflection with our children, deepening our understanding of God's plan together. Through prayer, Scripture, and open dialogue, may we journey with our children toward a deeper relationship with Christ, embracing His teachings and experiencing the transformative power of His love.

Next week we wish our grade 6 children all the best for their school camp. This year the children and staff will be away at Camp Sunnystones, participating in a great range of outdoor education activities and building upon our leadership skills. Thanks to all staff involved in the program we look forward to your return next Friday.

Congratulations to our swimmers who represented the school at the Catholic Swimming sports this week. It was great to see the spirit and sportsmanship on show. A special thank you to Mr Coates, Miss O'Sullivan and Miss Turk for your organisation, supervision and support.

School photo day is always an exciting day and it was great to see everyone in uniform looking fantastic. It will be wonderful to continue to wear our uniform with pride and distinction as a key part of our school identity.

A reminder for safety, for all drivers, we ask that collection of children is via a park, or drive through. We have had a number of complaints regarding cars stopping in the middle of Napoleon Crescent and children running out to get in. A small amount of patience ensures a safe entry and exit for all. The drive through is operating really well, please be mindful of not blocking the bus at 3.15pm.

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

2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

Thank you to all the families who came along to our first sacramental evening on Tuesday. We have 24 Eucharist candidates & 27 Confirmation candidates who will continue to prepare for Eucharist and Confirmation over the coming months.

HARTE HOUSE MASS / COMMITMENT MASS

Our first house mass this year is dedicated to Harte House families. All families are welcome to come along to mass on Saturday evening @ 6pm to celebrate as a Catholic faith community. This weekend's masses are also dedicated to our sacramental candidates who will also be attending their first commitment mass either on Saturday @ 6pm or Sunday @ 10 am.

Upcoming Friday Class Masses:

Friday 1st March - Grade 4

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


Friday 16th March - Grade 1

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - CATHOLIC VALUE AWARD

This week our Saint Hero is St Veronica who displayed the value of Kindness. Next week's Saint Hero will be St Damien of Molokai who displayed the value of Responsibility. 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.

St Damien of Molokai

1840-1889







Damien was responsible because he dedicated his life to looking after a group of lepers in the 1800s who were unloved and uncared for. He provided them with spiritual care, as well as food and clothing. Even though it was hard, he accepted his mission with joy.

3 Practical Ways To Live Responsibility Out:

- Sticking to our commitments and homework deadlines
- Telling a teacher if we see a classmate being bullied
- Doing our chores in the best way possible

Responsibility is doing the right thing even if it's not fun, cool or easy. It is being trustworthy when carrying out an important task, knowing that we can make a difference. The opposite of responsibility is being lazy and not attending to our needs and those of others.





Second Week of Lent
(Week beginning Monday 26 February)



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partner in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

Watch [Ronita's Story](#)

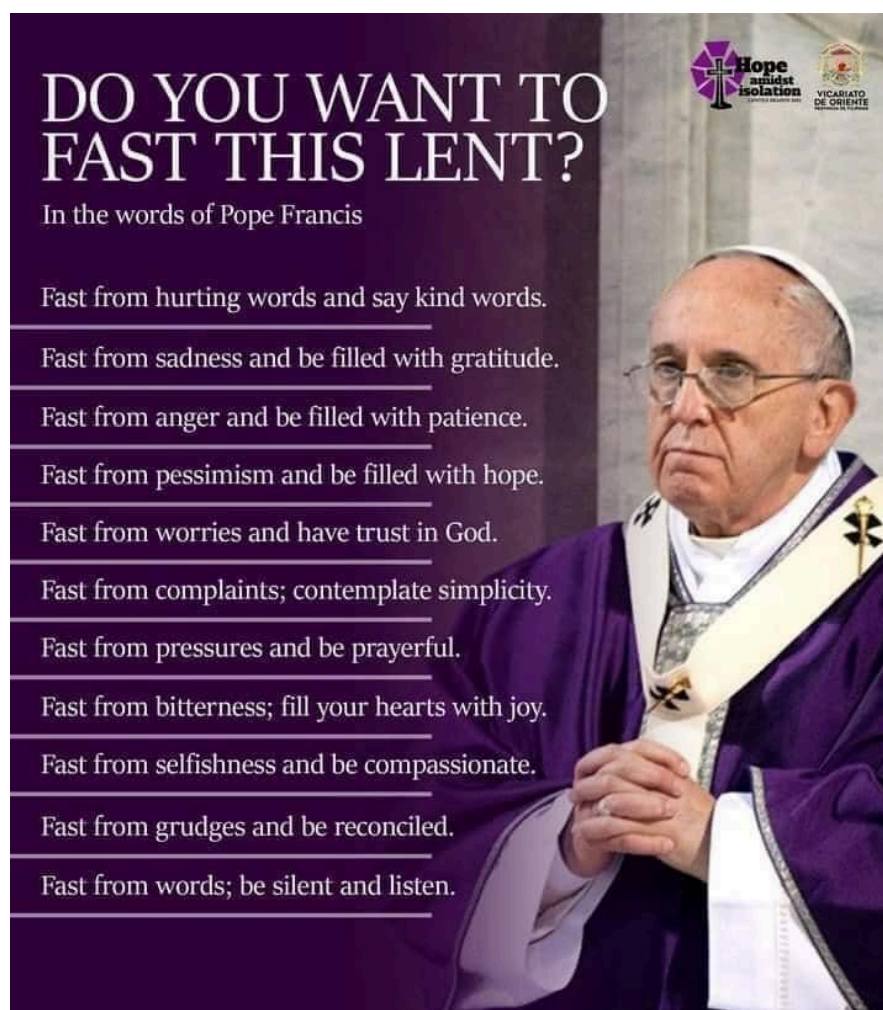
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FEE INTENTION FORM

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

LEARNER DIVERSITY:

PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS (PSG'S)

The Program Support Group (PSG) Meetings are well under way for this term, please view your appointment time on the P.A.M app. This term 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.

