



# NEWSLETTER

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## 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

### MAY 2023

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Gymnastics Program (F – 2)  
Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Aboriginal Art Incursion (Gr 5 & 6)  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Aboriginal Art Incursion (Gr 3 & 4)  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Sydney Dance Company Incursion (Gr 5 & 6)  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Coliban Water Incursion (Gr 3)  
**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Foundation 2024 Enrolments Close**  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Sacramental Mass – 6pm  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup> McAuley House Community Mass – 6pm

### JUNE 2023

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> PSG Meetings  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> PSG Meetings  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> PSG Meetings  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Ananse Stories Music Incursion (F – 2)  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> FIRE Carrier Commissioning – 2.45pm  
**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> King's Birthday Public Holiday**  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> PSG Meetings  
Thur 15<sup>th</sup> CMC Production Excursion (Gr 5 & 6)  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> PSG Meetings  
**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Pizza Day**  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> PSG Meetings  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> PSG Meetings  
**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Last Day Term 2 – 2.15pm dismissal**



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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last Friday we celebrated the Blessing and official opening of the new school administration building and COLA. We were privileged to have Bishop Shane Mackinley and Deputy Premier Jacinta Allan presiding over the official duties. I was incredibly proud of the way we as a community came together to share in the special occasion, especially the children and our newly reformed choir. An important thank you to Mrs Thurley and Mrs Ellis who worked incredibly hard behind the scenes to ensure we had a great day.



As a Parish we again welcome Bishop Shane to Holy Rosary this Saturday night for our Eucharist and Confirmation Sacrament Mass. After a number of weeks of preparation the children are excited that they will continue their sacraments and faith journey together. As a school we continue to provide support and guidance for all families in the sacramental program and this week promises to be a celebration of lots of thoughtful preparation.

We are experiencing a large number of illness's at the moment and again remind parents to be vigilant and keep children home if they are unwell. Listening to recent radio commentary and television reports, we are currently beginning a COVID wave and ask that parents test children if they are symptomatic.

This week we have the end of our formal enrolment period and I encourage families with children ready to start school to lodge an application for enrolment before the end of the week.

In staff news, Meg McKenzie (FMM) will be taking leave for the remainder of Term 2 beginning on May 26<sup>th</sup>. We will welcome Mr Tom McGregor to take the Foundation class until her return in Term 3.

Paul Wilkinson (Principal)

# SCHOOL NEWS

## UNIFORMS

A reminder to families that **sporting team uniforms (e.g. netball hoodies, football beanies) are not part of the school uniform.** We ask that they are worn on weekends or when the children are representing the school at a sporting events only. We have jackets and warm windcheaters that form part of the uniform.

All students are also now expected to be wearing their **winter uniform.** If your child is not able to wear their winter uniform for any reason, please make sure to contact your child's classroom teacher.

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### CLASS PARISH MASS

This week our Grade 2 classes will be attending and actively participating in the Parish Mass on Friday morning at 9.15am.

### EUCCHARIST & CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL MASS

Our sacramental candidates have been busy preparing for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. They will be presented to our Parish community this Saturday 27th May at 6pm. Please keep them and their families in your prayers this week as they celebrate this wonderful milestone in their faith journey.

### MCAULEY HOUSE COMMUNITY MASS – 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY

McAuley House families and staff members are invited to share in our school house mass this weekend, Saturday 27th March at 6pm. It is also a wonderful opportunity to come along and support our sacramental candidates as they take the next step in their faith journey. All are welcome.

## PARISH NEWS

**L'ARCHE FUNDRAISER AT THE STAR CINEMA:** On May 25th at 7pm, L'Arche Bendigo are hosting a fundraiser at the Star Cinema in Eaglehawk, featuring the hit movie "80 for Brady". Everyone is welcome to come along to a night of fun for a good cause. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



### PARENTS OF HR KIDS - FACEBOOK PAGE

The FACEBOOK page 'Parents of HR kids' was set up in 2012 and has been a fantastic place where we parents can ask questions, post uniforms for sale and generally communicate with one another in a safe manner. The page is now unable to be used effectively due to security concerns and we have set up another page.

'**HR Parents Group**' will be used as a replacement communication platform. The same rules will apply regarding respectful commentary and appropriate online use. Hopefully this will provide a suitable replacement for the now redundant page.

Please note, this group is a **parent group** and is not an official school communication platform. It will be administered by both parents and school staff.

