



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
(Numbers Limited)

Or online at:

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

<https://www.frgministry.com/mass>

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The snap circuit breaker lock down called last week certainly was not the news we were hoping for. However today, teachers were able to plan some learning activities for the next two days and we are also readying ourselves for further extension of the current lockdown or longer time out when we will be able to share online learning. Let's hope it's just until Wednesday.

Staff have today emailed through a matrix of learning activities for each year level. We invite families to work at your own pace as we work remotely over the next two days. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher via email should you have any questions.

Our Learning Conversations will revert to online and teachers will be in touch with parents to support this change. We will also invite parents to contact teachers once we are back on deck if you would like to see the room where your children are for most of the year.

Our Foundation students will continue to have Wednesday as a rest day, however this week's appointments for Literacy testing will need to be rescheduled. We will communicate changes to parents as we are more confident about what we are able to do.

Parents and visitors who are onsite for longer than 15 minutes will also be required to sign in using our Government QR Code. We will also use the iPad to support our own emergency management procedures. The Code is at all entrances. Thank you to those who have already supported us by using the code last week.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2021

Tue 16	Learning Conversations - Virtual
Wed 17	Foundation Rest Day
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Sat 20	McCarthy House Mass – 6pm
Mon 22 – Tue 23	Hockey Clinics (Gr 2 -6)
Wed 24	Foundation Rest Day
Fri 26	School Photo Day

MARCH 2021

Tue 2 – Fri 5	Swimming Lessons (Gr 3-6)
Wed 3	Foundation Rest Day
Mon 8	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tue 10	Foundation begin full weeks
Thu 11	Sacrament Meeting
Fri 12	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Fri 19	Canteen – Pizza Day
Sat 27	Sacrament Commitment Mass – 6pm
Sat 27	Harte House Mass – 6pm

APRIL 2021

Thu 1	Last Day Term 1 – 2.15pm dismissal
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Check out our school Facebook page to stay up to date with the latest news!

<https://www.facebook.com/holyrosaryprimaryschoolwhitehills/>

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

This week we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the first day of one of the most important seasons in the Church's liturgical year - Lent.

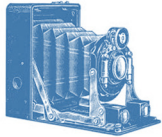
Lent is a time when we try to get closer to God. We are all encouraged to think of things we could do to achieve this, eg. have conversations with God, do good deeds and give to Project Compassion. As adults we understand these acts to be FASTING, PRAYER and ALMS GIVING.

Times like these are rare and in so many ways challenging. It is important to reassure the children, care for one another and control the things we can control. Thank you to the many parents who have expressed their thanks to myself and our staff. We really appreciate your support.



Paul Wilkinson
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be held on **Friday 26th February**. Please ensure that children are in a clean summer school uniform, clean tidy hair with NO bright coloured jewellery, ribbons or headbands.

Photo orders will be online this year. More information is attached to this weeks newsletter & will be sent home with students when they return to onsite learning.

SUN SMART - HATS

A reminder to all families that our **"No Hat No Play"** policy is active during Term 1. Students without a hat will sit out off the yard at recess and lunch. School hats are available at the school office.



TERM 1 PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS (PSG'S)

Parents/Carers are invited to book their upcoming PSG meeting to take place with their child's classroom teacher and Learner Diversity Leader via their online PAM account. These meetings are an extension to the recent learning conversations you have already had with your child's classroom teacher; with a focus on goal setting for the term ahead. Meetings are scheduled to take place during week 6 and 7 of this term.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions around this process. - *Mandy Antoniadis (Learner Diversity)*

TERM 1 LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Bookings for the Term 1 Parent Teacher Learning Conversations are still open and can be made using your SIMON Everywhere and/or PAM account. **These conversations will now be held virtually** and will be an opportunity to discuss children's progress and learning goals. Additional times have been made available during school hours due to the lockdown.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS WILL BE HELD ON:

Tuesday 16th February

Wednesday 17th February

All families are strongly encouraged to make a booking for their child/ren. Due to time restraints, please only make one booking per child per family. If you feel you need more time due to more complex issues, please schedule another meeting time directly with the classroom teacher or our Learner Diversity Coordinator, Mandy Antoniadis.

If you require any assistance in booking your Learning Conversation, please speak to the Office.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) is a Victorian Government program that assists eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Any parents/carers who hold a valid means-tested concession card, a Gold DVA card or are a temporary foster parent, may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards these items.

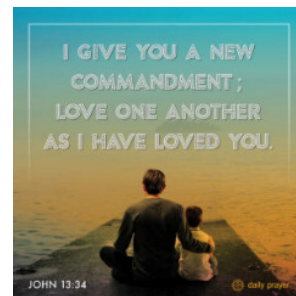
The CSEF form was sent home to parents at the beginning of term.

