



# NEWSLETTER

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HOLY ROSARY WEB SITE: [www3.hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au](http://www3.hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au)

## CALENDAR

Wed 9 & Thur 10	P.S.G meetings
Wed 9	Festival of the Sacred
Thurs 10	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Thurs 10	AFL 9s Clinic (Gr 5/6)
Thurs 10	Whole School Assembly – Sub Zero
Fri 11	Meet & Greet - Travis Edwards
Fri 11	Swimming
Fri 11	P.S.G meetings
Tues 15	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Wed 16	Author Visit
Wed 16 & Thur 17	P.S.G meetings
Thur 17	AFL 9s Carnival (Gr 6)
Fri 18	Swimming
Fri 18	Last Day Term 3 – 2.15pm finish

### OCTOBER 2015

Mon 5	First Day Term 4
Wed 21	P&P Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 23	School Disco
<b>Wed 28</b>	<b>Bendigo Cup Day – Pupil Free Day</b>

### NOVEMBER 2015

Wed 4 – Fri 6	P.S.G. Meetings
Thur 12 – Fri 13	P.S.G Meetings
Wed 25	P&P AGM

### DECEMBER 2015

Tues 1	CCB Transition Day
Mon 14	Gr 6 Graduation Dinner
Wed 16	Last Day Term 4

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Spring is here! After a long cold winter isn't it great to see the warm weather returning and the smiles that accompany it! I trust that all the Dad's had a great Father's Day on Sunday and enjoyed a restful family day. Unfortunately our Father's Day breakfast on Friday had to be cancelled and we will look at how we can best celebrate this special day in the future. As with the changing times our parent helpers and support are challenged by the 'time' and to have successful events we need support, we look forward to having more helpers for future events.



Sunday's Gospel invites us to consider how we witness the healing presence of Christ in our care for those who are sick. We notice that the deaf man is brought to Jesus for healing by his friends. These people beg Jesus to lay his hands on this deaf man so that he might be healed. Jesus' healing power is shown in his opening of the man's ears and the restoring of his speech. When family members care for one another when they are sick, they bring Christ's healing presence. When we pray for those who are ill, we ask God to show his healing power. When health is restored, we share that good news with others.

Next Friday at 9.00am I invite parents to join me in introducing Travis Edwards to our school. We will have a cup of tea or coffee in the parent's room and an opportunity to have a chat. I look forward to seeing some of our parents there (this has been rescheduled from last week).

Congratulations to the children who participated in the Catholic Athletic sports last week. We certainly had a very successful day, however most importantly it was wonderful to hear that our representatives were excellent role models and great sports. Congratulations to Jackson Fletcher and Melea McKay who were awarded the 'Best Contributor' awards for the school.



## MASS TIMES

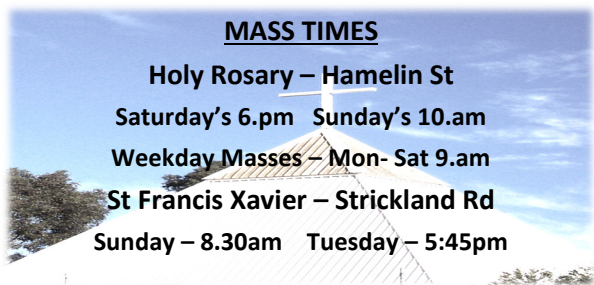
**Holy Rosary – Hamelin St**

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

**Weekday Masses – Mon- Sat 9.am**

**St Francis Xavier – Strickland Rd**

**Sunday – 8.30am Tuesday – 5:45pm**



Our NAPLAN tests have arrived at school and will be distributed at our parent teacher interviews. Please discuss the results with your child's classroom teacher. The results are a snapshot of your child's performance on the testing day and it is important that as parents we understand the information. Parent teacher interviews are again occurring this week and next week, with the children expected to be a part of the conversation. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the learning that has taken place this year as well as setting goals for the last term.

Finally a special well done to David Mill who found a toolbox on the way to school and through his honesty and thoughtfulness he won a photography package through Star FM.



Paul Wilkinson  
Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Bijo Mathew and Julie Cherian on the safe arrival of Abel born on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August, brother to Aaron Mathew Bijo (Grade 2DC).

### PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS



Just a reminder to all parents, that parent/student/teacher interviews will be held this Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September and next Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, from 3.30pm.

If you are yet to book a time to see your child's teacher, please do so as soon as possible via the [schoolinterviews.com.au](http://schoolinterviews.com.au) website (event code: 5XWKV) or by seeing the classroom teacher. Online bookings will close at 4pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Please remember to arrive for your appointment on time and we ask that you be considerate of the 15 minute timeframe. If you find that you do require further time to see the classroom teacher, please make another appointment at a suitable time.

