



NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR

AUGUST 2015

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
Wed 9 & Thur 10	P.S.G meetings
Thurs 10	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Fri 11	Swimming
Fri 11	P.S.G meetings
Tues 15	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Wed 16	Author Visit
Wed 16	P&P Meeting 7.30pm
Wed 16 & Thur 17	P.S.G meetings
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



On Saturday we celebrated the feast of the Assumption. Mary assumed to heaven body and soul. Mary's faith enabled her to recognise the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

In staffing news, I am pleased to be able to announce that Mr Travis Edwards will be taking the place of Janette Rovers as our wellbeing worker. Travis has extensive experience working with a diverse range of families and children. We welcome him to Holy Rosary and look forward to working with him in supporting families and in particular the children at our school. Travis will begin work this Friday 21st August and continue to work each Friday for the remainder of the year, continuing into 2016.

I would like to wish the grade 5 children and their teachers all the very best as they head off to Billabong Ranch in Echuca, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, for their school camp. 3 days away from home will provide some great opportunities and again I thank the staff who will be heading away to ensure the experience is a positive and memorable encounter.

Unfortunately the inclement weather did not enable us to hold our annual athletics carnival last Wednesday. We were fortunate to be able to hold our senior sprint and 800m races which are very important for children who will progress to the district stage. Our field events will be held at school tomorrow for the grade 3-6 children and the prep to 2 children can look forward to 'take 2' on Friday. Thanks to everyone who has helped out and we look forward to seeing everyone again this week.

Recently we asked the grade 5&6 children to design a modern uniform for basketball and soccer that could be used in an ongoing manner whenever the school participated in these events. A great number of designs were submitted and our winner was Grade 6 Kye O'Brien. Congratulations to Kye, his new t-shirt will be worn with pride for the first time this Friday in the district basketball competitions. Kye will receive a t-shirt as a prize for his design.

MASS TIMES

Holy Rosary – Hamelin St

Saturday's 6.pm Sunday's 10.am

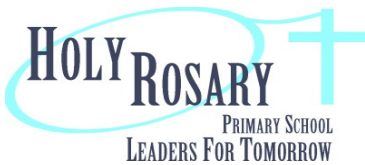
Weekday Masses – Mon- Sat 9.am

St Francis Xavier – Strickland Rd

Sunday – 8.30am Tuesday – 5:45pm



Our school uniform is an important aspect of our identity. Holy Rosary's uniform shows that you are part of our school. Wearing it says we're all in this together. Also, when you wear your uniform with pride, it reflects the pride you have in not only your school but in yourself. For some time it has been a concern that wearing modified uniforms has become a more common practice. We are fortunate to have a very distinct uniform that not only identifies us as a school community, but enables our children to feel part of our team. We have recently added a new jumper to our uniform thanks to the Parents and Parishioners group who researched and chased down a suitable product. All staff have been asked to address concerns re uniform with a small note home. Whilst this is a timely reminder about uniform for some, I would also like to thank the majority of students and parents who consistently present themselves in such a way as to enhance our school.



17/8/2015

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Being in school uniform can have benefits around ...

- **Increase students' self-esteem** because they do not have to participate in the "school fashion show." Dressing alike helps students learn that what really counts is on the inside.
- **Decrease the influence of unwanted peer pressure** around fashion and social status
- **Improve learning** by reducing distraction, sharpening focus on schoolwork and making the classroom place solely for learning
- **Promote a sense of teamwork** and increase school spirit.
- **Mask the income difference** between families. All children dress the same, whether rich or poor.
- **Improve behavior** and increase school attendance. Some students actually skip school to avoid embarrassment about their clothing.
- **Save families time and money.** Many parents report that three uniforms cost about the same as one pair of designer jeans. Even some students admit that wearing the same colours everyday makes it easier to shop for new clothes.
- **Help administrators** quickly identify outsiders who could be a danger to our community

During the last election campaign, Prime Minister Julia Gillard said: "Part of a high-quality education is learning how to present yourself to the world, and that's what a school uniform is all about -- having a uniform helps undercut the kind of unhealthy competition we can see at schools to have the latest, most expensive, fashionable gear."

I have attached a copy of Holy Rosary's school uniform for both summer and winter. The two most obvious things to note are boys winter uniform consists of long grey trousers and black school shoes for all unless it is PE day. We are Holy Rosary, and part of who we are is reflected in the way we present ourselves to each other and to our wider community.

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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.

Paul Wilkinson
Principal

UNIFORM

POLICY: Holy Rosary School

Rationale:

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- After consultation with the Parents and Parishioners Group and the Students, School Board has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted, except as part of a Dress-up day or other special occasion.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only acceptable headwear is the school hat consistent with our Sunsmart policy, and sold through the Uniform Shop. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Parents and Parishioners Group will operate a Uniform Shop supplying good quality uniforms, and will operate a second hand uniform store for parents.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the Newsletter/Parent Information Book at the start of each year.
- School Board requires the Principal and Teaching Staff to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with our school values .
- At times when, for whatever reason, a student requires an exemption from the Dress Code; Parents should notify the Class Teacher in writing.
- Changes to the School Uniform or Dress Code will be undertaken after an appropriate process of consultation among the School Community, coordinated by the School Board. A “Uniform Life” of seven years with an additional three year phase-in period is seen as desirable in order to meet the needs of families.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Board in....

