



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 Sunday's 10am
Weekday Masses – Tues - Sat 9.15am
St Francis Xavier – Strickland Rd
Sunday – 8.30am

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2022

Wed 14 th	Whole School Mass – 9.15am
Wed 14 th	Last Day Term 4 (Students) – 3.15pm finish
Fri 16 th	Last Day Term 4 (Staff)

JANUARY 2023

Thur 26 th	Australia Day Public Holiday
Fri 27 th	First Day Term 1 (Staff)
Fri 27 th	Uniform Shop Open – 10am -2pm
Mon 30 th	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/>

2023 TERM DATES

TERM 1:

Fri 27 January – Thu 6th April
(Students return Mon 30th)

TERM 2:

Mon 24th April – Fri 23rd June

TERM 3:

Mon 10th July – Fri 15th September

TERM 4:

Mon 2nd October – Wed 20th December
(Last Day for students TBC)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Another extraordinary year for us all, without the lockdowns and regulations of the past few years. It was fantastic to be able to return to somewhat a normal sense of school. I again must thank our fantastic staff for the way they again stayed true to their role and often went above and beyond to ensure the children had every opportunity to succeed.

Orientation Day was a great opportunity to meet our new Foundation students for 2023 and we also welcomed our new teaching staff who spent the day acquainting themselves with our school and the children. Our Grade 6 children had an exciting day at their various secondary schools and from all reports are excited and ready for the next step in their education journey.

Last Wednesday night we celebrated the end of primary schooling for our Grade 6 children. It was refreshing and indeed important to be able to celebrate with mass and a formal presentation ceremony. Parents and children gathered in the church with staff and celebrant Fr Minh and afterwards the Parish catered for our end of year gathering in the Parish Centre. A big thank you to all staff involved, especially Mr Coates, Mrs Gerrish and Mrs McConnell who have worked over and above to ensure we all had a chance to celebrate such a significant milestone in the lives of the children and their families.

We also farewell staff, most significantly Mrs Marilyn McKnight, who ends over 50 years of service to education. Marilyn has worked tirelessly with children in developing their literacy skills and her passion for reading and ensuring every child has a chance to experience the joy of reading is a credit to her. Many children have benefitted from her additional support, even through COVID, she worked harder to provide learning opportunities for the children. We say thank you Marilyn on behalf of the school and the many children and families who you have supported and taught. We trust retirement will be filled with much joy with your family.

Mrs Taylor will also be taking time away as she and husband Cameron prepare for the birth of their second child, a brother or sister for Teddy. We wish Sophie all the best for the coming year and look forward to seeing her in the future.

We also wish Mr Cairns every success in his move to St Peters. I wish him all the best for the next stage in his career and thank him for his dedication and service over 11 years at Holy Rosary.

Miss Johnston will also be moving North to NSW and we wish her every success for whatever the future holds knowing that all leaving staff members will be welcome at Holy Rosary.

We also wish Mr Gordon all the very best, in whatever the future holds and thank him for working with our Grade 1's for Term 4. We certainly have appreciated your work and contribution to our school.

Chantel White our Wellbeing worker will also be leaving, taking on extra duties at Kalianna and at Wycheproof, we thank her for all her work, helping support children, parents and staff through challenges and times of success.

Lastly, we farewell Mrs Treanor who will be spending more time in the Kinder setting. We thank her for all her care and dedication to the children in Grade 1 this year.

Children's reports will be released this afternoon, they should be read in conjunction with the comments made in the learning conversations as well as the children's portfolios and rubrics. We look forward to continuing to work together to meet children's goals and achieve their best.

Finally, the Marong Cup is on the horizon! We will need volunteers to ensure the day is again a success, please mark Saturday 18th February 2023 in your calendar for a fun day at the races!

Merry Christmas and a very safe and happy New Year to everyone.



Paul Wilkinson (Principal)

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS

We will come together for our final whole school Mass in the Church on Wednesday 14th December at 9.15am. We invite all of our parents, friends and community members to come together to celebrate the wonderful 2022 school year.



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)



SCHOOL SPORT

– WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

Troy Coates & Sophie Taylor (PE Coordinators)



HEALTH & PE WEEK WRAP UP

As part of our end of year Health & PE Week Celebrations, we participated in our school Christmas Walk on Thursday. It was a lot of fun dressing up in our Christmas accessories and walking/running around the school yard with our peers. It was also a nice opportunity for the Grade 6's to spend some time with their Buddies before the end of the year. Thank you everyone for your wonderful participation.

We also conducted our termly lunchtime Staff v. Gr 6 Student team game on Friday. This term we played hockey on the tennis courts and for the first time ever the Grade 6 students beat the teachers. What an achievement - the teachers will never live it down. Thank you to all staff and students who participated, it is always a brilliant way to finish off the term/year with some friendly competition and rivalry!



SWIMMING IN 2023

The Year 3-6 children will have their swimming lessons in the first Term again in 2023. Foundation – Grade 2 will be in Term 4.

Grade 3 - 6 Swimming Lesson Dates:

Tuesday 28th February Wednesday 1st March Thursday 2nd March Friday 3rd March

YEAR 3-6 SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS - MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

The day begins at 10am and will conclude at approximately 1.30pm. This will take place at Bendigo East Pool. Coffee Storm will be at the pool for your convenience.

