



NEWSLETTER

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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

NOVEMBER 2023

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| Fri 17 th | PSG Meetings |
| Fri 17 th | Canteen Pizza Day |
| Sat 18 th | McAuley House Community Mass – 6pm |
| Tues 21 st | Foundation Transition Day |
| Wed 22 nd | PSG Meetings |
| Fri 24th | Pupil Free Day – Staff PD |
| Tue 28 th – Fri 1 st | Swimming Program (F-2) |
| Wed 29 th | PSG Meetings |

DECEMBER 2023

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| Fri 1 st | PSG Meetings |
| Tue 28 th – Fri 1 st | Swimming Program (F-2) |
| Tues 5 th | Orientation Day Foundation - Gr 6 (CMC) |
| Wed 6 th | PSG Meetings |
| Fri 8 th | PSG Meetings |
| Fri 8 th | Foundation – Bendigo Cinema |
| Thur 14 th | Grade 2 – Bendigo Cinema |
| Fri 15th | Last day of Term for Students |

JANUARY 2024

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| Mon 29 th | First day for Staff |
| Tues 30 th | First Day of Term 1 for students |

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In Sunday's Gospel this week, we discover a beautiful lesson that resonates with our roles as parents and teachers. The master entrusted his servants with different amounts of talents, symbolising the unique gifts each child possesses. As parents and teachers, we are entrusted with the incredible task of nurturing these talents in children. Just as the servants were expected to make the most of what they were given, we too are called to provide an environment that encourages exploration and growth.

Take a moment to reflect on the talents you see in your child—whether it's a love for art, a curious mind, kindness, or a natural flair for leadership. Our role is not just to notice these gifts but to cultivate and celebrate them. Encourage your child to embrace their uniqueness and guide them in using their talents to bring joy to others.

In this journey, let's be the supportive figures our children need, fostering a sense of confidence and a love for learning. The small steps we take today can have a profound impact on their future. Let's embark on this adventure of nurturing and celebrating the wonderful talents within our children.

Our first transition day was a great success and certainly a special time for both children and their parents. It was wonderful to see the excitement and joy as the children took their first steps in the primary school journey. We look forward to another visit this Tuesday before Orientation day on the 5th December. All children will spend some time with their 2024 class and teacher on December 5th as our grade 6 children head off to their various secondary schools.

In just two weeks, our junior swimming program will kick off! Recognising the significance of swimming as a vital life skill, our school program concentrates on water safety and confidence. While this program serves as a valuable introduction, we strongly encourage all families to engage in consistent, external swimming



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

lessons. These additional lessons offer the optimal opportunity for maximizing benefits and ensuring the development of essential swimming skills.

Finally, in today's newsletter we are able to advise the 2024 school fees. These fees are set in conjunction with advice from the Catholic Education Office. We are conscious of the challenges that 2023 has placed on families this year, keeping this in mind we have kept our fee increase minimal whilst still allowing us to provide our excellent standard of education.



Paul Wilkinson
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

PARISH NEWS

World Day of the Poor - World Day of the Poor was established by the Pope at the close of the 2016 Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Sunday 19th November 2023 is the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme of not turning away. Pope Francis takes his inspiration from the elderly Tobit, who says to his son, ““Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tobit 4:7).



Pope's message for the World Day of the Poor 2023

Pope Francis reminds us why we can never forget the poor.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE

Thursday 16th November was International Tolerance Day. This day was created to encourage mindfulness and faith in human rights. Racial or religious background should be inconsequential to friendship opportunities. This belief aligns beautifully with school charism - as a Mercy school we pride ourselves on humility, embracing and celebrating differences without fear of bias or ridicule.



ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE

Donations due by Wednesday 13th 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.

Today your Grade 6 Catholic Identity Team visited each classroom to distribute baskets for the collection of the following items. Please read the descriptions carefully, 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

Thank you to the Catholic Identity team for designing the following poster which is also on display in our classroom.



TERM 4: PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS:

Term 4 PSG meetings will run this week through to Friday 8th December. You can view your allocated time via PAM. A link to access the online meeting will become visible on your PAM account on the day of your appointment.

Mandy Antoniadis (Learner Diversity Leader)

F-2 SWIMMING LESSONS

In Week 9 of this term, our F-2 students will be participating in swimming lessons at the Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre. All families in years F-2 would have received a P.A.M. note with further information. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's classroom teacher or the PE Coordinator. Many thanks.

Troy Coates

VISUAL ARTS

Students from Foundation and Grade 5 have entered the annual Jacinta Allan Christmas card competition with the theme "Christmas in Summer". We wish the students who have entered good luck in the competition. We should know the results by the end of the term. I was very proud to see that some of our student's entries are displayed on the window of Jacinta's office at 140 Mollison Street as per the photo below

Eva Rosaia



– WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

Troy Coates (PE Coordinator)



COLOUR RUN 2023

The Colour Explosion School Fun Run was a huge success. It is fantastic to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our school. The highlight is the smiles on the student's faces as they ran their Colour Explosion School Fun Run. A big thank you to those who kindly donated. We raised a total of \$15,021. Congratulations to our highest individual fundraiser, Makenzie G in Grade 4 who raised \$610. Student incentive prizes have been ordered and are on their way! They will arrive shortly and be distributed to students accordingly. Again, our most sincere thanks for your support and fundraising efforts.

