



# NEWSLETTER

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## MASS TIMES

Holy Rosary – Hamelin St

Saturday's 6pm – Fr Rob Galea

Numbers Limited

St Francis Xavier – Strickland Rd

On hold until Further Notice

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au>

## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Pool Party
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation Dinner
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 4 – 3.15pm Finish

### JANUARY

Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of School 1-6
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of School - Foundation

**Due to the current circumstances the dates shown in the calendar for this term are subject to change.**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Well we've made it...almost!

What an amazing, unpredictable, extraordinary year we have experienced this year. Certainly not the way anyone expected our year to pan out. With all that said I must thank our fantastic staff

for the way they stayed true to their role and I believe often went above and beyond to ensure the children had every opportunity to succeed.

Tomorrow night we will celebrate the end of primary schooling for our Grade 6 children. In keeping with COVIDSafe practice the children will enjoy a catered dinner in the Rosarium, along with awards and acknowledgements. Parents will be able to log in and watch the official part of the evening via livestream, something we look forward to sharing. A big thank you to all staff involved especially Mr Coates and Mrs Taylor who have worked against the odds to ensure a chance to celebrate an extraordinary achievement.

As we enter the last week of our 2020 school year, it is a great opportunity to say some important thank you's and goodbyes. Firstly we say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Carter, Mrs Watson, Mrs Beavis and Mr Sampson. In every way, each of you have made

such an impression on the children and families in your care. Your care and dedication to provide the best possible learning environment for the children, is something we will miss, as you move into a new phase of your professional lives.

Finally as things return to some normality the Marong Cup is again on the horizon! We will need volunteers to ensure the day is again a success, please mark Saturday 13 February 2021 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

# STUDENT NEWS

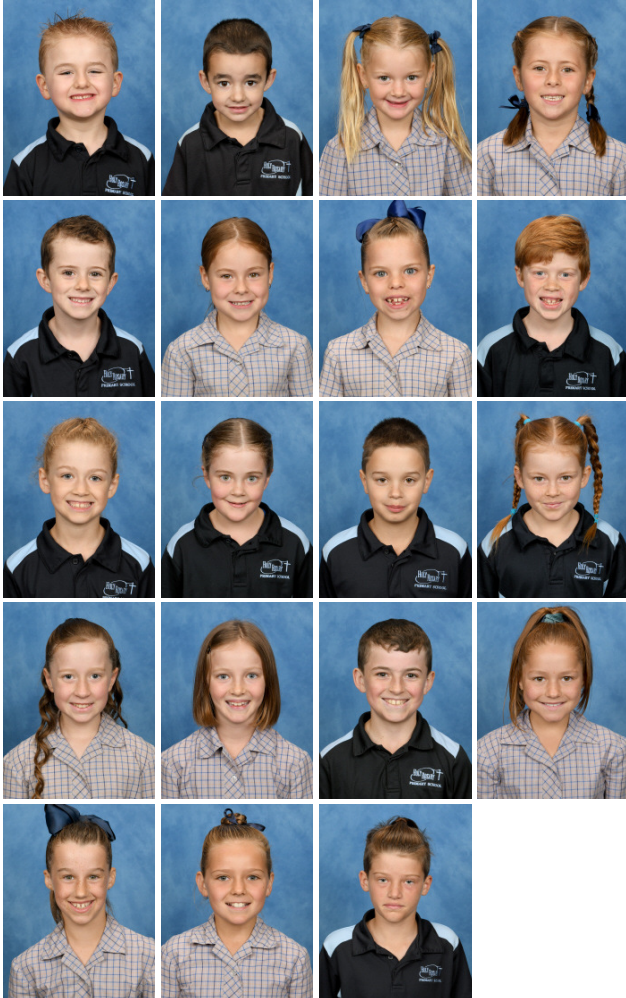
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Jye Stokes-Logan, Tayla Holm, Riley Cawley, Cody Pearce, Rani Sheldon, Tahlia Mullane. 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 Maverick Van Der Hagen, Isobel Crennan, Patrick Ingram, Isabella Soccio, Laura Papworth and Georgia Wings.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FBG	Carter Sait, Lucy Fisher
FJO	Payton West, Frankie Connors
1BW	Stella Fitzpatrick, Maison Hooke
1DC	Lacey Clohesy, Aiden Cross
2MC	Mackenzie McNamara, Isaac Plant
2LC	Madeline Gibbons
3JT	Kayla Bell
3ZD	Levi Fountas
4AG	Alana Dixon, Ella Tresize, Sophie Healy, Mason McNamara
4BS	Jayda Damiani, Mia Stevens, Quiny Juac, Jazmin Marshall
5JE	Oscar Kleinert
5MG	The Whole Class
6ST	The Whole Class
6TC	The Whole Class

## LIBRARY BOOKS

Thank you to so many students and families that have found and returned their library books. There are still some books to be returned, but I am hoping that these will be located over the holidays. I am happy to accept any books that may be found when we return back to school next year. Enjoy some time relaxing with a book over the holidays.