July 2003

SCHOOL NEWS

DON'T BE THE ONLY ONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE THEIR SAY - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

Thanks so much to everyone who has completed our short School Improvement survey. At Holy Rosary we value the contributions and feedback from the entire school community. It's not too late to have your say. Head to the link below: Look at the next 3 year strategic plan we have developed, and help identify the strengths and challenges we have as a school.

Collation of the data will be read in detail and 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>).



Just a short note to say goodbye to the many special students and families that I have enjoyed getting to know during my time here at Holy Rosary. It's been a wonderful job when so many children and parents are learning how to improve their relationships, developing lifelong skills and sharing the journey of growth. I have learned a lot. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful place for the nearly 5 years that I was here. I will miss many smiling faces that greet me each week and will have many fond memories to enjoy always. Thank you for including me as a professional and a parent and for the friendships that we have enjoyed. Fondest Regards, Janette and Sebastian Rovers.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Due to the unfortunate weather conditions last week, we will be running a modified athletics program for grades 3 to 6 at Holy Rosary on Tuesday, 18th August.

The 9/10 year olds will compete between 9 and 11am. The 11/12 year olds will compete between 11:30am and 1:30pm.

Junior (prep-2) Athletics Update - Due to the inclement weather last week, we will be holding the junior athletics at Holy Rosary on Friday the 21st of August at 11:45am. Events will finish at approximately 1:30pm.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend however we will not be requiring any helpers at this point. Students are encouraged to dress up in their house colours – if you are unsure what house your child is in please see your classroom teacher.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Taylor. Thanks for all your patience and support; fingers crossed for some better weather on Friday

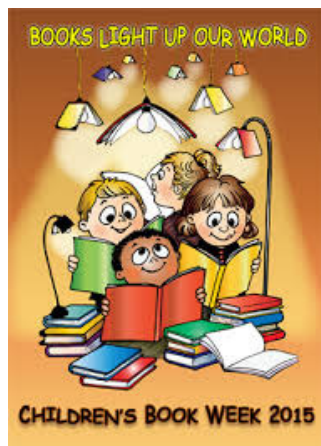


2015/2016 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - RITE OF RECONCILIATION



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 24th to Friday 28th August**, with the theme being "Books Light Up Your World".

The following activities have been planned:

Monday 24th 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 26th August: Whole school rotation of art activities based on shortlist of Book Week books. From 11 30 am

Thursday 27th 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 16th 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.



*BOOK WEEK PARADE - Thursday 27th August in
Ted's Shed from 9.00am*

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book character*



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

TODDLERS IN THE GARDEN

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



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



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

6. While playing with your child and their toys, have your child describe specific toys by choosing describing words that describe the size, colour, shape and texture of the chosen object e.g. the stuffed bear: Size – small/tiny/big/large. Colour - can be different colours though usually brown. Shape – round head and belly, long arms and legs. Texture – soft, fluffy, furry.

STUDENT NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are Polly Sutcliffe-Bullen and Jackson Bell. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jackson Fletcher who has been selected in the 14A Bendigo Braves Basketball Squad. Jackson and his family will be travelling to Melbourne most Friday nights as he will compete in the VJBL (Victorian junior basketball league). Well done Jackson!

P&P NEWS

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

FATHER'S DAY STALL



The P&P Committee will be holding their annual Father's Day stall on **Friday 28th 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 24th August.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The Father's day breakfast will be held on **Friday 4th 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 31st August.

FAMILY NIGHT OUT

The P&P will be hosting a family night out for tea at the Schweppes Centre on Sunday 23rd 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 15th July to Tuesday 8th 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

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 22 August - Joe Byrne & Isabela Tuohey

Sunday 23 August - Xavier Morrissey, Greta & Estella Murphy

Saturday 29 August – Eli Flood & Chris Browne

Sunday 30 August – Will McGoldrick & Eli Pearce

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 th	Neilborough Hall – Murchison Street, Neilborough
Sebastian	Monday August 31 st	Sebastian Hall - Sebastian Rd, Sebastian

Meeting times and dates are subject to change, to confirm, please visit www.bendigo.vic.gov.au

SPORTS NEWS

BENDIGO UNITED CRICKET CLUB - MILO CRICKET

First session will be Thursday 22nd October from 5pm – 6pm at Harry Trott Oval. The sessions will continue on a weekly basis until Thursday 10th December. New online registration open on 10th of August via their website

<http://www.bendigounited.com/juniors.html>. (Online payment only). For more information contact Marita Pinniger: maritap@hotmail.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 25th 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



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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Yep, Great Idea ☐

We prefer the paper bag ☐

Comments/Suggestions:
