



NEWSLETTER

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: 5444 6666 (YMCA)

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

MASS TIMES

Please note that Masses have been suspended until further notice.

Sunday Mass with the Bishop can be livestreamed at

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

CALENDAR

MAY 2020

Sun 10 Mother's Day

JUNE 2020

Mon 8 Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday
Fri 26 Last Day Term 2 – 2.15pm dismissal

JULY 2020

Mon 13 First Day Term 3



Make sure to follow our school Facebook page to stay up to date with the latest news!

facebook.com/holyrosaryprimaryschoolwhitehills/

Volunteering or working in our school?

Make sure to bring your Working with Children Check or VIT card with you!

All staff, volunteers, relief staff and contractors require a valid WWCC or VIT when working on site.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week we were able to distribute devices to all children who had indicated they required one to be able to access work from home. The next week or so will be an opportunity to complete the work packs already sent home and to begin to engage in some online learning through Google Classroom. As with any change there will be hiccups and challenges hopefully these will be addressed and we can work together to continue to do the best we can in these circumstances. For families without access to the internet we are working on a plan that will involve more hard copy work similar to what we have sent home already. We understand that taking a device home is novel and exciting and I urge parents to monitor the use of the device as a vehicle for learning.

In conversations and other communication with parents over the last week or so, most apprehension comes from the feeling that children have to be working the full school day. The government guidelines for remote education explains how many hours a day parents should be expecting their child to engage in learning from home. In total it really amounts to about 2 - 2.5 hours per day maximum. Remote learning has meant that there is more idleness in our days, particularly the students. During a typical school day, students are moving around the class regularly; they are not expected to sit in their seats for extended periods of time. They also engage in 80 minutes of outside play during each day. As we move toward the colder months this is particularly important now as we may be inside a lot later in the term.

As students learn from home, please factor in short but regular breaks that require your child/ children to get up and move; every 20 minutes or so is ideal. Please also ensure outside time is part of their day, if possible. Striking a balance between passive school work and activity will support the academic and physical needs of your child/children.

Parents too, need a break. Please do not feel you need to assume five full hours of rigorous learning time for your child/children to be successful each day. Some days you will achieve a lot and other days you will not, and that is ok. Please also make sure your child's/children's learning works with the demands of your days. Allowing your child/children to start their learning early, late, or sometimes not at all is ok.

Adding the responsibility of supporting your child's/children's learning to your already busy days is a complex and challenging task. Given that the remote learning model is in place for some time, developing a sustainable action plan for home is essential.

DONGLES & SIM CARDS

I have spoken with representatives of Catholic Education Sandhurst about accessing the "government promised dongles and SIM cards". It appears that Telstra and the government severely underestimated the demand for these products from Victorian schools. No timelines have been issued for the arrival of either the dongles or SIM cards, we wait with baited breath.

EASTER RAFFLE

After having to postpone the Easter raffle we are now in the position to draw the prizes today. Thanks to Miss Gillett, Miss O'Sullivan and Mrs Carter who have undertaken the task of organising prizes (5), ticket scrunching and money collation. For families who were unable to return tickets because of the sudden shutdown at the end of Term 1, we look forward to returning to normality next year! Thanks also to the Parents & Friends for their organisation of our annual event. Like everything at the moment, it didn't go to plan, however your flexibility and support are again important to our school efforts.



REPORTING



At this stage we are unable to advise on any changes to reporting requirements until Federal and State governments advise all three educational sectors as to any changes in the usual compliance practices and requirements. As soon as advice is received from our governments, our parents will be alerted of the changes in compliance requirements. We will not be having Learning Conversations as staff maintain a high degree of contact with families and Journals will also be not sent out as we continue down the online learning path.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2021

The process for enrolling new Foundation students for 2021 begins this Term. As always, we look forward with great excitement, to welcoming new members into the Holy Rosary community. A reminder to current parents that if you have a child/sibling who will be starting Foundation in 2021 to please complete an enrolment and return it to the office as soon as possible. Families who may be new to primary school, can find enrolment details on our website. I would also encourage existing families to spread the word that we are taking enrolments now. Hopefully we will be able to have an information night and tours next Term. We have advertised on our Facebook site and I would encourage all families to 'Share' the post to ensure we promote our message.



Paul Wilkinson
Principal

GOSPEL REFLECTION - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



In Sunday's Gospel, despondent and discouraged, two of Jesus' apostles walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They talked on their way about the events that had occurred in the past several days. A stranger joined them, it was actually Jesus, but they didn't recognize him at first. Jesus asked the apostles what they had been discussing and they responded with a summary of the events surrounding Jesus' death. The disciples still did not understand the resurrection, but Jesus questioned their resistance to believe what the prophets had foretold. Despite their hopelessness the apostles invited Jesus to stay with them. He accepted. It was that evening, when Jesus broke bread with them, that the disciples finally recognized the stranger to be Jesus. The next morning, the disciples returned to Jerusalem.

REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

To travel from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the disciples had to go west. But after their encounter with Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem, an eastward Journey. We often equate endings with sunsets and new beginnings with sunrises. It is helpful to recall that on the next morning, the apostles walked toward the rising sun. How many sunsets find us falling into bed collapsed from exhaustion? Isn't it true that after a good night's rest we meet the sunrise with new energy and hope? This Gospel gives us the courage to start again, each new day, with fresh enthusiasm and energy for ourselves, our families, and our God.

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, we call upon you as Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, and Comfort of the Afflicted.

You know all my needs, my troubles, my sufferings. Please cast your Motherly eyes upon me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a sanctuary from which you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical.

I come, therefore, with the greatest confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests – protection from and an end to the Coronavirus.

Through gratitude for favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues that I may one day share your glory.

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

CARITAS - PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL

Caritas has now turned the Project Compassion Appeal into the Covid 19 Appeal. For more information on what Caritas is doing, go to www.caritas.org.au/donate/covid-19-crisis-appeal

Under normal circumstances we would be asking families to return their Caritas donation boxes back to school. However, due to the current Pandemic we encourage all families to deposit any funds you have raised into your personal bank account and transfer this donation to Caritas via the link provided above.

ACCESS TO MASS AND TO CHURCHES

We are all encouraged to continue active participation in the life of the Church through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online.

There are many options for Mass online, including:

- o <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- o <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
- o www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

The Bishop is also live-streaming Mass on Sunday mornings via the diocesan website: www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

On free to air TV, Mass for You at Home is broadcast at 6.00am every Sunday, Channel 10

PHONECALLS FROM SCHOOL



Due to our transferring to NBN, our displayed Caller ID number will temporarily be 5406 0418. This will be rectified once the process is completed. When calling the office, please continue to dial 5448 4280.

A reminder that, as staff are working from home, sometimes they will be calling you from an unknown/private/hidden number. They will leave a message if you are unable to answer. If you miss a call, you can email the teacher, or wait for them to call again. You do not need to call the school office as we will not be able to put you through to the staff member.

TERM 2 SCHOOL TIMETABLE

Below is a suggested school timetable that you could follow during our period of Remote Learning. Keeping a consistent structure to your day is important.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 - 10:00am	Literacy - 45-60min	Literacy - 45-60min	Literacy - 45-60min	Literacy - 45-60min	Literacy - 45-60min
10:00 - 11:00am	Maths - 30-45min	Maths - 30-45min	Maths - 30-45min	Maths - 30-45min	Maths - 30-45min
11:00 - 11:40am	PLAY 1	PLAY 1	PLAY 1	PLAY 1	PLAY 1
11:40am - 11:50am	EATING LUNCH	EATING LUNCH	EATING LUNCH	EATING LUNCH	EATING LUNCH
11:50am - 1:45pm	Performing Arts - 45-60min	Visual Arts - 45-60min	LOTE - 45-60min	ICU - 45-60min	ICU - 45-60min
	Religion - 30min	Religion - 30min	Religion - 30min	RRRR - 30min	Religion - 30min
	Physical Activities - 30min	Physical Activities - 30min	Physical Activities - 30min	Physical Activities - 30min	Physical Activities - 30min
1:45pm - 2:15pm	PLAY 2	PLAY 2	PLAY 2	PLAY 2	PLAY 2

SKELETON STAFF TIMETABLE

Throughout each week a skeleton staff is rostered on at school. When a teacher contacts you to touch base, they may not be on site. If you receive a missed phone call from a teacher, please wait for them to call you back or send them an email. There is no need for you to return the call to the Office.

EVEN WEEKS - Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 (J = Junior Rooms, S = Senior Rooms)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Teaching Staff	Luke Cramer (J)	Kerry Baber (J)	Jarrod Epps (S)	Brooke Watson (J)	Jo Thurley (J)
	Amy Gillett (S)	Brendan Scott (S)	Angela Holdaway (J)	Troy Coates (S)	Megan Gerrish (S)
	Elizabeth Teed (J)	Bethany Kerlin (S)	Jasmin O'Sullivan (J)	Bianca Schmidt (S)	Mandy Antoniadis (J)
	Shelley DeAraugo (S)	Eva Rosaia (J)	Liz Williams (S)	Liz Williams (J)	Paul

ODD WEEKS - Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 (J = Junior Rooms, S = Senior Rooms)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Teaching Staff	Luke Cramer (J)	Kerry Baber (J)	Jarrod Epps (S)	Brooke Watson (J)	Damian Cairns (J)
	Amy Gillett (S)	Brendan Scott (S)	Angela Holdaway (S)	Troy Coates (S)	Jo Thurley (S)
	Elizabeth Teed (J)	Bethany Kerlin (S)	Damian Cairns (J)	Bianca Schmidt (S)	Megan Gerrish (S)
	Shelley DeAraugo (S)	Eva Rosaia (J)	Jasmin O'Sullivan (J)	Liz Williams (J)	Mandy Antoniadis (J)

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Each fortnight a Google Survey will be sent out for families to book their children into onsite supervision. This is only for eligible families. If you are undertaking remote learning from home, you do not have to complete this survey. If families need to alter their booking for school supervision, could you please let the Office know at least 24hrs before so that we can make relevant adjustments to our skeleton staff timetable.

If your child is unwell or unable to participate in remote learning (at home or at school), parents are asked to complete a Parent Notified Absence on PAM or contact the Office.

STUDENT NEWS

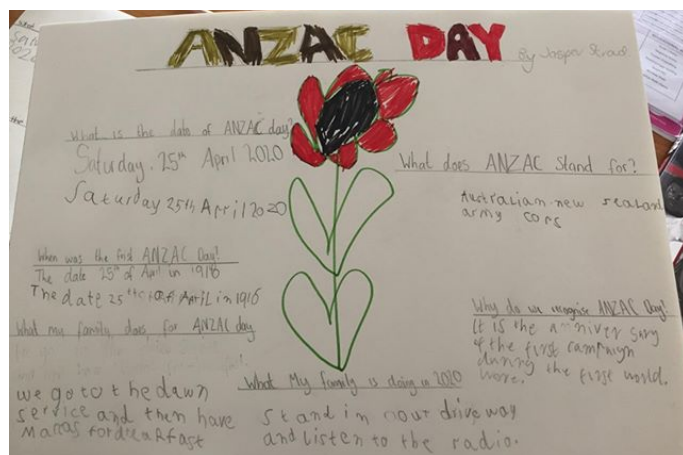
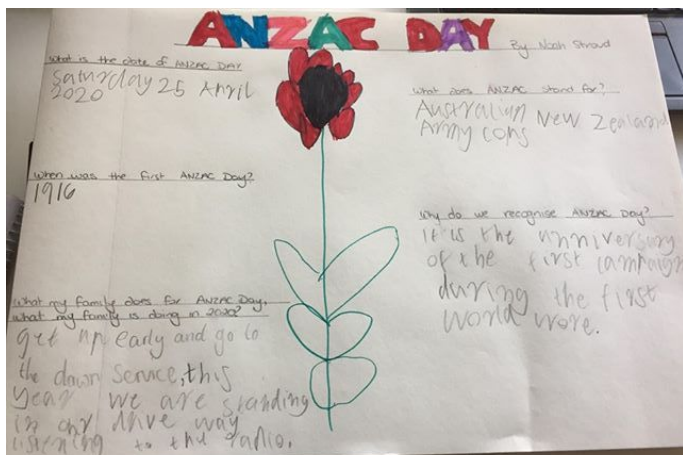
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Maddison Holmes, Payton West, Maeve Cass, Matilda Meersbergen, Ruby Robertson & Zaydah McKenzie. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

ANZAC DAY AT HOME

Anzac Day looked very different this year, with no services being held. However, that didn't stop our students from reflecting on the day and completing some lovely posters. Jasper & Noah Stroud were kind enough to show us their work.



HANDS ON MATHS

Miller & Lenny Polglase spent some time out on the family's block this week for their maths.

The boys chose a section of the block they're building on soon. Miller measured in steps and metres, converted metres into acres, worked out the area and perimeter, worked out the cost of his section from the overall cost of the block and drew the block to scale. Lenny measured in steps and then metres and drew his block shape writing the measurements on the perimeter. Sounds like a successful maths lesson!



P&F NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE

We drew the winners of our Easter Raffle today! Congratulations to Harry Morrish, Paul (c/o Harrison Allen), Charlie Dixon, Kaia Langeder & the Snowdon family. Please call into the school office to collect your prize!



WINTER JACKET SPECIAL ORDER

Thank you to families who ordered a winter jacket. The order has been placed with our supplier and we will notify families via the newsletter when they arrive. We are currently organising the safest option for collection of orders and will keep you updated. - Lisa, Debbie, Heidi & Janet (Holy Rosary Uniform Shop Committee)

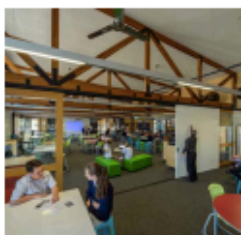
COMMUNITY NEWS



ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

FOR ENROLMENT APPLICATION FORM AND INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.MARIST.VIC.EDU.AU/WP/ENROLMENTS



eSafetykids conversation starters

These question cards are designed to be used in family or education settings to start everyday conversations about online safety. The cards cover topics such as identifying online risks, using technology safely and reporting unsafe behaviour. For the next few weeks we will include one "Ask a kid" card and one "Ask an adult" card in our newsletter. We encourage you to use them together with the information at eSafety kids, and empower kids to take control of their online experiences.

What would you do if someone was being mean to your friend online?



Ask a kid

Find out more about supporting others: esafety.gov.au/kids

Do you ask permission before posting photos of others online?



Ask an adult

Find out how to protect your privacy: esafety.gov.au/kids