



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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Next week certainly is a busy one for everyone at school. On Monday evening you are invited to an informal picnic in the park at the Botanical Gardens. We will have pancakes available from the canteen straight after school and all families are invited to the Gardens for an opportunity to enjoy the company of our school community. For some, it will be an opportunity to meet others and for others, a chance to reconnect with families. We will have some teaching staff in attendance and look forward to catching up.

The Marong Cup will be held on Saturday February 17th, 2024. It is a great opportunity for parents and students of the school to engage in a fun social event. There are a lot of fun attractions and rides for the students to participate in. It would be great to see as many families as possible supporting Holy Rosary as one of the organising schools for the cup. Once again we have a number of positions for volunteers and we urge those who can offer an hour or even two, please let the school office or our parent rep Tamara know. The funds raised over the day are directly shared among all Catholic primary schools in Bendigo.

A reminder that next Tuesday 13th February will be a student-free day. Our staff will be engaging in professional development focused on behaviour management and support. This crucial training ensures our teachers and support staff are equipped with the latest strategies to create a positive and inclusive learning environment for your children. As such we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday on Monday and look forward to sharing a pancake or two with the children.

We also invite families to celebrate Ash Wednesday mass at 9.15am with us, as we begin the church's season of Lent. On this day, we'll gather for a special service where ashes, a symbol of humility and repentance, will be gently placed on foreheads. Let us embrace this season of reflection, prayer and self-discovery as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Join us in observing Ash Wednesday, a meaningful step in our shared spiritual journey.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Fri 9 th	Parents Night @ Huntly Hotel @5.30pm
Mon 12 th	Shrove Monday Picnic in the Park
Tues 13th	Pupil Free Day
Wed 14 th	Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9.15am
Sat 17th	Marong Cup
Mon 19 th	PSG meetings
Tues 20 th	Sacrament Preparation Evening no 1
Fri 23 rd	School Photos
Mon 26 th	PSG meetings

MARCH

Mon 4 th	PSG meetings
Fri 8 th	Billy Tea Bush Dance
Mon 11th	Labour Day Holiday
Tues 12 th	Grd 3-6 Swimming Lessons
Wed 13 th	Grd 3-6 Swimming Lessons
Thur 14 th	Grd 3-6 Swimming Lessons
Fri 15 th	Grd 3-6 Swimming Lessons
Mon 18 th	PSG Meetings
Mon 18 th	Sacrament Preparation Evening no 2
Tues 20 th	Catholic Swimming Carnival
Mon 25 th	PSG Meetings
Wed 27 th	Cross Country
Thur 28th	Last Day Term 1
Fri 29 th	Good Friday



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

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

Next Tuesday we also celebrate Sorry Day. In Australia it is a poignant occasion that prompts deep reflection on the historical injustices faced by Indigenous peoples. It is a day to acknowledge and express remorse for the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, known as the Stolen Generations. The significance of Sorry Day lies in fostering understanding, reconciliation and unity. As a nation, it serves as a reminder of the need to address past wrongs, work towards healing and build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Observing Sorry Day encourages us to learn from history, promote cultural awareness, and actively contribute to a more inclusive and respectful future. It's an opportunity for schools to engage students in meaningful conversations about reconciliation, cultural sensitivity and the importance of acknowledging and learning from the mistakes of the past.

Congratulations to all the talented swimmers for their outstanding performance at the trials! Best of luck as you represent our school at the Catholic Swimming sports in a few weeks. A special thanks to Mr. Coates and Miss Turk for coordinating the day seamlessly. Your hard work ensures these events run smoothly, providing our students with valuable opportunities. Here's to a successful competition ahead!

Finally Thank you to everyone who took time to attend a learning conversation this week. It is certainly an important part of our partnership with parents. A reminder that should you need to see any staff member including myself, please make an appointment to ensure we have the appropriate time available.



Paul Wilkinson
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

FEES 2024

School fees are billed to families on a full yearly total and accounts are sent out each month.

Payments may be made at the office at your convenience by cash or cheque (no EFTPOS available), you may pay directly into the school account by EFT or you may elect us to set up a Direct Debit facility from your bank account. Direct Debit is our preferred method of payment.

