



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

FEBRUARY 2022

Wed 9 th	Foundation Rest Day
Wed 9 th	Learning Conversations - 2.20pm – 7.20pm
Thur 10 th	Learning Conversations - 2.20pm – 7.20pm
Mon 14 th	Swimming Trials (Gr 4 – 6)
Wed 16 th	Foundation Rest Day
Wed 16 th	Hockey Incursion (Gr 1 - 4)
Wed 16 th	Learning Conversations - 2.20pm – 7.20pm
Thur 17th	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Sat 19 th	Marong Cup
Wed 23 rd	Foundation Rest Day
Fri 25th	School Photo Day

MARCH 2022

Tue 1 st	Shrove Tuesday
Tue 1 st – Fri 4 th	Gr 3 – 6 Swimming Lessons
Wed 2 nd	Ash Wednesday
Wed 2 nd	Foundation Rest Day
Wed 9th	Foundation First Wednesday
Mon 14th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Sat 19 th	McCarthy House Community Mass – 6pm

APRIL 2022

Sat 2 nd	Harte House Community Mass – 6pm
Fri 8th	Last Day Term 1 – 2.15pm dismissal
Mon 25 th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Tues 26th	First Day Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our first week went well with a wonderful feeling of being back at school. Students are excited to be onsite with friends and ready to learn.

The impact of COVID across schools has certainly been something that has kept us all on our toes and we anticipate it will continue to have some impact on us all. A reminder that if your child or a family member tests positive please let us know via the office so we can implement our processes. An email will be sent to all families to ensure we are all vigilant when cases arise in children and staff across the school. We hope to have more RAT tests this week for the next two weeks of school. Thanks to everyone for their diligence in testing during the first week of term.

The building project made another great leap forward with the pouring of the slab and we are excited by the progress. As part of the new building we will also look forward to our covered outdoor learning area (COLA) being built in late March/early April which has been a long wait but something we will certainly appreciate with the tennis courts being covered.

Learning conversations form a vital part of our assessment and reporting policy and we begin this week online. please endeavour to make an appointment, the children have made a great start and we can celebrate the beginning and set goals for the year. It is also great for staff to meet parents as we work towards a positive relationship with all families.

Please be aware that the tennis courts are a drive through pick up and drop off area. We ask that remain in their vehicles to keep the traffic flowing and of course for the safety of all children.

Again, the Marong Cup is almost upon us, we have a role in the collection of glasses and require helpers. The Marong Cup is a huge fundraiser for all Catholic schools in Bendigo and continues to support all schools financially and socially.



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

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



SCHOOL NEWS



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be held on **Friday 25th February**. Please ensure that children are in a clean summer school uniform, clean tidy hair with NO bright coloured jewellery, ribbons or headbands. Photo orders will be online this year. More information will be supplied as it becomes available.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

SALT WORKS COMMUNITY MEALS

Salt Works is a non-for-profit organisation that promotes sustainable health and wellbeing in the community. Throughout the year community members volunteer their time to serve meals on a Friday evening in Eaglehawk. This term Holy Rosary staff will be participating in the program, volunteering their services for a couple of hours in support of this worthy cause. Thank you to Marilyn McKnight, who joined Jo Thurley on Friday night in starting our commitment to this fantastic program.



2022 HOUSE MASSES

You are more than welcome to attend all masses; however, it would be lovely to see as many families in attendance as possible at their designated house mass.

HARTE Saturday 2nd April (6pm) Saturday 13th August (6pm)	McAULEY Saturday 4th June (6pm) Saturday 13th November (6pm)
McCARTHY Saturday 19th March (6pm) Saturday 23rd July (6pm)	FRAYNE Saturday 7th May (6pm) Saturday 22nd October (6pm)

TERM 1 LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Bookings for the Term 1 Parent Teacher Learning Conversations are now open. All bookings are to be made using your SIMON Everywhere and/or PAM account. These conversations will discuss children's progress and learning goals.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON:

Wednesday 9th February – 2.20pm – 7.20pm

Thursday 10th February – 2.20pm – 7.20pm

Wednesday 16th February – 2.20pm – 7.20pm

BOOKINGS CLOSE 4PM TODAY (7TH FEBRUARY)!

All families are strongly encouraged to make a booking for their child/ren. Due to time restraints, please only make one booking per child per family. If you feel you need more time due to more complex issues, please schedule another meeting time directly with the classroom teacher or our Learner Diversity Coordinator, Mandy Antoniadis.

If you require any assistance in booking your Learning Conversation, please speak to the Office.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

We have recently had a few enquiries from our school community in regards to offering before school care. YMCA is currently putting together a survey for families to see if the service is a viable option at Holy Rosary. We expect the link to be available in the coming weeks and it will be included in the newsletter as soon as possible.



