



NEWSLETTER

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HOLY ROSARY WEB SITE: www.hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au

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

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2022

Mon 21st – Tue 29th PSG Meetings
Tue 22nd 2023 Foundation Transition Sessions
Tue 29th – Fri 2nd Swimming Program (F – 2)

DECEMBER 2022

Tue 29th – Fri 2nd Swimming Program (F – 2)
Thur 1st Cricket Competition (Gr 6)
Tue 6th 2023 Foundation Orientation Session
Tue 6th 2022-2023 Orientation Session
Wed 7th Gr 6 Graduation Mass
Wed 14th Whole School Mass – 9.15am
Wed 14th Last Day Term 4 (Students) – 3.15pm finish
Fri 16th Last Day Term 4 (Staff)

JANUARY 2023

Fri 27th First Day Term 1 (Staff)
Mon 30th First Day Term 1 (Students)



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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Sunday's Gospel had the clear message, 'to trust that God wants us to have everlasting life with him'. Instead of being afraid, we are called to find strength and courage in God's love and persevere in our faith. The Gospel makes it clear that we should persevere in our faith and be faithful disciples. We are most responsible for evangelising our own children. There is an expression, "Faith is caught, not taught." How do our children see us live out our faith? How do we witness the greatness of God's love and our personal response to that love? Share with your child(ren) what it means for you to walk with Jesus. As we approach the Advent and Christmas season, and the busyness of the year becomes more apparent, we are called to model our faith in everything we say and do.

In addition, as we come toward the end of the year, the 'Vinnies' Christmas appeal becomes our focus for social justice and our Catholic Identity leadership team. All classes have a basket for donations as we look to support those in the community who may need our care and support. The children at all levels are incredibly proud of the way we contribute to this appeal and look forward to continuing our wonderful commitment to this work.

We will have our next transition visit for next year's Prep group and look forward to building on last week's visit. It was great to see the children settle in well and have a lot of fun as they begin the journey in primary school. All children will have an opportunity to spend some time with their new teachers on our Orientation day 6th December.

School supervision begins at 8.30am. A reminder that children should not be waiting on the tennis courts prior to school, it is a drive through and as such has associated risk when children are waiting unsupervised. The playground and front gates are far safer options.

A reminder that school fee accounts were also sent out recently, should families have difficulties or challenges associated with fees please contact me to discuss options.

Paul Wilkinson (Principal)

SCHOOL NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sheree & James Neumann on the safe arrival of Branch Neumann born on Wednesday 9th November. Brother to Dakota (5JE), Willow (3CW), Oliver and Otto.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

ADVENT

The first week of Advent begins on Sunday 28th November. Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical year in the church calendar. The church has three liturgical cycles: A, B and C. This year we will be return to Year A, which focuses on the Gospel of Matthew.

The word 'Advent' means 'coming'. When we light the candles on the wreath, it symbolises the coming of light (Jesus) into the world.

Candle 1 (violet): represents hope

Candle 2 (violet): represents peace

Candle 3 (rose): represents joy

Candle 4 (violet): represents love

The central white candle is lit on Christmas Day and represents Christ.

This Advent we will learn, act and pray for a more just and fair world – a world full of hope, peace, joy, and love.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

HOPE

Light the first candle of hope.



Christ our Hope,
Shine in our lives with hope
and promise. Open our eyes to
see you in others. Help us to
be people of hope.
We await your coming with
gratitude.
Amen



Advent is a special time in
the church year when we
prepare and get ready to
celebrate the birth of Jesus.



HOLY ROSARY
PRIMARY SCHOOL
LEADERS FOR TOMORROW

**VINNIES
CHRISTMAS
HAMPER APPEAL**

Christmas is a special time of the year when we think of others. We ask all families at Holy Rosary to please consider those less fortunate this holiday season and to participate in the Holy Rosary Christmas Hamper Appeal by donating an item or two...

Foundation - Toiletry Items	Grade 3 - Holiday Treats
Grade 1 - Grains & Pasta	Grade 4 - Savoury Items
Grade 2 - Tinned Foods	Grade 5 - Condiments
	Grade 6 - Breakfast Cereals

Please donate items into Classroom or Office hamper baskets
by Friday 9th December.

PASTORAL WELLBEING

The weather is certainly not indicating we are about to move into summer. As a school, we are about to start to share in the joy of Advent and the season of Christmas. A time of sharing and giving a little more love and kindness. A time when our school collects to share in the giving of the Vinnies Appeal. Our FoodShare Pantry continues to support many families in our school and the wider community. Again dry, fresh and frozen goods are available, please speak to your child's classroom teacher or myself if you would like items sent home. - Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)



SCHOOL SPORT – WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

Troy Coates & Sophie Taylor (PE Coordinators)



F-2 SWIMMING LESSONS

Next week, our F-2 students will be participating in swimming lessons at the Gurri Wanyarra Leisure Centre. An email has been circulated to parents of students in years F-2 with further information. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's classroom teacher or the PE Coordinators. Many Thanks, Sophie Taylor & Troy Coates

LIBRARY NEWS



As we quickly approach the end of the school year, this week (week 8) will be the last week for student borrowing of library books.

All library books will need to be returned during week 9. Thank you for your assistance with this matter. – *Fiona Teasdale (Librarian)*

TERM 4 PROGRAM SUPPORT MEETING (PSG'S)

Term 4 PSG meetings begin today and will run this week through to Tuesday 29th November. You can view your allocated time via PAM. A link to access the online meeting will become visible on your PAM account on the day of your appointment.

- *Mandy Antoniadis (Learner Diversity Leader)*

CYBER SAFETY

Many of us are finding we are being sent links, receiving phone calls and having many strangers ask us for details over the phone or online. Please be aware this is the time of year our children can also find themselves being asked to click on links or websites that they may think are safe, but behind the colour and sound are people who are wanting to take advantage of both children and adults. There are many resources online to help be informed and stay safe online. This week I am sharing a link to the eSafety Website which provides information on how to secure your device and be on the lookout for emails, websites or links that may pose a risk to online safety - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with/security-and-privacy-for-my-device>

- *Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)*



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)



Explaining Absences

Report your child's absence before school commences

Provide a reason for your child's absence

Notify the school of any upcoming absence

STUDENT NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Thomas Marchment, Jayda Damiani, Zane Cini, Senna Comer, Jasper Crennan, Joshua Mason & Lucy Patching. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



	Students of the Week
FMM	Mikayla
FNJ	Autumn
1GS	Charli
1ML	Ngaire
2JH	Levi
2SD	Isaac
3CW	Kaia
3OG	Remmi
4DC	Lola
4LS	Sienna
5JE	Owen
5JO	Fiona
6MG	Ivy
6TC	Eleanor

COLOUR RUN

On Friday 11th November, the whole school participated in the Colour Fun Run fundraiser for our COLA. In total, the school raised just over \$10,000, what an awesome effort! Students were encouraged to run through obstacles laid out around the school whilst the Grade 6 students sprayed them with non-toxic colourful powder. It was heaps of fun and great to see parents gathered around the school supporting their children. Thank you to Mr Coates and Mrs Taylor for organising this event making the day enjoyable for everyone. - Grade 6 Community Engagement Team

P&F NEWS

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Canteen Volunteer roster still has many spots to fill for Term 4! If you or anyone in your extended family is keen to help out during the remainder of the year, please get in touch with Lindy Vance on 0409 067 404.

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.**



PIZZA & PASTA DAY

THIS Friday 25th November

Please order via Flexischools by Thursday 24th June @ 9am.



- PIZZA meal deal -
1 Slice of Pizza and a drink
OR

- PASTA meal deal -
1 serve of Bolognese Pasta and a drink

Extra Pizza slices available
Add a Homemade Cookie (Chocolate Chip) or Donkey Drop (Rum Ball)

Pizza – Hawaiian, BBQ Meat Lovers, Cheese Lovers, Ham & Cheese
Drink – Chocolate Milk, Strawberry Milk, Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Apple & Blackcurrant Juice

Please Note: Ordering is available via Flexischools only. No late orders or cash/paper bag orders will be accepted.



Everybody loves freshly baked cookies! And Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough's absolutely dough-licious cookie dough tubs are exclusive to Australian Fundraising!

Jump online and order a tub (or 10) and not only will you be able to enjoy some of these fantastic treats but you'll also be helping our school and earning yourself some amazing prizes! **Ordering closes at 8pm this Thursday 24th November.**

How do we create a Fundraising Page? Creating a fundraising page is easy!

1. Visit www.australianfundraising.com.au and click the "Cookie Dough Login" button on the home page.
Then click the register button to fundraise on the cybersafe, Billy G's Cookie Dough platform.
2. Choose your goals and create a unique avatar!
3. Place your order using the "Order Now" button and share your fundraising page with your family and friends via the "Share" section so they can start buying some yummy cookie dough. Easy!

COMMUNITY NEWS



MARIST BRASS
PRESENT

Carols in the Cathedral

Sunday 11th December 2022

7:30PM - GOLD COIN ENTRY

Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo

Featuring
Marist Brass Band & the Marist Academy of Brass
With special guests
Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir
& the Marist College Choir

Find us on Facebook

Community Christmas Festival



Bendigo
Garden
for the Future

DEC 3rd 4.30pm

Games & Food Trucks, Carols from 6pm



L'Arche Christmas Market

At The Good Loaf
404 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

Sunday November 27, 2022
10am—2pm

- Plants
- Produce
- Christmas cakes & Puddings
- Cakes & Slices
- Craft
- BBQ
- L'Arche Artwork
- Vintage Kitchenalia
- Raffle

And much more



BENDIGO LEGO USER GROUP PRESENTS

BRICK RELIEF 2022

A LEGO® FAN EXHIBITION
RAISING FUNDS FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE CENTRAL VICTORIAN FLOODS

NOV 26-27
10-5 SAT
10-4 SUN

GIRTON GYM
17 VINE ST BENDIGO

TICKETS: **BRICK RELIEF .AU**

HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN

VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 4 2022

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS	
NOVEMBER 2022			
THUR 24th	9.00am - 11.00am	Carine Comer	-
PIZZA DAY FRI 25th	10.00am - 12.00pm	Laura Prange	Emma Gibbons
PIZZA DAY FRI 25th	11.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
FRI 25th	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Josie Postlethwaite	Volunteer Needed
DECEMBER 2022			
THUR 1st	9.00am - 11.00am	Rachael Sutton	-
FRI 2nd	9.00am - 12.00pm	Suzie Young	Dea Robertson
FRI 2nd	11.00am – 12.00pm	Laura Prange	-
FRI 2nd	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Jen Ball	Tamara McIntosh
THUR 8th	9.00am - 11.00am	Carine Comer	-
FRI 9th	9.00am - 12.00pm	Laura Prange	Rachael Sutton
FRI 9th	11.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed	-
FRI 9th	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Lesley Lloyd	Volunteer Needed