



# NEWSLETTER

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## MASS TIMES

Online at:

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

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## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 2021

Tue 23	Learning Conversations – 2.20pm – 7pm
Wed 24	2022 Foundation Transition Sessions
<b>Fri 26</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day – Learning Conversations</b>
Fri 26	Learning Conversations – 8.40am – 4.20pm
Mon 29 – Fri 3	Swimming Lessons (F – 2)

### DECEMBER 2021

Mon 29 – Fri 3	Swimming Lessons (F – 2)
Tues 7	CMC Orientation Day
Tues 7	2022 Foundation Orientation Session
Wed 8	Gr 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner
Fri 10	Pizza Day
<b>Tue 14</b>	<b>Last Day Term 4 – 3.15pm dismissal</b>

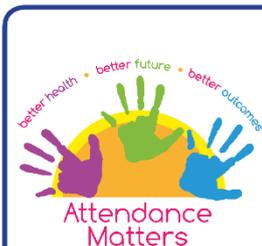
### JANUARY 2022

<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Staff Return</b>
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Uniform Shop Open – 9.30am – 2.30pm
<b>Mon 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>First Day Term 1</b>



Check out our school Facebook page to stay up to date with the latest news!

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



## Unexplained Absences

If a student is absent without reason, the school will contact the parent

If contact cannot be made with the parent/carer, the emergency contact/s will be contacted to ensure the safety of the student

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last night we were informed of a positive COVID 19 case within the senior area of the school. As such, following the most recent guidelines we have asked that all children and staff in Grade 5 & 6 be tested. The most up to date advice from the Health Department is that children in these classes must be tested and may return to school when they receive a negative PCR test. All other classes are not deemed close contacts at this stage. We are very fortunate to now be in a position to remain open and have a more targeted approach to isolating and returning to school.

The emergence of a positive case reminds us all the importance of wearing masks, washing hands, using sanitiser and continuing to be conscious of the things that have reduced the risk of infection. The changes to restrictions continue to require primary school children (Grade 3-6) and staff, to wear masks and encourages the younger children to do so as well.

I ask all families to be cautious. If concerned, get tested. If unwell, stay at home. If unsure, contact the health department. Holy Rosary is and always has been a strong, supportive community. We will get over this together by working together. The identification of this case was through the diligence of parents who did not hesitate to have their child tested when they began to feel unwell. We keep all those affected in our thoughts and prayers and look forward to getting back to school as soon as possible.

### LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Our learning conversations will be **moved online for ALL families this Tuesday**, as a precaution and to maintain the opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements through a very challenging year.

At this stage, Friday's conversations will still have the option of online or in person, however we will notify families if this changes.

### TRANSITION

We are able to continue to hold our 2022 prep transition program and will continue to do so with all COVID safe practices in place. In addition, we will continue to keep all families up to date should this advice change.

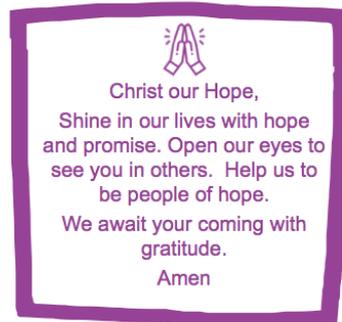
Paul Wilkinson (Principal)

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### ADVENT

This coming Sunday 28th November, marks the beginning of advent.



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



### ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE - DONATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Christmas can be a very difficult time of year for many and the basic human rights of food and shelter can often be taken for granted. St. Vincent De Paul is a charitable organisation that provides support to needy families and senior citizens in many ways. During November we will be collecting non-perishable food donations in support of St. Vinnies Christmas Appeal. A collection basket has been placed in your child's classroom in support of this worthy cause. Together, we can make a difference.

