



# 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

### MARCH

<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Labour Day Holiday</b>
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grd 3-5 Swimming Lessons
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Grd 3-5 Swimming Lessons
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Camp
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup>	Grd 3-5 Swimming Lessons
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Grd 3-5 Swimming Lessons
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	PSG Meetings
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament Preparation Evening no 2
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic Swimming Carnival
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pizza Day
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	PSG Meetings
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Rosary Cross Country
<b>Thur 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day Term 1 @ 2:15pm</b>
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday

### Term 2

### APRIL

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 2
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament Preparation Evening no 3
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Learning Conversations
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 2 Bendigo Goldmines Excursion
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Learning Conversations
<b>Thur 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Anzac Day Public Holiday</b>
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	OPEN WEEK

### MAY

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	2025 Prep Information Night @ 7.00pm
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent. As parents of primary school children, the message of this week's Gospel holds profound significance for our roles in nurturing their spiritual development. This passage highlights the essence of God's love and the sacrifice of Jesus for us all. Jesus was lifted up on the cross, symbolizing salvation and eternal life. It's a powerful reminder of God's unfathomable love and His desire for all to be saved through faith in His Son. As parents, we have the privilege and responsibility to cultivate an environment where our children can encounter and understand this love. Through our words, actions, and example we can guide them to embrace the light of Christ, teaching them compassion, forgiveness, and the importance of faith. By nurturing their spiritual growth with love and wisdom, we equip them to navigate life with grace, integrity, and a steadfast connection to God.

Our Bush Dance was a great way to begin the long weekend. A big thank you to the staff especially Mrs Teed for ensuring a fun day for everyone. Well done to the children who were so enthusiastic in participating in all activities and especially the final dance. It was also really special to have a large number of parents attend for the finale adding to the fun of the day.

We look forward to 'take #2' for our Grade 6 Camp to Bacchus Marsh. After the previous postponement due to extreme conditions the children are looking forward to a busy three days of outdoor activities. It will be great to get away from the devices and participate in a variety of active pursuits. The opportunity to connect with one another building leadership skills and resilience are our core objectives alongside the simple opportunity to have fun. Again thanks in advance to all staff attending.

Our School Council and Parents group are in need of new members. With a number of opportunities to help out and contribute it would be great to see new faces at our next meeting in week 3 of term 2, 30<sup>th</sup> April. Coming up quickly will be the Mothers Day stall and 'Muffins for Mum' for which we will need parent helpers. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and social media for our calls for support to ensure these opportunities are able to go ahead and be successful.

Grade 3-5 will be attending swimming lessons next week at Gurri Wanyara in Kangaroo Flat. As a government mandated activity for



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

primary aged children, swimming is a vitally important skill for all Australians. Our short opportunity for swimming focuses on safety in and around water, with some stroke development and should not be the only opportunity to learn for each child. Thanks to Mr Coates for his coordination of the program and we look forward to the juniors (and Grade 6) program taking place in term 4.

Next week we see our Foundation children 'full time' at school. With no more Wednesday testing days it will be exciting to have them around each day! Enjoy the long weekend, stay cool and enjoy the time with your family.

As we move toward the end of Term 1, we also start thinking about our 2025 enrolments. If you have a child ready to start Foundation in 2025, please contact the office to have them put on our list. Enrolment paperwork will be sent home to existing families soon.



Paul Wilkinson  
Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS

### CATHOLIC IDENTITY

#### UPCOMING FRIDAY CLASS MASSES:

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Grade 1

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Grade 3

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Foundation & Grade 6

#### STUDENT OF THE WEEK - CATHOLIC VALUE AWARD

This week our Saint Hero is St Stephen who displayed the value of Sincerity. Next week's Saint Hero will be St Katharine Drexel who displayed the value of Justice. 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.

#### HOUSE MASSES/SACRAMENTAL COMMITMENT SERVICE

Thank you to all the Harte house members who attended mass last weekend. Our sacramental children were also presented to the community as they participated in reading the Apostles Creed. The parish is looking forward to seeing the children again over the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> March. Members of our Frayne house group are encouraged to come along and support our sacramental children on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March @ 6 pm.

### St Katharine Drexel

1858-1955



Katharine was born in a wealthy family and inherited a large sum of money when her father died. She lived justice by donating the money to help alleviate the poverty of poor people. Her father was an international banker who prayed daily, and her mother opened the doors of their home to the poor three days a week.