### FESTIVAL OF THE SACRED

This Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, our Grade 5/6 students will travel to St. Francis of the Fields, Strathfieldsaye to perform at the Festival of the Sacred. This performance is the culmination of the weeks of practice the students have been participating in with A3.

The event will be held from 12.30pm to 2pm. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

### WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – SUBZERO VISIT



This Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, we will have a whole school assembly to facilitate a visit from 'The Champion Racehorse program'.

This program is a unique and VELS aligned program, which offers school children the chance to meet, smell and touch a real Melbourne Cup Champion. Our ambassador 'Subbie', the much loved winner of the 1992 Melbourne Cup can even answer questions! Parents, siblings, and friends are welcome to attend.

### STAFF COLOURING COMPETITION

Staff at Holy Rosary will be taking part in their very own colouring competition over the coming weeks. The aim of the competition is to promote staff wellbeing.

The finished entries will be displayed on the staff room window for children and parents to view from next Monday morning, with the winner being announce at the school assembly on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September

### HEAD LICE



We have reports of Head Lice in some classrooms. Many head lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them. We ask all parents to please check their children's hair regularly, especially at change of seasons, and treat if necessary. Once hair has been treated, children can be returned to school. Anyone can get head lice and given the chance head lice move from head to head without discrimination (washed or unwashed hair, it does not matter). Children get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when children play, cuddle or work close together. They do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

## TODDLERS IN THE GARDEN

For our next session, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, the activity is 'Succulents in a Cup', so please bring along an old coffee cup or bowl. 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 **3/4KC** to please donate a meal for the month of **September**. 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.

9. After reading with your child, get him/her to describe something from the book using the 5 senses to guide - what it... *looks* like / *feels* like / *smells* like / *tastes* like / *sounds* like. You may need to prompt your child with questions and brainstorm different words together.

E.g. Birthday Cake: Looks – round and can be different colours, though is usually brown. Feels – spongy, soft, and moist. Smells – so good it makes your mouth water. Tastes – sweet and yummy.

# STUDENT NEWS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are Gracey Barwick, Liam Monaghan, Ebony Garner & Elizabeth Roberts. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



	Name
PBZ	Caitlin Watson & Jackson Hayes
PMD	Macey Fisher & Emily Dillon
1CG	Bella Clohesy & Jacynta Petri
1ST	Levi Sawyer & Olivia Kean
2HS & 2DC	Mason Holm & Abigail Cullen
3/4JW	Blake Currie
3/4KC	Shanae Dankers & Jackson Bell
5/6TC	Anthony Clacy
5/6BK	Alex Wallace
5/6LC	Olivia Hogg

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL ATHLETICS

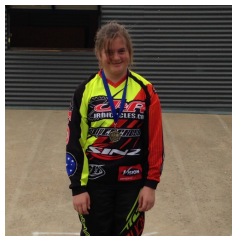


Last week, selected students from Gr 3 – 6 competed at the Catholic School Athletics Carnival. The day was very successful, however more importantly our representatives were excellent role models, great sports and tried their best. Congratulations to Jackson Fletcher and Melea McKay who were award the 'Best Contributor' awards for the school.





## SCHOOLS BMX CHAMPIONSHIPS



Meleia & Rhian Hobbs recently competed in Shepparton for the Schools BMX Championships. The girls had a great day on the track riding with other riders from around Victoria and both placed first in their age groups. The girls will now go on to ride at the State Finals which will be held at the Bendigo BMX Track on Friday 9th October.

## P&P NEWS

**P&P MEETING:** For your calendar, the next P&P meeting will be **Wednesday October 21st**. The AGM will be held on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November.

## PARISH NEWS

### ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Saturday 12 September – Joe Byrne & Isabella Tuohey

Sunday 13 September – Will McGoldrick & Eli Pearce

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Eli Flood & Chris Browne

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Xavier Morrissey, Greta & Estella Murphy

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### REACH OUT FOR RYAN FUNDRAISER



On **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September** 2015 a fundraiser is being held in order to raise money the ongoing medical costs for Ryan Healy (Gr 1CG) who has a degenerative muscle wasting condition called Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DND).

The fundraiser will be held at the Bendigo Stadium Bistro from 5.30pm. 50% of all main meal purchases will be donated to Ryan's fund. A mystery raffle will also be held on the night with all ticket sales being donated.

For more information visit [www.reachoutforryan.wix.com/donatenow](http://www.reachoutforryan.wix.com/donatenow) or to RSVP email [reachoutforryan@gmail.com](mailto:reachoutforryan@gmail.com) or call 0401 373 121. RSVP's must be in by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### GIFTED & TALENTED EDUCATION

Dr Susan Nikakis is a Senior Gifted & Talented Education Officer working for the Melbourne Education Office.