If you did not receive a CSEF payment in 2020, have had a new child start, or are a new family, please fill in and return the application form to the office as soon as possible. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, whether you need to reapply etc, please see Paula in the office.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

COMMUNITY MASSES

Our first community house Mass is scheduled for this coming weekend. We are looking forward to seeing as many McCarthy house families as possible. Holy Rosary community **McCarthy House** Mass on Saturday 20th February at 6pm.



ASH WEDNESDAY - 17TH FEBRUARY 2021

Ash Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation, FAST and ABSTINENCE. Please refrain from placing meat products in your child's lunch boxes today. While lent abstinence is now optional on Fridays, it is good practice to keep up the tradition, if possible. It also reminds students of the bigger picture that leads into Good Friday.

Unfortunately due to our current circuit breaker lockdown, we will be unable to gather as a school community for liturgies on Wednesday.

We encourage you to access a Mass service on Wednesday. The following services will be available:

Fr Rob Galea @ 10 am <https://www.frgministry.com/mass>

St Kilians live stream @ 12 noon access via Sandhurst Diocese website www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

PROJECT COMPASSION

The theme for Project Compassion 2021 is BE MORE. This theme challenges us to set up to assist the world's most vulnerable people. Throughout lent we are asked to aspire not to have more, but to be more for those who do not have the essential resources necessary for survival.



SCHOOL SPORT – WHAT'S HAPPENING?! *Troy Coates (PE Coordinator)*



HOLY ROSARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A sincere thank you to all those who came along and supported their children at the swimming sports. Thank you to the teachers for assisting on the day with all events.

The day went brilliantly and the sportsmanship and kindness many of the children showed one another was so wonderful to see. I also want to make note of how lucky we are with the calibre of year 6's we have. The leadership shown by them while cheering and helping others in the 25m races was just exemplary. The best part of the day was seeing so many students get in the pool and give it their best to earn house points!

Congratulations to McCarthy (yellow), the winning house for the 2021 Swimming Sports. The final scores were:

McCarthy - 153 points Frayne - 128 points

McAuley - 110 points Harte - 107

Our Best Contributor Award winners were:

12/13 year boys: Nate Fitzpatrick

12/13 year girls: Zarah Reynolds

11 year boys: Bradie Sheldon

11 year girls: Kate Papworth

10 year boys: Henry Rice

10 year girls: Fiona O'Connell

8/9 year boys: Jenson Sawyer

8/9 year girls: Dakota Keeble



SWIMMING LESSONS (GR 3-6)

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 will be released via PAM in the coming weeks.

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

HOCKEY VICTORIA ROADSHOW

We are excited to welcome the Hockey Victoria Roadshow to our school to run a clinic with Grade 2 - 6 students.

Students are being given the fantastic opportunity to try out the exciting game of hockey! They will learn the skills of the game through exciting game-based activities suited to every year level and ability.

Hockey Victoria will be sending their amazing Participation Officers to our school on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd of February to provide an engaging, fun and safe hockey experience for everyone.

At Hockey Victoria they pride themselves in providing an enjoyable experience for every student, so keep an eye out and see if you can spot one of their coaches at school soon!

If you enjoy the sessions during school, you can continue with your hockey experience by joining a local Hookin2Hockey program www.hookin2hockey.com.au. With programs all over the state you can find a local program that will suit your schedule

STATE NETBALL TRIALS

The Team Vic 12&U Netball 2021 Registration to Trial is open.

I am sharing the opportunity for any year 6 children that wish to trial for State selection.

Please note, this MUST be endorsed by Paul Wilkinson (Principal) and myself. The calibre of the player must be high. This is not a come and try day, it's a very high standard trial.

You can see further information on the trial using the link below:

Follow this link <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/pages/netball.aspx> to find all of the information and the RED button to go ahead and register, should you gain the go ahead from Paul and myself.

Please see selection guidelines:

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/Documents/TeamVicNetball12YearsandUSelectionGuidelinesConference2021.pdf>

The registration to trial will close on Monday 1 March. If you feel your child may be suited to trial, please get in contact with me ASAP.



Wellbeing

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

A large part of my role within schools is helping students understand their emotions. What they are, how they make us feel and behave and what to do when we have them are all important to better understanding ourselves and building positive wellbeing. This is also known as Emotional Intelligence (EQ). EQ is the ability to identify, use, understand, and manage emotions in an effective and positive way.

The benefits for children of developing EQ include better engagement in school, higher academic performance, increased resilience, more successful relationships with peers, improved communication and reduced stress. Developing our EQ as a child also significantly impacts all these areas as adults.

Parents and carers can teach a child EQ by accurately naming your own emotions, validating your child's feelings, teaching empathy and modelling effective communication.