2024 School Fees:

	Family Fee		Capital & Maintenance Fee
1 Child	\$1,288.00	Family	\$550.00
2 Children	\$1,932.00		
3 Children +	\$2,254.00		

Further Costs for each Grade Level

	Curriculum & ICT Levy		Camps, Sports & Excursion (CSE) Levy
Foundation	\$295.00	Foundation	\$190.00
Grade 1	\$295.00	Grade 1	\$190.00
Grade 2	\$305.00	Grade 2	\$210.00
Grade 3	\$335.00	Grade 3	\$280.00
Grade 4	\$310.00	Grade 4	\$390.00
Grade 5	\$310.00	Grade 5	\$460.00
Grade 6	\$320.00	Grade 6	\$630.00

Unless paying by Direct Debit, fees must be paid in full by 30th of April. If any families are experiencing difficulty in paying, please request a meeting to discuss other possible arrangements.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Enrolments for our 2024 Sacramental program are now open. Important dates are listed below, please ensure you have these dates in your calendar as non attendance will impact on your child's participation.

Important Sacramental Dates

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 20 th February	5.30pm	Sacrament Preparation Evening 1
Sat 2 nd March Sun 3 rd March	6.00pm 10.00am	Commitment Mass
Monday 18 th March	5.30pm	Sacramental Preparation Evening 2
Sat 23 rd March Sun 24 th March	6.00pm 10.00am	Commitment Mass
Tuesday 16 th April	5.30pm	Sacrament Preparation Evening 3
Sat 20 th April Sun 21 st April	6.00pm 10.00am	Commitment Mass
Saturday 18 th May	6.00pm	Eucharist /Confirmation Mass.

Upcoming Friday Class Masses:

- Friday 23rd Feb - Grade 5
- Friday 1st March - Grade 4
- Friday 8th March - No Class due to Whole School Incursion
- Friday 16th March - Grade 1

Holy Rosary School House Masses Term 1 2024

Saturday 2 nd March	6pm	School HARTE House/Family Parish Mass
Saturday 23 rd March	6pm	School FRAYNE House/Family Parish Mass

St Juan Diego
1474-1548



Juan was a perseverant man who often walked several miles to attend Mass. He went to great lengths to be close to Jesus, even if it was hard. He was the first indigenous saint in the Americas. Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to him in 1531.

3 Practical Ways To Live Perseverance Out:

- Finishing an assignment to the end without distractions
- Running to the end of the race without giving up
- Finishing all our chores and tasks

Perseverance is choosing not to give up when things are hard. It is to keep our eye on the goal to help us keep going. The opposite of perseverance is getting discouraged and not following through with what needs to be done.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK - CATHOLIC VALUE AWARD

This week our Saint Hero is St Josephine who displayed the value of Hope. Next week's Saint Hero will be St Juan Diego who displayed the value of Perseverance. We encourage you to discuss each Saint and their value with your child/ren, helping them to learn how they can live out our Christian values.

PROJECT COMPASSION

The THEME of Project Compassion is 'FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS'. This phrase is a powerful affirmation that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. It is also a call for all of us to play our part in making the world a better place by working together as sisters and brothers in finding long-term solutions to global issues.

This year, it's inspired by the story in Exodus (3:1-20). In this story, God tells Moses that he has heard the cry of the people. God responds to things not being fair and chooses Moses to speak to Pharaoh. Though Moses is afraid, God promises to be with him. And God said, This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come (3:15). As God called Moses, so now God calls us to work for justice for all future generations.

You can make a donation by searching Holy Rosary White Hills from the Caritas Website <https://schools.projectcompassion.org.au/>



SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKES IN THE PARK ON MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

Our lenten season always begins with the Catholic tradition of eating pancakes on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. This celebration is a symbolic action that helps us to prepare for the following 40 days of fasting and abstinence. However, as we have a school closure day on Tuesday our Parents and Friends Social committee will be organising Pancakes in the Park on Monday. Please come along and join in the fun from 4.30pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

We will be attending a whole school Mass with the local Parish on Wednesday 14th February @ 9:15am. Grade 6 teachers and students will also be running the mass. Please remember this is a day of abstinence, we strongly encourage all our students to avoid eating meat on this day as a sign of respect for this significant event in our liturgical calendar. While abstinence is now optional on Friday's, it is good practice to refrain from eating meat (where possible) as it reminds students of the bigger picture that leads into Good Friday.