**Scan the QR code or search for HR Parents Group to join!**



### SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB – ORDERS DUE WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

The Issue 4 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=sODVIMDMONDUSMDI](https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/scholastic_book_club_parent_guide?fr=sODVIMDMONDUSMDI)

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





## SCHOOL SPORT

### – WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

*Troy Coates (PE Coordinator)*



#### THIS WEEK! - PALMER'S GYMNASTICS PROGRAM (FOUNDATION TO GRADE 2)

**Date:** Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th, Friday 26th May

**Times:** Foundation (11:30 - 12:30), Grade 1 (12:30 - 1:30), Grade 2 (1:30 - 2:30)

**What to wear/bring:** Holy Rosary sports uniform and drink bottle.

**Aim of lessons:** The children will participate in a 4 lesson program that offers gymnastics equipment including fully sprung floor, ropes, rings, bars, balance beams, trampolines, foam pit, loads of gymnastic shapes. The program aims to provide a quality gymnastics experience to all participants, extending them through the use of various gymnastics apparatus under the guidance of fully trained and qualified staff. This program provides gymnastics experiences that develop skills such as swinging, bouncing, jumping, landing, cartwheels, handstands and rolling.

*\*\*\*Please sign the PAM note and read for any further information.*



#### LEARNER DIVERSITY: PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP "PSG" MEETINGS

The Program Support Group (PSG) Meetings have been scheduled and will begin next week. Please check your Parent Access Module (PAM) account for your allocated appointment. Please note this in your diary/calendar. **PSG meetings will take place each Wednesday and Friday during Term 2; beginning in week 6 (Friday 2nd June) through to Week 9 (Friday 23rd June).** Meetings will run for **35 minutes** to allow parents, teachers and the Learner Diversity Leader to discuss the student's personalised learning plan (PLP)

with an emphasis on the students goals that have been put in place to support the learning for your child.

All meetings have been scheduled as 'virtual meetings'. If you would like your meeting to take place onsite please forward this preference to Mandy via email. If you can not view your time please feel free to contact the office and they will be able to assist you, alternatively, you can email Mandy [mantoniadis@hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mantoniadis@hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au).

The scheduled meetings provide collaborative discussions between school, home and external therapeutic support for students with additional needs within our school. These conversations support the set goals and adjustments that are developed to guide and reinforce the learning that takes place within the school setting.

#### PASTORAL CARE

Wow, week 5! Our students and staff have had a wonderful start to the term and are starting to settle back into the routine of our school. We encourage all our families to celebrate the wonderful learning our students have completed this year so far. Have a conversation with your child about the different learning they have completed and share in the work they may be bringing home to show you.



We have a new delivery from food share for our pantry on Tuesday. Please feel free to ask your child's teacher to pack a bag of groceries to be brought home, or the food share pantry can now be accessed by families as needed - fridge, freezer and pantry goods.

Second hand uniform is available for a gold coin donation with items in all sizes available, second hand uniform can be accessed in the Rosarium. If you have any items you would like to donate, please drop it into the office and members of the Grade 6 HR Services Leadership team will sort and organise them for other families to use. - *Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)*



## ATTENDANCE

We are aware there are many sniffles, colds and respiratory illnesses within our larger Bendigo community at this time. If your child is unwell please keep them home until they are feeling better and symptom free. Please speak to your child's teacher or Megan Gerrish if you feel your child is missing out on school, as support can be provided during this time.

### Top Attendance Tips for Parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents - act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's teacher, our school or the wellbeing and pastoral care team to discuss your concerns and ask for advice.
- Remember that everyday counts
- There are no safe numbers of days for missing school - each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness.
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day.
- Open and prompt communication with your child's teacher about all absences is a good idea.
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the day or planning family holidays during the school term.

## CYBER SAFETY

**The online world is an awesome place**  
Talking to friends, playing games and watching videos can be lots of fun!

**Remember:** When you explore any place, you need to stay safe. It's the same when you are online too. Ask your mum, dad, carer or a trusted adult to explore with you.



  eSafety Commissioner

Check [esafety.gov.au/kids](https://esafety.gov.au/kids) for more info and tips

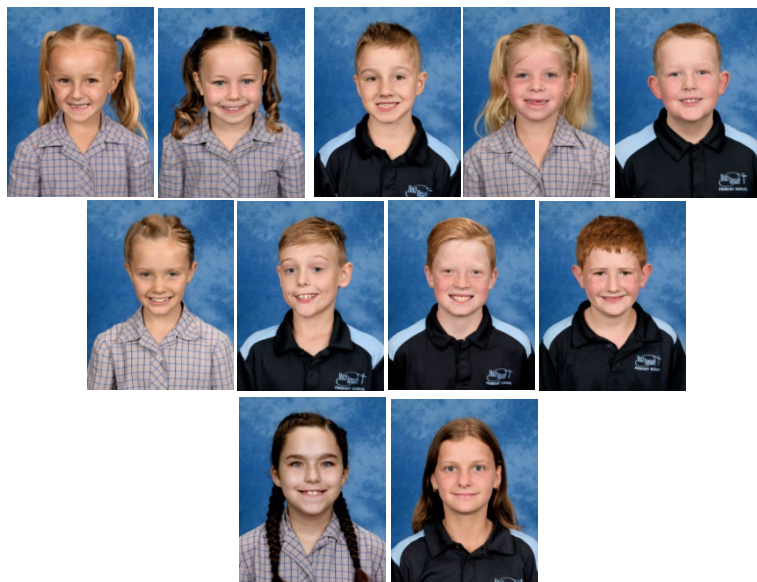
## STUDENT NEWS



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; James Moorhead, Lorelai Martin, Eden Jones & Chelsea Gray. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FJM	Abby
FMM	Isla
1CV	Seth
1GS	Tilly
2JH	Tarkyn
2SD	Gracie
4BD	Lenny
4LS	Cooper
5DL	Jack
5JO	Isabelle
6DW	Isabel



