

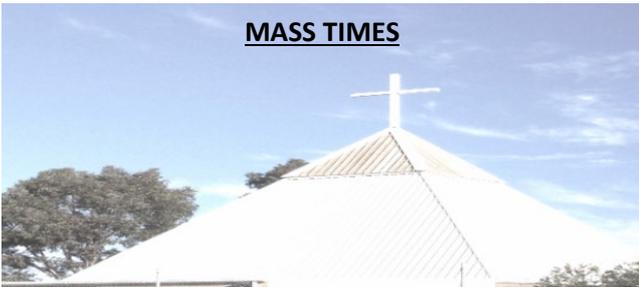


# NEWSLETTER

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## MASS TIMES



## CALENDAR

### MARCH 2023

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>                       | School Advisory Council Meeting – 6pm |
| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>                       | Foundation First Wednesday            |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>                       | PSG Meetings                          |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>                       | Sacramental Program Meeting           |
| Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>                       | Billy Tea Bush Dance Incursion        |
| Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>                       | PSG Meetings                          |
| <b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b>                 | <b>Canteen – PIZZA DAY</b>            |
| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>                       | Harte House Community Mass – 6pm      |
| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> /Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> | Sacrament Commitment Masses           |

### APRIL 2023

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>        | School Cross Country                           |
| <b>Thur 6<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Last Day Term 1 – 2.15pm dismissal</b>      |
| Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>        | Good Friday                                    |
| <b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Pupil Free Day – Learning Conversations</b> |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>       | 2024 Foundation Enrolments Open                |
| <b>Tue 25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>ANZAC Day Public Holiday</b>                |
| <b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>First Day Term 2 (Students)</b>             |
| Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Learning Conversations                         |
| Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>       | AFL Clinic Incursions (F-2)                    |

### MAY 2023

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Catholic Education Week             |
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>                        | Interschool Cross Country           |
| Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>                        | AFL Clinic Incursions (Gr 3-6)      |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> | Foundation 2024 Open Week           |
| Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>                       | Foundation 2024 Information Evening |

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and were able to have some time with family and friends. This week we welcome our Foundation children full time with no more Wednesday rest days. Thanks to all parents and both Meg and Jess, their teachers who have diligently worked through all the assessment tasks to ensure we have a very accurate picture of the children as they start their primary school journey.

Like all schools across the country, our Grade 3 & 5 children will be participating in NAPLAN testing beginning this week. The tests are a little earlier this year to hopefully provide results in a more timely manner. As in years gone by, we will support all children through the process. Many media outlets will highlight the 'testing time' which can be a challenge, often heightening anxiety and stress levels. However we are reminded that the tests are a point in time assessment and should be seen as such, our children learn and grow differently and at different times. It is essential to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but assessing learning progress. It is also important to remember that NAPLAN does not assess all the ways that your child is a learner and contributor to life. Everyday we celebrate the growth the children make.

Our rescheduled School Council meeting is to be held TONIGHT at 6pm in the Rosarium. We look forward to discussing the year ahead and planning for the future.

The drive through is a great asset to our school, ensuring movement of children and vehicles is smooth at the end of each day. A reminder before and after school that parents need to stay in their cars, to ensure traffic flow. It is also important that children are not dropped off before 8.30am and left on the tennis courts.

Paul Wilkinson  
Principal



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

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY - THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

This coming Thursday is a very important day for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Please take a moment throughout the day to acknowledge the ongoing strength and resilience of the world's oldest living culture. Currently there is an unprecedented shift in the way governments have previously worked to close the gap. It acknowledges that to close the gap, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people must determine, drive and own the desired outcomes, alongside all governments.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM MEETING - MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Next Monday, our sacramental candidates and their parents will meet for the second time in a series of three meetings. The meeting will focus on the sacrament of Eucharist and the children will make a prayer cloth. The artwork will be placed on display in the church during term 2 as they progress towards the sacramental ceremony.