PARISH NEWS

FUNDRAISER BBQ AT BUNNINGS - SUNDAY 11TH FEB 2024

If you are planning a visit to Bunnings over the weekend it would be greatly appreciated if you could do so on Sunday and support our school parish by purchasing a sausage. Thank you!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) is a Victorian Government program that assists eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Any parents/carers who hold a valid means-tested concession card, a Gold DVA card or are a temporary foster parent, may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards these items. The CSEF form is attached to this newsletter. If you did not receive a CSEF payment in 2023, have had a new child start, or are a new family, please fill in and return the application form to the office as soon as possible. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, whether you need to reapply etc, please see Paula in the office.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We currently have an excess of size 6 shorts, pants and jumpers. Please come into the secondhand uniform room and grab some for a gold coin donation.

FEE INTENTION FORM

You should have received a Fee Intention Form last week. Please have these completed forms returned to the office ASAP.

REMINDER: NO HAT, NO PLAY

Our Sun Smart policy has a "No Hat, No Play" rule during first and fourth terms (as well as other times of high UV). All students are expected to wear their school hats when outside and will not be permitted to play without one!

PASTORAL CARE

We are back, loving being at school and outside with our friends on the yard. It has been wonderful to see parents onsite at school for drop off and pick up and back in the canteen helping. We started our **Community Breakfast Program** last week. With vegemite toast and milo ready for students to eat as their first or second breakfast. The community breakfast program will be on each Thursday morning from 8:30 to 8:55am. We are cooking a minimum of 7 loaves of bread a week and they are being consumed very quickly which is great to see. We are able to run the breakfast program with most of the goods being supplied by FoodShare (bread & UHT milk). If you are able to donate a tin of Milo to our community breakfast program it would be greatly appreciated. **FoodShare** is back up and running. Our FoodShare pantry is in the Rosarium with the second-hand uniform store. Please let myself or your class teacher know if you would like a bag of items sent home or you as a parent can access the area and can pack your own FoodShare bags. We are lucky this year to have all our cold, frozen and pantry goods in the same area. FoodShare is delivered on a Monday morning.

Have a wonderful week and enjoy the sunshine. – Bianca Schmidt (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be held on **Friday 23rd February**. Please ensure that children are in a clean summer school uniform, clean tidy hair with **NO** bright coloured jewellery, ribbons or headbands. **Both individual and family photos will be ordered online this year.**

Photo orders will be online again this year. Orders need to be placed **before** 4.30pm on Thursday 22nd.

PLEASE NOTE FAMILY PHOTOS MUST BE ORDERED BEFORE 4.30PM THE NIGHT BEFORE PHOTO DAY. Please insure your orders are placed before this time as NO exceptions will be possible on Photo Day.

ONLINE BOOKING

Your school has decided school photos will only be available to order online this year.

Choose your own **FREE** background



The benefits of being online...

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 18 different backgrounds to choose from - no additional cost

www.leadingimage.com.au

Holy Rosary Primary School

Access Key

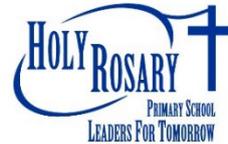
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INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos:

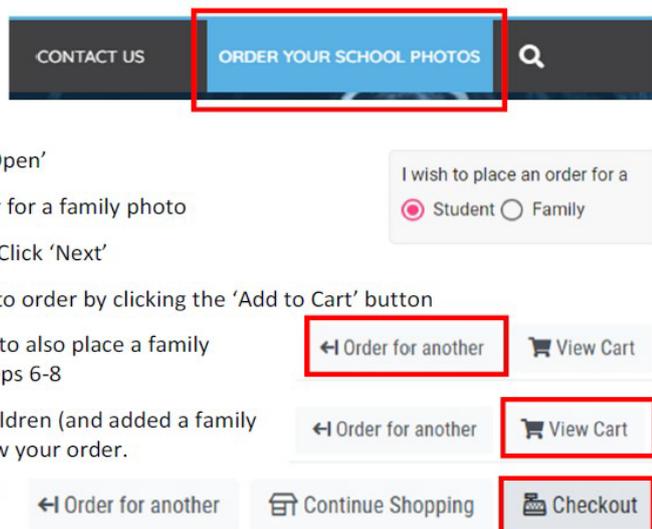
- 1 Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
- 2 Click on Order Your School Photos
- 3 Enter your Access Key



! Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30pm the night before photo day. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

HOW TO ORDER YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOS

1. Visit leadingimage.com.au on your browser (Google Chrome is the preferred browser)
2. Click on 'Order Your School Photos'
3. Select Victoria by clicking on the map
4. Enter our school Access Key: KY4RVTMM
5. Enter your personal email address & click 'Open'
6. Select if your order is for a student photo or for a family photo
7. Fill in the student's details & your details & Click 'Next'
8. Select the photo package(s) you would like to order by clicking the 'Add to Cart' button
9. If ordering for a second student, or wishing to also place a family order, click 'Order for Another' & repeat steps 6-8
10. When you have completed orders for all children (and added a family photo if required), click 'View Cart' to review your order.
11. Select 'Checkout' to complete your order & pay.



NOTE: You will not need to return anything to the school or photographer once you have completed your online order.



For our photographers own safety and to ensure our business is not effected please note we reserve the right to refuse to photograph any child if they present to school sick.

Again this is luckily not common but to ensure we aren't forced to address a difficult situation on the day we request that you stress to families that they can not bring their child in for a quick photo: no exceptions.

Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us immediately.
Look forward to seeing lots of smiling healthy faces on your upcoming photo day!

 Freecall: 1800 750 586
email: info@leadingimage.com.au
www.leadingimage.com.au

BILLY TEA BUSH BAND



We are very excited to welcome the Billy Tea Bush Dance Band back to Holy Rosary this year for a fabulous day of bush dance workshops and Aussie themed activities on Friday 8th March.

The day will involve the whole school and comprises of four activity rotations in House groups throughout the day, culminating in a whole school community bush dance on the tennis courts at 2.15pm.

Parents, carers and family members are warmly invited to attend the Community Bush Dance on the Tennis Courts at 2.15pm. Students may wish to dust off an Akubra, make a cork hat, or wear an Aussie style accessory to school on the day. We are looking forward to welcoming the Billy Tea Bush Band to Holy Rosary for a fun-filled day, building and developing musical skills and social connections within our school community.

ATTENDANCE

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. At Holy Rosary we work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

The importance of arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with the school principal.



SCHOOL SPORT **– WHAT'S HAPPENING?!** *Troy Coates*

CATHOLIC SWIMMING CARNIVAL (Grade 3-6) - Week 4

Date: Tuesday the 20th of February

Time: 9:45am – 2:00pm

Where: Bendigo East Swimming Pool

As there is a short turnaround from our trials, students who are successful in representing Holy Rosary will receive a PAM note by Wednesday the 14th Feb.

*Please note, year 3's are ONLY eligible for 3 individual events- 50m freestyle, breaststroke & backstroke.

SWIMMING LESSONS (GR 3-6) - Week 7

The Year 3-6 children will have their swimming lessons in Term 1 again, from Tuesday 12th March - Friday 15th of March (4 days).

This will be at Gurri Wanyarra in Kangaroo Flat from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Permission forms with further information will be released via PAM in the coming weeks.

*Please note: Foundation - Grade 2 swimming lessons will be in Term 4 (End of November).



AFL PLAYER 'COMMUNITY CAMP' VISIT - CARLTON - Week 3

On Tuesday, 14th February (10:00am -10:45am), Carlton players will be visiting our school and doing a Q & A with our Grades 3-6 students on the oval. Following this will be opportunities to get appropriate items, such as balls and football apparel signed.

LEARNING DIVERSITY:

PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS (PSG'S)

The Program Support Group (PSG) Meetings have been scheduled for Term 1 and you are now able to view your appointment time on the PAM app.

This year our PSG meetings will take place each Monday beginning week 4: February 19th, through to Week 9: March 25th. PSG's will run for 35 minutes to allow parents, teachers and the Learning Diversity Leader time 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. Parent attendance is important as it provides an opportunity for home and school to have collaborative discussions in support of your child.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY:

As we return for the 2024 school year, speech pathology at Holy Rosary has significantly reduced to fortnightly sessions. As per many sectors and faculties within the workforce, Catholic Education Sandhurst (CES) have found it difficult to fill this position and to provide us with the weekly support we have been so privileged to receive in the past.