**3 Practical Ways To Live Justice Out:**

- Never gossiping about another person behind their back
- Respecting someone regardless of their race, background and religion
- Returning something we have borrowed on time

**Justice** is knowing what is right and wrong and giving each person what is due to them. It is driven by charity and wanting what is good for the other. The opposite of justice is disrespecting a person's rights, which can be through discrimination, theft, or bodily harm.





**Fourth Week of Lent**  
(Week beginning Monday 11 March)



**Memory** is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

Watch [Memory's Story](#)

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes, online by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

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## LEARNER DIVERSITY:

### PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS (PSG'S)

The Program Support Group (PSG) Meetings are well under way for this term, please view your appointment time on the P.A.M app. We have a week off with the Labour Day public holiday and resume our meetings in week 8: March 18<sup>th</sup>, and Week 9: March 25<sup>th</sup>. PSG's will run for 35 minutes.

Post PSG meetings, you will receive an email from 'Adobe sign' requesting you to sign your child's Personalised Learning Plan (PLP). Please check your junk mail / spam folder to ensure you do not miss this. Once the document has been signed you will receive a digital copy for your records.

*Mandy Anotniadis (Learning Diversity Leader)*

### 2024 F.I.R.E CARRIERS COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, during assembly, Holy Rosary will be commissioning our new group of students into the F.I.R.E Carrier Program. After reading and reviewing many excellent applications, Mrs Thurley and Mr Van Der Staay had the great pleasure of selecting six Grade 5 students to join our current F.I.R.E Carriers. We welcome and encourage families, members of the parish and local community members to attend and celebrate the achievement of these students.

Congratulations to Harrison Allen, Elsie Rice, Stella Fitzpatrick, Arlan Evans, Mack Gregory and Willow Keeble.

We will have the great opportunity for Mr Troy Firebrace to attend and facilitate the ceremony for us, welcoming the staff and students into a lifelong community.

### ABOUT THE F.I.R.E CARRIER PROGRAM

The aim of the FIRE (Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education) Carrier Project is to promote respect, fairness and inclusion for Aboriginal peoples. The FIRE Carrier Project promotes enculturation and reconciliation in Sandhurst schools.

Students within this program at Holy Rosary will be given the opportunity to engage in First Nations culture and lead others in making positive changes towards reconciliation and new learning opportunities within our school and community.

Mr Conor Van Der Staay - Indigenous Education Coordinator



## SCHOOL SPORT

### – WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

*Troy Coates*



### SWIMMING LESSONS (GR 3-5) - Week 7

The Year 3-5 children will have their swimming lessons in Term 1 again, from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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).

### SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2024 - NOT FAR AWAY

Our school cross country will be on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of March. Foundation to Grade 2 will race at Holy Rosary. Grades 3 to 6 will compete in their cross country event at the Botanical Gardens, along the creek trail. Students in Grades 3 to 6 will walk down with their classroom teachers at approximately 12pm. **A PAM note will be sent with information also.**

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

### Schedule of Events:

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

10.30am – Grade Two Race (800m)

10.40am – Grade One Race (400m)

10.50am – Foundation Race (400m)



## SENIORS (@ Botanical Gardens) - 12.20pm Start

12:20pm – 12/13 year old Race (3km)

12:30pm – 11 year old Race (3km)

12:40pm- 10 year old Race (2km)

12:50pm- 8/9 year old Race (2km)

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



## SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB – ORDERS DUE TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH

The Issue 2 Book Club catalogue was sent home. Ordering books through Book Club is an easy way to offer students the best in children's books for the home and to encourage independent reading for fun. Plus, every order you place earns the school FREE books and learning resources.

