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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

MARCH

Mon 18th **PSG Meetings**

Mon 18th Sacrament Preparation Evening no 2

Tues 20th Catholic Swimming Carnival

Wed 21st Casual Clothes day – gold coin donation

Fri 22nd Pizza Day Mon 25th **PSG Meetings**

Wed 27th Holy Rosary Cross Country Thur 28th Last Day Term 1 @ 2:15pm

Fri 29th Good Friday

Term 2 **APRIL**

Mon 15th First Day of Term 2

Tues 16th Sacrament Preparation Evening no 3

Mon 22nd **Parent Learning Conversations**

Wed 24th Grade 2 Bendigo Goldmines Excursion

Wed 24th **Parent Learning Conversations** Thur 25th

Anzac Day Public Holiday Fri 26th **Pupil Free Day**

Mon 29th – 3rd May **OPEN WEEK**

MAY

Wed 1st 2025 Prep Information Night @ 7.00pm

Mon 20th **Pupil Free Day**



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

https://www.facebook.com/holyrosaryprimary

schoolwhitehills/

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The last three days have been a great opportunity to spend time away with the Grade 6 children at Camp Sunnystones near Bacchus Marsh. After the initial postponement we were certainly repaid with glorious weather and a fantastic outdoor education program. It was wonderful to have the chance to spend active, non-device time with the group as they paddled, constructed and were active in a beautiful bush setting. A big thank you to all staff who attended and to the children who participated in a very positive and respectful manner. The chance to build upon our leadership skills and teamwork was certainly met with growth and enjoyment.

This afternoon we also celebrated the commissioning ceremony of our newly appointed 'F.I.R.E. Carriers' from the grade 5 class. The 'F.I.R.E. Carrier' program in Australia preserves Indigenous practices, promoting biodiversity and land management. It fosters collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, empowering Indigenous knowledge keepers and highlighting the importance of traditional wisdom in environmental stewardship and sustainability. We are proud of our schools commitment to the program and the children have embraced the importance of their role in supporting the initiative. Mr Van Der Staay and Mrs Thurley have continued to work alongside the children and Troy Firebrace (CES) to ensure we actively contribute to reconciliation and appreciation.

This Sunday we celebrate St Patrick's Day, right in the middle of Lent! St. Patrick's Day is a wonderful celebration of Irish culture, bringing people together from all walks of life. It's not just about Ireland—it's a chance for Australians to have fun and enjoy the green-themed festivities. The day is full of excitement and fun. It's a reminder of how diverse our world is, but also how we can come together to celebrate our differences. Whether you're Irish or not, St. Patrick's Day is a time to share in the happiness and enjoy a bit of enjoyment with friends and family.

At school the Grade 3-5 swimming program was a great success, and the children enjoyed the opportunity to learn about water safety and practice some skill development. It is always important to participate in external lessons to continue to build upon the basic skills for water safety and enjoyment. A big thank you to all staff at school who adjusted timetables, covered duties and ensured the program was a success. Mr Coates again ensured a smooth week was enjoyed by all!

Enrolment for 2025 will begin very soon, and we ask that parents with children ready for prep next year of existing families collect and return an application for enrolment as soon as possible. Other families are invited to tour the school and lodge an application at the beginning of term 2.

Paul Wilkinson Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

UPCOMING FRIDAY CLASS MASSES:

Friday 15th March - Grade 1 Friday 22nd March - Grade 3 Friday 19th April - Foundation & Grade 6

GRADE 3 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our next meeting is this coming Monday, 18th March @ 5:30pm in the Rosarium.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - CATHOLIC VALUE AWARD

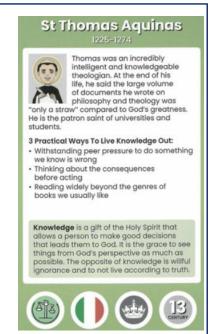
This week our Saint Hero is St Katharine Drexel who displayed the value of Justice. Next week's Saint Hero will be St Thomas Aquinas who displayed the value of Knowledge. We encourage you to discuss each Saint and their value with your child/ren, helping them to learn how they can live out our Christian values.

COMMINSSIONING OF 2024 GRADE 5 FIRE CARRIERS

Thank you to Troy Firebrace for conducting our ceremony and our Grade 6 current Fire carriers for taking the time after camp to participate in this very special occasion. Congratulations to our incoming Fire carriers. Harrison Allen, Elsie Rice, Stella Fitzpatrick,

Arlan Evans, Mack Gregory and Willow Keeble. And finally thank you to Mr V for all the work and preparing for this ceremony.





PARISH NEWS

MAKE IT A SLAVERY-FREE EASTER

As Easter is fast approaching, we are calling for everyone to consider the ethical dimensions of their purchases; we ask you to make sure your Easter chocolate is slavery-free. As Pope Francis says:

"Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act"

Chocolate and Child Labour - A Snapshot

A 2020 Macquarie University report, 'Not so sweet': chocolate, slavery and complicit corporations, found that, "More than two million children under the age of 15 years old work in the cocoa industry in Ivory Coast and Ghana. Many are the children of farm labourers, but others are also sold to farms as bonded labourers from neighbouring Burkina Faso and Mali"



Fifth Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 18 March)





Partnership in action

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

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 <u>caritas.org.au/project-compassion</u> or by calling 1800 024 413.

Photo: Richard Wainwright / Caritas Australia



- A 2021 report by the International Labor Organisation (ILO) found that 152 million children (64 million girls and 88 million boys) are involved in child labour
 - that's almost one in 10 of all children worldwide
- Almost half of child labour happens in Africa (72 million children)
- Many of the children harvesting cocoa beans work in hazardous conditions
- COVID-19 has made children even more vulnerable. School closures have aggravated the situation and many
 millions of children are working to contribute to the family income.

WALK FOR REFUGEES - PALM SUNDAY 24TH MARCH

Combined Churches of Bendigo (with RAR - Rural Australians for Refugees) invite you to join our Bendigo 'Big Walk 4 Refugees'. Join us at Lake Weeroona (near the Rowing Club) from 12:00 noon on Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the day when we remember how Jesus rode determinedly into Jerusalem to challenge authority with the demands of love. For the Church it is an opportunity to demonstrate our discipleship in doing the same.



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

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 18th, and Week 9: March 25th. 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)



SCHOOL SPORT

- WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

Troy Coates



GRADE 3 - 5 SWIMMING LESSONS

This week, our Grade 3-5 children travelled to Gurri Wanyarra Swimming Pool each day for swimming. They spent time learning about water safety and swimming technique. We are very proud of the efforts of each of the students who attended. Thank you to Gurri Wanyarra for a great week of lessons! As the Grade 6 students were on camp, they will now complete their lessons in Term 4 along with our junior classes.



HEALTH & PE WEEK - LAST WEEK OF TERM

In the last week of each term we have our school Health & PE Week. As part of our Health & Physical Education curriculum we will be participating in additional sport and health activities throughout the week. Students are encouraged to wear their sports uniform every day. Some activities students can look forward to are cross country practice, AFL kicking competition, downball competition, skipping club and our staff v grade 6 soccer match. We look forward to a great week to finish what has been a busy term.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2024 - NOT FAR AWAY

Our school cross country will be on Wednesday the 27th 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 12:00pm. 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) - 10:30-11:00am

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)

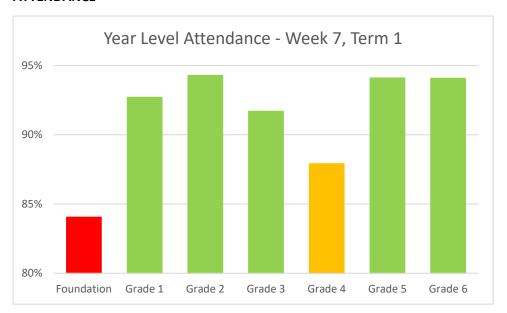
12:30pm - 11 year old Race (3km)

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.

