



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

MARCH

Mon 4 th	PSG meetings
Tue 5 th	School Council & P&F meeting @6:30pm
Fri 8 th	Billy Tea Bush Dance – Gold Coin
Mon 11th	Labour Day Holiday
Tues 12 th	Grd 3-6 Swimming Lessons
Wed 13 th	Grd 3-6 Swimming Lessons
Thur 14 th	Grd 3-6 Swimming Lessons
Fri 15 th	Grd 3-6 Swimming Lessons
Mon 18 th	PSG Meetings
Mon 18 th	Sacrament Preparation Evening no 2
Tues 20 th	Catholic Swimming Carnival
Fri 22 nd	Pizza Day
Mon 25 th	PSG Meetings
Wed 27 th	Holy Rosary Cross Country
Thur 28th	Last Day Term 1 @ 2:15pm
Fri 29 th	Good Friday

Term 2

APRIL

Mon 15 th	First Day of Term 2
Tues 16 th	Sacrament Preparation Evening no 3
Wed 24 th	Grade 2 Bendigo Goldmines Excursion
Thur 25th	Anzac Day Public Holiday

MAY

Wed 1 st	Prep Information Evening
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our Grade 6 children were to head off to camp at Camp Sunnystones near Bacchus Marsh on Wednesday, unfortunately the 'Extreme fire danger' and advice we received meant postponement was the necessary and a sensible decision. Whilst we always have plans in place for many scenarios, being in regular contact with emergency services and Catholic Education Sandhurst throughout the evening prior and the morning of departure saw significant changes to predicted risk and the difficult decision was made. Thanks to the parents who supported the late call, but most significantly, the children who accepted the decision and can now look forward to a successful camp in two weeks time.

This weekend is the third Sunday of Lent. Our Sacramental commitment mass will take place on Saturday night and Sunday morning. We look forward to sharing the Apostles Creed with the candidates and their families as we celebrate mass in the Parish community.

School Council and Parents group meeting will be held Tuesday 5th March at 6:30pm in the conference room. We look forward to getting together to look at the calendar of events, discuss the school year and plan ahead for additional parental involvement.

COVID and other illnesses seem to be ever present at the moment. It is important that children with symptoms remain at home until these clear, we appreciate the challenges this can present but also the support shared with the community. Please ensure the school is notified of your child's absence.

Paul Wilkinson
Principal



BILLY TEA DANCE
Friday 8th March
Please bring along a
GOLD COIN Donation to
support CARITAS



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

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

UPCOMING FRIDAY CLASS MASSES:

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 Damien of Molokai who displayed the value of Responsibility.

Next week's Saint Hero will be St Stephen who displayed the value of Sincerity. 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM/HARTE HOUSE MASS

Don't forget that this weekend is our first Harte house mass and also come along to support our sacramental children as they are participating in their first commitment mass. Our next sacramental meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18th March @ 5:30pm.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY - SUNDAY 3rd MARCH

Over thirty years ago, Ian Kiernan, AO, an "average Australian" began this adventure with a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard. It has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event, held annually on the first Sunday in March. Hopefully, you manage to find some time on Sunday to make a difference to "Keep Australia Beautiful".

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

The latest news announcement about making pay rates more transparent is very timely with International Women's day coming up on Friday. On this day we are encouraged to celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness about discrimination and to take action to drive gender parity. Let's all be thankful for all the wonderful women in our lives by taking time in our busy day to make the following prayer:

Righteous Father, we ask You to bless all women; single, married, mothers, separated or divorced and widowed.
We ask You to supply all our needs according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
Holy Spirit, please instruct us in our relationships, ministries, careers and finances. Amen

St Stephen
5-34




Stephen was a courageous and sincere saint who wasn't afraid to stand up for his Catholic faith, even though he was arrested for his honesty. He is known as the first martyr in the Catholic Church. He was known to have a strong personality, which led to his strong faith in God.

3 Practical Ways To Live Sincerity Out:

- Telling a parent when we have accidentally broken something
- Giving a compliment to a friend that is genuine
- Saying sorry first when we have hurt someone

Sincerity is being truthful in our thoughts, actions and words. It is to be real, despite the reactions of others. The opposite of sincerity is saying half-truths and telling lies because we are too concerned with our image and what they may think of us.





Third Week of Lent (Week beginning Monday 4 March)



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Watch [Leaia's Story](#)

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

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

Photo: Laura Womersley/Caritas Australia



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.