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

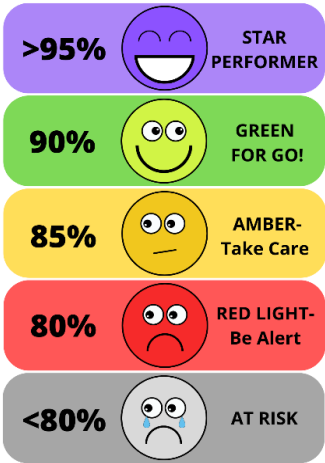
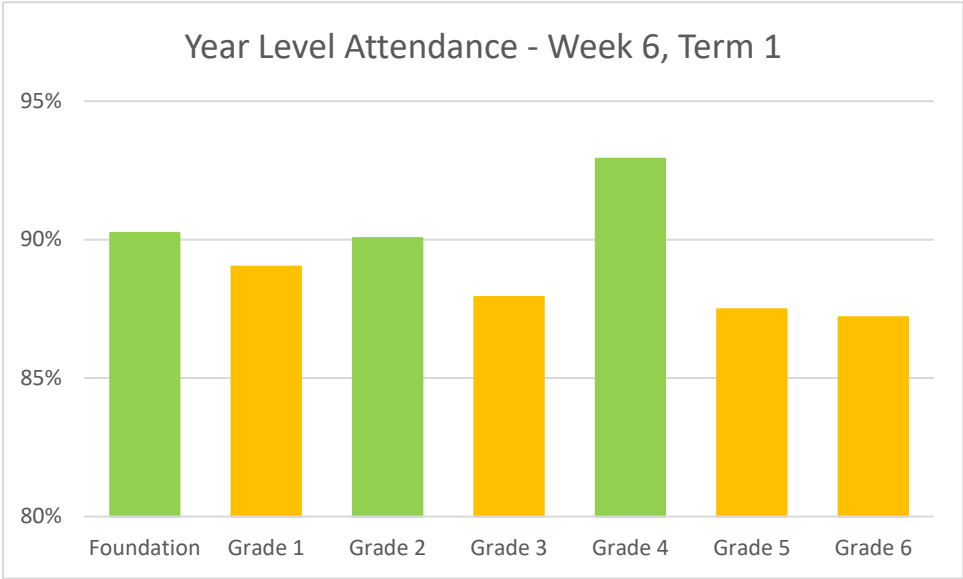
**Please note: Book Club orders must be placed online via LOOP. No cash orders will be accepted at the school office.**

## BILLY TEA BUSH DANCE





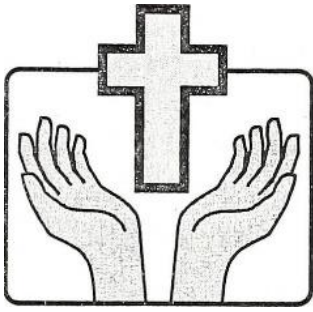
### ATTENDANCE



### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Students of the Week	
FJM	Emmerson G
FMM	Hudson C
1CV	Dash C
1DL	Audrey P
2JH	Willow L
2SD	Zoe F
3JO	Lauren T
3MM	Erin A
4BD	Arlie B
4CW	Ruby R
5GS	Jimmy C
5OG	Tahlia M
6DW	Manuel G
6LS	Maddie M
YMCA	Maeve M

## 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



## Unexplained Absences

If a student is absent without reason, the school will contact the parent

If contact cannot be made with the parent/carer, the emergency contact/s will be contacted to ensure the safety of the student

## SPORTS NEWS

### HOLY ROSARY NETBALL CLUB

Holy Rosary Netball Club would like to thank Ben Dillon for his passion and dedication as Netball Coordinator. This week Ben handed over the Club Coordinator role to myself, Susie Young. Over the coming weeks I'll work closely with Lindy Vance (NetSetGo Coordinator) and Coaches to make 2024 a great year for Netball at Holy Rosary Netball Club. For those of you who don't know me I coached Grade 5 & Twilight 5/6 in 2023 and have a general passion and love for Netball.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch [holyrosarynetball@gmail.com](mailto:holyrosarynetball@gmail.com) if you would like to know how you can help out with the Netball at Holy Rosary or have a child interested in joining in. We have a few spots in Grade 3 and Grade 5 for kids interested in Netball. Registration needs to be completed ASAP on the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxHXpPQFB3pWizub1kpk1WFmnfwV9Fov64zv0oelZ4CuEg3g/viewform>

Susie Young

Netball Club Coordinator

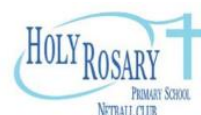
m: 0439 639 554

e: [holyrosarynetball@gmail.com](mailto:holyrosarynetball@gmail.com)

socials: @holyrosarynetballclub



NetSetGo is coming soon to Holy Rosary. Details to follow in the coming weeks. If you could assist to be a NetSetGo coach please get in touch with Lindy Vance ph. 0409067404. We are looking for one or two volunteers to take the "Set" program (for grade 2's). You will be given training modules and supported to run each session. Please get in touch by 15/3/24 if you'd like to help.



"BUILDING KIDS  
CONFIDENCE THROUGH  
NETBALL..."



# P&F NEWS

## HOT CROSS BUNS: PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISER

As a school community we are promoting the purchase of Baker's Delight Hot Cross Buns this easter. Order forms will be sent home with students today. Please return your order to the office by **Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March**. Please note, orders are bank deposit only. Hot Cross Buns will be available for pickup in the Rosarium between 2:00pm – 4pm on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**. Please contact the office to make alternate arrangements.