We are fortunate to have Ms. Georgia Donat take on the speech pathology role for 2024. I look forward to working with Georgia as we continue to support the needs of our students. I thank you in advance for your patience, as we navigate our way through our current caseload list.

Mandy Antoniadis (Learning Diversity Leader)

WELCOME TO MUSIC FOR 2024!

It's very exciting to welcome our fabulous Holy Rosary students back to the music room for another great year of learning, skill development and confidence building experiences.

Our amazing Music Room Mural is an exploration of the theme

*'Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...
It's about learning to dance in the rain'*



All students across the school will make a creative contribution to this mural, which will be accessible to all and can be reflected upon throughout the year.

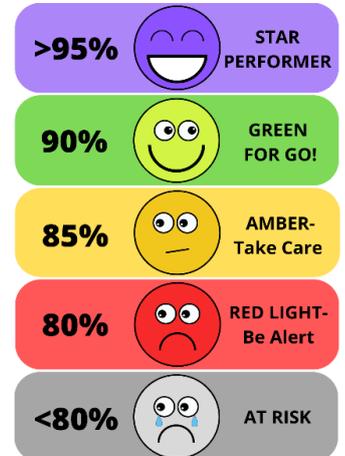
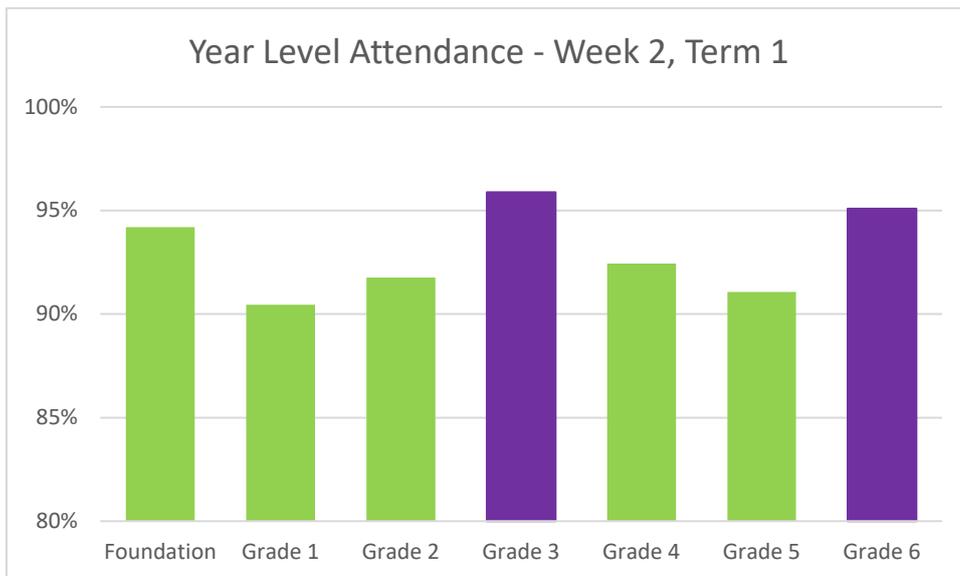
During this semester students will develop their knowledge and understandings of musical instruments, instrument families, the production of different types of sounds and the emotional connections we have with musical experiences.

Students will be actively listening and responding to Music - exploring sound and the elements of music. We will discover a multitude of different instruments through listening activities relating to the CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS music, and BRITTEN'S GUIDE TO THE ORCHESTRA. Students will also be developing their musical talents through pitch matching and responding to beat and rhythmic patterns in songs and music. We are excited to welcome back the Billy Tea Bush Dance Band on Friday March 8, for a whole school community day of dance workshop and Aussie activities and welcoming parents, family and friends in the afternoon to join us for a community Bush Dance.

Looking forward to another great year of music-making fun!