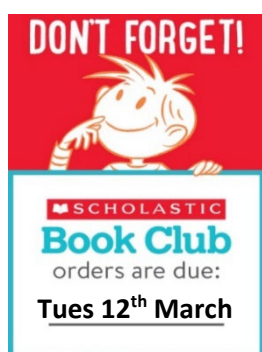
Post PSG meetings, you will receive an email from 'Adobe sign' requesting you to sign your child's Personalised Learning Plan (PLP). Please check your junk mail / spam folder to ensure you do not miss this. Once the document has been signed you will receive a digital copy for your records.

Mandy Anotniadis (Learning Diversity Leader)

GARDEN NEWS

The garden has been a hive of activity this term. During STEM classes and recess, students have been busy picking and sampling our summer produce. The cherry tomatoes have been very popular as well as passionfruit, cucumber, zucchini, watermelon and sweetcorn. A lucky few even got to sample our first (very small) batch of raspberries. It's great to see so many regular faces each recess who are happy to help out, our chooks certainly enjoy the attention too!

Bethany Kerlin and Tracey Angove (STEM teachers)



SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB – ORDERS DUE TUESDAY 12th MARCH

The Issue 2 Book Club catalogue was sent home this week. Ordering books through Book Club is an easy way to offer students the best in children's books for the home and to encourage independent reading for fun.

Plus, every order you place earns the school FREE books and learning resources.

Need more information about Book Club? To view the Parent's Guide to Book Club visit https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/scholastic_book_club_parent_guide?fr=sODVIMDM0NDU5MDI

Please note: Book Club orders must be placed online via LOOP. No cash orders will be accepted at the school office.



SCHOOL SPORT

– WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

Troy Coates



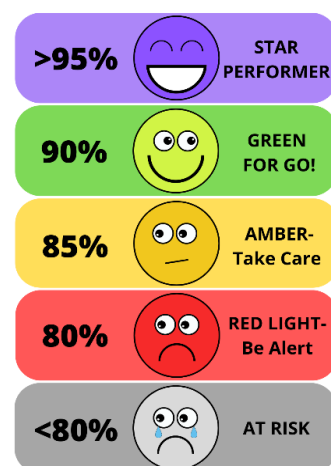
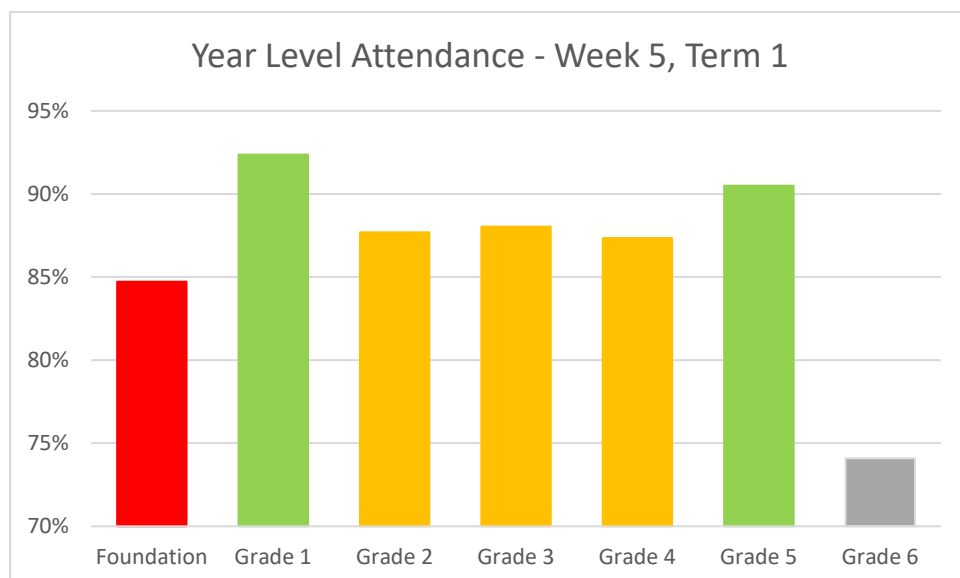
SWIMMING LESSONS (GR 3-5) - Week 7

The Year 3-5 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).