SCHOOL SPORT

– WHAT’S HAPPENING?!

Troy Coates & Sophie Taylor
(PE Coordinators)



SWIMMING TRIALS

Unfortunately, due to COVID guidelines we were not able to run our Holy Rosary Swimming Carnival. However, we are able to hold **swimming trials instead on Monday the 14th of February**. With our trials, we will be following a strict risk management plan that will not allow spectators (parents), we will be sanitising regularly, changing before we go (so we don't use the change room facilities) and limited numbers attending (50 students from Grades 4 - 6).

Students in these grades have nominated whether or not they wish to participate in the trials but they must be able to swim a minimum of 50m. Parents need to keep an eye out for the PAM note which includes further details.

We are holding these trials so we are prepared to attend the Catholic Swimming Sports (if they go ahead) or the Division Swimming Sports. We will be taking qualifying times on the day and using these results to guide further decisions with selections. Unfortunately, as Grade 3 students are not able to attend the next stages in events, we have made the difficult decision that they cannot attend the trials. We apologise but need to run with limited numbers to meet our COVID Safe Plans.

SWIMMING LESSONS

The Grade 3 - 6 children will have their swimming lessons in Term 1, from Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th of March (4 days). This will be at Gurri Wanyarra in Kangaroo Flat. Permission forms will be released by week 4 of Term 1, via PAM.

Foundation - Grade 2 swimming lessons will be in Term 4.

GRADE 3 - 6 SWIMMING LESSON DATES:

Tuesday March 1

Wednesday March 2

Thursday March 3

Friday March 4

***Please see PAM note for your child's specific swim time.

FOUNDATION - GRADE 2 PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOCUS: TERM ONE

All students in F-2 will be participating in a Perceptual Motor Program (PMP). A PMP involves students participating in a variety of carefully selected activities on a regular basis to improve their abilities in motor, perception and skill outcomes. It aims to support students in developing basic motor skills.

Other areas of focus throughout the term will be the fundamental motor skills of catching, kicking and running. We will also be looking at developing teamwork and sportsmanship skills.

SOME OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO BE MINDFUL OF IN 2022:

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER

Catholic Swimming Sports: - TBC w/ COVID Regulation

Divisional Swimming Championships: Monday 7th March

Regional Swimming Championships (Swan Hill): Thursday 17th March

State Swimming Championships (Melbourne): Thursday 29th April

Holy Rosary School Cross Country: Thursday 7th April

Division Cross Country: May TBC

Regional Cross Country (St Arnaud): Tuesday 31st May

State Cross Country (Melbourne): TBC

Holy Rosary School Athletics Sports: Thursday 4th August

Catholic Athletics Championships (3-6's): TBC

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

Divisional Athletics Championships: Monday 12th September

State Athletics Championships: TBC

WELLBEING WELCOME

Welcome to everyone for the start of a new school year. It has been wonderful to see students excited to return and already engaged in their learning. For those new to our school I'd like to introduce myself to students and families of the Holy Rosary Primary School community. I am looking forward to getting to know students and families, providing individual and family support, group programs and information and referrals for community support services.

This year I will be working every Thursday.

If you would like to talk to me about a particular concern, please contact the office on 5448 4280.

- Chantel White (Student Wellbeing)



PASTORAL CARE

Welcome to another wonderful week at Holy Rosary. This week we see the return of our **Food Share Pantry**. On a Monday Food Share Bendigo deliver a range of food items for our school community to share and use within their family or to assist other families they may know who are in need. Each week I will endeavour to list the items we have in the pantry for families to be able to use.

If you or a family you know would benefit from using the Food Share pantry please contact Mrs Gerrish at mgerrish@hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au or by ringing the office and asking for a selection of food to be put together to be sent home with your child. The Grade 6 HR Leadership team will be assisting with managing and restocking the Food Share Pantry each week. This is a great opportunity for our students to understand the importance of helping our wider community and also an opportunity to understand the process of managing food items.

This week in the Food Share Pantry we have:

Tinned peaches, instant coffee, bread, yogurt, butter, frozen vegie chips, fish fingers, tinned tuna, tinned tomatoes, corn flakes, weetbix, instant noodles, peanut butter, rice, lunch wraps.

Fresh Fruit and Veggies include: pumpkin, potatoes, apples, pears, red onions, broccoli, zucchini and carrots

If you would like any further assistance from the Pastoral Care or Wellbeing Team please contact Megan Gerrish by phone or email.