Elizabeth Teed (Performing Arts)

ATTENDANCE



STUDENT NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are River Irwin, Cooper Doherty & Isla O'Brien. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



	Students of the Week
FJM	Thomas S
FMM	Zara P
1CV	Amarni K
1DL	Isla M
2JH	Cooper R
2SD	Evie K
3JO	Evie C
3MM	Zac V
4BD	Thomas M
4CW	Zane C
5GS	Sahara M
5OG	Flynn O
6DW	Anikah C
6LS	Georgia V

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

SPORTS NEWS

HOLY ROSARY NETBALL CLUB

We are getting ready for an awesome 2024 Netball Season for the Holy Rosary Netball Club! We will be playing at the Golden City Courts each Saturday, kicking off in April.

We have a few spots in our Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 6 teams! And we are looking for any Grade 2 or 3 kids who would like to join our Grade 3 team this year!

Please get in touch at holyrosarynetball@gmail.com if you'd like more information!

– Ben Dillon (Club President)

P&F NEWS

Tickets now available!

Mark your calendars - the 2024 Marong Cup is coming up on Saturday 17th February!
The full range of kid's activities will be back and we can't wait to see everyone back for another fantastic year!

Adults \$15 Concession \$10 Children (16 & under) Free	Kids Rides (All Day Pass \$15 or \$10 if pre purchased at school)
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(Please note, we are **only able to accept cash payments**. Concession Price tickets are only available on the day)

VOLUNTEERS: This year Holy Rosary has been tasked with two jobs; Kid's Food & Slushies. Extra hands are also always appreciated at the Lawn Bar (RSA required). Tickets and wrist bands are available for purchase at the school office. Prep students will receive a free wrist band with a Adult ticket purchase.

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.

If you are available we have slots to fill for the following times.

10am-12pm	2 people
12pm-2pm	4 people
2pm-4pm	4 people
4pm-6pm	2 people

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT AREA

FREE KIDS RIDE PASSES: This year all our Foundation students are eligible for a Free Kids Ride Pass with Adult ticket purchase (adult supervision required)! Simply drop into the school office to claim yours!
Add in a FREE Volunteer ticket and you could have an amazing day out for no cost!



Laser Tag
Cha Cha
Meltdown
Cars Giant Slide
Rock Wall
Inflatable Activity Castle
Face Painter
Mini Swinging Chairs



From 12.00 – 4.00pm
4 Hours of Rides for Only \$10
(\$15 if purchased on the day)

Please bring Bathers/Towels For Kids Using The Water Slide

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 by returning the attached form with payment to the school office or ordering via Flexischools. All orders are due by Friday 1st March. Jackets will be sent home as soon as possible after they are delivered (likely early Term 2). - *Debbie (Holy Rosary Uniform Shop)*



WINTER JACKET SPECIAL ORDER FORM

Family Name _____

Child name _____

Grade _____

Phone number _____

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

Total Order \$ _____ @ \$45 per Jacket

Money enclosed \$ _____

Please order via Flexischools, or return this order form and payment to the school office no later than Friday 1st March.
Unfortunately, no late orders can be processed.

CANTEEN 2024

A reminder that we no longer accept cash orders for canteen. Orders must be placed online via Flexischools by 9am Thursday. Counter sales are cash only and are limited supply each week.

VOLUNTEERS:

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

Thursdays (as needed)	9:00am - 11:00am (3 volunteer)
Fridays	9:00am – 12:00pm (2 volunteers)
	10.30am – 12:00pm (1 volunteer)
	1:30pm – 2:30pm (2 volunteers)

Please note, all volunteers must check in at the school office to sign in and must provide a copy of their WCC or VIT card and other necessary volunteer paperwork. Volunteers will be requested to complete a short questionnaire before their shift to comply with new food safety requirements. This can be done at home or at the start of the shift.

If you are able to volunteer in our Canteen this term, please contact Lindy Vance 0409 067 404.

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
FEBRUARY			
THUR 15 th	9:00am -11:00am	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
FRI 16 th	9:00am -12noon	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
FRI 16 th	10:30am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
FRI 16 th	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed	
FRI 23 rd	9:00am -12noon	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
FRI 23 rd	10:30am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
FRI 23 rd	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed	
MARCH			
FRI 1 st	9:00am -12noon	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
FRI 1 st	10:30am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
FRI 1 st	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed	
			-
FRI 8 th	9:00am -12noon	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
FRI 8 th	10:30am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
FRI 8 th	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed	
THURS 16 th	9:00am-11:00am	Volunteer Needed	-
PIZZA DAY FRI 15 th	10:00am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer needed
FRI 15 th	10:45am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer needed
FRI 15 th	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed	
THUR 22 nd	9:00am-11:00am	Volunteer Needed	-
FRI 22 nd	9:00am -12noon	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
FRI 22 nd	10:30am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
FRI 22 nd	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed	