Each grade has been assigned a specific category so we can capture a more diverse selection of items:

**Foundation: Toiletries** - soap, toilet rolls, toothpaste/brush, powder, hand sanitiser

**Grade 1: Grains and Pasta** - rice, pasta, soups, noodles

**Grade 2: Tinned Foods** - beetroot, soup, tuna, baked beans, corn, peas, pasta sauces

**Grade 3: Holiday Treats** - chocolate, lollies, sweet biscuits, Christmas cake

**Grade 4: Savoury Items** - dry biscuits, shapes, rice cakes, nuts, chips, popcorn

**Grade 5: Condiments** - jams, sauces, vegemite, peanut butter, maple syrup

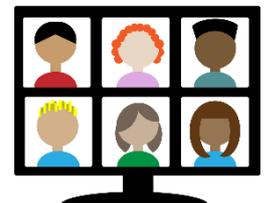
**Grade 6: Breakfast Cereals** - oats, corn flakes, long-life milk & custard, pancake mixes

### TERM 4 PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS (PSGs)

It has been a wonderful start today regarding our PSGs and meeting with families online. A gentle reminder to all families involved with PSGs to check their PAM account for their allocated time and to click on the link (in your PAM account) to enter the meeting.

Please make arrangements to attend the PSG meetings taking place over this fortnight. This **meeting will take place online** with your child's classroom teacher and the Learner Diversity Leader.

The PSG meeting is an integral part of your child's learning. The structure of this meeting allows us to review, discuss and collaborate the goals your child's teacher has put in place for this term. All families involved in PSG's will have received a letter on **Friday, 5th November** with their allocated date and time slot. **The meetings will take place in week 8 and 9 of this term beginning Monday November 22nd through to Thursday 2nd December. PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT BOOK A LEARNING CONVERSATION AS YOUR PSG WILL CATER FOR THIS.** - Mandy Antoniadis (Learner Diversity Leader)



### 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. – Sue Johns (Librarian)

## PASTORAL CARE SAUSAGE SIZZLE - WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

Pastoral Care is a program at Holy Rosary Primary which allows us to give back to our school community in many ways. We support students and families by providing meals to celebrate new babies, supplying meals when families are facing challenging times, and referrals to programs that assist families. To help us support families in our community we will be having a sausage sizzle in Week 9, on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, to raise money to support the pastoral care program.

If your child/ren would like to order a sausage can you please complete the order form (attached below and sent home with children today) and return it with payment to the front office. Please make sure there is one order for each child completed separately. We apologise Flexischools is not available for this fundraiser. **All orders must be returned with money by Friday 26th of November.** Thank you! - Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care Coordinator)



## SCHOOL SPORT – WHAT'S HAPPENING?! Troy Coates (PE Coordinator)



## SWIMMING PROGRAM - FOUNDATION – GR 2

As part of our Health & Physical Education curriculum all students in Grades F-2 will be participating in swimming lessons at the Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre in Kangaroo Flat during Term 4. Students will participate in five swimming lessons over five days which focus on stroke development, water safety and personal development. Each lesson goes for 45 minutes and is facilitated by qualified swimming teachers. The cost of these lessons is included in school fees and supplemented by external grants. Students will be placed in groups appropriate to their swimming level. **The link for the levels was sent as part of the PAM note. Could you please make sure this is filled out ASAP** for your child to be put in the correct swimming level.

### The dates for the swimming program are:

Monday the 29th of November, Tuesday the 30th of November, Wednesday the 1st of December, Thursday the 2nd of December & Friday the 3rd of December.

### Swimming Times for each group are:

*\*\*These are different to bus times/PAM note for these.*

Grade 2 - 9.30am

Foundation - 10.15am

Grade 1 - 11.00am

All this information and further details are on the PAM note. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's classroom teacher.

## 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 Jayda Damiani, Zane Cini, Senna Comer, Jasper Crennan, Joshua Mason, Lucy Patching, Jackson Hayes, Ivy Sargeant & Fraser Wild. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



	Students of the Week
FBG	Gracie Holmes
FNJ	Tarkyn McKenzie
1DC	Archie Brown
1ML	Charlie McKee
2DP	Fraser Wild
2LC	Jasper Crennan
3CW	Riley Stevens
3ZD	Blake Holm
Gr 4	Charlie O'Connor & Ruby Douglas
5JE	Sophie Healy
5JO	Eleanor Vance
6MG	Seth Illott
6TC	Jasper Sait

## LOCAL ARTIST VISIT - TERRY JARVIS

Terry Jarvis is an Australian artist and book writer. He paints with watercolour, he likes to paint Australian farms. He says, "painting is like telling a story to me." He also said; "all you need to do is to draw shapes."