- 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

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (CAP) 2022

The Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance from the Victorian State Government to assist families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school. The allowance is available to parents who are required to –

- drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to school (if there is no school bus)
- or drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to meet the nearest school bus to the school
- the child must attend their closest government or non-government school (Catholic)
- the allowance is based on kilometres travelled and not based on any financial eligibility

Distance is calculated by the shortest practical route from home to the school or from home to meet the nearest school bus to the school. Distance can be calculated by using Bing Maps. Application and Authority to Pay Forms required to be completed by a parent are available from the school office.

Parents who received the Conveyance Allowance in 2021 do not need to complete a new form in 2022 unless their children enrolled at Holy Rosary in 2022 have changed (i.e. Gr 6 student left at the end of 2021 or a Foundation child commenced in 2022). If your family circumstances have changed, a new form needs to be completed in 2022.

If you have recently changed address please advise the office if you are no longer eligible. Application and Authority to Pay forms need to be completed and returned to the office by Friday 11 March 2022 please.

Further information can be found at: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/conveyance-allowance/policy>

If you are unsure if you may be eligible, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS



In order to prepare for the language & learning demands of the school environment, children need ample time and opportunity to engage in meaningful interactions with their family.

Research suggests that the types of questions we ask and the quality of discussions we have with our children, from a very young age, are linked to school success. As children progress through the grades they must learn to use extended discourse in telling stories, giving explanations, reporting, expressing an opinion or writing an essay. Asking children “if, why and how” type questions allows them to deepen their thinking and prepare longer and more complex responses. It makes sense to build their confidence with extended discourse gradually, beginning with simple oral tasks.

We encourage you to set some time aside each week so that you can get the most out of your interactions with your child. In a busy household, sometimes the car is the best place for these focused activities. The key ingredients for a creative interaction are a time, a place, a willing talking partner or audience and an engaging topic or activity.

Positive communication experiences at home help children feel accepted and valued. Growth in spoken language skills will build children’s self-confidence and help them learn to negotiate social interactions at school. This often transfers to other aspects of their learning and life.

You will also note that there are many links to recommended websites, apps and other technology resources. Whilst we suggest these technology- based activities, they are not essential to language and literacy learning. So much learning can come from the quality interactions you have with your child around a book, a movie or a simple board game.

A variety of activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy, learning and socialising. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child’s grade level.

The following link is to the most comprehensive website available that provides parents with activities that are free, easily accessible and enjoyable. Each activity has been carefully selected to reflect the highest quality, up-to-date research evidence on early literacy development. There is also advice for parents who are concerned about their child’s reading and language development. <http://www.fivefromfive.org.au/parent-resources/>

If you have any questions you can contact Amy Stanton, Speech Pathologist through the School’s Special Education Coordinator, Mandy Antoniadis. Good luck and most importantly, enjoy this very special time with your child.

TERM 1: PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

Focus: Developing phonological and phonemic awareness skills, i.e.; the ability to recognise sounds and sound patterns as they occur in words.

1. Syllable Counting

Syllable awareness is an early phonological awareness skill which forms the foundation for emergent literacy skills. Syllable awareness is the skill of hearing the sounds within words and recognising that words can be broken into syllables or word parts. Listening to compound words (e.g. classroom) and breaking them up into their word parts is a great way to start. The skill requires counting, tapping, blending (e.g. kan-ga-roo = kangaroo) or segmenting words into their word parts.



wordwall.net/resource/28385711

STUDENT NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Bronte Ellerton & Rubi Morrison. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
3CW	Maddy Postlethwaite
3ZD	Charlotte Gibson
4LS	Liam Gladman
6MG	Lillyanne Crennan
6TC	Riley Cawley

P&F NEWS

CANTEEN 2022

Canteen is back up and running! A reminder that we no longer accept cash orders for canteen. Orders must be placed online via Flexischools. Counter sales are cash only and are limited supply each week.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We were a bit short handed last week so Mr Wilkinson rolled up his sleeves and stepped in to help out! **We are now able to have parent volunteers in our canteen.**

This year we will be looking for volunteers for the following times:

Thursdays 9:00am - 11:00am (1 volunteer) – Younger children welcome
Fridays 9:00am – 12:00pm (2 volunteers)
11:00am – 12:00pm (1 volunteer)
1:30pm – 2:30pm (2 volunteers)



Please note, all volunteers must check in via QR code, report directly to the school office to sign in and must provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or appropriate exemption if requested, along with 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 this term, please contact Lindy Vance on 0409 067 404.

MENU UPDATES:

- Due to supply shortages, all flavoured milks are currently FULL CREAM
- The price of juices has increased to \$1.90

- The price of all wraps has increased to \$4.00

COMMUNITY NEWS



MARONG CUP

Mark your calendars - the 2022 Marong Cup is coming up on Saturday 19th February!

