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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**

#### **OCTOBER 2023**

Tue 31st Pupil Free Day – Staff PD

### **NOVEMBER 2023**

Wed 1st Bendigo Cup Public Holiday

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Day

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Barefoot Bowls 5pm – Save the Date

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> PSG Meetings

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Frayne House Community Mass – 6pm

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Camp

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> PSG Meetings

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Colour Run Event Day

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> PSG Meetings
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> PSG Meetings
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> PSG Meetings
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Canteen Pizza Day

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> McAuley House Community Mass – 6pm

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> PSG Meetings

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Tue 28<sup>th</sup> – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Swimming Program (F-2)

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> PSG Meetings

#### **DECEMBER 2023**

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec PSG Meetings

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Swimming Program (F-2)

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec PSG Meetings
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec PSG Meetings

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term for Students



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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus emphasises the greatest commandments: to love God with all your heart, soul and mind and to love your neighbour as yourself. As parents, this teaching reminds us of the profound importance of love in our families. Beyond daily challenges, our primary duty is fostering love—love for God, love for each other and love for others in our community. By embodying these teachings, we guide our children towards compassion, empathy and kindness. This passage urges us to create a home filled with love, teaching our children not just with words, but through our actions, the transformative power of love in our lives and the world.

It was great to be able to join the grade 1's on their excursion to TwistEd in Echuca last week as part of their Inquiry topic "Energy and Forces". The children participated in a one-hour workshop and then one-hour in the "Play Zone". The opportunity to make connections with their classwork was invaluable, as was the chance to be offsite and having a lot of fun learning. Thanks to the teachers Miss Smith and Mr Van Der Staay for their work in organising and to Miss Thomas and Mr Sladden who also supported a very successful day.

The grade 5&6 cricket Blast was another exciting day for the children and again we had a very successful day. With four teams participating this year, it was great to see the sportsmanship and indeed skills on display. Thanks to Mr Coates and Mr Walker who organised the day and to Mr Sladdin, Mrs Morrison and Mr Edwards for their help on the day.

We have also had a great music incursion 'Beats & Pieces' Digitech music in Ted's Shed for the grade 3-6 children. Thanks to Mrs Teed for her organisation. The visit was certainly something that was a great opportunity for everyone to appreciate music and have fun.

Our school council is working hard to develop opportunities for fundraising and social contact this year and in 2024. We have a

'Barefoot Bowls' night coming up on 3<sup>rd</sup> November with information coming out over the next few weeks. We look forward to having a fun night with parents, thanks to our organisers.

Next week we have a pupil free day on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October where the staff will be working on curriculum development, followed by the Bendigo Cup day public holiday. Again our preparations for 2024 are well under way and I ask that if you will not be returning to Holy Rosary next year, that parents inform me as soon as practical.

Have a great weekend

Paul Wilkinson Principal

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **WORLD TEACHERS' DAY**

On the 28th October all around the world teachers are remembered and honoured for their lives of service to the field of education. Today, our Grade 6 Catholic identity group visited all our teachers in their classrooms to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the mission of education. This day is also an opportunity to take a moment and reflect on the great mission of Mercy Catholic education in Australia. For us at Holy Rosary, this educational journey began many centuries ago when Catherine McAuley called on Ursula Frayne to bring the Mercy mission to our country. Today our teachers continue to pledge their commitment to Catholic education, each and every day as they work tirelessly to support all children at Holy Rosary. Please join us by offering this prayer to give thanks for our great teachers and the contributions they make when it comes to improving student outcomes and shaping learned lives for future success.

Today, as we celebrate our teachers, we pray together

God of Love, thank you for every teacher who notices a child's special gift. Thank you for teachers who are listeners and gentle guides. Thank you for teachers who expect much and love enough to demand more. Thank you for the special teacher each one of us remembers.

God of Mercy, sustain teachers who give everything they have. Strengthen teachers who assume the blame for so many problems beyond their control. Help exhausted teachers rest.

