



NEWSLETTER

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MASS TIMES

Holy Rosary – Hamelin St

Saturday's 6pm Sunday's 10am

Weekday Masses – Tues - Sat 9am

St Francis Xavier – Strickland Rd

Sunday – 8.30am

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2019

Tue 10	2020 Foundation Orientation Session
Tue 10	2020 Year 7 Transition
Wed 11	2020 Gr 1 – 6 Transition
Thur 12	Gr 6 Graduation Dinner
Mon 16	End of Year Picnic in the Park
Mon 16	Gr 6 Pool Party
Wed 18	Whole School Mass – 9.15am
Wed 18	Last Day Term 4 – 3.15pm dismissal

JANUARY 2020

Tue 28	Staff Return
Tue 28	Uniform Shop Open (9.30m – 2.30pm)
Wed 29	First Day Term 1 (Gr 1 – 6)
Thur 30	First Day Term 1 (Foundation)



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

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This time of year is always an exciting and sometimes anxious time, as we finish off the year and begin to look forward to the next. We look forward to welcoming our Foundation children for 2020 on Tuesday for their statewide Orientation Day. At the same time we also keep our Grade 6 children and their families in our prayers as they also spend the day at their secondary school. It is always an important step in moving into the big world of school, for children and parents alike. As we head into the 'last quarter'. We have also begun preparations for the end of year graduation dinner and other exciting activities.

Thank you to those families who have written with specific requests regarding class placement. We put a lot of time and effort into supporting all children in new classes and whilst we cannot guarantee all requests, we appreciate the sharing of information. All other classes will spend time with their 2020 classroom teacher on Wednesday at 12noon - 1pm.

STAFFING 2020

Next year in 2020 our staffing will be as such:

Deputy Principal & Curriculum: Kim Carter

Religious Education Leader: Jo Thurley

Pastoral Wellbeing: Bianca Schmidt

Learner Diversity: Mandy Antoniadis

Junior Unit Leader: Brooke Watson

Senior Unit Leader (and PE): Sophie Taylor

Foundation: Kerry Baber & Carolyn Goodbody

Grade 1: Damian Cairns

Grade 2: Luke Crameri

Grade 3: Jo Thurley

Grade 4: Amy Gillett

Grade 5: Megan Gerrish

Grade 6: Troy Coates

Foundation: Jasmin O'Sullivan

Grade 1: Brooke Watson

Grade 2: Melissa Caine

Grade 3: Shelley DeAraugo & Jo Zimmer

Grade 4: Brendan Scott

Grade 5: Jarrod Epps

Grade 6: Sophie Taylor

Leadership Release Grade 6: Bethany Kerlin

Visual Arts: Eva Rosaia

LOTE/Digital Tech: Angela Holdaway

Grade 1&2 Additional Teacher Support: Liz Williams

Performing Arts: Elizabeth Teed

Sadly Ms Turpie will be leaving us to take up a position at St Kilians. We will also farewell Mr Zera (St Francis in the Fields), Miss Lothian (St Monicas) and Mrs Cass (Kalianna). Helmut our Napier St Crossing Supervisor, will also finish up at the end of this year after many years of service. We thank them all for their contribution to our school and wish them the very best as they move ahead in their respective careers.

BIKE SAFETY

As mentioned last week via our social media, we have had some reports of poor bike rider behaviour that poses a risk to the riders and other road users. Please take time to reinforce messages of safety at home as we are doing at school.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Our Annual General Meeting for the Parents and Friends was a great success. Thanks to Dave Cini and a wonderful group of parents for their support of the school, financially and socially. It has been a great year and much has been achieved. We look forward to another successful year in 2020. Please see our list of roles, we still have a few vacancies and ask that if you have some time available, that your contribution will be welcomed.



Paul Wilkinson
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Catholic Identity

END OF YEAR PICNIC IN THE PARK

The entire Holy Rosary school community is invited to come together on Monday 16th December for our End of Year Picnic in the Park. We will gather together at 6:00pm on the picnic lawn at the Botanical Gardens. Families are asked to BYO Picnic dinner. Our Christmas Raffle will also be drawn at the event.

WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR MASS


We will come together for our final whole school Mass in the Church on Wednesday 18th December at 9.15am. We invite all of our parents, friends and community members to come together to celebrate the wonderful 2019 school year.

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE


Thank you to all the families who have kindly donated to the Christmas charity appeal. Jim and Helen Austin from St Vincent De Paul collected these items on Friday and will distribute them accordingly.

**THIRD WEEK
OF ADVENT**


JOY
Light the third candle of joy.



Christ our Joy,
Brighten our hearts with your
presence. May we see your joy
in the hopes and dreams of our
sisters and brothers around the
world. Help us to spread your
light and love.
We await your coming with
delight.
Amen



The third Sunday in Advent is
Gaudete Sunday, from Latin
meaning 'rejoice'.

