



# 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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I hope everyone had a great break and were able to rest and recharge ready for another busy term. Indeed, the shadow cast by COVID again appears to loom large on the community as we enter Term 3, we expect RATs to continue to be distributed and we encourage children to remain home if they present with any symptoms.

Children who are considered a close contact are permitted to attend school, however they must complete a RAT for at least 5 out of 7 days and wear a mask at all times when indoors at school. We anticipate the guidelines for school settings may change during the Term and I will endeavour to provide the information as this comes to hand.

Our COLA (covered outdoor learning area) is awaiting some small approvals and I share everyone's frustration at the moment, however I expect the drive through to open within the next fortnight and the new admin building to be opened at the beginning of August.

We are working towards building our next Strategic Plan and will be surveying families and gathering information at a community consultation on Tuesday 2nd August at 6.30pm with the School Council. The challenges of the past few years have certainly made this an important opportunity for consultation and input from the broader school community.

Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation and first Eucharist on Saturday night. It was wonderful to share the evening with you all and again we thank Fr Minh for being able to provide such a flexible and welcoming environment for the children and their families.

As we enter the second semester, our enrolments for Prep/Foundation in 2023 have closed and we look forward to beginning the interview process for the children joining our school next year. In addition if families are moving on, as happens, please let me know to support the transition to another setting as well as for our future planning.

## CALENDAR

### JULY 2022

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Conversations
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Conversations
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Netball Carnival (Gr 6)
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	McCarthy House Community Mass – 6pm
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Football Carnival (Gr 5/6)

### AUGUST 2022

Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School Advisory Council Meeting
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Rosary Athletics Carnival
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5 Camp
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Harte House Community Mass – 6pm
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bendigo Health Dental Screening Visits
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pupil Free Day – Staff PD</b>
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week Dress Up Parade
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	Coliban Water Incursion (Gr 3)

### SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day Breakfast
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 4 Camp
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Health & PE Week
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day Term 3</b>



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

Finally, the introduction of new Child Safe standards, with 11 standards replacing the 7 previous, will mean changes to the way things are done particularly around volunteers and photography. We will endeavour to provide information regarding these requirements through the newsletter. You will also find policies updated on our website. Again, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly.

Go Cats!



Paul Wilkinson (Principal)

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **CHANGE OF DATES: LEARNING CONVERSATIONS & PUPIL FREE DAY**

Please note that since our last newsletter, there has been a change of date for our upcoming Learning Conversations and our scheduled Pupil Free Day for this Term.

**The new dates**, as seen in the calendar are;

Learning Conversations – Term 3, Week 2 - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Pupil Free Day – Term 3, Week 7 - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August

### **NOTIFYING ABSENCES VIA PAM**

Thank you to those parents who have been using PAM to notify us of their child's absence. It has been great to see an increase in parent use. PAM is quick and efficient for both parents and our office staff.

However, we would like to remind parents that PAM should only be used to notify the school of full day absences. If a child is going to be late to school, or collected early, **we require parents to come to the office and sign students in and out manually on drop off or collection.**

While the online system does allow part day absences, the office does not receive any notifications for these absences so they can get missed. Part day absences added in this way can also negatively affect your child's attendance record as they directly affect the classroom rolls.



### **BUS TRAVEL: MASKS TO BE WORN**

As per the latest School Operations Guide from Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) masks are to be worn by students over the age of 8 years old when travelling on public transport. This includes our school bus and buses that are transporting students to and from any school events.

### **CHILD SAFETY - TAKING PHOTOS AT SCHOOL EVENTS**

Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd (CES) has recently implemented new policies in relation to the updated Child Safe Standards (Ministerial Order 1359).

As per the **CES Child Safety Policy - Photographing, Filming and Recording (Students)**, the school has a duty of care to take *'all reasonably practicable steps to manage the risks to student safety and wellbeing arising from the inappropriate taking and use of such images (photographs, videos/recordings/films).* ...

*The school acknowledges that parents/carers/guardians will want to take photographs or videos/recordings/films of their children while they are engaged in school-related activities, and that in practical terms, the school may not be able to control when images are taken and how they are used .... [but ask parents to consider the] risks of publishing the photographs or videos/recordings/films and how to best protect the students' safety and privacy.'*

As such, we ask that parents be mindful that they do not include other student's in any photos they take, as much as is practicable and consider the privacy of their own and other's children, when sharing photos taken at school events.



## SCHOOL SPORT – WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

*Troy Coates & Sophie Taylor (PE Coordinators)*



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday 20th July:** Netball Carnival for Grade 6 students at Golden City.

**Wednesday 27th July:** Football Carnival for Grade 5/6 students is at Kennington PS.

Please refer to your PAM note for all further details. We look forward to these events.



### How Can We Help?

In the Pastoral Care / Wellbeing Team we would like 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.

#### We may assist with

- Practical Help (Meals, groceries etc)
  - A Listening Ear
  - School Attendance
- General information & advice, with links to outside agencies & community support

*- Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care Leader)*

## STUDENT NEWS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Harrison Allen, Liliana Dingey, Lily Gaskin, Callen Murton, Madeleine Marchment, Ella Ahn, Edith Bain and Charlie Doherty. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

During the school holidays, the following students also celebrated their birthdays; Regan Bateson, Charlie Boland, Evelyn Ferguson, Katelyn Moulday, Hugo Marwood, Lucas Sargeant, Indiana Van Der Hagen, Levi Macumber & Evie Kennedy. We hope you all enjoyed your special day!

## P&F NEWS

### CHANGES TO ABSENT CHILDREN & LUNCH ORDERS

Due to the large number of children absent each week, the canteen will **no longer be able to hold over lunch orders** for children who are absent.

If your child is absent, the order will be cancelled and the money will be refunded through Flexischools. This means a new order will need to be placed on the next occasion.

We also ask that you contact Lindy Vance prior to 8:30am on Friday morning (either on Facebook or by text msg to 0409 067 404) if you know your child will not be needing their lunch order, this way the food will not be prepared/wasted (big thanks to those parents who already notify Lindy, it is appreciated very much).

**This change was put into effect on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.** Any orders that had been held over in previous weeks have now been refunded.

### CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are once again on the search for volunteers for this term in our canteen, if you or anyone in your extended family is keen to help out during the remainder of the year please get in touch.

Please note, all volunteers must report to the school office to sign in and must provide a copy of the WCC or VIT card and other necessary volunteer paperwork. Volunteers **DO NOT need to hold a Food Handling Certificate.**

If you are able to volunteer in our Canteen, please contact Lindy Vance on 0409 067 404.

# HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN

## VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 3 2022

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
<b>JULY 2022</b>		
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 11am	Volunteer Needed
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	11am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	9am – 11am	Volunteer Needed
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	11am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 11am	Volunteer Needed
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	11am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
<b>AUGUST 2022</b>		
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 11am	Volunteer Needed
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	11am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 11am	Volunteer Needed
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	11am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 11am	Volunteer Needed
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	11am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 11am	Volunteer Needed
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	11am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
<b>SEPTEMBER 2022</b>		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	9am – 11am	Volunteer Needed
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	9am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	11am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 11am	Volunteer Needed
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	11am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 11am	Volunteer Needed
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	11am – 12pm	Volunteer Needed
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm – 2.30pm	No window sales

## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) On School Students with Disability

### What is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data?

Schools must now complete the *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)* every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or “help” at school because of a disability. The NCCD helps governments plan for the needs of students with disability.

### Who is counted in the data collection?

To count a student in the NCCD, schools must think through some key questions:

1. Is the student getting help at school so that they can take part in education on the same basis as other students?
2. Is the help given because of a disability? The word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA) and it can include many students.
3. Has the school talked to you or your child about the help that they provide?
4. Has the school kept records about the help they provide, the student needs and the reasons that the student needs this help? The school will need to keep copies of tests, student work, assessments, records of meetings, medical reports or other paperwork and information about how the student’s learning is moving along over time.

Once the school decides that the student should be counted in the NCCD, they then choose a disability group and one of four levels of help that has been given to the student.

### What does the word ‘disability’ mean in the NCCD?

In the NCCD the word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA). There are four types of disability that the school can choose from: sensory, cognitive, social-emotional and physical.

Many students that need help at school can be counted in the NCCD. For example, students with learning problems, e.g. specific learning disability or reading difficulty (sometimes called dyslexia), health problems (e.g. epilepsy or diabetes), physical disability (e.g. cerebral palsy), vision/hearing loss and social-emotional problems (e.g. selective mutism, Autism Spectrum Disorder, anxiety).

Letters from doctors or specialists can be very helpful for schools as they plan how to support students with their learning. Schools do not need to have these letters before they can count a

student in NCCD. Teachers can use all that they know about the student's learning and the records that they have collected over time to decide if a student can be counted in the NCCD.

### **What sort of help does the school give students?**

Students need different types of help at school. Some students need a little help sometimes while other students need a lot of help nearly all the time. The type of help given depends on the needs of the student. The help can include changes to the school buildings or grounds (e.g. ramps or things like special desks or chairs), extra teacher help in classes, special learning programs, changes to the work they give the student or extra adult help.

### **How will the NCCD be different this year?**

All schools have been counting students in the NCCD since 2015. The government will use the NCCD data as part of the funding to schools.

### **What will the school need to know about my child for the NCCD?**

Schools work together with families to understand the needs of each child. It is helpful if families give their child's teacher a copy of any letters or reports they have. The letters or reports will help the school understand the child and the help that they might need. Letters from doctors, psychologists, speech pathologists, doctor, and occupational therapists etc. can be very helpful for schools. These reports along with information that the teacher has (i.e. school based tests, your child's work and learning plans) helps the school to understand and meet your child's needs.

### **What happens to the NCCD data? Who will have the NCCD information?**

Each school principal must check the NCCD data in August of each year. The school will give the information to the Catholic Education Office. The school will work with the Catholic Education Office to make sure that the NCCD data is OK before they give the data to the government. The government will not be given the names of any students or any letters or records. Please ask your school for their privacy policy if you need to know more.

### **Does the school need me to agree with them about counting my child in the NCCD?**

Amendments were made to the [Australian Education Act 2013](#) and [Australian Education Regulation 2013](#). Schools do not need you to agree to let them count a child in the NCCD. You cannot ask the school not to count your child.

### **Where can I find out more?**

Please contact your child's school if you have further questions about the NCCD and/or refer to the national [NCCD Portal](#).