



# NEWSLETTER

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HOLY ROSARY WEB SITE: [www.hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au](http://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 issue of safety around schools was heightened last week with a number of incidents at neighbouring schools. It is important that as adults we model appropriate behaviour including following road rules as we 'drop off' and 'pick up' our children. The tennis courts are now a drive through morning and afternoon and from our first experience this morning it worked well, with children able to safely move from car to school. The Council and Victoria Police will be monitoring parking around the school and I urge parents to be patient and considerate of others. Please do not park on the nature strip near the church, it is a pedestrian area and a near miss last Friday could have been so much worse. Again, we ask parents to be patient in these busy periods of the school day.

### PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

We will have our first P&F meeting this Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.30pm in the Rosarium. The meeting will be a general meeting to assess where we are with a variety of fundraisers and social events we hold on an annual basis. We will also plan for the rest of 2021 following the disruptions of 2020. Our school has always had an incredibly successful Parents group and we look forward to welcoming new and existing families to our group.

### SCHOOL BOARD/COUNCIL

Our next Board/Council Meeting will be held in the Rosarium on March 9th at 6.30pm. We will have Joan Coldwell speaking to the group regarding the changes to Governance.

### SWIMMING

Our swimming program kicks off for Grade 3-6 children tomorrow and we look forward to children participating in the program over the next 4 days. Our recent swimming sports indicated a growing enthusiasm and the opportunity to learn about and practice water safety is an important part of our children's education. Once again, I ask that families participate in swimming outside of school and not rely solely on our program for this important life skill.

## CALENDAR

### MARCH 2021

Mon 1 – Fri 5	PSG Meetings
Tue 2 – Fri 5	Swimming Lessons (Gr 3-6)
Wed 3	Foundation Rest Day
<b>Mon 8</b>	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
Tue 9 – Thu 11	PSG Meetings
Tue 9	'Didjeribone' Performance Incursion (Gr 3-6)
Wed 10	Foundation First Wednesday
Thu 11	Sacrament Meeting
<b>Fri 12</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day – Staff PD</b>
Fri 19	Canteen – Pizza Day
<b>Fri 19</b>	<b>Easter Casual Clothes Day</b>
Thu 25	Easter Raffle Drawn
Fri 26	'Shekere' Performance Incursion (F – Gr 2)
Sat 27	Sacrament Commitment Mass – 6pm
Sat 27	Harte House Mass – 6pm

### APRIL 2021

Thu 1	Last Day Term 1 – 2.15pm dismissal
Fri 2	Good Friday
Sun 4	Easter Sunday
Mon 5	Easter Monday
<b>Mon 19</b>	<b>First Day Term 2</b>
Sun 25	Anzac Day
<b>Wed 28</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day – Staff PD</b>



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.**

## GOSPEL

In the Gospel reading on Sunday (Mark 9: 2-10), Jesus goes up a mountain with his disciples to pray. And then, while they were high up on the mountain, Jesus lit up. The scripture says that Jesus' "clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them." There is a special name for this scripture, it is called the Transfiguration. "Transfiguration" is a fancy word that means "to be changed."

Not only does Jesus shine with God's light and love, but he also shares God's light and love with the people who are around him. Jesus can help other people, like his disciples, learn how to shine with God's light and love. Then they can go out and help even more people shine with God's light and love.

The same is true for us. As we learn from Jesus and his disciples how to ask for and invite God's light and love into our lives, then we too, can share God's light and love with the people around us.



Paul Wilkinson  
Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS

### PUBLIC HOLIDAY & PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder to all families that next week students will have two days away from school.

**Monday 8th March is a public holiday.** No children or staff will be on site on this day.

**Friday 12th of March is a pupil free day** to enable staff to complete a professional development session. The YMCA will be running full day care at Holy Rosary on this day. Should your child require care please secure your place by logging into My Family Lounge and placing a casual booking or contact us on 0467 555 572. Please note, that if your child normally attends care on a Friday afternoon, they will still need to be booked in should you require care.

### STUDENT INFORMATION PACKS

Student Information Packs were sent home in week one of term. These packs included important documents including a student information checklist and privacy policy which need to be signed and returned to school as soon as possible.

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parents of students participating in the Eucharistic and Confirmation sacraments should have received an email about their commitment to the program. If you did not receive this message and believe you should have, please contact Jo Thurley ASAP. All sacramental candidates will be given more details about their pathway once we have met with our new Parish Priest, Fr Minh Tran.

### HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

Project compassion aims to end world poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. As a school community we are promoting the purchase of Baker's Delight Hot Cross Buns as a way of supporting Caritas in this mission. Order forms were sent home with students on Friday. Please return your order and money to the office by Monday 22nd March. Hot Cross Bun will be available for collection Thursday 25th March after school and/or sent home with your child on Friday 26th March.

### GRADE 6 CATHOLIC IDENTITY TEAM

To further support the Project Compassion campaign, our Grade 6 Catholic Identity team will be running sports games on the tennis courts during PLAY 1 next week (week 7). More details will follow in next week's newsletter. However, Monday's game will be Dodgeball. If your child would like to participate in these games we ask that you send them to school with a few coins to offer as a donation. All money raised will go towards the Caritas mission. This initiative is new, and the Grade 6 team are extremely excited to see how much money they can raise.

## COMMUNITY HOUSE MASS

Our next house mass will be held for Harte families on Saturday 27th March at 6pm.

## SECOND WEEK OF LENT

This week through Project Compassion we learn about 39-year-old Margret, a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment. Apart from the difficulties the students all have, the school also faced water shortages, with not enough to supply staff and students with safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables.

Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden, amidst the threat of COVID-19. Staff and students rely on the vegetable garden to provide food for their meals.

With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures. Margret's school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, with plans to boost food security, through increased agricultural production.

Around 60% of people in rural areas in the Solomon Islands don't have access to piped water, while about 80% don't have access to latrines or toilets. ([UNICEF](#), 2019)

Watch a short film about Margret's story [here](#).

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Please support Project Compassion: [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)



## SCHOOL SPORT – WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

*Troy Coates (PE Coordinator)*



### SWIMMING LESSONS (GR 3-6)



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

**WHAT TO WEAR AND WHAT TO BRING:** Sports uniform to school, bathers, towel, hairbrush, thongs to wear to the pool (these are not allowed in the school playground), plastic bag to put wet bathers in, goggles if your child usually wears them. The children wear their bathers to the pool and get changed at the pool after their lesson.

**WHAT THEY WILL DO:** At the swimming lessons students will participate in 4 X 45 minute swimming sessions. Children will be swimming in ability levels supervised by qualified AustSwim Teachers from the Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre.

**THE AIMS OF THESE LESSONS:** To learn about water safety and improve swimming stroke technique.



### RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB ZOOM VISIT (GRADE 5 & 6)

On Friday the 5th March the Grade 5 & 6 classes will interact with 2-3 Richmond players in their classrooms virtually (via Zoom). This year, the AFL have created a Virtual Community Camp to allow AFL players to connect with local communities to promote the game in a COVID safe environment. AFL Central Vic are lucky to have Richmond FC connect with our region. The content will be around training, recovery, nutrition and leadership. Students will be able to ask direct questions to the players on the day. We look forward to speaking with and learning from last year's premiership team.

## HOCKEY VICTORIA

It was a fantastic experience having Hockey Victoria recently attend our school as part of their roadshow program. Our students learnt the skills of hockey through exciting game-based activities in an engaging, fun and safe environment.

While the roadshow is over, students can continue their hockey journey by joining a local Hookin2Hockey program at [www.hookin2hockey.com.au](http://www.hookin2hockey.com.au). With programs starting soon now is the perfect chance to get out on the pitch. Hookin2Hockey will allow children to expand on the skills they recently learnt at school, develop fundamental motor skills while making friends and having fun!





## CATHOLIC SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2021

Of the 25 students representing Holy Rosary at the Catholic School Swimming Carnival, 9 students have qualified and made it through to the Divisional Swimming event to be held on Friday 5th of March. Well done to:

Zarah Reynolds

Zoe Reynolds

Alex Dobie

Ruby Douglas

Olivia Douglas

Sophie O'Connell

Vincent Geary

Harry Morrish

Bradie Sheldon

A big congratulations to Zarah Reynolds and Alex Dobie who won our best contributor medals. It was a great achievement to finish 3rd in the School Championship Award behind St Francis and St Therese's. While disappointing we weren't allowed to have parents in attendance, the day still ran very smoothly. It was colder than we would have liked, but that didn't stop the amazing competition, sportsmanship and attitudes of our wonderful students. Thank you to Mr Epps, Mr Campbell and Miss Furlong for your assistance and well done to our children who continually demonstrate excellent behaviour in and out of school.