Post PSG meetings, you will receive an email from 'Adobe sign' requesting you to sign your child's Personalised Learning Plan (PLP). Please check your junk mail / spam folder to ensure you do not miss this. Once the document has been signed you will receive a digital copy for your records.

Mandy Anotniadis (Learning Diversity Leader)



SCHOOL SPORT – WHAT’S HAPPENING?! *Troy Coates*



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.

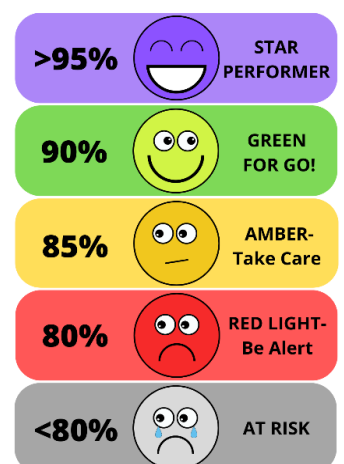
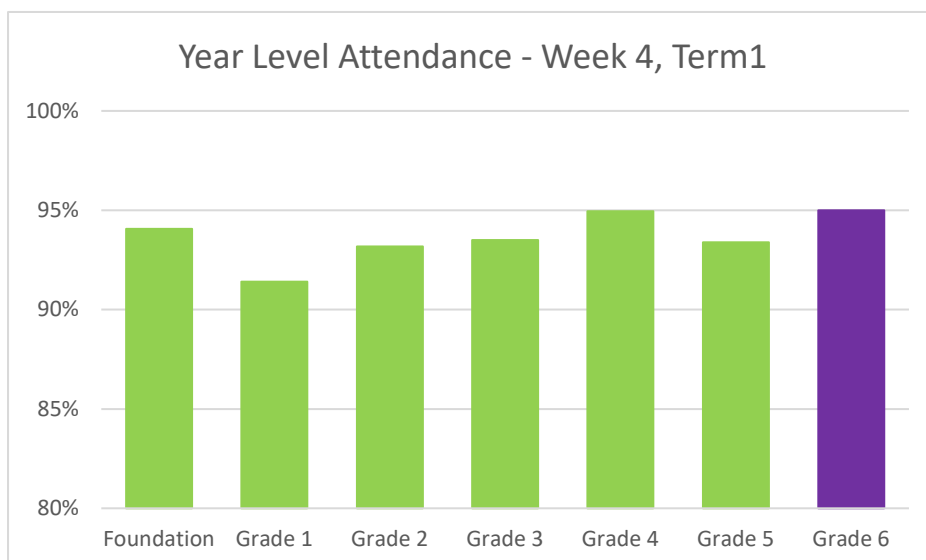
*Please note: Foundation - Grade 2 swimming lessons will be in Term 4 (End of November).

CATHOLIC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Yesterday we had 26 children represent Holy Rosary at the Catholic School Swimming Carnival. Well done to our ribbon recipients and congratulations to Tom and Evie who were awarded our Grade 6 Best Contributor.



ATTENDANCE



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FJM	Madeleine R
FMM	Ojas G
1CV	Mia R
1DL	Mercadies S
2JH	Ivy P
2SD	Chelsea W
3JO	Dillon B
3MM	Carter P
4BD	Evie K
4CW	Bailey M
5GS	Logan B
5OG	Shenuki P
6DW	Maddy G
6LS	Izzy R
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



Why is regular attendance at school important?

Coming to school every day means when leaving school, you will earn more money, have better job opportunities and will be generally healthier.

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

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.

Orders can be placed by returning the attached form with payment to the school office or ordering via Flexischools. All orders are due by Friday 1st March. Jackets will be sent home as soon as possible after they are delivered (likely early Term 2). - Debbie (Holy Rosary Uniform Shop)



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 \$

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.

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	TIME	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
MARCH			
FRI 1 st	9:00am -12noon	Dea Robertson	Susie Young
FRI 1 st	10:30am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
FRI 1 st	1:30pm-2:30pm	Jen Ball	
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FRI 8 th	9:00am -12noon	Maree	Volunteer Needed
FRI 8 th	10:30am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
FRI 8 th	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed	
THURS 14 th	9:00am-11:00am	Shanelle Flood	-
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	Jen Ball	
THUR 21 st	9:00am-11:00am	Shanelle Flood	-
FRI 22 nd	9:00am -12noon	Dea Robertson	Volunteer Needed
FRI 22 nd	10:30am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
FRI 22 nd	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed	

SPORTS & COMMUNITY NEWS



ENTER THE DRAGON MILE
SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024
Bendigo Bank

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

TIME: 10:30AM START



GYM CUP TEAM EVENT



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REGISTER HERE

**BENDIGO FORD
FUN RUN
2024**

SUNDAY 3 MARCH

REGISTER NOW bendigofordfunrun.com.au

1km KIDS DASH	5km RUN/WALK <small>TSFN BUSINESS & SPORTS TEAM CHALLENGE</small>	10km FUN RUN	21.1km HALF-MARATHON
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REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN**

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**REGISTRATIONS
OPEN**

**Play soccer with Epsom
Football Club in 2024**

**Come & join us - learn new skills,
meet new people & have fun!**

**No experience necessary - we offer
both boys, girls & mixed teams.**

Non-Competitive Juniors
Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's & 10's

Competitive Juniors
Under 12's, 14's & 16's

Senior Competitive
Youth, Women, Men's

Junior registrations close 8 March
Late registrations will only be accepted pending team availability

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