



# NEWSLETTER

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## MASS TIMES

Holy Rosary – Hamelin St  
Saturday's 6pm & Sunday's 10am  
(Numbers Limited)

Or online at:

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

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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was great to have everyone back on site after the disruption of our most recent lockdown. The children and staff returned to face to face teaching incredibly well and it was wonderful to see the smiles on faces and enthusiasm shared across the school.

Today we welcome Paul Ould, Terry Corrigan and Arn Gorman to our school as the panel for principal appraisal. They will be here for two days and we're thankful to the many families who participated in the survey recently distributed. I was proud of the way in which the children welcomed our visitors, it was further affirmation for our school.

This Friday we have our Athletic carnival and unfortunately, we are unable to have spectators at the event. Mr Coates has worked incredibly hard to ensure the success of the day and we will be sure to keep everyone updated on our social media. The children are encouraged to wear house colours for the day. In other sports news we will have our girls and boys' footy teams participating in the interschools carnival on Wednesday and Thursday, a day of great fun and an opportunity to enjoy being out and about as a team. I wish everyone all the best in all their sporting pursuits this week.

Our Grade 5 children will head away to Camp Billabong on Wednesday next week for their camp. We are all excited and relieved that the camp can go ahead and wish the campers all the best as they participate in horse riding and outdoor education activities. Thanks to Ms O'Sullivan and Mr Epps for the work they have already done to prepare for a successful time away.

Finally, we are now in the thick of our 2022 enrolment interviews for Foundation next year. It is great to be able to meet the families and children who will begin their education journey next year. Again, if you are possibly moving on at the end of the year, please let me know to enable planning to continue.

## CALENDAR

### AUGUST 2021

Wed 4	Gr 5/6 Boys Football Carnival
Thur 5	Gr 5/6 Girls Football Carnival
Fri 6	Holy Rosary Athletics Carnival
Wed 11 – Fri 13	Grade 5 Camp
Sat 14	Harte House Community Mass – 6pm
Wed 18	Cyber Safety Night (Gr 5 & 6) – 7pm
Thur 19	Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival
Fri 20	Canteen - Pizza Day
Mon 23 – Fri 27	Book Week

### SEPTEMBER 2021

Fri 3	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Sun 5	Father's Day
Mon 6	Father's Day: Donut's for Dad – 7.45am
Mon 13 – Fri 17	Health & PE Week
Tue 14	Reconciliation Sacrament Mass – 6pm
Fri 17	Last Day Term 3 – 2.15pm dismissal

### OCTOBER 2021

Mon 4	First Day Term 4
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Check out our school Facebook page to stay up to date with the latest news!

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

Paul Wilkinson  
Principal

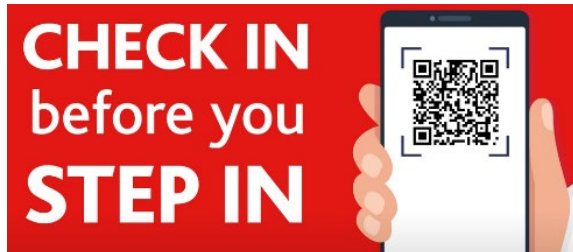
# SCHOOL NEWS

## STUDENT ILLNESS

Let's make sure Holy Rosary continues to stay COVIDSafe. Keeping your child at home when they are sick or feeling unwell is so important to ensuring we can achieve this goal. Please continue to practise good hygiene and even if your child has the mildest of cold or flu like symptoms you should seek medical advice and get them tested for COVID-19.



## QR CODE CHECK IN IS NOW MANDATORY



The use of Service Victoria QR codes for electronic record keeping is now mandatory in all schools to enable the effective contact tracing of any COVID-19 cases. We encourage everyone to use them, however the regulations require **QR check ins MUST be used by:**

- all visitors on school site (including contractors, CES and other external staff and building and maintenance staff)
- all parents who enter school buildings when on school site

**QR code check-ins are not required to be used by staff, students, or parents who come onto school grounds for drop off or pick up ONLY & do not enter buildings**

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### SACRAMENT PHOTOS – GRADE 3 EUCHARIST

The proofs of the gorgeous photos taken by Andy Banks on the day of the Holy Rosary First Eucharist Sacrament Mass have arrived and can be viewed in the School Office. Orders need to be placed by **THIS** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 4pm. Please note, payment is required upon ordering (cash or cheque only).