### PROJECT COMPASSION: THIRD WEEK OF LENT

**Priscilla's Story:** We are now in the third week of Lent with the Project Compassion story of Priscilla, who lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband Charles, and two of their grandchildren. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

During times of intense drought and food shortages, Priscilla had to commute to the town centre and wait in long queues to collect food.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising in conservation farming. Priscilla also used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the techniques, tools and resources she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Watch a short film about Priscilla's story [here](#).

Please support Project Compassion: [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion)



**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:  
**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> March**

### SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB – ORDERS DUE MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

The Issue 2 Book Club catalogue was sent home last week. Ordering books through Book Club is an easy way to offer students the best in children's books for the home and to encourage independent reading for fun.

Plus, every order you place earns the school FREE books and learning resources.

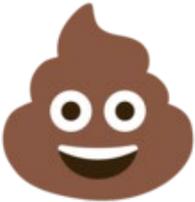
Need more information about Book Club? To view the Parent's Guide to Book Club visit [https://issuu.com/scholastic\\_australia/docs/scholastic\\_book\\_club\\_parent\\_guide?fr=sODVIMDM0NDU5MDI](https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/scholastic_book_club_parent_guide?fr=sODVIMDM0NDU5MDI)

**Please note: Book Club orders must be placed online via LOOP. No cash orders will be accepted at the school office.**

## REMINDER: STAY HOME IF UNWELL

A reminder to all parents, that as per the Department of Health Minimum Period of Exclusion...for Infection Diseases, students displaying symptoms of vomiting or diarrhoea should not return to school 'until there has not been vomiting or a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.'

## I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

| I have a<br><b>FEVER</b>  | I've been<br><b>VOMITING</b>  | I've had<br><b>DIARRHOEA</b>  | I have a<br><b>RASH</b>  | I have<br><b>HEAD LICE</b>  | I have an<br><b>EYE INFECTION</b>   |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A temperature over 38.0c  | Within the last 24 hours  | Within the last 24 hours  | Body rash with itching or fever  | Itchy head, active head lice  | Redness, itching, and/or 'crusty' discharge from eyes                               |

## I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

|  |   |  |  |   |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication | Free from vomiting for at least 24 hours without the use of medications | Free from diarrhoea for at least 24 hours without the use of medications | Free from rash, itching or fever and evaluated by a doctor if needed | Treated with an appropriate treatment at home | Eye has returned to normal or have a note from doctor to return to school |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|



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



### SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2023

Our school cross country will be on **Wednesday the 5th of April**. Foundation to Grade 2 will race at Holy Rosary. Grades 3 to 6 will compete in their cross country event at the Botanical Gardens, along the creek trail. Students in Grades 3 to 6 will walk down with their classroom teachers at approximately 12pm. A PAM note will be sent with information also.

If your child is concerned about the run, perhaps you could take them for a run a few runs in the weeks leading up to the event and help boost their confidence and capacity to complete the event. They will be given opportunities to practice their running as part of PE, however as we know, the more exposure we have to something we find challenging, the more comfortable we are with it. Your support in giving your child the best chance to be successful on the day would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Schedule of Events:**

#### **JUNIORS (@ Holy Rosary) - 10.30-11**

10.30am – Grade Two Race (800m)  
10.40am – Grade One Race (400m)  
10.50am – Foundation Race (400m)

#### **SENIORS (@ White Hills Football Ground) - 12.30pm Start**

12:20pm – 12/13 year old Race (3km)  
12.30pm – 11 year old Race (3km)  
12.40pm- 10 year old Race (2km)  
12:50pm- 8/9 year old Race (2km)

All students in Grades 3 to 6 will return to school after the completion of all races. We predict this will be approximately 1:30pm. Students need to wear their PE uniform to school on this day. Could parents please pack appropriate food and a drink bottle for their child.

## TENNIS CLINICS (GRADE 5 AND 6)

Last week, we welcomed Tennis Victoria to conduct the first of our tennis clinics with our Grade 5 and 6 students. These clinics will continue for another 3 weeks.

The classroom to court program is aligned to the curriculum and delivered by a local provider. The final week is a fun, welcoming and inclusive event at the local tennis club (Bendigo Tennis Centre). The idea is to create ongoing connections between club, school and participants, post the program completion.



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## PASTORAL CARE

We hope you have enjoyed the long weekend with your family, children and friends. A wonderful chance to enjoy the sunshine and enjoy some extra time with those around us. There have been many opportunities this term for families to work with teachers and the wider school community to ensure a positive and engaging school experience for your children. We continue to encourage you to contact your child's teacher or the wellbeing team if you have any worries, concerns or require support at the present time.

Thank you to all the Grade 5 & 6 parents and students who attended our Cyber Safety and Online Behaviours information night. We thank Grant Fitzgerald who facilitated the evening and provided up to date information and strategies on how we can navigate the online world with our children and make informed decisions regarding accessing the internet. One of the biggest takeaways from the evening is the 'Grandma Rule' If you wouldn't show the picture to your grandma or say the comment to your grandma Do Not Post it Online. - *Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)*

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is important for so many reasons for our children. Not only does regular attendance ensure academic success it also ensures social success for our children. We aim for all students to be at school 95% of the time. Our current attendance percentage for Holy Rosary for Term 1 is 93.19% which is positive, we would love for our students to be at school 95% of the time or more. If you have concerns for your child's attendance please contact their teacher or a member of the wellbeing team.

*better health • better future • better outcomes*

**Attendance Matters**

**Talk to school if:**

Your child is not wanting to attend school

You need support getting your child to school

## 5 tips to keep your family safe online



Parents and carers can use a combination of strategies to help young people build their digital technology skills and have safer experiences online.

### 1. Start the chat

Get into the habit of talking about online safety as a family, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they ever need help working out an issue. It's never too early to introduce [good online habits](#) such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. As your child grows older, eSafety's advice about [hard to have conversations](#) will help with some of the tricky topics like sending nudes, online pornography and contact from sexual predators.

### 2. Create a family technology agreement

Creating a Family Technology Agreement can help you and your kids decide together when and how digital technology will be used at home. As a family, brainstorm easy-to-follow rules and display them where everyone will see them. Your agreement could cover things like: time limits, apps your kids are allowed to use and online behaviour. Families with younger children can [download](#) a template to guide the conversation.

### 3. Set up parental controls

Parental controls let you monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. It's best to use them in combination with the other online safety strategies listed here. [Taming the technology](#) can help you understand your options. Grab a device and get started with our guides to setting up parental controls on [devices and accounts](#) or in [social media, games and apps](#).

### 4. Choose games and other apps carefully

Use eSafety's [App checklist for parents](#) to think about the positives and negatives when your child asks to download a new game or other app. The checklist covers things like age ratings, managing privacy settings and reporting abuse in-app. You can also use [The eSafety guide](#) to check and set up safety features with your child.

### 5. Use digital technology together

Exploring or playing on devices or online with your child can be a positive experience that promotes learning and development. Ask questions, be curious and get involved. To learn more, read our blogpost [How to encourage good screen practices for your child](#).

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## STUDENT NEWS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Oliver Anfuso, Tayt Rechter, Samuel Nurse, Madeline Cooper & Cooper Rogers. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



| Students of the Week |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| FJM                  | William  |
| FMM                  | Indiana  |
| 1CV                  | Xavier   |
| 1GS                  | Nate     |
| 2JH                  | Matilda  |
| 2SD                  | Xavier   |
| 3CW                  | Frankie  |
| 3OG                  | Hudson   |
| 4BD                  | Elsie    |
| 4LS                  | Aiden    |
| 5DL                  | Ethan    |
| 5JO                  | Jonathan |
| 6DW                  | Paige    |
| 6MG                  | Thomas   |

# P&F NEWS



## PIZZA DAY

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

**ORDERS NOW OPEN VIA FLEXISCHOOLS**



- PIZZA meal deal -

1 Slice of Pizza 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: There will be no pasta meal deal available for this day.*

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

### CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Have you been thinking about volunteering in our school Canteen but not sure that you have what it takes? Good news! You don't need any special culinary skills; just a friendly can-do attitude and a Working with Children Check!*

Whilst our Term 1 roster is now looking quite nice, we are already working on Term 2. If you, or anyone in your extended family is keen to help out, please get in touch. We love seeing our community get involved, whether it be parents, grandparents, or even older brothers and sisters!