Last week, Terry Jarvis arrived at our school to help our students with his style of art and the basics of his watercolour painting style. - *Grade 6 Community Engagement team*



# P&F NEWS

## NO CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY

A reminder that there will be no canteen this week, due to a pupil free day on Friday.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Canteen is now back in full swing and we are in need of some extra hands in our Canteen. If you can help this Term, please contact Lindy Vance on 0409 067 404.

Please note that all volunteers must check in via QR code, report directly to the school office to sign in and must be able to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or appropriate exemption if requested.

**Note:** Vaccination requirements are in line with Victorian government direction for schools – First dose required by 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose by 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021)

## HOLY ROSARY PIE DRIVE

Thank you to all the families and community members that have once again supported our Pie Drive by placing orders.

All your delicious pies and pastries will be at school ready for collection on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November between 3.00 – 4.00pm. A reminder that Friday is a pupil free day, so collection will be available from Ted's Shed.

All pies are baked fresh for our pie drive, which means you can pop them in the oven to enjoy now, or in the freezer for a quick easy meal in the future!



*The Elmore Bakery*

# COMMUNITY NEWS

Reach out for Ryan

## MOVIE FUNDRAISER

**BENDIGO CINEMAS**

**WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 6.00PM**

**\$20 PER TICKET**  
**\$30 FOR TICKET PLUS SMALL DRINK AND POPCORN**

**RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON THE NIGHT WITH SOME GREAT CHRISTMAS PRIZES**

**TO PURCHASE CONTACT CHARLOTTE ON**  
**REACHOUTFORRYAN@GMAIL.COM**  
**OR 0401 373 121**

Hi Team Ryan,

Please join us for a night at the movies to help raise awareness for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and also to raise funds for Ryan's increasing needs due to his condition.

We are excited to be able to have some great raffle prizes with the draw happening on the night. We are selling raffle tickets prior to the night if you are unable to come or would like to get some in advance you can purchase from us! Just message us and we can arrange that for you.

**First Prize** - a wonderful Christmas Hamper including, homemade Christmas baked goods, wine, a Silk day spa voucher worth \$55 and lots of other goodies in there just in time for Christmas!

**Second Prize** - A SILK day spa voucher valued at \$55.

**Third Prize** - 2 bottles of Wine

Tickets are \$2 each or \$5 for 3

Please contact Charlotte on 0401373121 or [reachoutforryan@gmail.com](mailto:reachoutforryan@gmail.com) to book tickets and or raffle tickets.

Thanks for your ongoing support in helping Ryan reach his full potential.

- Ryan and Team

**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...

<b>Foundation - Toiletry Items</b>	<b>Grade 3 - Holiday Treats</b>
<b>Grade 1 - Grains &amp; Pasta</b>	<b>Grade 4 - Savoury Items</b>
<b>Grade 2 - Tinned Foods</b>	<b>Grade 5 - Condiments</b>
	<b>Grade 6 - Breakfast Cereals</b>

Please donate items into Classroom or Office hamper baskets by Friday 10th December.

# HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN

## VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 4 2021

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
<b>DECEMBER 2021</b>		
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.00am – 11.00am	Tamara McIntosh
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.00am – 12.00pm	Susie Young & Jess Brown
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	11.00am – 12.00pm	Laura Prange
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Jen Ball & <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am – 11.00am	Tamara McIntosh
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> December (PIZZA DAY)	10.00am – 12.00pm	Manda Crust & Emma Gibbons
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> December (PIZZA DAY)	10.50am – 12.00pm	Jess Brown & <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm – 2.30pm	<b>Volunteer Needed &amp; Volunteer Needed</b>



## PASTORAL CARE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY 1ST OF DECEMBER

<b>Student Name:</b>	<b>Class:</b>	
	<b>Quantity</b>	
1 x Sausage & Apple or Orange Juice Box Meal Deal (\$4.00) <i>(Please circle your preferred juice flavour)</i>		\$
Individual Sausages (\$2.50 each)		\$
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b>		\$

### One order per Child

**All orders and cash payment must be in by Friday 26th of November.**

*Apologies Flexischools is not available for this fundraiser.*