God of Strength, encourage teachers to care and inspire them to nourish. Motivate teachers to keep on learning for the fun of it and to make learning enjoyable for children.

We wonder at teachers who know how to quiet a class of five year olds or help fourth graders be empathetic. We admire teachers who enjoy middle school writers, or teach physics, math or history. Bless the people who are expected to accomplish these miracles and who know how to comfort children when miracles don't happen.

God of Justice, help and support teachers in their special calling, wherever they teach and whatever obstacles they must face. We pray these things in the name of our great teacher, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

(Red Deer Regional Catholic Schools Board, Alberta, CANADA)

#### THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2023

\$2.00 a ticket and A NEW KIA PICANTO TO BE WON!!!

The prizes are fabulous

- 1st Prize: Kia Picanto S 1.25ltr Auto \$19,890 (drive-away)
- 2nd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of \$5000
- 3rd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of \$3000
- 4th & 5th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of \$1000
- 6th & 7th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of \$500

Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20 per Book.

Please support our parish fund raising endeavour by assisting with selling and purchasing The Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle. Please take a book or more and return them by Sunday 12th November 2023. Ticket sales close Monday 13th November, 2023 Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Permit No – 10175/23 RAFFLE DRAWN: Saturday December 2nd 2023 at Resurrection Keysborough Parish, 7:30pm, 402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough.



### - WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

Troy Coates (PE Coordinator)



#### SCHOOL RUN 4 FUN: COLOUR EXPLOSION

Our Colour Explosion School Fun Run fundraising has started! You can win big with a huge variety of automated incentive prizes, competitions and added bonuses! The brightest day at school is on Friday 10th November!

**Sponsorship booklets have been sent home.** Don't forget to jump on and create your profile. If you haven't already, make sure you start fundraising online at <a href="https://www.australianfundraising.com.au">www.australianfundraising.com.au</a>.

Incredible effort and dedication from everyone.

Because of you, we have already raised a **WHOPPING \$4,500**. Well done to Grade 2JH who are leading the fundraising with \$935. With Grade 2SD coming second with \$600.

\*\*Any students that raise over \$20 will go into the draw to 'SLIME' a teacher on the day.

Let's keep the momentum going, we have two weeks left to get there  $\textcircled{\cite{10}}$ 



#### **NOTIFYING ABSENCES VIA PAM**

Thank you to those parents who have been using PAM to notify us of their child's absence. It has been great to see an increase in parent use. PAM is quick and efficient for both parents and our office staff. However, we would like to remind parents that PAM should only be used to notify the school of full day absences. If a child is going to be late to school, or collected early, we require parents to come to the office and sign students in and out manually on drop off or collection.

While the online system does allow part day absences, the office does not receive any notifications for these absences so they can get missed. Part day absences added in this way can also negatively affect your child's attendance record as they directly affect the classroom rolls.

#### **TERM 4: PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS:**

The upcoming appointments for the Program Support Group (PSG) Meetings have been allocated. Please check your Parent Access Module (P.A.M.) account for your allocated appointment. Please note this in your diary/calendar. Furthermore, a hard copy of your appointment was sent home on Monday, 23rd Oct. Please check your child's bag if you have not received this. PSG meetings will take place each Wednesday and Friday during Term 4; beginning in week 5 (Friday, 3rd November) through to Week 10 (Friday, 8th December).

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 on P.A.M., please feel free to contact the office and they will be able to assist you, alternatively you can email Mandy at mantoniadis@hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au Mandy Antoniadis - Learner Diversity Leader

#### **CRICKET BLAST COMPETITION**

Well done to the 36 students across Grade 5 and 6 that represented Holy Rosary at the Cricket Blast Competition on Tuesday. It was a fantastic day at Epsom/Huntly ovals with close to 1000 students participating. We had two girls teams and two boys teams competing and all students should be really proud of their efforts, with all teams getting some wins throughout the day. We had a number of students trying cricket for the first time and it was great to see them out of their comfort zone and trying new things. Well done boys and girls.