Well done to all involved!



## DISTRICT TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Nate, Zavier, Miller, Oscar and Caleb who on Wednesday the 24th of March represented Holy Rosary at the District Tennis Tournament. This event was held at the Bendigo Tennis Centre. The boys had a great day, with Miller and Caleb making it to the finals. All boys played extremely well and it was fantastic to see them all displaying great sportsmanship and cheering each other along. Well done boys.

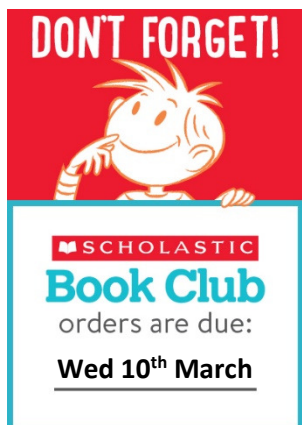
## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

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.

## THANKYOU

A big "Thank You" to Bakers Delight at Bendigo Marketplace for donating bread for our weekly Breakfast Program. Our school breakfast program is an important part of every Thursday morning where students are welcome to some toast and milo. For parents and teachers, helping our children have the best possible start to each day ensures they are ready to learn. Please support this local business if you can as they continue to generously support our school.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

The Issue 2 Book Club catalogue was sent home last 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.

Book Club offers students a wide range of titles in each issue, from popular and award-winning fiction series and charming new picture books, to fascinating nonfiction titles and hands-on activities that stimulate creativity and encourage problem-solving.

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://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5817/bc\\_guide\\_parent\\_2021\\_au.pdf](https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5817/bc_guide_parent_2021_au.pdf)

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

## HOW TO ORDER ON **Book Club**



**1.** Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school

**2.** Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read

**3.** Order online via the Scholastic Australia **LOOP** website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (**LOOP** orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)

**4.** The books are delivered to your child's classroom.



**LOOP** is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

- 1.** If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
- 2.** Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
- 3.** Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- 4.** Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
- 5.** Make payment via credit card.

## Wellbeing

### CYBERSAFETY

Last week I included information on the impact of screen time on children's education as well as social, emotional and physical wellbeing. With increased access to, and use of technology for education and social purposes, the issue of cybersafety is something we all need to be more aware of. In the 1990's there was often only one online device in the family home – the desktop computer with dial-up internet! By 2015 each Australian household averaged 9 devices and in 2021 there is an average of 17 connected devices per person including smart TV's, laptops, iPads, tablets, phones, home services such as Google Home and smart watches ([www.digitalhealth.gov.au](https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au)). Now, using the internet for employment, education and socialising provides us an opportunity to build skills and stay connected with others. Positive social support, albeit remotely, can improve our capacity to cope with stress and isolation. But how can we ensure that we are connecting with friends and family in a safe way? There are various online games, apps and chat rooms available, all offering fun and easy ways to stay connected. However, the reality is that online threats are very real, and in the current environment even more so, as more of us, including our children, utilise the internet to connect with others daily.

Parents can follow some simple steps, including understanding the various internet security settings, only having technology used in open spaces within the family home, setting time limits, and discussing internet safety with their children.

Some more useful tips for parents to manage their child's time on devices and make it safe include:

- talk to your child about staying safe on the internet
- monitor children's time online, particularly younger children
- set house rules – what's okay to do and what's not, how much time is 'online' time and what kind of personal information is okay to share and make public
- consider using filters or other technological tools to help limit exposure to potentially harmful or distressing material
- find out what children are up to, create your own accounts and play with the services they are using so that you become familiar with them
- model the kind of positive online behaviour you would like them to use.

You can find more information and resources at:

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner Facebook page\_or website [www.esafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)

Susan McLean is a former member of the Australian Police with over 30 years experience in cyber safety and young people.