SPORTS & COMMUNITY NEWS



Club Open Day

All welcome - New & past members

Saturday February 10th

1pm-3pm

Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

- Come & try soccer - there'll be games & activities for everyone
- Get information about the 2024 season
- Register to play this year (must be 4yrs+)
- Order club merchandise

2nd Hand Uniform Drive

If you have any 2nd hand Epsom FC uniforms - boots, socks, shorts, shinpads - we are looking for donations. Drop them off & we'll find a new home for them!

BBQ provided by Rotary Club of Eaglehawk

If you can't make it, but want further information email secretary@epsomfc.com.au or check us out at facebook.com/EpsomSoccer



GIANT Tennis COACHING PROGRAMS

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
CARDIO TENNIS
SQUADS
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10-11AM SUNDAY'S
STARTING 18 FEB
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WITH SEASON 2024 JUST AROUND THE CORNER, IF YOU HAVE EVER WANTED TO PLAY WOMEN'S FOOTBALL PLEASE EMAIL WHJFCCLUBWOMENS@GMAIL.COM LOOKING FOR NEW AND PAST PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR FANTASTIC CLUB "GO HILLIES 2024" ALSO LOOKING FOR UNDER 12 GIRLS

Join a great local soccer club

Golden City Football Club is looking for new players.

We're an inclusive, family friendly club and we are looking for players from all age levels and experience to play in our 2024 season starting in April. All are welcome!

We have all-girl teams at all age levels and around half of our juniors are female. We are looking for any junior players who would like to experience the World Game. Soccer is a great sport for boys and girls and the FIFA Women's World Cup held recently in Australia and New Zealand has seen a wave of new participation in junior soccer across the Bendigo region. We support and encourage both men and women to be coaches and managers.

Our junior season starts after the Easter school break and runs for 16 weeks. Junior games are played on Saturday mornings on small-sided pitches with modified rules to make the games inclusive, engaging and fun. Training takes place once a week at our home ground, Shadforth Park, Fenton Street, North Bendigo.

You can register at <https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/WelcomeRegPlus.aspx?entitvid=7336>. We are also having registration days at our clubrooms at Shadforth Park on Monday 26th Feb 4pm-6.30pm; Saturday 2nd March 10am-1pm; and Wednesday 6th March 4pm-6.40pm, where you can get assistance with registration and ask questions.

Please get in touch for further information.

Email goldencitysc@gmail.com, see our Facebook page or visit www.goldencityfc.com



Bendigo **Ford**



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MARONG CUP DAY



SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY



SUPPORTING BENDIGO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

KIDS RIDES AND ACTIVITIES

Packages available • Umbrella Packages \$320 • Mini Marquees \$110pp

General Admission \$15 • Kids 16 & Under Free

minimum 10 people



BENDIGO JOCKEY CLUB

Phone 03 5448 4209 country.racing.com/bendigo



MARONG 20 CUP DAY 24

SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY

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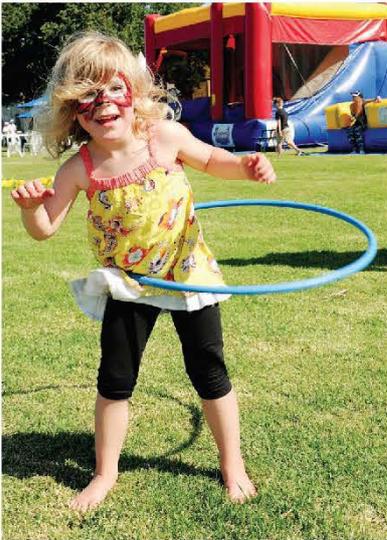
Email tom@maherrealestate.com.au

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

Kids Ride passes only \$15

if purchased on the day

If prebooked at school \$10



BOOK YOUR 2024 PACKAGES NOW!