ATTENDANCE





STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



	Students of the Week		
FJM	Archer O		
FMM	Vallie B		
1CV	Chelsea P		
1DL	Ted W		
2JH	Xavier D		
2SD	Samuel N		
3JO	Lucy B		
3MM	Maia S		
4BD	Payton W		
4CW	Azlyn B		
5GS	Arlan E		
50G	Zara K		
6DW	Liam G		
6LS	Jonathan K		
YMCA	Isla C		

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

Would you like to see what Netball is like? Are you in Grades 2, 3, 4 or 5? Well now's your chance...

Holy Rosary Netball Club are hosting a 'Come & Try' session under the COLA after School Tuesday 19th March! This session will be run like a junior training session with games included to show you what skills and fun netball can be...even if you have never picked up a netball before - this session is for you.

When: 3:30-4:30pm Tuesday 19th March, meet under the shade stage near the sandpit. Hosted By Coaches: Lindy Vance, Susie Young and Riley Driscoll.

Parents please email names to: holyrosarynetball@gmail.com or contact one of the coaches to let us know your coming. Don't forget your sneakers and drink bottle.



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:

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

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Our Easter activites are fast approaching with our casual day on Wednesday 20th of March and our classroom Easter basket drawn Thursday 28th March.

Here are some key dates:

Wednesday 20th March - Casual Clothes Day - Students may come to school in casual clothes for a gold coin donation.

Thursday 28th March – Classroom Easter Egg basket drawn - Winners will be notified on the day. Good luck and thank you for your support.



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:

Fridays

This year we will be looking for volunteers for the following times: Thursdays (as needed) 9:00am - 11:00am (3 volunteer)

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				
THUR 21st	9:00am-11:00am	Shanelle Flood	Rachael S	
PIZZA DAY FRI 22 nd	10:00am-12noon	Dea Robertson	Volunteer Needed	
FRI 22 nd	10:45am-12noon	Volunteer Needed	-	
FRI 22 nd	1:30pm-2:30pm	Volunteer Needed		



PIZZA & PASTA DAY

FRIDAY 22nd 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

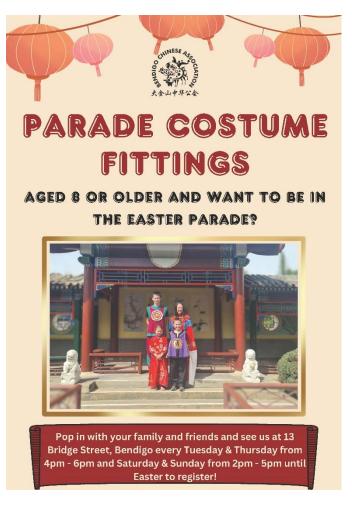
Extra Pizza slices available
Add a Homemade Cookie (Chocolate Chip) or Donkey Drop (Rum Ball)

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







PROGRAM INFORMATION

Learn new skills in the Futsal Frenzy Academy. play with friends & score goals in our skill & game based activities. Our Futsal Academy is designed to increase each child's confidence, focus on teamwork, understanding the rules of Futsal, as well as giving each child the skills & knowledge to continue playing Futsal well into the future.

FUTSAL HOLIDAY CLINIC DETAILS

COST: \$35

DAY: Monday

TIME: 10am - 1pm

PROGRAM DATE:

VENUE: Catherine McAuley Stadium, Junortoun

AGE GROUPS: 5 - 12

- . MEEKLY TRAININGS
- SKILL **ACTIVITIES**
- NEW



- beau@kellysports.com.au

- FUN GAMES &
- · MAKE FRIENDS

HOLIDAY CAMP DETAILS

TWO DAY BASKETBALL SKILLS & MATCH PLAY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

COST: \$52 per day

SKILLS CAM

DAY: Wednesday & Thursday

TIME: 9am - 4pm PROGRAM DATES: April 3 - April 4

VENUE: Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct

AGE GROUPS: 5 - 12 years

- · IMPROVE SKILLS
- * GAME PLAY
- * EXPERIENCED & APPROPRIATE COACHING

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Get set to fuel your love for

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, our

with passionate players

basketball at our exhilarating

camp will be a hive of activity

itching to unleash their skills

on the court. Dive in and

experience the thrill as you

way through a day packed

exciting gameplay activities

with skill-based drills and

to elevate your game and

have a blast doing it!

shoot, dribble, and pass your

Boys & Girls aged 4-12 years old.

