



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

Mon 16 End of Year Picnic in the Park – 6pm
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/>

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

LOVE

Light the fourth candle of love.



Christ our Light,

Fill our hearts with your grace. Remind us to look for you in small acts of kindness and love. Help us to share your love with others.

We await your coming with wonder
Amen



Our final days of Advent, are a time when we can reflect on our Advent journey.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we enter the last week of our 2019 school year it is a great opportunity to say some important thank yous and goodbyes. Firstly we say goodbye and thank you to Miss Turpie, Mr Zera, Miss Lothian and Mrs Cass. In every way each of you have made such an impression on the children and families in your care. Your care and dedication to provide the best possible learning environment for the children is something we will miss as you move into a new phase of your professional lives.

Congratulations to the Grade 6 children who celebrated the culmination of 7 years of schooling with dinner on Thursday night. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate what has been a special first part of your education journey. Thanks to the grade 6 teachers and the parents who ensured the night ran smoothly, and I wish you every success as you venture forward into secondary school.

I look forward to seeing many families tonight at our 'Picnic in the Park' for what promises to be a beautiful relaxed evening in the Botanical Gardens. Finally a big thank you to all families for your contributions big and small to Holy Rosary, despite the ups and downs of every year we are certainly blessed to have so many people ready to step up and help out.

A special thank you to all parents who have contributed to our school this year. I would especially like to thank Dave Cini and the P&F members, as well as Lisa Meersbergen and the Board who continue to provide wonderful support for all at Holy Rosary. We continue to work hard to develop a school that is a partnership and positive for all.

All the best for a safe and bright Christmas and New Year.

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 this evening, 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.

END OF SEMESTER REPORTS & LEARNING PORTFOLIOS

End of Semester Reports go live on PAM today. These reports give a summary of student overall achievement against the Victorian Curriculum. In addition, Learning Portfolios are coming home with students today. Assessed rubrics for portfolio items can be located on PAM. If you experience trouble accessing your PAM account, please see the Office or Mrs Carter.

2020 FOUNDATION ASSESSMENTS

All families with a child entering Foundation in 2020 are asked to make a Literacy and Maths Assessment booking time using your PAM account. All Foundation children are required to undertake Literacy and Maths assessments at the beginning of the year.

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)!



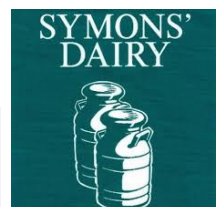
LIBRARY BOOKS

As the end of the year has arrived, **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)

COMMUNITY CARE – THANKYOU

The Community Care team would like to say a huge thank you to all of the people who have contributed towards our Thursday Breakfast program. These include;

- Donations of Milo and Vegemite from parents.
- Strathdale Bakers Delight for our bread.
- Symons Dairy for our milk.
- Grade 6 students for helping on Thursday mornings.



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).

From the Music Room...

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a busy 2019 in the music room, I am excited to continue and promote the music and performance program at Holy Rosary in 2020.

If your child is in Grade 3 – 6 next year and would like to develop their vocal and performance skills, I will be offering places in an Audition Choir to rehearse on Monday afternoons. Interested students will be auditioned at the beginning of the year and will be expected to attend all rehearsals and potential performances throughout the year. Choir membership will be reviewed again at the beginning of Term 3 for any new students who may wish to audition and join.

In addition to the Audition Choir, recorder classes will be offered again in 2020 for Grade 3 – 6 students wishing to develop music instrumental skills and will be held in the music room on Thursdays at 11.00am. Recorders and music will be provided. Individual piano and flute lessons may be offered during a lunchtime as an additional opportunity for any students wishing to learn either of these instruments. If your child is interested in beginning lessons in either of these instruments please contact me through the school.

I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas and holiday break and look forward to another fabulous year at Holy Rosary in 2020. - Elizabeth Teed (Performing Arts)

STUDENT NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Riley Cawley, Astyn Plant, Rani Sheldon, Tahlia Mullane, Taj Taylor, Maverick Van Der Hagen, Isabelle Winzar, Isobel Crennan & Patrick Ingram. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

During the last weeks of December (and the first weeks of school holidays) we also wish a Happy Birthday to; Laura Papworth, Ryder Mortimer & Georgia Wings.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
1MM	Noah Stroud
3AG	Lincon Kent
3BS	Milly Kelleher
5JE	Zoe Cail
5MG	Jack McNamara
6ST	Joey Mizzi
6TC	Zianna Field

CATHERINE MCAULEY AWARD

Congratulations to Sophie McCarroll (1MM) & Ella Cawley (6TC) on winning this week's Catherine McAuley Award. Congratulations also to the other people who had their names put in the box this week.



SCHOOL FUN RUN

On Friday our prizes from the School Fun Run were sent home. Logan Brown (FTT) was awarded a special trophy at our assembly to congratulate him for being the top fundraiser!

P&F NEWS



THANKYOU TO ALL

As the 2019 school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have volunteered for our various events throughout the year. Your support is always very appreciated and helps make our school a great place to be.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the school staff who have also been a great support to all our P&F events.

I look forward to doing it all again next year! – Dave Cini (P&F President)

CANTEEN –THANKYOU

A huge thankyou to all the amazing Mums, Dads and Grannies who volunteered their time in the canteen this year. Thanks for all the stories, laughs and great fun, you are all fantastic! Looking forward to catching up with you and lots of new volunteers next year. – Lindy Vance (Canteen)

SCHOOL DISCO

The photos from the School Disco are now online for you to view:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/b7zpv21n1ff8c69/AADsZSQRr8nyZhnsV8YVeLo6a?dl=0>

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



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

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.sipartnership.org/>

<https://www.sipartnership.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)



At Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Jesus by doing special things. Draw a picture of yourself doing something special for your family or friends during Christmas.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick purple border, intended for a child to draw a picture of themselves doing something special for their family or friends during Christmas.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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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)