ADMISSION PRICES

Adults	\$15
Concession (aged Pension and TPI only)	\$10
Cross over to Members Reserve	\$10
Children (16 years and under)	FREE

TRACKSIDE UMBRELLAS

Fenced off enclosures on the lawns are set aside for package patrons.

• Market umbrella	\$320 (10 people)
• Table	<i>*Price does not include alcohol</i>
• Chairs	<i>*Price does not include admission</i>

'SILKS' DINING PACKAGES

Silks dining room is located within the Members Reserve. Set high above the track, this is a spectacular location to view the course in air-conditioned comfort.

• Admission to 'Members Reserve'	\$99 per person
• Reserved seat for the day	\$89 per person members
• Free drink on arrival	
• Two course hot luncheon	
• Air-conditioned comfort	
• Racebook	
• Private TAB facilities	
• Cash bar	

ULTIMATE MARQUEES

• Mini Marquee	\$110 per person
• Large table	<i>*Minimum 10 people</i>
• 10 chairs	
• Anti pasto platter and sandwiches	
• Admission to the course	

TERRACE AND DECK PACKAGES

The ultimate area to enjoy the races at the Bendigo Track!

• Marquee	\$700 (20 people)
• Large market umbrella	
• 2 garden tables	
• 20 chairs	
• 1 large wine barrel	
• 6 tolix bar stools	
• Racebook for each guest	

Beverage packages can be pre-ordered or drinks purchased at the cash bar.

For all Package Bookings contact the office at the Bendigo Jockey Club

03 5448 4209

visit our website www.bendigojockeyclub.com.au

or email us on info@bendigojockeyclub.com.au

PUPIL FREE DAY



YMCA Outside School Hours Care is running a full day service for upcoming pupil free day.

Children will enjoy a range of engaging activities and have the opportunity to socialise with peers from all year levels.

Date: 13th February 2024

Time: 7am – 6pm

Location: Holy Rosary YMCA

Session fee: \$102.30

Fee after MAX CCS*: \$15.35

Activity highlights: Messy Time: Slime, clay, bubble painting, shaving foam painting. - Please bring clothes that can get messy.

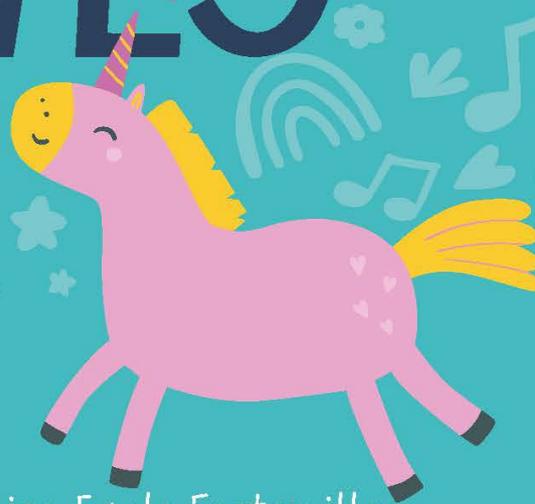
*MAX CSS is the out of pocket fee paid by families who qualify for the maximum Child Care Subsidy percentage (85%). The fee above is calculated at 80% subsidy to allow for the 5% withheld by Services Australia to reduce the chances of an overpayment.



Scan the QR code to access enrolment and booking instructions.



HUNTLY FAMILY FUN DAY



Proudly sponsored by Agnico Eagle Fosterville

**FREE
ENTRY**

**SUNDAY
FEB 25, 2024**

**10AM
TO 1PM**

FREE ACTIVITIES:

THE ZONE JUMPING CASTLE AND INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE
WATER FUN WITH HUNTLY CFA ♥ ART AND CRAFT
SPORTING ACTIVITIES ♥ FACE PAINTING ♥ FREE GIVEAWAYS!
RENEGADES FAN VAN - INFLATABLE CATCH MAT

*Don't forget
a towel!*

FOOD/DRINKS:

BBQ (MEAT AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS) AND DRINKS
- ALL \$2 EACH ♥ FREE FRESH FRUIT ♥ COLIBAN WATER
REFILL UNIT (BYO DRINK BOTTLE)

*Limited shade - bring
along your hat and chair.*



**STRAUGH RESERVE
14 GUNGURRU ROAD, HUNTLY**



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/csef/eligibility)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/csef/payment-amounts)

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.