



# 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

### JANUARY 2020

Wed 29 First Day Term 1 (Gr 1 – 6)  
Thur 30 First Day Term 1 (Foundation)

### FEBRUARY 2020

Wed 5 Foundation Rest Day  
Wed 5 Beginning of Year Mass – 9.15am  
Fri 7 Senior Learning Centre Opening – 1.30pm  
Tue 11 Parent Meet & Greet – 4.40pm  
Tue 11 Beginning of Year Picnic in the Park – 6pm  
Wed 12 Foundation Rest Day  
Fri 14 Holy Rosary Swimming Carnival  
Sat 15 Marong Cup  
Wed 19 Foundation Rest Day  
Thur 20 Catholic Swimming Carnival  
Thur 20 P&F Meeting  
Wed 26 Foundation Rest Day  
Wed 26 Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass - 9.15am  
Fri 28 School Photo Day  
Sat 28 Harte House Community Mass – 6pm

### MARCH 2020

Mon 2 Pupil Free Day – Staff PD  
Wed 4 Foundation Rest Day  
Mon 9 Pupil Free Day – Public Holiday  
Tue 10 Foundation students start full weeks  
Tue 10 – Fri 13 Gr 3 – 6 Swimming Lessons  
Fri 13 Movies on the Green  
Sat 21 McAuley House Community Mass – 6pm  
Fri 27 Last Day Term 1 – 2.15pm dismissal

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A warm welcome is extended to all students and families upon their return to Holy Rosary for 2020. I hope you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. A special welcome to new families entering Holy Rosary; we look forward to journeying together providing the best education and opportunity and watching your child flourish.

The holiday break was certainly for many a challenging time and we keep those affected by the bushfires in our thoughts and prayers. The terrible devastation and loss that occurred is certainly something we were all devastated by and the lingering smoke is only a small part of the ongoing challenges these communities will face. Once again, I am sure many in our community have made donations to help those in need and as a school we are aware of communities in our Diocese that have been a part of the crisis.

Over the past few weeks, the staff have been in school busily preparing for the new school year. I thank them for their efforts and dedication and wish them a fruitful and rewarding school year.

We are extremely excited to be moving into the new building which will be our 'Senior Learning Centre'. The absence of temporary fencing and site sheds certainly augurs well for a wonderful new year! Any new building needs an opening and we have been allocated Friday 7th February - 'yes!' next week - for our special day. Parents and Parishioners are invited to join us for the official blessing and opening at 1.30pm. There is a general invitation included with our newsletter. Bishop Shane McKinlay will bless the building and Hon Senator Sarah Henderson will represent the Federal Government and officially open the building.

In other work over the holidays, we have installed Solar panels on the roof of the Rosarium and look forward to the obvious financial benefits, but also the educational benefits for a sustainable future.

We welcome Harrison Campbell who will complete a traineeship with our school this year. Harry is our only new staff member and we look forward to working with him this year. We also welcome 49 new students to the school.



Check out our school Facebook page to stay up to date with the latest news!  
<https://www.facebook.com/holyrosaryprimaryschoolwhitehills/>

During the holidays the Bendigo Council has made contact with the school informing us of the parking regulations surrounding the school. Parents are reminded to observe the parking signs around the school to avoid being given a ticket. I would also like to take the opportunity to implore parents not to queue into Napier Street in the afternoon pick up time. It may be necessary to make a lap of the block or park and walk. This is a really concerning behaviour that we can all take responsibility for.



Paul Wilkinson  
Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS

### WELCOME

Welcome everyone to the 2020 school year at Holy Rosary and a special welcome to our new students and their families:



**Foundation:** Nathaniel Bain, Azlyn Bell, Harrison Bell, Isaac Brennan, Arlie Brown, Zane Cini, Frankie Connors, Tayah Damiani, Riley Fawcett, Lucy Fisher, Ivy Fraser, Samuel Gibbons, Harry Gill, Chelsea Gray, Jacob Hoffrichter, Amelia Holmes, Isabella Holmes, Levi Illott, Abigail Jacob, Indiana Jeanes, Lilliana Loftus, Thomas Marchment, Joshua Mason, Dexter McDerby, Charlie McKee, Hudson McKenna, Addison McNamara, Lual Monygon, Mila Murchie, Charlotte Murton, Steele Niven, Isla Patching, Cody Pearce, Leila Pellegrino, Annabelle Reeves, William Reeves, Ruby Robertson, Cooper Runnalls, Carter Sait, Lucas Sargeant, Isabella Soccio, Zoe Thompson, Luciana Turner-Eylander, Amy Vance, Payton West, Emmanuel White, Patrick White

**Grade 3:** