



# NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR

### AUGUST 2015

Wed 12	School Athletics Carnival
Thurs 13	Whole School Mass 10am
<b>Fri 14</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day – No School</b>
Wed 19 – Fri 21	Gr 5 Camp
Fri 21	Gr 6 Basketball Carnival
Mon 24 – Fri 28	Book Week
Wed 26	P&P Meeting 7.30pm
Wed 26	Gr 5 Leadership Day
Thurs 27	Book Week Parade – “Dress Up Day”
Fri 28	Father’s Day Stall
Fri 28	Swimming
Mon 31	Catholic School Athletics Carnival

### SEPTEMBER 2015

Fri 4	Father’s Day Breakfast
Fri 4	Swimming
Thurs 10	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Fri 11	Swimming
Tues 15	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Wed 16	P&P Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 18	Swimming
Fri 18	Last Day Term 3 – 2.15pm finish

### OCTOBER 2015

Mon 5	First Day Term 4
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## PRINCIPAL’S REPORT



Our memorial liturgy on Friday was a special experience for all involved. Being my first opportunity to share this special day with our school community I was extremely proud and quite moved by the reverence and respect our children, from all grades, brought to the liturgy and the day as a whole. It is certainly an important part of the fabric of Holy Rosary and it was great to welcome the families of those named in our Memorial Garden to our special liturgy and later on to morning tea. The organisation of the day was led by Mrs Rosaia and her pastoral care team, and I would like to thank them for their wonderful work and attention to detail. Thanks also to the staff that supported the day and all that it means through word and example, the children were certainly a reflection of the excellent preparation and many comments from our visitors reflected a great pride in the staff and children together.

Sunday was a special day, the celebration of the feast day for St Mary of the Cross, Mary MacKillop. Since her canonisation by Pope Benedict XVI in St Peter’s Square on 17 October 2010, knowledge of the Melbourne-born co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Cross has spread to every corner of the globe. Embraced by Catholics and non-Catholics alike she is regarded as a woman far ahead of her time. Admired for her devotion to the vulnerable, poor, voiceless as well as for her ground breaking work as an educator and founder of schools, she has become an inspiration and role model for people from all walks of life, all denominations and all faith across a multitude of cultures and countries. More than a century after her death, Mary MacKillop continues to touch people across the world as an example of strength, compassion, kindness and the belief that all people regardless of income, race, religion or gender were deserving of both love and respect.



### MASS TIMES

**Holy Rosary – Hamelin St**

**Saturday’s 6pm Sunday’s 10am**

**Weekday Masses – Mon- Sat 9am**

**St Francis Xavier – Strickland Rd**

**Sunday – 8.30am Tuesday – 5:45pm**



This Wednesday we have our Athletics carnival at the Bendigo Athletics track on Retreat Road. The day promises to be a great culmination to some very solid training. We look forward to a fun day that highlights the importance of participating and being part of a team. A special thank you to Mr Coates and Mrs Taylor who have put so much time and effort into preparing for the day and ensuring we are all well organised and ready to go!

Over the next several weeks we continue to host interviews for our new Prep students for the 2016 school year. I am excited to meet the new students and the opportunity to welcome them all to Holy Rosary.

As we look to develop our next 3 year strategic plan we have developed a survey to help identify the strengths and challenges we have as a school. This year we have an online survey which enables easy collation of the data, after which we can develop a clearer picture for the future direction of the school. We look forward to your input as we embark on an exciting chapter in the school's history. Please visit the link to complete the survey which will take 5-10 minutes (<http://goo.gl/forms/CGOUkTYniZ>).



Paul Wilkinson  
Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS

### REMINDER: PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder to all parents that **THIS Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, is a pupil free day.** This day will allow teachers to partake in Professional Development.

YMCA will be running a day program which will run from 8am til 6pm for families who require child care. Please ring the YMCA as soon as possible to secure your place.

### WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

The whole school will be attending Mass on Thursday 13th August at 10am. Parents, grandparents and special friends of students are more than welcome to attend. Thanks. - *Mrs Carter*

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY



At Holy Rosary we value the contributions and feedback from the entire school community. We have developed a School Improvement Survey which covers a range of areas, the results of which will help drive our strategic vision for the future. All parents are encouraged to complete this short, 5 minute survey. **The survey can be found at <http://goo.gl/forms/CGOUkTYniZ>.**

### SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Just a reminder that the Holy Rosary Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 12th of August at the Flora Hill Athletics Track. It is always a great day so pop down and support the kids.

Just a few points to remember:

- Students are encouraged to wear their team colours. If they are unsure of which colour they are in, please check with their teachers.
- Prep to grade 2 will be competing on the day between 10am and 1:00pm, while students from grade 3-6 will be competing from 9.30am - 2.30pm. Starting with hurdles and sprint events.
- Students are to come to school as usual before 9am and will be transported to the track by bus.
- Students are to bring a drink bottle, hat, morning tea and lunch.