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA End poverty
Promote justice
Uphold dignity

SIMON EVERYWHERE



Holy Rosary now has access to SIMON Everywhere!

SIMON Everywhere is an app available on android and apple devices that will allow you to access your PAM account when you're on the go. SIMON Everywhere also includes a push notification feature, allowing the school to easily communicate with parents!

We encourage all families to install SIMON Everywhere as we will be using it for notifications home (rather than texts) and expanding our PAM usage to include excursion permissions from 2020 onwards. Please see the office if you require more information on how to download and use the app.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We currently have an over supply of second hand uniforms from our Community Care program. To help clear some items out before the end of the year, these items will be outside the school office after school this week. All items will be FREE to take home and call your own (make sure you label them)!

LIBRARY BOOKS

As the end of the year quickly approaches, **all library books are now due back to the library.** Well done to the students of FTT & FJO, who have already returned all of their books! – Sue Johns (Librarian)



SHARE THE ROAD!



ATTENTION BIKE RIDERS

We've had a concerned member of the public ring the school about Holy Rosary students riding their bikes home. Apparently there was a near miss when students crossed a street without looking. If your child rides to or from school, we'd appreciate it if you could speak with them about safe riding practices and bike etiquette when riding near pedestrians.

2020 SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Next year Holy Rosary will be running the Seasons for Growth program during Term 2 and 3. This a program aimed at equipping children with strategies needed to cope in the aftermath of trauma, for example; family breakdown, death or other major changes in family life. Please ask at the office for a flyer for further information. If you think this program may benefit your child please contact Bianca Schmidt (in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays).

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS



Ten activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy, learning and socialising. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child's grade level.

If you have any questions you can contact Peta Mazurak, Ed. Speech Pathologist through the School's Learner Diversity Coordinator, Mandy Antoniadis. Good luck and most importantly enjoy this very special time with your child.

10. Questioning The Text

Focus: Understanding and Using longer and more complex sentences

Here is a list of the best books for language and literacy development from the Speech Pathology Australia 2018 book of the year awards.

- Rodney Loses It - by Michael Gerard Bauer
- Danny Blue's Really Excellent Dream - by Max Landrak
- The Grand Genius Summer of Henry Hoobler - by Lisa Shanahan
- Sorry Day - by Coral Vass



When asking your child questions encourage them to repeat part of the question to extend their responses. For example;

What was your favourite part of the story? *My favourite part of the story was when.....*

Why did you like that part? *I liked that part because....*

What would you do if you were that character? *If I was that character I would.....*



STUDENT NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Sophie Healy, Angus Johnstone, Angus Paterson, Ewan Paterson, Summer Whyte, Erin McCarroll, Jasper Sait, Jye Stokes-Logan & Tayla Holm. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FBG	Mitchell Nurse & Leni McRae
FJO	Flynn O'Connell & Chelsea Harrison
FTT	Charlie Dixon
1MM	Summer Whyte & Rose Mortimer
2LC	Grace Wyatt
2MC	Harry Schmidt & Owen Best
3AG	Jack Newton & Harry Morrish
3BS	Mason McNamara & Bronte Ellerton
4DC	Ava Baker
4JT	Naite Paul
5JE	Kai Pearce
5MG	Jakoben Petersen
6ST	Abigail Cullen
6TC	Naimh Walsh

P&F NEWS

P&F AGM REPORT

Our AGM for 2019 was very successful, capping off a fantastic year of fundraising and social events. Reports for all activities were tabled and most 2020 positions filled. Thank you to everyone for their work and willingness to step up and ensure we continue the strong community spirit at Holy Rosary. Thanks one and all.

President - Dave Cini

Vice President - Sandra O'Connor

Secretary - Ben Dillon

Assistant Secretary - Anne Dillon

School Board Rep – **Position Vacant**

Marong Cup - Michelle Cail, Tamara McIntosh & Chloe Doherty

Uniform Shop Committee – Deb Tresize, Heidi Kliener, Lisa Meersbergen & Janet Hodnett

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Committee – Lindy Vance & Janet Hodnett

Church Cleaning Roster - Lisa Meersbergen

Mother's Day, Father's Day & special events BBQ Committee – James Bell & Adam Ellerton

Mother's Day Gifts - Sharyn Sheldon

Student Disco Committee – Kylie Ermel, Sharyn Sheldon & Sam Johnstone

Easter & Christmas Raffle Committee - Donna Papworth, Sharyn Sheldon & Anne Dillon

Movie Night Committee – Donna Papworth, Ben Dillon, Kylie Ermel & Kelly Ellerton



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets have been sent home. Tickets are \$1 each and each ticket book contains 20 tickets (please use both sides). Ticket books and money are due back by **this Wednesday 11th December**. The Raffle will be drawn at the End of Year Celebrations on Monday 16th December. Thank you for your ongoing support!
- P&F Raffle's Committee

MARONG CUP

The 2020 Marong Cup is coming up on Saturday 15th February. As always we are seeking volunteers to help out on the Friday & Saturday. A basic outline of volunteer duties is included below. If you are unable to help for the entire allocated time, you are most welcome to come for as long as you can. Volunteer forms are included in this week's newsletter or are available from the school office.