The full range of kid's activities will be back and at this stage the only COVID restrictions are vaccinations in accordance with government requirements. We can't wait to see everyone back!

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

(Please note, the school is unable to sell concession tickets)

VOLUNTEERS: Things are a little different this year due to COVID, and as such we will not be doing any sandwich preparation like previous years.

This year we are looking for volunteers who can help collect glasses in the bars from 11:30am - 5:30pm. Two people per shift 11:30am to 1:30pm, 1:30pm to 3:30pm or 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

We are also looking for anyone who has their RSA that would be willing to help serve at the lawn bar.

Any adults who volunteer their time will receive free entry!

Please contact Tamara McIntosh on 0413 473 174 if you are able to volunteer any of your time.

Marong Cup - February 19th 2022	
Adults \$15	Kids Rides
Concession \$10	(All Day Pass \$15 or \$10
Children (16 & under) Free	if pre purchased at school)

The Marong Cup is a joint venture between the Marong Racing Club Inc. and the Bendigo Jockey Club



SPORTS NEWS



Holy Rosary Netball Club!

We are currently seeking expressions of interest for boys or girls in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 who may be interested to join our Netball Teams this year.

Please get in touch for more information!

HOLY ROSARY NETBALL CLUB

Registrations are now open for our Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 6 teams - playing netball with Holy Rosary Netball Club at Bendigo Strathdale Netball Association in 2022! Please get in touch at holyrosarynetball@gmail.com for more information!

And NetSetGO! for our Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 is returning in Term 2 - more information very soon!



White Hills Junior Football Club Registration Day for season 2022

We welcome all current and new players for the 2022 season.

Registration day will be held at the White Hills Football Ground (Scott Street) on

Sunday, 13th February 2019, 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

We will be registering teams in under 9 and 10 mixed, under 12, 14 and 16 boys grades and under 12, 14, 16 and 18 girls grades. For further information visit our website, Facebook or call Lisa Meersbergen on 0428527528. You can also register your interest to play by email to the club whjclub@gmail.com

**HUNTLY FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
JUNIOR FOOTY
REGISTRATION DAY 2022**

WHEN: Wednesday, February 9th

TIME: 4.30 – 6.00pm

WHERE: SBA Oval, Strauch Reserve Huntly

WHO: Under 9's, Under 10's, Under 12's,
Under 14's and Under 16 Girls

Please come along and register your child's interest to play Footy for Huntly in 2022.

Sports apparel will also be available to purchase on the night.

HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN

VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 1 2022

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
FEBRUARY 2022		
Thur 10 th February	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 11 th February	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Fri 11 th February	11.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
Fri 11 th February	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Mardi Holland & Christine Maher
Fri 18 th February	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Fri 18 th February	11.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
Fri 18 th February	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thur 24 th February	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 25 th February	9.00am – 12.00pm	Charlotte Healy & Volunteer Needed
Fri 25 th February	11.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
Fri 25 th February	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Jen Ball & Volunteer Needed
MARCH 2022		
Thur 3 rd March	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 4 th March	9.00am – 12.00pm	Susie Young & Chloe Doherty
Fri 4 th March	11.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
Fri 4 th March	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thur 10 th March	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 11 th March	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Fri 11 th March	11.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
Fri 11 th March	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Mardi Holland & Christine Maher
Thur 17 th March	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed

Fri 18 th March	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Fri 18 th March	11.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
Fri 18 th March	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Charlotte Healy & Jen Ball
Thur 24 th March	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
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Fri 25 th March	11.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
Fri 25 th March	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Chloe Doherty & Volunteer Needed
APRIL 2022		
Thur 31 st March	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 1 st April	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Fri 1 st April	11.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
Fri 1 st April	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thur 7 th April	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 8 th April	9.00am – 12.00pm	Susie Young & Volunteer Needed
Fri 8 th April	11.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
Fri 8 th April	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed

#Play it Fair Online

Through simple actions like being safe, respectful and kind
we can all #PlayitFairOnline

Be respectful

Consider others when you are online. There is no place for abuse, hate or discrimination in any aspect of life.



Be kind

Be a positive role model. Treat people with kindness, respect and understanding online.



Be resilient

Don't let a bad experience online get you down. Stay strong and get the right support, so you can bounce back as soon you're ready.



Be prepared to ask for help

Everyone needs support. Reach out to friends, family and eSafety if something goes wrong online.



Be safe

To stay happy and healthy, avoid situations that pose risks to yourself or others online.



Be responsible

Respect others online. Think how your actions might affect other people.



Be an upstander

You can help others when they experience abuse online by showing support and speaking up - if it's safe to do so.



To get advice and support or make a report go to esafety.gov.au