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2024 - NOT FAR AWAY

On Wednesday 27th March (week 9) we will have the Holy Rosary White Hills Cross Country. The junior event will be held at school at 10:30am. The senior event will be held at the Botanical Gardens (running along the creek trail) starting at approximately 12pm. We encourage you to start practicing for the run with your child/children as it takes several weeks to build stamina and we want to give every child the best possible chance to succeed. Classroom teachers will begin cross country preparations at school next week. Please keep an eye out for further information via PAM over the coming weeks.

ATTENDANCE

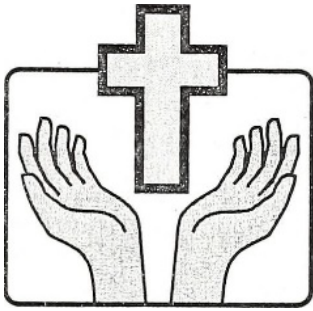


STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FJM	Harry O
FMM	Adelaide E
1CV	Hunter W
1DL	Elliott C
2JH	Savannah W
2SD	Regan B
3JO	Millie W
3MM	Ngaire M
4BD	Harrison B
4CW	Jacob H
5GS	
5OG	Georgia W
6DW	Preston A
6LS	Jayde Y
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

What do I miss out on when I am not at school?

Lots!

Class discussions with friends and teachers.

Information and work you will have to catch up on.

You will also miss out on seeing your friends!



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

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 8 th	9:00am -12noon	Maree	Jess R
FRI 8 th	10:30am-12noon	Tamara M	-
FRI 8 th	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed	
THURS 14 th	9:00am-11:00am	Shanelle F	-
FRI 15 th	9:00am -12noon	Susie Y	Volunteer needed
FRI 15 th	10:30am-12noon	Jess R	Volunteer needed
FRI 15 th	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer needed	
THUR 21 st	9:00am-11:00am	Shanelle Flood	Rachael S
PIZZA DAY FRI 22 nd	10:00am-12noon	Dea Robertson	Volunteer Needed
FRI 22 nd	10:45am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
FRI 22 nd	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed	



PIZZA & PASTA DAY

FRIDAY 22nd March

Order now via Flexischools!

PIZZA meal deal -

1 Slice of Pizza and a drink

OR

PASTA meal deal -

1 serve of Bolognese Pasta and a drink

Extra Pizza slices available

Add a Homemade Cookie (Chocolate Chip) or Donkey Drop (Rum Ball)

Pizza – Hawaiian, BBQ Meat Lovers, Cheese Lovers, Ham & Cheese

Drink – Chocolate Milk, Strawberry Milk, Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Apple & Blackcurrant Juice

Ordering is available via Flexischools only. No late orders or cash/paper bag orders will be accepted.



SPORTS & COMMUNITY NEWS



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



REGISTER HERE

Photograph Supported By The Bendigo Chinese Association and Golden Dragon Museum.



PARADE COSTUME FITTINGS

AGED 8 OR OLDER AND WANT TO BE IN THE EASTER PARADE?



Pop in with your family and friends and see us at 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo every Tuesday & Thursday from 4pm - 6pm and Saturday & Sunday from 2pm - 5pm until Easter to register!



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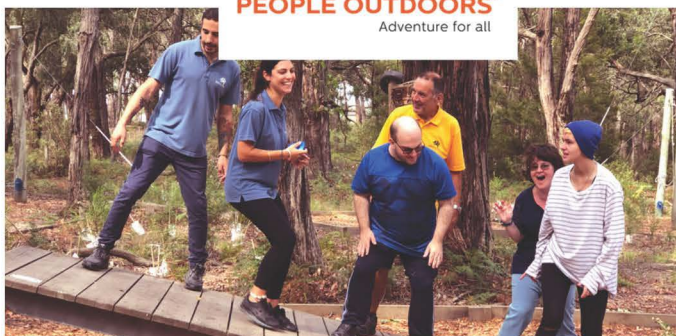
OPEN DAY

Register Online Now

Wednesday 20 March, 4.30-7pm
Coolock Campus, 1 St Vincent's Road, Junortoun

ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR YEAR 7, 2025: Wed 20 March 2024
ENROLMENTS CLOSE FOR YEAR 7, 2025: Fri 10 May 2024
'DISCOVER CMCB' DAYS FOR GRADE 6 STUDENTS: Mon 6 - Fri 10 May 2024

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES: Audra Petri College Registrar | 5445 9100 | enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au | www.cmc.vic.edu.au
Catherine McAuley College Bendigo | A Ministry of Mercy Education Ltd | ABN 69 154 531 870



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