She has a Facebook page and website [www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au](https://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au)

- Chantel White (Student Wellbeing)

## PARKING

Parking Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

*"The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.*

*Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.*

*With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.*

*City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules."*

## STUDENT NEWS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are Sophie O'Connell, Makenzie Giri, Isabel Kent, Riley Stevens, Ethan Crust and Fiona O'Connell. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FBG	Hazel Griffin
FNJ	Patrick O'Connell
1DC	Ruby Robertson
1ML	Annabelle Reeves
2DP	Shay Pearce
2LC	Lilah Caine
3CW	Sienna Millar
3ZD	Henry Kleinert
4AG	Lily Gaskin
4BS	Kayla Bell
5JE	Maddison Fawcett
5JO	Charlie Dickins
6MG	Mikayla Gladman
6TC	Tayla Holm

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, 25 students went to the Catholic School Swimming Sports after competing in a 50 metre event at the Holy Rosary Swimming Carnival. Great job and thankyou to all the teachers who came along and assisted throughout the day. The next stage of the swimming is called divisionals. Congratulations to the 9 students who qualified for divisionals. They will compete at Bendigo East on Friday 5th of March.

We spoke to one of our star swimmers to help recap the day. The day was cold and pretty crowded and there were no spectators allowed at the pool, which was probably unusual for the swimmers. The students that competed, competed in 50 metre swims and relays. Everyone that competed, all did extremely well and for the ones that qualified for divisionals, good luck for next Friday!

— Grade 6 Community Engagement Team.



# P&F NEWS

## 2021 EASTER FUNDRAISER

Our Easter fundraiser is fast approaching with our casual day on Friday 19th of March and our raffle drawn Thursday 25th March. Here are some key dates:

**Friday 19th March – Casual Clothes Day** - Students may come to school in casual clothes for a gold coin or Easter egg donation.

**Monday 22nd March – Raffle books returned to School** - Please ensure names & phone numbers or classroom details are included. Use both sides of the tickets. \$1.00 per ticket, \$20 per booklet.

**Thursday 25th March – Raffle drawn** - Winners will be notified on the day.

Good Luck and thank you for your support.

## CANTEEN 2021

**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). 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 are no longer be accepting cash orders for canteen. Orders must be placed online via Flexischools.
- There will be no window sales during 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



Fun Languages for Little Linguists

### Fun after-school Language Clubs 4 Kids

**Fun FRENCH (Beginner Primary)**  
Mondays 3.45pm – 4.45pm  
Mondays 5pm – 6pm

**Fun FRENCH (Intermediate Primary Level I)**  
*Done a bit of French before?*  
Tuesdays 3.45pm – 4.45pm

**Fun FRENCH (Advanced, 10-15yrs)**  
*Know lots of vocab?*  
Tuesdays 4.50pm – 5.50pm

**Fun CHINESE (Beginner Primary/Intermediate 10-15yrs)**  
Mondays 3.45pm – 4.45pm  
Wednesdays 3.45pm – 4.45pm  
Saturdays 9am – 10am

**Fun JAPANESE (Beginner Primary)**  
Taking expressions of interest for new class

**Fun Auslan (Beginner Primary)**  
Tuesdays 3.45pm – 4.45pm  
Saturday mornings 9am – 10am

\*ASK us about our Fun Language classes for **Pre-schoolers (2-5yrs)** on Monday mornings – Choose from French or Mandarin (Chinese). 45min classes for parent & child. Full of games, songs, craft, puppet play and drama/role play

**Are you interested in a fun, bilingual, after-school experience for your child?**

**CLASSES HELD CENTRAL BENDIGO**

Our passionate Language Teachers use games, craft, songs, puppets, drama/role plays and other fun activities to get your child using the language naturally & quickly. Affordable & Fun

Programs designed especially for young learners. Play-based and delivered in an immersion environment. **Sessions are messy, loud and full of laughter...**  
*Everyone is welcome!*

*Imagine your child putting on a play of 'The Three Little Pigs' in French, or playing shops & transacting in Mandarin, or walking to the café after-school & ordering in Japanese....*

**We can help your child become multilingual....**

Enquiries to Sally-Anne Symes m: 0418 390 824  
e: sally-anne.symes@lcfclubs.com.au

## Holy Rosary Primary School OSHC

**Pupil Free Day**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March**  
**8am – 6pm**

The YMCA will be operating full day care on this day.



To secure your place log into My Family Lounge and place a casual booking or contact us on **0467 555 572**

# 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](https://play.afl/auskick)

## HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 1 2021

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
<b>MARCH 2021</b>		
THUR 4th	9am - 11am	Ellen Cooper
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