Dr Nikakis will be visiting Bendigo on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September and is offering a presentation to all parents and teachers interesting in learning more in the area of gifted learning.

The presentation will be held at St. Monica's Primary School, Kangaroo Flat in the Jaara Centre. If you would like to attend please contact St. Monica's on 5447 7382.

### YMCA SPRING BOOK SALE

The YMCA will be holding their Annual Spring Book Sale from Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>. The event is a major fundraiser for the YMCA and includes 1000's of preloved books, magazines, records, cd's & dvd's at absolute bargain prices.

This year the event will be held at the YMCA - Tom Tweed Stadium in Mundy Street, Bendigo and will be open from 9am – 5pm Friday & Saturday and 9am – 3pm Sunday.

### D-CLUB GYM FUNDRAISER

D-Club Gym is currently offering a 3 month gym membership for only \$99 to help raise funds for ex Holy Rosary student, Jayden Matthews to tour the USA to play basketball this December.

The membership, that works out to cost less than \$8 per week, will run from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> November and includes all classes and use of all equipment.

This offer is great for those who don't want to commit to the long term contracts other gyms offer.

For more information or to sign up for this fantastic offer contact Mel Matthews on 0423 201 694

# SPORTS NEWS

## JUNIOR REGISTRATION



Huntly North Epsom would like to welcome any new or current players for the upcoming season. Milo In2 Cricket Program (for 5-8 year olds), T20 Blast (for 9 Year Olds) and Junior cricket teams – Under 12s, 14s & 16s. Sausage sizzle provided.

For registration please contact Troy – 0421 767 055 or email [tgfitnesstamara@hotmail.com](mailto:tgfitnesstamara@hotmail.com)

## SOCCER JUGGLE OFF

Quarry Hill Primary School is holding a Soccer Juggle Off Competition at our school fair on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of September from 11am-2pm. Entry is only a gold coin donation. There are certificates for the top three jugglers in each grade Prep-6, and also a soccer ball for the overall winner signed by the Australian champions - Melbourne Victory.

The poster for the 'Festival of the Sacred' is set against a textured, light brown background. On the left, there are two logos: 'CESCA Council for the Arts' with a colorful cross icon, and 'Catholic Education Sandhurst' with a blue 'S' logo. A white, curved banner across the middle contains the text 'Festival of the Sacred' in a mix of red and teal fonts. To the right, the date 'Wednesday 9 September 2015' is written in red. Below it, in blue, is 'Featuring the Western Deanery'. Further down, in bold black text, is '5/6 Students &amp; selected College performances'. Below that, in blue, is 'St Francis of the Fields Primary Strathfieldsaye'. At the bottom, in black, is '12.30 pm - 2.00 pm'. Finally, at the very bottom, in italicized black text, is 'This is a FREE event for all parents &amp; friends of our school communities'.

# Top 5 Parenting Tips for School Meetings

By Michael Grose

Conferences and meetings between parents and professionals offer an opportunity to discover a child's progress; share information or resolve social and learning challenges. They can also be the source of conflict and stress as views can differ so it helps to remember that everyone's goal is to work from the best interests of a child or young person. Here are some tips to help make the meeting or conference more productive and less stressful for everyone involved:



## 1. Confirm the meeting

If the meeting has been called by someone at the school then confirm that you will be attending. Confirm also if someone such as another parent, family member, friend or professional will be attending the meeting. If in doubt, find out if more than one person will be attending from your child's school, including an outside professional such as a speech therapist or other specialist.

## 2. Work from a fresh slate

Sometimes meetings can be marred before they start as negative past experiences can carry residual resentment. Every new meeting offers a fresh opportunity to create better outcomes for your child.

## 3. Prepare well

Before a meeting or conference, list any questions that you want to raise. Keep the questions short and to the point. Similarly, it may be useful to list some of your child's strengths and areas of improvement that you've seen at home. Writing information down in advance ensures that your point of view is expressed and that critical information is covered. Similarly, make sure you take notes during the meeting so that vital information isn't missed.

## 4. Listen first

Give the teacher a chance to make an assessment of your child's progress or behaviour. This may sound obvious but some meetings never get off the ground because an enthusiastic parent takes over.

## 5. Ask what you can do

Show your commitment to producing better results by asking for exercises that you can do at home to develop skills. It may be a good opportunity to ask for recommendations for outside resources to help you and your child. Often teachers know about camps, activities, organisations or events that can encourage educational and social growth.

Parent teacher meetings and conferences take many formats including the direct involvement of children. Regardless of the format you will be more effective if you go in with a positive attitude, an approachable demeanour, and a willingness to work collaboratively with your child's teacher to reach the best outcomes possible for your child.