### GRADE 2 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our Grade 2 students have begun preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank-you to all the parents who engaged in our online google meet last Monday. The children will be receiving their 1st Rite of Reconciliation on Tuesday 14th September at 6pm.

### PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 REPORT

PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 concluded at the end of the financial year. Last year, Project Compassion 2020 was cut short and as expected, donations were well down. This year has seen the campaign almost restored to 2019 (pre-COVID) levels and more so in Sandhurst.

Nationally, Project Compassion raised \$10.1 million which is a little over 5% less than the \$10.7 million in 2019. Sandhurst Diocese can be very proud of its contribution of \$526,000 which is an increase of over 6% compared to \$496,000 in 2019. **THANK YOU** for your particular part in this.

### NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION WEEK: 2-8 AUGUST

In Australia there are over 116,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night. Homelessness Week aims to raise awareness of the impact of homelessness on Australians via national and local community events, including providing information on the importance of housing as a solution and educating communities on how they can make a difference.

We have a St. Vincent De Paul donation box available in the school office, if you can spare a few coins for this worthy cause it would be greatly appreciated.



**HELP END THE PAIN OF POVERTY. DONATE TODAY.**  
Please give by calling 13 18 12 or visiting [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)

 St Vincent de Paul Society  
good works



## SCHOOL SPORT

### – WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

*Troy Coates (PE Coordinator)*



#### HOLY ROSARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (WHOLE SCHOOL) - FRIDAY 6TH AUGUST

We are excited that our school athletics will be going ahead on **Friday the 6th of August for all students at Holy Rosary**. Thanks to everyone for signing the PAM note for this excursion. This note has all relevant information regarding this event.

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID regulations there will be no spectators at this event, just the students, teachers and adult helpers on each event. We understand this is disappointing.

It appears there will be a lot of rain this week. As athletics is an all-weather sport, we will try our best for this to go ahead. If it is raining, we might **ONLY** do the track events for Grades 3-6 and attempt to do the field events at school on another day. Please note, rescheduling the sports is not an option, as the athletics track does not have any spare days before the next level of competition.

Please send your child with appropriate warm clothing and we encourage students to wear their House colours on this day.

**GRADE 3 PARENTS:** Please note, your child's age group is only eligible for 4 events at the Catholic sports: 100m, 80m Hurdles, Long Jump and Shot Put. They also do not progress from the Catholic level.

Thank you for your understanding and support - *Mr Coates (PE Coordinator)*

#### UPCOMING SPORTS CARNIVALS

**NEW DATE: INTERSCHOOL BOYS FOOTBALL (GRADE 5/6) – WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Leaving 9am SHARP. More information has been sent out via PAM.

**NEW DATE: INTERSCHOOL GIRLS FOOTBALL (GRADE 5/6) – THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Leaving 9am SHARP. More information has been sent out via PAM.

**POSTPONED: INTERSCHOOL NETBALL CARNIVAL (GRADE 6) – DATE TBC**

More information will be sent out via PAM & the newsletter when available.

#### PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care provides a strong sense of community across our school. The pastoral care program can assist families in many ways. Pastoral care offers assistance for students and families who may experience change, grief and loss, hardship, or celebration of new babies. As we continue to navigate our way through the ever-evolving world of Covid19 we are all experiencing a change in some way. If your child is experiencing difficulties like the transition to school or back into school routine there are many avenues of assistance you can access to assist. Further to this, the pastoral care team can support families with meals, information on support services and students' participation in programs such as Seasons for Growth.

If you would like to make contact with the pastoral care team or are aware of a family who would benefit from contact with the pastoral care team please contact Megan Gerrish or Paul Wilkinson.

#### SEASONS FOR GROWTH

The *Seasons for Growth* Children and Young People's Program strengthens the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people who have experienced significant change or loss in their lives. The program provides a safe learning environment for children and young people where they can give voice to their experiences, understand and befriend their feelings, learn skills that help them adapt, develop friendships and recognise 'I'm not the only one'.