For more information on EQ visit www.gottman.com.au.

Catholic Care in Bendigo also run a 'Tuning into Kids' low-cost program which supports parents to learn how to help their child identify and manage feelings and develop EQ. Check out their website www.ccds.org.au or call them on 5438 1300 for more information. - Chantel White (Student Wellbeing)



What are reasonable excuses for being absent?

- illness or accident
- Attending or observing religious event
- Bereavement

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (CAP) 2021

The Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance from the Victorian State Government to assist families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school. The allowance is available to parents who are required to –

- drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to school (if there is no school bus)
- or drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to meet the nearest school bus to the school
- the child must attend their closest government or non-government school (Catholic)
- the allowance is based on kilometres travelled and not based on any financial eligibility

Distance is calculated by the shortest practical route from home to the school or from home to meet the nearest school bus to the school. Distance can be calculated by using Bing Maps. Application and Authority to Pay Forms required to be completed by a parent are available from the school office.

Parents who received the Conveyance Allowance in 2020 do not need to complete a new form in 2021 unless their children enrolled at Holy Rosary in 2021 have changed (i.e. Gr 6 student left at the end of 2020 or a Foundation child commenced in 2021). If your family circumstances have changed, a new form needs to be completed in 2021.

If you have recently changed address please advise the office if you are no longer eligible. Application and Authority to Pay forms need to be completed and returned to the office by Friday 5th March 2021 please.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/transport/Pages/conveyance.aspx>

If you are unsure if you may be eligible, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

STUDENT NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are Oscar Davies, Hamish Combe, Miley Ellerton, Evie Kristiansen, Lenny Polglase, Lincon Kent, Amelia Holmes, Isabella Holmes and Mitchell Cope. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FBG	Edison Prange
FNJ	Oliver Anfuso
1DC	Addison McNamara
1ML	Azlyn Bell
2DP	Remmi Comer
2LC	Stella Fitzpatrick
3CW	Jack Carter
3ZD	Mitchell Cope
4AG	Dakota Keeble
4BS	Anna Benny
5JE	Connor Ridington
5JO	Harry Morrish
6MG	Seth Illott
6TC	Emily Dillon

HOLY ROSARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year's 2021 swimming carnival at East Bendigo Pool was an exceptional success. Everyone enjoyed their time and everyone who competed did a wonderful job. The houses all scored very well, with McCarthy coming out on top with 158 points - well done to everyone who participated in this event!

Great job to all the Grade 3's and 4's who participated as this was their first year for both grades due to the carnival being cancelled last year. Credits to all the teachers and parents who helped during the day, great job to the Grade 6's who helped in the pool, and great job to both Mr. Coates for organising the carnival and Mr Epps for running games on the side.

We hope that the carnival will be just as successful next year! - *Grade 6 Community Engagement Team*

P&F NEWS

CANTEEN 2021

At this stage we are hoping that we will be able to run canteen as usual this Friday 19th February. We will inform you of any changes should they occur.

VOLUNTEERS: A HUGE thank you to the parents who have put their hand up to help out in our canteen! We have almost filled our volunteer roster for Term 1 (attached) in only one week! We do need **just 3 more shifts** filled, so if you are able to volunteer in our Canteen this term, please contact Lindy Vance on 0409 067 404.

Please note, that volunteers in our canteen DO need to have a current WWC Check, but DO NOT need to hold a Food Handling Certificate.

CHANGES:

- We will no longer be accepting cash orders for canteen. Orders must be placed online via Flexischools.
- There will be no window sales during 2nd play on Friday.
- All **snack items will be delivered at the same time as lunch items** at 11.40am
- Frozen items are currently not available for order.

SPORTS NEWS



**IGNITE A PASSION
FOR THE GAME!**

AFL Footy Visit At Holy Rosary

Friday 19th March

3:15pm - 4:15pm

Keep an eye out for our AFL Central Vic team to win some prizes & to find out info about the 2021 season

play.afl/auskick



**EAGLEHAWK JUNIOR
FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Registration
Day 2021**

Age Groups

Boys Under 9, 10, 12, 14 & 16

Girls Under 12, 14, 16 & 18



**Sunday 21st
February 2021
1.00pm - 3.00pm**

Canterbury Club Rooms



eaglehawk.jfc@gmail.com

GOLDEN CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

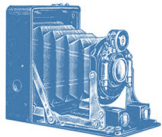
Golden City Football Club is looking for new players.

We're an inclusive, family friendly club and we are looking for players from all age levels and experience to play in our 2021 season starting in April. We have all-girl teams at most age levels. All are welcome!

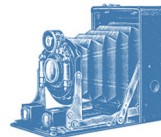
The season starts in April and runs for 16 weeks. Junior games are played on Saturday mornings on small-sided pitches with modified rules to make the games inclusive, engaging and fun.