Hoping for good weather and a great day. Thank you for your ongoing support. – *Mr Coates*

### 2015/2016 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - RITE OF RECONCILIATION



In Term 4 students will begin their Sacramental Program with the Rite of Reconciliation being celebrated. This is open to Baptised students who are in Grade 2 or any other students (Grade 3 and above) who have not completed this program and wish to do so. If you were interested in your child participating in the 2015/2016 Sacramental Program, please fill in the form located in the office. Thanks, Mrs Carter

## BOOKWEEK AT HOLY ROSARY

This year's Book Week will run from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**, with the theme being "Books Light Up Your World".

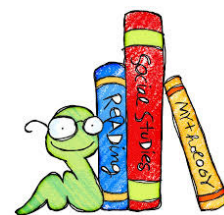
The following activities have been planned:

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August:** Grade 2DC and both Gr 1 classes will visit the Bendigo Library for Book Theatre from 2pm. The session will be based on the Book Week books

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August:** Whole school rotation of art activities based on shortlist of Book Week books. From 11 30 am

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August:** Whole school Book Week dress up parade at Ted's Shed from 9 am. Students to come to school dressed as their favourite book character

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September:** Trace Balla (writer & illustrator of Rivertime, 2015 Shortlisted Picture Book) will be visiting Holy Rosary to spend some time with our Gr 2 – 6 students.



## DONATIONS: GR 3/4 ICU SUPPLIES



Over the next several weeks the Grade 3/4 students will be building models of their own environmentally friendly, energy efficient home as part of our Term 3 ICU project. If you have any scrap materials such as icy pole sticks, old shoeboxes, milk cartons, etc. that you would be happy to donate to our project please send them along with your child to give to Miss Watson. Thank you - *Miss Watson, Mrs Carter & Mr Scott*

## MEMORIAL LITURGY

Our annual memorial liturgy was held last Friday. The families and friends of the people named in the garden attended as well as members of our school community. It was touching to have people mention to me how wonderful it is to have the Reflective Garden at the school and to be given to opportunity to come together for the liturgy. There were numerous comments about the children attending the liturgy in that they were so respectful and reverent.

Thank you to the staff that helped with this liturgy and to the parents that helped with the Morning Tea in Ted's Shed. It was greatly appreciated. - *Eva Rosaia (Chaplain)*

## LIBRARY - BOOK CUBBY EXCURSION

It was great to be able to attend the Book Cubby – Make a Book Activity at the Bendigo Library on Friday with Gr 2HS. The children wrote and illustrated their own book and then it was published! The students were able to bring a copy home and the other copy remains with the Book Cubby Group which travels all around Australia. We were fortunate to have this experience as only 2 classes were chosen in Bendigo to attend. We thank Tammy Higgs from the Bendigo Library for the invitation. - *Eva Rosaia (Librarian)*

## TODDLERS IN THE GARDEN

For our next session, Friday 21st August, the activity is 'Terranium', so please bring 2 clear bottles (1.25L) along. If you require any more information please see Eva Rosaia or ask at the Office.



## CARITAS DONATIONS



This week we received our official certificate from Caritas Australia thanking us for our donations this year.

The theme for Project Compassion 2015 is "Food for Life".

Food is essential for all life, yet many of the world's poorest people do not have food security. That means they live from day-to-day, uncertain of how to afford or how to access their next meal.

Funds raised this year have helped people from here in Australia, as well as other countries around the world, including Niger, Fiji, Indonesia, Nepal and Peru.

We recognise the compassion and hard work that went into raising this money and would like to pass on the thanks to all our families.

## COMMUNITY CARE



We ask families with their eldest child in Grade **5/6LC** to please donate a meal for the month of **August**. Please bring it into the office or directly into the freezer which is now located in the Gr 3/4 area. Thank you for your support. - *Community Care Coordinators*



## CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS



In each weekly newsletter this year, our school's Speech Pathologist will provide some "family friendly", fun oral language tasks aimed to enhance learning and literacy skills.

We encourage you to set some time aside so that you can get the most out of your interactions with your child.

Ten activities will be provided over Term 3 to help develop your child's vocabulary at home (you may need to adjust the activity to suit your child's level). If you have any questions you can contact Ebonie Collins, Speech

Pathologist through the Special Education Coordinator.

5. When you are shopping at the supermarket pick two objects and encourage your child to describe how they are the same and different. For example; Carrot/Zucchini – They are both vegetables, they are both long and skinny, but they are different colours, and don't taste the same.

## STUDENT NEWS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Luke Patton, Alexander Wallace, Benjamin Wallace, Bridie Monaghan and Logan Van Der Hagen. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK



	Name
PBZ	Marlee McRae & Mikayla Gladman
PMD	Matisse Sheahan & Henry Filippi
1CG	Lucy Newton & Amelia Paterson
1ST	Blake Watson & Zoe Cail
Gr 2	Noah Pellegrino
3/4BS	Rilee Paul & Zakai Morrissey
3/4JW	Reilly Barnes
3/4KC	Kadeisha Smith & Charlie Sawyer
Gr 5/6	Charlotte Thompson & Veronica Wills

## P&P NEWS

**P&P MEETING:** For your calendar, the next P&P meeting will be **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August** at 7.30pm.