*Seasons for Growth* is an innovative, evidence-based change, loss and grief education program that draws on the metaphor of the seasons to understand the experience of grief. It builds the knowledge and skills necessary to strengthen social and emotional wellbeing following significant loss by:

- Exploring the impact of change and loss
- Learning about effective ways to respond and adapt

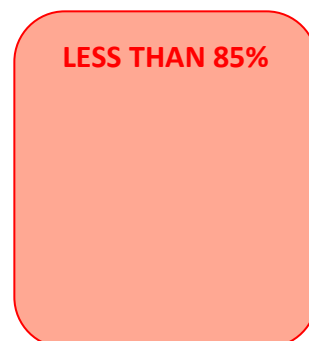
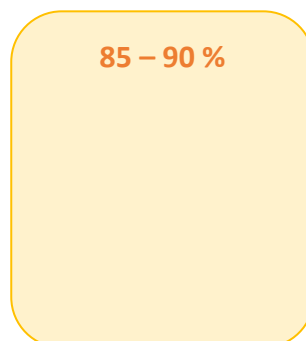
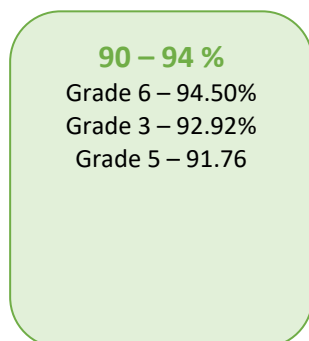
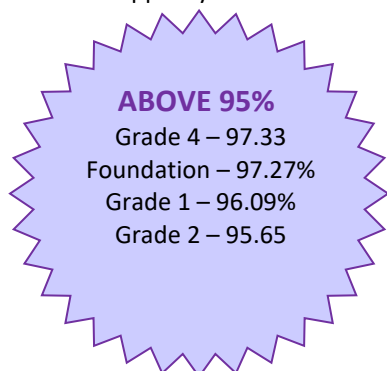
Participants learn that they are not alone in their experience of change, loss and grief and are able to build their communication, decision making and problem-solving skills within the context of a safe and supportive peer group learning environment.

The *Seasons for Growth* program will be facilitated by Sue Johns and Megan Gerrish during Term 3. If you think your child would benefit from participating in the program, please contact Megan Gerrish or Paul Wilkinson for further information.



## WHY GOOD ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop: important skills and knowledge to help them learn, social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and teamwork. If you are finding it difficult for your child to attend school on a regular basis please speak to their classroom teacher or make contact with the pastoral care team. There are many factors why children may not want to attend school on a regular basis. With support and assistance from the school, we can explore these factors with you and your child and support your child to attend school regularly. - Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care Coordinator)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO WEEK THREE'S ATTENDANCE LEADERS: Grade 4!

**Our whole school average for Week 3 was 95.08%**



### BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

#### - FREE PARENT PROGRAM

Parents and carers of children at Holy Rosary Primary School have an opportunity in Term 4 to participate in 'Bringing Up Great Kids', a free parent program.

Have you ever thought about wanting some new ways to help your child cope with the ups and downs of life? To learn parent approaches to remain calm when things get stressful in your family? To teach your kids about strong feelings and how they can manage them better?

These "feelings skills" are really important to help children make and keep friends, do well at school and feel good about themselves. To help our child learn these valuable skills, we must also explore our role as parents and what influences and shapes us as parents, from past experiences to present challenges.

The program aims to provide information and resources to support parents to:

- learn more about the origins of their own parenting style and how it can be more effective;
- learn more about brain development in children and its influence on their thoughts, feelings and behaviour;
- understand the meaning of children's behaviour;
- discover how to overcome some of the obstacles getting in the way of them being the kind of parent they would like to be
- develop strategies to manage their parenting approach despite the mounting daily pressures
- discover ways for parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it

**It is a 6-week program which will run on Thursdays 9-11am commencing 21<sup>st</sup> October** at the school. It will be facilitated by Chantel White (Student Wellbeing Worker).

Places are strictly limited to 10 parents/carers.

If you would like to find out more about the program, contact Chantel White or Paul Wilkinson on 5448 4280.