Mr Coates



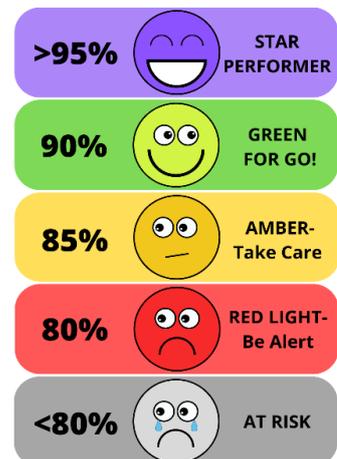
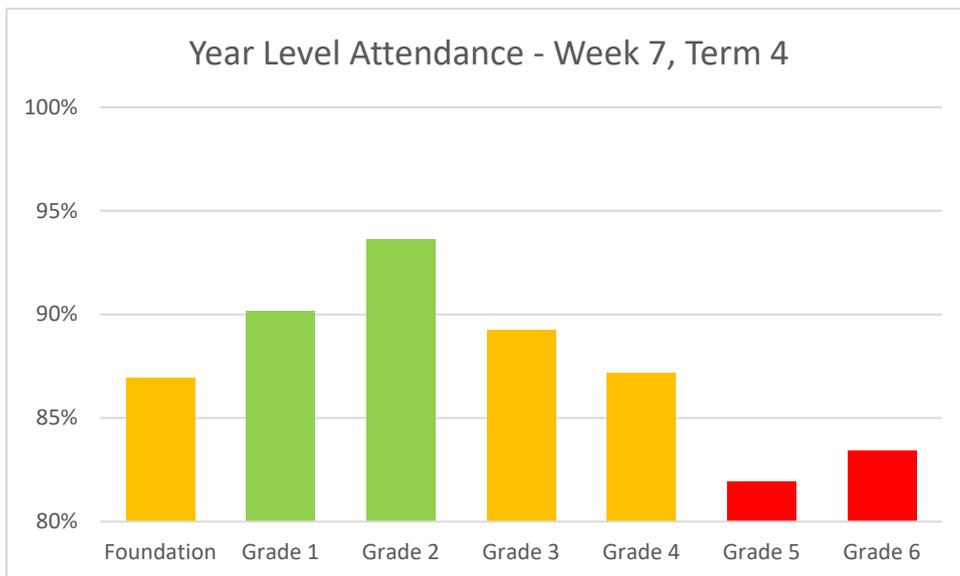


Talk to school if:

Your child is not wanting to attend school

You need support getting your child to school

ATTENDANCE



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 Spaghetti
- Pasta Sauce
- Rice
- Vegetables
- Frozen items
- Wraps
- Milk
- 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 Daniel Sargeant, Thomas Marchment, Zane Cini, Senna Comer and Jasper Crennan. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

| Students of the Week | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| FJM | Lorelai M |
| FMM | Charlie R |
| 1CV | Patrick A |
| 1GS | Cooper R |
| 2JH | Maia S |
| 2SD | Matteo G |
| 3CW | Bella H |
| 3OG | Hudson M |
| 4BD | Tazmin V |
| 4LS | Kaia L |
| 5DL | Lola M |
| 5JO | Georgia V |
| 6DW | Alex D & Lily M |
| 6MG | Thomas K |
| YMCA | Arlan E |



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

HR PARENTS AND FRIENDS BAREFOOT BOWLS 2023

A great night was had by all. Delicious bbq, drinks and some top bowls. Thanks to White Hills Bowls Club for hosting and excellent tutorage. HR Parents and Friends social nights are a great opportunity to relax, socialise and connect with other parents at our children's wonderful school. All are welcome.



CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

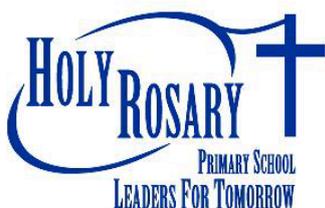
*Have you been thinking about volunteering in our school Canteen but not sure that you have what it takes?
Good news! You don't need any special culinary skills; just a friendly can-do attitude and a Working with Children Check!*

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

| DATE | TIME | VOLUNTEERS |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| NOVEMBER 2023 | | |
| THUR 23 rd November | 9.00am – 12.00pm | Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed |
| | 10.30am – 12.00pm | Volunteer Needed |
| | 1.30pm - 2.30pm | Volunteer Needed |
| DECEMBER 2023 | | |
| Fri 1 st December | 9.00am – 12.00pm | Maree & Chloe H |
| | 10.30am – 12.00pm | Volunteer Needed |
| | 1.30pm - 2.30pm | Volunteer Needed |
| Fri 8 th December | 9.00am – 12.00pm | Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed |
| | 10.30am – 12.00pm | Volunteer Needed |
| | 1.30pm - 2.30pm | Volunteer Needed |
| Fri 15 th December | 9.00am – 12.00pm | Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed |
| | 10.30am – 12.00pm | Volunteer Needed |
| | 1.30pm - 2.30pm | Maree |



Holy Rosary Primary School White Hills

Schedule of Fees and Charges

2024 School Fee Structure

The School Fee Structure has been set for the 2024 school year. The Fees and Levies have been determined by the Principal and verified by the School Advisory Board, paying particular attention to the needs and circumstances of the community, along with the ongoing and long-term strategic plan of the school.