### FATHER'S DAY STALL



The P&P Committee will be holding their annual Father's Day stall on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**. We have a great selection of gifts for students to choose from. Gifts are \$5.00 each including a card.

Due to the rapid growth of our school, it has been decided that a limit will be placed on the amount of gifts children can buy.

If you would like your child to purchase a gift (maximum 2 per child), please return the below form and payment by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

### FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The Father's day breakfast will be held on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30 to 8.45 am** at Ted's shed. It's a great morning for families to spend together and have a wonderful breakfast. It's a chance to spoil the Dad's, Pa's and Grandpa's. Cost is \$10 per family (Max 2 adults, 4 children). Please return the below form and payment by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

### FAMILY NIGHT OUT

The P&P will be hosting a family night out for tea at the Schweppes Centre on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. On the night, 50% of money spent on meal purchases will be donated back to Holy Rosary

If you would like to attend, please send \$20 to the office in a sealed envelope with the family name and number of people attending. This deposit will be refunded to each family on the night. For more information, please contact Gerri Ripper.

## EARN & LEARN



This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school.

From Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

The canteen is currently looking into moving their ordering system to an online app in the hopes that this will make things easier for everyone. Attached to the bottom of the newsletter you will find a quick survey to see what everyone thinks. The app would include ordering and payment (via online banking). It would remove the need for sending money to school and the need to have change ready for the lunch order. If the majority of families like this idea there will be a demonstration of the app. Please fill in the form and return to school as soon as possible.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August → Dan Byrne

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August → Will McGoldrick & Eli Pearce

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August → Joe Byrne & Isabela Tuohey

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August → Xavier Morrissey, Greta & Estella Murphy

### ALTAR SERVERS



Any catholic baptised students in Grades Four & Five, who wish to become altar servers for Holy Rosary Parish, are asked to contact Anne Smith on 5443 5929 or complete the attached permission form and return it to the school office. Training sessions are conducted during school lunch times.

### WHIPSTICK WARD MEETINGS

Ward Councillors – Mayor Peter Cox, Lisa Ruffell and James Williams

City of Greater Bendigo Whipstick Ward Meetings will be held from 7pm – 8.30pm on the following dates:

Neilborough	Monday August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Neilborough Hall – Murchison Street, Neilborough
Sebastian	Monday August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sebastian Hall - Sebastian Rd, Sebastian

Meeting times and dates are subject to change, to confirm, please visit [www.bendigo.vic.gov.au](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au)

## SPORTS NEWS

### BENDIGO UNITED CRICKET CLUB - MILO CRICKET

**Registration Night:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015 - 5pm @ Harry Trott Oval Clubrooms, Neale St, Kennington. First session will be Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 5pm – 6pm at Harry Trott Oval. The sessions will continue on a weekly basis until Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. New online registration open on 10<sup>th</sup> of August. Registrations are recommended before the 14<sup>th</sup> August via their website <http://www.bendigounited.com/juniors.html>. (Online payment only). For more information contact Marita Pinniger: [maritap@hotkey.net.au](mailto:maritap@hotkey.net.au)

**Fees for 2015:** \$75 includes Milo cricket kit, Ages 5-10 boys and girls.

### JUNIOR AFL 9s

AFL 9s will be starting Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August from 4pm to 5pm at Strathdale Park. The program is for children 8 to 12 years of age. The cost is \$25 which includes 5 weeks of AFL 9s football fun, insurance and coaching. To register, visit [www.juniorafl9s.com.au](http://www.juniorafl9s.com.au)

### GOLDEN SQUARE CRICKET CLUB

**Junior Registration Night:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August from 5.30pm -7pm @ MyJet Oval (Wade Street) Clubrooms

Everyone is encouraged to attend with teams from U/10 to U/18 including an all girl team (age 11-15).

For further information email the club on [goldensquare@club.cricketvictoria.com.au](mailto:goldensquare@club.cricketvictoria.com.au) or visit [www.goldensquarecc.com](http://www.goldensquarecc.com).



## ALTAR SERVERS – Training Permission Form

My child/children wish to join the Holy Rosary Altar Servers training sessions. These training sessions are conducted during lunch times with Anne Smith.

Student Name:.....

Grade: .....

Parent Signature .....

Contact: .....

Date .....

## FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. Adults \_\_\_\_\_ No. Kids \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Maximum number per family will be 2 adults and 4 children. Contact the school office if you have any concerns.

To help co-ordinate this fantastic morning, we are asking for any volunteers who are able to assist. If you are able to help please circle the most suitable timeslot below.

6.30 – 7.30 cooking breakfast

7.30 – 8.30 serving breakfast

8.30 – 9.30 cleaning up

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## SCHOOL CANTEEN APP SURVEY

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Yep, Great Idea ☐

We prefer the paper bag ☐

Comments/Suggestions:

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