**If you'd like to register for the program please complete an Expression of Interest form and return to the school no later than Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August.** Forms will be available from the office. Alternatively contact the office to let them know you'd like to participate. - Chantel White (Student Wellbeing Worker)



# STUDENT NEWS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Rex Bell, Ruby Douglas, Zethan Jensen, Nathaniel Bain, Edison Prange, Arlie Brown & Remmi Comer. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



	Students of the Week
FBG	Anna Papworth
FNJ	Matilda Schultz
1DC	Lucas Sargeant
1ML	Frankie Connors
2DP	Owen Bell
2LC	Maitilda Kearns
3CW	Grace Kentish
3ZD	Hunter Sloan
4AG	Oliver Munday
4BS	Alex Hilson
5JE	Ivy Sargeant
5JO	Lincon Kent
6MG	Marlee McRae
6TC	Naite Paul

# P&F NEWS

## CANTEEN ON THURSDAY THIS WEEK!

Canteen will run on **THURSDAY this week** as students will be off site during play 1 on Friday for the school Athletics Carnival. Please make sure all orders are placed by **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> August at 9am**.

## CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS – TERM 3

A HUGE thank you to the parents who put their hand up to help out in our canteen during Term 2!

As we are now back onsite we need to see some of our lovely parent and community faces (and hands) in the school to help out! If you are able to volunteer 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.



## SCHOOL RUN 4 FUN: COLOUR EXPLOSION

Did you hear the exciting news? We are hosting a Colour Explosion School Fun Run with Australian Fundraising! 🏃 The brightest day at school is coming!

Fundraising is now open online! Sponsorship booklets will be handed out soon. Jump on now and create your profile at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au)

Big prizes are up for grabs! Raise at least \$10 and your child can choose from a selection of awesome prizes. You can also share in \$200k of extra prize credit, win a Razor Prize Pack, and become a Fundraising MonSTAR! ★

# HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN

## VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 3 2021

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS	
AUGUST 2021			
WED 4th	9am - 11am	Volunteer Needed	-
THUR 5th	9am - 12noon	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
THUR 5th	11am - 12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
THUR 5th	1:30 - 2:30pm	Charlotte Healy	Volunteer Needed
THUR 12th	9am - 11am	Tamara McIntosh	-
FRI 13th	9am - 12noon	Jade Davies	Jess Brown
FRI 13th	11am - 12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
FRI 13th	1:30 - 2:30pm	Mardi Holland	Christine Mather
THUR 19th	9am - 11am	Volunteer Needed	-
PIZZA DAY - FRI 20th	10am - 12noon	Susie Young	Emma Gibbons
PIZZA DAY - FRI 20th	10.50am - 12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
PIZZA DAY - FRI 20th	1:30 - 2:30pm	Jen Ball	Volunteer Needed
THUR 26th	9am - 11am	Charlotte Healy	-
FRI 27th	9am - 12noon	Dea Robertson	Jen T
FRI 27th	11am - 12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
FRI 27th	1:30 - 2:30pm	Cathy Harrington	Volunteer Needed
SEPTEMBER 2021			
WED 1st	9am - 11am	Kellie Carter	-
THUR 2nd	9am - 12noon	Emma Gibbons	Volunteer Needed
THURS 2nd	11am - 12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
THURS 2nd	1:30 - 2:30pm	Charlotte Healy	Volunteer Needed
THUR 9th	9am - 11am	Tamara McIntosh	-
FRI 10th	9am - 12noon	Jade Davies	Jess Brown
FRI 10th	11am - 12noon	Dea Robertson	-
FRI 10th	1:30 - 2:30pm	Jen Ball	Volunteer Needed

## Holy Rosary After School Care



After School Care operates daily at the school from 3.15pm – 6.00pm

To enrol your child/ren please log on to YMCA children's program and register on MY Family Lounge.

<https://childrensprogram.ymca.org.au/after-school-programs/holy-rosary>

Alternatively, if you have any questions regarding After School Care and our program feel free to phone on 0467 555 572

**Afternoon Snack**

**Craft**

**Collaboration**

You may be eligible for the **childcare subsidy**. Please use this link to get an indication of what you are entitled to:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy/how-much-you-can-get>