The children will be invited to swim freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and invitational butterfly. They can choose between the distances of 25m kickboard, 25m or 50m.

SOME OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO BE MINDFUL OF IN 2023:



Swimming:

Catholic Swimming Sports (Year 3-6's): Thursday 16th February

Please note, year 3's are **ONLY eligible for 3 individual events- 50m freestyle, breaststroke & backstroke.*

Divisional Swimming Championships: TBC

Regional Swimming Championships (Swan Hill): Tuesday 14th March

State Swimming Championships (Melbourne): Friday 28th April



Cross Country:

Holy Rosary Cross Country: Thursday 5th April

Division Cross Country (Year 3-6's): TBC

Regional Cross Country (St Arnaud): Tuesday 30th May

State Cross Country (Melbourne): TBC



Athletics:

Holy Rosary Athletics Sports: Monday 28th July

Catholic Athletics Championships (Year 3-6's): Wednesday 9th August

Please note, year 3's are **ONLY eligible for 4 events- Shot put, Long jump, 100m & hurdles.*

Divisional Athletics Championships: Monday 11th September

State Athletics Championships: TBC

STUDENT NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Ivy Penny, Annabelle Reeves, William Reeves, Emmanuel White, Riley Cawley, Hamish Combe & Cody Pearce. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

During the last weeks of December (and the first weeks of school holidays) we also wish a Happy Birthday to Tahlia Mullane, Maverick Van Der Hagen, Jazmeen Rai, Isabella Soccio, Georgia Wings and Tilly Runnalls.

P&F NEWS

THANKYOU

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that have given up their time to help in the canteen this year. The canteen has received record numbers of orders this year and I am extremely grateful for the help of each and every one of you, without you it would not be possible to have the canteen running.

To all the mums who give up time on their day off to help - thank you. To all the mums who come in before or after work to help - thank you. To the mums who took time in the middle of their work day - thank you. To all the mums who bring toddlers with them - thank you (and to the toddlers thank you too).

To all the grandparents who volunteer to be a part of their grandkids school community - thank you. To all the grandparents who look after toddlers so the mums can help - thank you.

To all the dads who come in on their day off - thank you. To all the dads that take time out of their work day - thank you. To all the teachers, office staff, support staff, principal and vice-principal who have helped at the last minute and given up their lunch break when I needed an extra hand - thank you.

Merry Christmas to you all and enjoy the holidays! – *Lindy Vance (Canteen Manager)*

SPORTS NEWS



WHITE HILLS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB GIRLS FOOTBALL INFORMATION DAY

We are having a Girls Football Information Day on
Sunday 18 December 2022

from 11am to 1pm

at Scott Street Oval, White Hills.

Please come along for a kick, lunch and chat
with the coaches.

New players welcome.

For further information visit our website, Facebook,
call Phil Murley on 0409462900 or contact the club
at whjfcclub@gmail.com

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MARONG CUP DAY



SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY



SUPPORTING BENDIGO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

KIDS RIDES AND ACTIVITIES

Packages available • Umbrella Packages \$300 • Mini Marquees \$450

General Admission \$15 • Kids 16 & Under Free



Marong Racing Club

BENDIGO JOCKEY CLUB

Phone 03 5448 4209 country.racing.com/bendigo



MARONG 20 CUP DAY 23

SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY

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KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

Kids Ride passes only \$15

if purchased on the day

If prebooked at school \$10



BOOK YOUR 2023 PACKAGES NOW!

ADMISSION PRICES

Adults	\$15
Concession (aged Pension and TPI only)	\$10
Cross over to Members Reserve	\$10
Children (16 years and under)	FREE

TRACKSIDE UMBRELLAS

Fenced off enclosures on the lawns are set aside for package patrons.

• Market umbrella	\$300 (10 people)
• Table	*Price does not include alcohol
• Chairs	

Additions

Food (BBQ with salad)	\$20pp
Admission to course	\$15 adults

'SILKS' DINING PACKAGES

Silks dining room is located within the Members Reserve. Set high above the track, this is a spectacular location to view the course in air-conditioned comfort. There is also an outside balcony with the same elevated perspective to watch the races.

• Admission to 'Members Reserve'	\$75 per person
• Reserved seat for the day	
• Two course hot luncheon	
• Afternoon tea	
• Air-conditioned comfort	
• Racebook	
• Private TAB facilities	
• Cash bar	

MARQUEES

Mini Marquee (3m x 3m)	\$450 based on 10 people
Private Marquee Package (3m x 6m)	\$900 based on 20 people

- Tables
- Chairs

Additions

Food (BBQ with salad)	\$20pp
Admission to Course	\$15 adults

TERRACE AND DECK PACKAGES

The ultimate area to enjoy the races at the Bendigo Track!

• Marquee	\$700 (20 people)
• Large market umbrella	
• 2 garden tables	
• 20 chairs	
• 1 large wine barrel	
• 6 tallx bar stools	
• Racebook for each guest	

Beverage packages can be pre-ordered or drinks purchased at the cash bar.

For all Package Bookings contact the office at the Bendigo Jockey Club

03 5448 4209

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