Please note, volunteers must report directly to the school office to sign in and must provide a copy of their 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, please contact the school office, Laura Prange on 0438 079 982 or Tamara McIntosh on 0413 473 174**

### WINTER JACKET SPECIAL ORDER

Perfect for the cooler weather, this winter jacket is made from crease-proof and water-resistant microfibre with a cotton lining. This jacket can be worn over school jumpers or short/long sleeve polo shirts during playtime and lunchtime.

Sample sizes are available for viewing in the Holy Rosary Uniform Shop on a Friday morning. Cost for each jacket will be \$45.00.

Orders can be placed via Flexischools or by completing the order form attached below.

**All orders are due by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.** Jackets will be sent home as soon as possible after they are delivered (likely early Term 2). - *Debbie & Janet (Holy Rosary Uniform Shop Committee)*



### TERM 1 2023 - VOLUNTEER ROSTER

| DATE   | TIME                     | VOLUNTEERS          |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>MARCH 2023</b>                            |                          |                     |
| Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> March                  | 9.00am – 11.00am         | Ash M               |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March                   | 9.00am – 12.00pm         | Rebecca S & Nizelle |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March                   | 10.30am – 11:45am        | Janet               |
|  |                          |                     |
| Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> March                  | 9.00am – 11.00am         | Andrea Patterson    |
| <b>PIZZA DAY - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>10.00am – 12.00pm</b> | Susie Y & Jess B    |
| <b>PIZZA DAY - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>10.45am – 11:45pm</b> | Tam F & Danielle M  |
|  |                          |                     |
| Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> March                  | 9.00am – 11.00am         | Ash M               |
| Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March                   | 9.00am – 12.00pm         | Riley E & Chloe H   |
| Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March                   | 10.30am – 11:45am        | Chelsea K           |

# SPORTS NEWS



## JOIN THE FUN!

**White Hills Auskick Centre**

Scott Street Oval

Friday's 4:15pm starting May 5th

Brock Rogers - 0492 923 496

Whitehillsauskick@gmail.com

Scan the QR Code to register!



# COMMUNITY NEWS

# DISCOVER MORE IN 2024

Expand your Horizon

**OPEN DAY** Register online now

**Wednesday 29 March, 4.30-7pm | Coolock Campus, McIvor Hwy, Junortoun**

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| <b>COLLEGE TOURS:</b><br>Coolock Campus during April & May.<br>Book online now! | <b>ENROLMENTS OPEN<br/>FOR YEAR 7, 2024:</b><br>Wednesday 29 March 2023. Apply online! | <b>ENROLMENTS CLOSE<br/>FOR YEAR 7, 2024:</b><br>Friday 12 May 2023. |
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ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES: Audra Petri College Registrar | 5445 9100 | enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au  
Catherine McAuley College | A Ministry of Mercy Education Ltd | ABN 69 154 531 870

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We have some samples available for viewing in the Holy Rosary Uniform Shop on a Friday morning.

Please speak to the uniform shop if you require other sizes.

To order your jacket please complete the form below and return with payment to the school office, or order via Flexischools, by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. Orders will be sent home in Term 2.



Debbie & Janet

*Holy Rosary Uniform Shop Committee*

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## Winter Jacket Special Order Form

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

|         |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |   |   |
|---------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|---|---|
| Size(s) | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | S | M |
|---------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|---|---|

|          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Quantity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Total Order \$ \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 per Jacket

Money enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please order via Flexischools, or return this order form and payment to school  
no later than Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

Unfortunately, late orders cannot be processed.