2024 School Fees:

| | Family Fee |
|--------------|------------|
| 1 Child | \$1,288.00 |
| 2 Children | \$1,932.00 |
| 3 Children + | \$2,254.00 |

| | Capital & Maintenance Fee |
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| Family | \$550.00 |

Further Costs for each Grade Level

| | Curriculum & ICT Levy |
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| Foundation | \$295.00 |
| Grade 1 | \$295.00 |
| Grade 2 | \$305.00 |
| Grade 3 | \$335.00 |
| Grade 4 | \$310.00 |
| Grade 5 | \$310.00 |
| Grade 6 | \$320.00 |

| | Camps, Sports & Excursion (CSE) Levy |
|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Foundation | \$190.00 |
| Grade 1 | \$190.00 |
| Grade 2 | \$210.00 |
| Grade 3 | \$280.00 |
| Grade 4 | \$390.00 |
| Grade 5 | \$460.00 |
| Grade 6 | \$630.00 |

Curriculum & ICT Levy

This levy covers part of the cost of supplies and resources for classrooms and specialist classes, eg. Art, Music and Drama, Library and Languages. It also assists the school to provide computers and iPads for use across the school.

Camps, Sports & Excursion (CSE) Levy

This levy covers part of the costs associated with the provision of Camps, Excursions, Incursions and Physical Education Programs

Payment of School Fees & Levies

The range of educational opportunities and experiences has been offered within the context of our budget. It will therefore be important that payment of fees and levies are honoured. We are very aware of the rising costs for families and this is given careful consideration in the process of setting school fees and levies. However due to Government school funding agreements, there is an expectation that Catholic school communities contribute to the cost of education. In order to assist families we encourage payment via direct debit. This allows for regular payments to be made equally over the year. Please note: If your current payment arrangement is direct debit, you will receive a letter shortly with your revised payment amount for the 2024 school year. For all other forms of payment excluding direct debit and Centrepay, fees must be paid in full by 30th of April. If any families are experiencing difficulty in paying, they are asked to meet with the Principal to discuss other possible arrangements.

Payment Options for School Fees & Levies

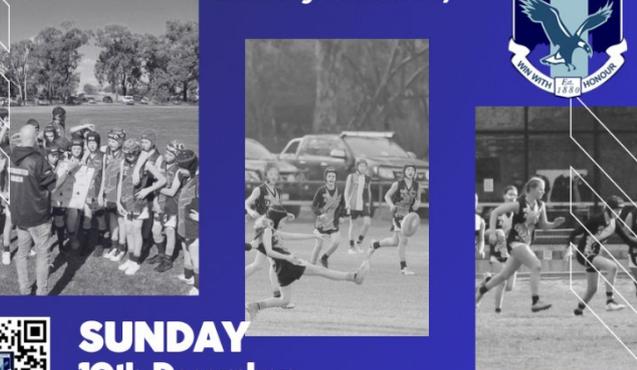
All fees and levies for the year will be billed at the start of the school year. Families will receive a school fee statement in early February 2024. The school provides a number of payment options for payment of school fees and levies.

- Cash or cheque (accepted via the office)
- Direct Debit (fortnightly)
- Direct payment into school bank account
- Centrepay (Centrelink payments)

SPORTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

2024 REGISTRATION

EJFC registration day



**SUNDAY
10th December**

2 Simpson Road, Eaglehawk
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Register online now!



WHITE HILLS



**DO YOU KNOW YOUR
FIRE RISK?**

FIRE SAFETY ESSENTIALS SESSION

Cnr Buckland and Watson Streets
White Hills
Date: Wednesday 22 November 2023
Time: 7:30 pm



For further information on how to prepare your property for the fire season scan this QR code or visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au

EPSOM



**DO YOU KNOW YOUR
FIRE RISK?**

FIRE SAFETY ESSENTIALS SESSION

Community Playspace
Cnr Ambrosia Rise & Botanical Drive
Epsom
Date: Wednesday 29 November 2023
Time: 7:30 pm



For further information on how to prepare your property for the fire season scan this QR code or visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au

*Community
Christmas
Festival*

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER
GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE
5 PM - 8 PM



MARKET · GAMES · FOOD FROM 5 PM
CHRISTMAS CAROLS FROM 6:30 PM

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