Sue Johns, Library



## LOST PROPERTY BOX

Our Lost Property Box (located outside of the Grade 1 classrooms in the office foyer) is full!

As most of these items have been in the lost property box for quite some time, we will be donating any items remaining in the box at the end of the week to our second hand uniform stock. If you would like to come into the office and have a quick look for any missing items please do, but please observe the social distancing of 1.5m.



## **GRADE 6 END OF YEAR EVENTS:**

### **POOL PARTY - MONDAY 14th DECEMBER**

Time: 9:30am - 2:15pm

Location: White Hills pool

Food: Lunch provided, students can bring \$5 to spend at the canteen.

SunSmart: Students must wear a hat, sunscreen and covered top (rashy)

\*\*\*School can provide a rashy if needed. Students wear bathers underneath school sports uniform and be dropped at school, as normal, before 9am.

### **GRADE 6 GRADUATION NIGHT - TUESDAY 15th DECEMBER**

Time: 5:30 - 7:30pm

Venue: Holy Rosary Library

Note: students only, parents will receive an email with the Youtube Link to watch the presentation.

\*\*\*Could students please be dropped off and picked up at the front office.

# **SCHOOL NEWS**

## **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

### **ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS**

Thank-you to those families that donated generously to our St. Vinnies Christmas appeal. Our Grade 5 students have been busy shipping the items up to Ted Shed, in order for St. Vinnies volunteer worker Jim Austin to collect today. Jim would like to thank the school profusely for digging deep and giving at a time of year that can be very difficult for many people, particularly this year with the pandemic.

### **CLASSROOM LITURGIES**

During the season of advent the children have been participating in classroom liturgies and activities in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Hopefully, they have been coming home and sharing their new understandings about what Christmas is really all about.

### **NEW STUDENT ROSARY BEADS**

At Friday's assembly, all Foundation students and any other new 2020 students were presented with a set of Rosary beads, blessed by Fr Rob Galea in the Parish church last weekend. Mary is a significant figure within our Catholic faith and particularly special to us at Holy Rosary. May these students treasure this gift and use their beads regularly as they travel through their Catholic education journey with us.



## **HOLY ROSARY SPORT**

### **SWIMMING IN 2021**

The Year 3-6 children will have their swimming lessons early in Term 1, from Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th of March (4 days). This will be at Gurri Wanyarra in Kangaroo Flat. Permission forms released first week of Term 1, via PAM.

### **YEAR 3-6 SWIMMING LESSON DATES:**

Tuesday March 2

Wednesday March 3

Thursday March 4

Friday March 5

\*\*Prep - Grade 2 swimming lessons will be in Term 4 (Start of December).\*\*

### **YEAR 3-6 SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS: MONDAY 8/2/21**

The day begins at 9.30am and will conclude at approximately 1.30pm. This will take place at Bendigo East Pool. Depending on COVID-19 regulations we would love as many people there as possible to cheer our children on. Permission forms released first week of Term 1, via PAM.

### **SOME OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO BE MINDFUL OF IN 2021:**

Catholic Swimming Sports: Tuesday 16/2/21

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



Divisional Swimming Championships: Friday 5/3  
 Regional Swimming Championships (Swan Hill): Thursday 18/3  
 State Swimming Championships (Melbourne): Thursday 22/4  
 School Cross Country: Friday 30/4  
 Division Cross Country: Wednesday 5/5 TBC  
 Regional Cross Country (St Arnaud): Tuesday 1/6  
 State Cross Country (Melbourne): Thursday 15/7  
 School Athletics Sports (3-6's): Friday 6/8  
 Catholic Athletics Championships (3-6's): Thursday 19/8  
 \*Please note, Grade 3's are ONLY eligible for 4 events - Shot Put, Long Jump, 100m & Hurdles.  
 Divisional Athletics Championships: Monday 13/9  
 State Athletics Championships: Thursday 11/11

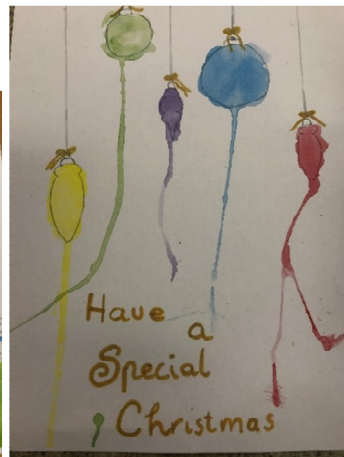
Thank you for your support,  
 Mr Coates

### VISUAL ARTS

Congratulations to all the students who entered the Jacinta Allan Christmas card competition. I was very proud of all their card designs. Jacinta has announced that her winner from our school is Charlotte Ermel who will receive a certificate and a voucher. This year I decided to have 2 more awards for the Christmas card competition and staff members chose the cards designed by Bella Clohesy and Carol Hanna. Congratulations.