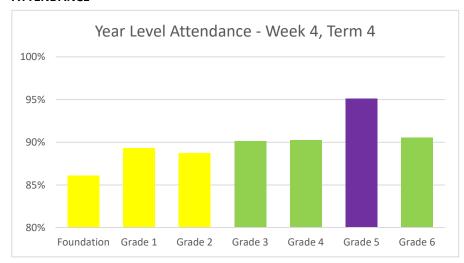


#### **ASSEMBLY**

Today at assembly we were delighted to be entertained by Manuel playing the keyboard. His enthusiasm was displayed in his music and was enjoyed by all.



#### **ATTENDANCE**







Why is regular attendance at school important?

Coming to school every day means when leaving school, you will earn more money, have better job opportunities and will be generally healthier.

Holy Rosary is pleased to partner with FoodShare, Bendigo to provide food relief for families who may need it. Food is delivered each Tuesday morning and is available for ALL of our school community to use.

Food items often available include:

Tinned - Frozen
 Spaghetti items

- Pasta Saurce - Wraps

- Rice - Milk

- Vegretables - Bread



FoodShare is located in the Rosarium building, in the room directly inside of the big glass doors that you enter through.

Bags are available to fill with what you require. There is no need to ask before taking, we welcome you to come and just take what you may need.

## STUDENT NEWS



#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are Willow Michielsen, Natalie Hoffrichter, Oliver Munday, Mitchell Nurse, Riozelle Sawit, Leo Watson and Ivy Fraser. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

#### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



	Students of the Week	
FJM	Namika C	
FMM	Isla M	
1CV	Ivy P	
1GS	Savannah W	
2JH	Harper I	
2SD	Charlie D	
3CW	Ruby R	
30G	Hamish S	
4BD	Jasper C	
4LS	Miley E	
5DL	Ethan C	
5JO	Delilah B	
6DW	Rubi M	
6MG	Dakota K	
YMCA	Stella F	

### **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Please note the planned YMCA full day service on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October for our pupil free day is now no longer going ahead due to lack of numbers. Alternate arrangements will need to be arranged for this day. All families who were booked in have been notified by email.



### How Can We Help?

At Holy Rosary, we are always here 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. Please reach out to your child's teacher, the office staff or Jo Thurley (Deputy Principal) at any 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

# **SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**



#### **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!

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.

## **HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN**

### **VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 4 2023**

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DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS	
	NOVEMB	ER 2023	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	9.00am – 12.00pm	Chloe H & Maree	
	10.30am – 12.00pm	Danielle B	
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am – 12.00pm	Susie Y & Volunteer Needed	
	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed	
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed	
PIZZA DAY - Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed	
PIZZA DAY - Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed	
PIZZA DAY - Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Jen B	
THUR 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed	
	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed	
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed	
	DECEMB	ER 2023	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9.00am – 12.00pm	Maree & Volunteer Needed	
	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed	
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed	
	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed	
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed	
	10.30am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed	
	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Maree	

# **SPORTS & COMMUNITY NEWS**











# **Kids and Worry**

For parents and carers with kids under 12

This workshop will explore the reasons why children worry, and ways parents and carers can support them. It will include practical tools to assist children to manage their worries.

When: Thursday, 2 November

Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Cost: FREE

Where: Online Zoom





# **Tech Strategies for Families**

For parents and carers with kids aged 0 - 8

Parenting in a world driven by technology presents a set of challenges. This workshop will include practical tools to assist parents and carers set boundaries with their children.

When: Thursday, 16 November

Time: 9:30am - 11:00am

Cost: FREE

Where: Online Zoom

WHITE HILLS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB ESTABLISHING A

WOMEN'S TEAM FOR 2024

LOOKING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

PLAYERS and SUPPORT STAFF

Also seeking expression's for our girl's teams Under 12, 15 & 18 Those born 2006 to 2012

Please email us

Your name - DOB for those under 18

- Contact number

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