## AROUND THE SCHOOL...

On the 19th of May we were proud to have the new administrative building and COLA blessed by Bishop Shane. We were happy that there were lots of families and friends coming to watch. We were also happy to have Deputy Premier Jacinta Allan in attendance, sharing to the students the importance of this new building.

The soccer team is coming out very soon and we are very excited to watch them play. For those that are going to play soccer, good luck and we hope you guys make it to the team. - *Leo, Alex & Grace (6DW)*

## ***P&F NEWS***

### **CANTEEN MENU CHANGES**

***Change to Ordering:*** When ordering multiple party pies or dim sims, you can now choose the exact quantity you would like, rather than adding the single item multiple times. (e.g. please choose 3 x dim sims, rather than choosing 1x dim sim 3 times)

***New Item:*** Spaghetti Bolognese w/ Cheese

### **NO LUNCH ORDERS FOR FOUNDATION THIS WEEK (FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>)**

Please note, that due to a timing clash with our Gymnastics Program this week, **Foundation students will be unable to order a lunch order. All other year levels can order as usual.**

### **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!*

We are well into Term 2 and still have a roster with many empty spots to fill. 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.

**Should we not have enough volunteers for the coming week by Thursday morning, we will be unable to offer our regular canteen. If you are able to volunteer in our Canteen, please contact the school office or Lindy Vance on 0409 067 404.**

# SPORTS & COMMUNITY NEWS



## L'Arche Bendigo Fundraiser

L'Arche –providing independent supported living for adults with an intellectual disability



Book online using the following link:  
<https://www.starcinema.org.au/movie/larche-bendigo-fundraiser-80-for-brady>

Enquiries to Jim Rolfe on 0407 554 263

**Star Cinema (Eaglehawk)**

**Thurs. 25th May '23**

**7pm**

**\$22 book online or ticket office**

**\$23 phone booking**



## Greater Bendigo Climate Summit

Be inspired, collaborate and commit to climate action in our region



Saturday May 27, 2023 • Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo

### Day session program highlights

- The Great Transport Debate** – Zero Emissions by 2030 – hosted by **Natasha Mitchell**, to be broadcast on Big Ideas on ABC Radio National
- Opening remarks from **Lily D'Ambrosio**, Victorian Energy Minister
- Watch **Damon Cameau's** Regeneration movie
- Hear from Bendigo local youth on climate action
- Create your own 2030 climate roadmap
- Have your say on the Draft Greater Bendigo 2030 Zero Emissions Roadmap
- Join practical workshops with Bendigo Sustainability Group, Bendigo TAFE and others
- Explore the trade stalls, have your questions answered, see e-bikes, electric cars, climate art and local musicians
- Take a look at the City's new Draft Biodiversity Strategy

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL



Day session 9am – 5pm  
Free  
Ensure your place by registering early online <https://tinyurl.com/2xkt27bd>



Evening session 6pm – 8.30pm  
\$5 per person  
Electrify Everything Greater Bendigo, with Saul Griffith <https://tinyurl.com/2h5kr4f6>

Hosted by the Greater Bendigo Climate Collaboration



Working in partnership with Djaara and Taungurung to heal Country.

## HOLY ROSARY CANTEN

### VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 2 2023

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
<b>MAY 2023</b>		
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am – 12.00pm	Jess Reeves & Rebecca Skipper
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am – 11.45am	Karlie McConville
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Jessica Bragg
<b>JUNE 2023</b>		
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	9.00am – 12.00pm	Dea Robertson & Susie Young
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	10.30am – 11.45am	Chelsea Kennedy
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Josie Postlethwaite
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am – 11.00am	Rachael Sutton, Gabbie Irwin & Lauren Rogers
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am – 12.00pm	Rebecca Skipper & Volunteer Needed
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am – 11.45am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Jen Ball
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
<b>PIZZA DAY Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.00am – 12.00pm</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed &amp; Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>PIZZA DAY Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.40am – 11.45am</b>	<b>Tamara Ferguson &amp; Jess Reeves</b>
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Jessica Bragg
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	9.00am – 12.00pm	Susie Young & Rachael Sutton
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	10.30am – 11.45am	Volunteer Needed