Charlotte Ermel



Bella Clohesy

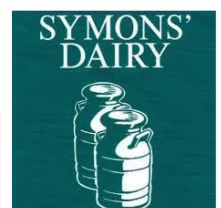


Carol Hanna

### COMMUNITY CARE – THANKYOU

The Community Care team would like to say a huge thank you to all of the people who have contributed towards our Thursday Breakfast program. These include;

- Donations of Milo and Vegemite from parents.
- Strathdale Bakers Delight for our bread.
- Symons Dairy for our milk.
- Grade 6 students for helping on Thursday mornings.



### CANTEEN – THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all the amazing Mums, Dads, Grannies and staff who volunteered their time in the canteen this year. While we didn't get many weeks together this year (thanks COVID 19), thanks for all the stories, laughs and great fun, you are all fantastic! Looking forward to catching up with you and lots of new volunteers next year. – Lindy Vance (Canteen)

### FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Congratulations to the following students, who have received recognition for their approach and application to music this term:

Amy Vance FBG	Owen Best 3ZD
Cody Pearce FJO	Harry Morrish 4BS
Makenzie Giri 1BW	Kate Papworth 4AG
Aiden Cross 1DC	Grace Dobie 5JE
Ethan Crust 2LC	Alex Capuano 5JE
Jayde Young 2MC	Carol Hanna 6ST
Natalie Hoffrichter 3JT	Toby Holland 6ST

And for two Grade 6 students who have demonstrated consistency in Enthusiasm, Application and Development in Performing Arts throughout their senior 5/6 years at Holy Rosary: Maeve Cass and Kai Pearce

Also, a further notification to students who elected to learn recorder this year and were given a recorder to take home, could recorders please be returned to the school if your child does not wish to learn recorder in 2021. If your child intends to learn recorder in 2021 and still has their recorder they may keep it over the holidays.

A Merry Christmas and Safe Holidays to all our Holy Rosary families.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### BENDIGO BIKE SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bike Bendigo's summer holiday On Your Bike! program is back for teens and tweens. Running across two mornings in January, this program prepares teens and tweens to ride to school from day 1 next year. Limited places available and early bird pricing\* until 31 December, so book now to secure your place. The program is funded through the VicRoads Community Road Safety Grants Program which allows it to be heavily subsidised.

# HEADING TO HIGH SCHOOL? ON YOUR BIKE!



**School holiday program for teens & tweens**

- Brush up on your riding skills
- Understand the road rules
- Learn strategies for safe on-road riding
- Prepare for independent travel

**BIKE BENDIGO**

Time  
9.15am – 1.00pm

Program Dates  
18–19 Jan

Cost  
\$25 for two sessions  
(\$20 earlybird until 31 Dec)

Booking Essential  
[www.trybooking.com/BNKIU](http://www.trybooking.com/BNKIU)

About the instructors  
**Nicola Dunncliff-Wells** is an accredited Bike Ed Instructor and AustCycle Skills Coach. President of Bike Bendigo and mother of three, she is passionate about supporting active travel to school.

**Megan Horgan** holds a Bike Ed Instructor certificate and has worked as a National Standard Cycling Instructor in the UK. Megan loves her active lifestyle and seeing others enjoy the fun and freedom of riding!

This program is funded through the VicRoads Community Road Safety Grants program

Community  
Road Safety Grants



Welcome summer with a free community ride & swim!

Sunday 13 December

Two ride options:

**Shorter ride (12km) - START: GOLDEN SQUARE POOL 10AM**

This ride follows the Bendigo Creek Trail to the Play-a-saurus playground. After a short break we'll return on the creek trail to the pool (several road crossings). Ride at your own pace. Suitable for younger kids + newer riders.

**Longer ride (20km) - START: CHRISTMAS TREE (Rosalind Park Piazza) 10AM**

We'll ride on-road to Golden Square, then take the Bendigo Creek Trail to Crusoe Reservoir, ride around the res, then return to the pool via the creek trail. Moderate pace, suitable for older kids + adults.



Both rides return to Golden Square Pool.

Pool open 11am–noon: free swim for all riders + icy poles for kids.

Bring water, spares/puncture repair, your mask, and a snack if you like.

It's free, but [PLEASE REGISTER](http://www.trybooking.com/BLYON) to keep us COVID-safe: [www.trybooking.com/BLYON](http://www.trybooking.com/BLYON)

Bike Bendigo Community Rides are held on the second Sunday of every month.





## REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2021 JUNIOR FOOTBALL SEASON

The South Bendigo Junior Football Club are ready to bring our young players back out onto the football field in 2021.

Registrations are now open for Under 9, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 Boys; and Under 12 and Under 14 Girls.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

[https://websites.sportstg.com/club\\_info.cgi?c=0-6149-80384-530094-26494864&clubID=80384](https://websites.sportstg.com/club_info.cgi?c=0-6149-80384-530094-26494864&clubID=80384)

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