Boys & Girls aged 4-12 years on.

General Information:

We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

What do you need to bring: Appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12.30pm to 1.30pm each day.

Programme activities:
Programme activities:
Programme activities are adopted to suit
children of all ages and children may be
grouped by age depending on numbers.
Programme activities may vary without notice
dependent on weather conditions and
programme numbers.

Payment details: Payment is required up-front within 2 hours of your booking. A receipt will be issued when a completed booking is received. All details will be included on the receipt.

Please note:
Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the programme

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Email: beau@kellysports.com.au

Phone: 0428 326 924 Facebook: Kelly Sports Bendigo

Address: 379 Eaglehawk Rd, Eaglehawk, 3556

EASTER '24 HOLIDAY PROGRA

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PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY

EASTER MONDAY



BASKETBALL BONANZA Kick start your day with our Basketball Bonanza! Jump, Basketball Bonanza! Jump, shoot and dribble your way through the day and show off your skills in our basketball challenge activities & tournament

MINI OLYMPICS Our little superstars will show off their skills in the Kelly Sports Olympics today. The kids will work together to try & ton the medal tally in many running, jumping, throwing &



MINI GOLF MADNESS Can you conquer the almighty Kelly Sports Mini Golf Challenge? Get yourself ready for 18 holes of crazy, Mini Golf fun, with prizes & challenge games also included in today's activities.



COACH VS KIDS
Bragging rights are on offer
today! The kids & coaches will
go head-to-head in a variety
of team battles. Who will
come out on top in this clash
for the ages? You can smell
the anticipation in the air!



INFLATABLE SPORTS A truckload of fun is awaiting each

of our little legends today! With supersized inflatable games such as Giant Inflatable Soccer, Inflatable Volleyball, inflatable challenge games & more, this is one you wont want to miss!

FULL DAY: \$52 8:30am - 5:00pm





FOOTY COLOURS DAY Bragging rights are on offer today The kids & coaches will go head-to-head in a variety of team battles. Who will come out on top in this clash for the ages? You can smell the anticipation in the air already!

KS SESSION: \$60 8:00am - 5:30pm





NINJA WARRIOR
Come along today and channel
your inner ninja in our giant
obstacle courses. Show off
your flexibility, speed & agility
in what is sure to be an action
packed day. Who will become
the ultimate ninja?

HALF DAY: \$35 8:30am - 12:30pm OR 1pm - 5pm





Come along today & show off your teamwork & problem solving skills. How quickly can you weave your way through our crazy challenges? Hidden prizes will also be included in today's Amazing Race!



Dodge, duck, dip, dive and...DODGE! Our holiday Dodgeball Tournament is back. Stretch up & come along for our Day 1 fun! Today is going to be an absolute BLAST!!

*FULL WEEK DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE







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

CHECK OUT ALL THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES ON OFFER IN 2025.

We are opening our doors and all are welcome to visit and discover what Catherine McAuley College Bendigo has to offer.

BBQ • Learning activities • Information stalls • Live music Guided tours including the new Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct

ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR YEAR 7, 2025:

Wednesday 20 March 2024

ENROLMENTS CLOSE FOR YEAR 7, 2025:

Friday 10 May 2024

'DISCOVER CMCB' DAYS FOR GRADE 6 STUDENTS:

Monday 6 - Friday 10 May 2024

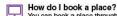
ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES: Audra Petri College Registrar 5445 9100 | enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au A Ministry of Mercy Education Ltd | ABN 69 154 531 870

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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.



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 lib 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 unley your booking advises otherwise.



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Bakers Delight

NAME:	
Contact Number:	
\$9.50 PER HOT CROSS BUN 6-PACK	
TRADITIONAL HOT CROSS BUN 6-PACK	
APPLE & CINNAMON HOT CROSS BUN 6-PACK	
CHOC CHIP HOT CROSS BUN 6-PACK	
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