Training takes place once a week at our home ground, Shadforth Park, Fenton Street, North Bendigo.

Please get in touch for further information. Email goldencitysc@gmail.com, see our Facebook page or visit www.goldencityfc.com



OUR SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE ONLINE!



ONLINE BOOKING



Your school has decided that school photos will only be available to order online this year.
We are now also offering green screen online.

THE BENEFITS OF BEING ONLINE

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office.
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags.
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 15 different backgrounds to choose from.



Holy Rosary Primary School - 2021

Contact: info@leadingimage.com.au or call 1800 750 586

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY



To order your school photos you need to log onto

<https://www.leadingimage.com.au>

Click on Order your school photos.
and enter the access key below.

Preferred Browser is Google Chrome

Access Key: KY4RVTMM

Packages are available to order with this access key.

Family photographs must be ordered by 4:30pm the night before photo day.

IF YOU DO NOT ORDER BEFORE THIS TIME YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE A FAMILY PHOTO TAKEN.



HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN

VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 1 2021

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
FEB 2021		
THUR 18th	9am - 11am	Tamara McIntosh
FRI 19th	9am - 12noon	Emma Gibbons & Jenya Thompson
FRI 19th	11am - 12noon	Charlotte Healy
THUR 25th	9am - 11am	Ash McDerby
FRI 26th	9am - 12noon	Dea Robertson & Susie Young
	11am - 12noon	Jacqui Mortimer
MARCH 2021		
THUR 4th	9am - 11am	Tamara McIntosh
FRI 5th	9am - 12noon	Emma Gibbons & Jenya Thompson
FRI 5th	11am - 12noon	Charlotte Healy
WED 10th	9am - 11am	Briony Johnson & Kellie Carter
THUR 11th	9am - 12noon	Toni Niven & Volunteer needed
THUR 11th	11am - 12noon	Rachael Sutton
THUR 18th	9am - 11am	Cathy Harrington
FRI 19th - PIZZA	10am - 12noon	Emma Gibbons & Emily Roberts
	11am - 12noon	Mardi Holland & Sally Ripper
THUR 25th	9am - 11am	Tamara McIntosh
FRI 26th	9am - 12noon	Dea Robertson & Emily Roberts
FRI 26th	11am - 12noon	Yvette Sait
WED 31st MARCH	9am - 11am	Ash McDerby & Kellie Carter
THUR 1st APRIL	9am - 12noon	Volunteer needed & Volunteer needed
	11am - 12noon	Rachael Sutton

Emerging Minds

National
Workforce
Centre for Child
Mental Health



This selection of resources will assist parents and caregivers in supporting their children's mental health through the COVID-19 pandemic. They are designed to help parents to talk with their children about what they are seeing and hearing, develop new routines, and focus on the strategies that their family already uses to get through tough times.

Visit our website to find out more:
www.emergingminds.com.au

Fact sheets (5 min read)

Communicating with your child about COVID-19

Many parents and carers may be wondering how to talk with their child or children about COVID-19 and what information to share. This resource is designed to help you to prepare for these conversations.

Traumatic events, the media and your child

With COVID-19 updates currently on our screens, radios and newspapers, parents and carers might be wondering how best to support their children and reduce worry and distress. This factsheet focuses on tips to manage children's exposure to media coverage.

Podcast (30 min listen)

Children's mental health during COVID-19

How might children's social and emotional wellbeing be affected by the changes brought about in response to the COVID-19 pandemic? In this episode, Brad Morgan, Director of Emerging Minds, discusses some challenges that might be coming up for families at this time as they navigate spending more time at home together.

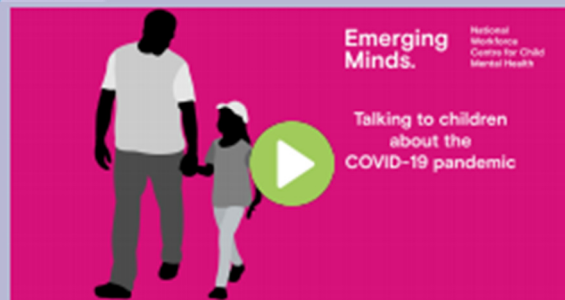
Videos (3 minute watch)

Video: Managing routines for children during the COVID-19 pandemic



Children need routine and structure as much as they need free time and play. As families are spending more time at home together, this short video introduces ways for parents and carers to manage routines for their children during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Video: Talking to children about the COVID-19 pandemic



This short video introduces ways for parents and carers to talk to their children about the COVID-19 pandemic, starting with taking care of one another and supporting each other.

The National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health (NWC) is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health under the National Support for Child and Youth Mental Health Program.

Visit our web hub today!

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minds.
com.au**



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