## CANTEEN 2024

A reminder that we no longer accept cash orders for canteen. Orders must be placed online via Flexischools by 9:00am 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
MARCH			
THURS 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-11:00am	Shanelle F	-
FRI 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am -12noon	Susie Y	Volunteer needed
FRI 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am-12noon	Jess R	Volunteer needed
FRI 15 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer needed	
THUR 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am-11:00am	Shanelle Flood	Rachael S
PIZZA DAY FRI 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00am-12noon	Dea Robertson	Volunteer Needed
FRI 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:45am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	-
FRI 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed	



## PIZZA & PASTA DAY

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Order now via Flexischools!**

**PIZZA meal deal -**

**1 Slice of Pizza and a drink**

**OR**

**PASTA meal deal -**

**1 serve of Bolognese Pasta and a drink**

Extra Pizza slices available

Add a Homemade Cookie (Chocolate Chip) or Donkey Drop (Rum Ball)

Pizza – Hawaiian, BBQ Meat Lovers, Cheese Lovers, Ham & Cheese

Drink – Chocolate Milk, Strawberry Milk, Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Apple & Blackcurrant Juice

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



# SPORTS & COMMUNITY NEWS



**PLAY**



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**WHITE HILLS  
AUSKICK CENTRE**


Scott Street Oval

Friday's 4:15pm starting 3rd May

**ALL GIRLS GROUPS**


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**PARADE COSTUME FITTINGS**

**AGED 8 OR OLDER AND WANT TO BE IN THE EASTER PARADE?**



Pop in with your family and friends and see us at 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo every Tuesday & Thursday from 4pm - 6pm and Saturday & Sunday from 2pm - 5pm until Easter to register!



**DISCOVER AND THRIVE IN 2025**

*Choose your Pathway to Success*



**OPEN DAY** *Register Online Now*

**Wednesday 20 March, 4.30-7pm**  
Coolock Campus, 1 St Vincent's Road, Junortoun

**ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR YEAR 7, 2025:** Wed 20 March 2024  
**ENROLMENTS CLOSE FOR YEAR 7, 2025:** Fri 10 May 2024  
**'DISCOVER CMCB' DAYS FOR GRADE 6 STUDENTS:** Mon 6 - Fri 10 May 2024

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES: Audra Petri College Registrar | 5445 9100 | [enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au) | [www.cmc.vic.edu.au](http://www.cmc.vic.edu.au)  
Catherine McAuley College Bendigo | A Ministry of Mercy Education Ltd | ABN 69 154 531 870





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# School Holiday Program

Don't miss our jam-packed School Holiday Program with themed in-house days, fun excursions and incursions. Activities could include cooking masterclasses, mad science experiments, model making, learning to skateboard and a trip to see Kung Fu Panda 4.

**Tue 2 April - Fri 12 April**



Book online

## Frequently Asked Questions

School holidays are a fun way for your child to create new experiences, make friends and learn from experienced Educators. Below are some commonly asked questions, for more information visit our website.

**How do I book a place?**  
You can book a place through [My Family Lounge](#) app (our online booking and enrolment system). We have a step-by-step guide on our website on how to enrol using the app. Please note that bookings cannot be made by phone or email and all bookings made less than seven days prior to the activity incur an additional charge.

**What to wear (clothing)**  
To ensure your child feels comfortable and can engaged in all activities, we ask they wear:  

- Comfortable clothing
- Closed shoes and socks
- Hat for sun protection (all year round)
- Warm clothing for cooler months
- Clothing that is suitable for art activities – leave the good clothes at home!

**What to bring (food, safety gear)**  
We ask that your child brings the following items each day:  

- Pack a healthy, nut-free, morning tea and lunch,
- Drink bottle for water,
- Some spare clothing (just in case)

Your child may need to bring additional items for specific activities. Please refer to our website via the QR code.

**Activity types and arrival times**  
Our School Holiday Programs offer the following types of activities:  

- In house: Children remain on-site for a fun day of activities.
- Incursion: We are visited by an incursion provider to undertake an activity with the children
- Excursion: A day outside of the service where we visit an exciting destination.

Arrive by: 9:00am for in house and incursion days, 8:30am for excursion days unless your booking advises otherwise.



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## Please return your order to the School



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**\$9.50 PER HOT CROSS BUN 6-PACK**

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APPLE & CINNAMON HOT CROSS BUN 6-PACK

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TOTAL COST: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\$2.00 FROM EVERY HOT CROSS BUN 6-PACK WILL BE DONATED TO HOLY ROSARY**

**Bank Transfer with your surname as reference:**

**Account Name:** Holy Rosary P & F Fund

**BSB - 083 543      Account – 445 602 776**