Friday 14th February - 11:00am until 2:00pm: Food Prep at Ted's Shed (Holy Rosary Parish Centre).

Saturday 15th February - 8:00am until 11:30am: Prepare and make salad rolls and sandwiches at Ted's Shed (Holy Rosary Parish Centre)

Saturday 15th February - 12:00pm - 2:00pm: Plate up sandwiches and prepare afternoon tea at the Bendigo Racecourse in the Sailors' Guide Room under the public grandstand





CANTEEN ROSTER

Term 4, 2019



DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS	
DECEMBER			
THUR 12th	9am-11am	Tamara McIntosh	Volunteer Needed
FRI 13th	9am-12noon	Donna Papworth	Volunteer Needed
FRI 13th	1:30-2:30pm	Yvette Sait	Alex Ingram

SPORTS NEWS

HOLY ROSARY NETBALL CLUB - CHRISTMAS PUDDING FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the families who supported our Netball Club Pudding Fundraiser. Orders have been placed and puddings will be available for collection from School Office from Monday 16th December.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SPORTS EQUIPMENT DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN IN TANZANIA

My amazing fellow photographer friend, the very inspiring Angela Durante Dukát, has been travelling with her gorgeous family throughout Africa. Currently living in Stouffville Canada, they discovered a partnership the city has with Igoma Tanzania. The Stouffville Igoma Partnership (SIP), is a not-for-profit organisation focused on international development, to support and build connections that bring our communities together.

During her recent trip, along with some stunning photography to document her travels, a simple plea was made to send over some sporting equipment for the children and community of Igoma, as something as simple as a soccer ball had the power to created such happiness in the community.

I promised my family would do something to help and here it is: My request is that if you have any previously loved (or brand new) sporting gear that you no longer use and that you are happy to donate towards this partnership, please put what you can together bring it in to the school office.

My family will do our best to pay for the shipping of these items to Igoma, but if you don't have any sporting gear and would still like to contribute, any monetary donations will be welcomed to purchase new equipment and help with this shipment cost - even a gold coin donation would help in wondrous ways.

Donations can be left at the school office anytime up until the last day of school, Wednesday 18th December. My hope is to have all item shipped before December 24th. It will be a little late for Christmas but it will be a wonderful present for the children in Igoma regardless of the date. If we can collect enough items, hopefully this will not only be enough for the children of Igoma, but spill on to other communities nearby.

No matter how little we have, there are always others who have less so please do what you can if you can!

I encourage all of you to check out the SIP website for more information, which has also been recreated by Angela Durante Dukát that includes the stunning photography that she and her husband have captured along their journey.

<https://www.sippartnership.org/>

<https://www.sippartnership.org/postcards-from-igoma/>

<http://www.dukatstudios.com/>

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

Families are welcome to connect with me directly at 0421 171 338 or via e-mail at avebluestar@yahoo.com

— Averill Bell (Mum of Rex 4JT & Tasman 2MC)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY – 12:00PM – 2:00PM: Plate up sandwiches and prepare afternoon tea at the Bendigo Racecourse in the Sailors' Guide Room under the public grandstand

SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY – 2.30PM: Relay Race

If you are unable to help for the entire allocated time, you are most welcome to come for as long as you can.

Please bring an apron & ensure you wear covered in shoes (no open toed shoes due to Health and Safety Regulations).

Please write your name and phone number and tick any times you are available on the below form and return to the school office by **Wednesday 12th February**. If you have any questions please call David Cini 0432 124 030.

MARONG CUP VOLUNTEERS FRIDAY 14th & SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2020

Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Please tick any times/duties you would be happy to help with

Friday 14th February @ Ted's Shed

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11:00am – 2:00pm (4 Volunteers Required)

Saturday 15th February @ Ted's Shed

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8:00am – 10:30am (10 Volunteers Required)

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9:00am – 11:30am (10 Volunteers Required)

Saturday 15th February @ Bendigo Racecourse

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12:00pm – 2:30pm (4 Volunteers Required)

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RELAY RACE @ 2:30pm (2 Teachers, 2 Parents, 2 Students Required)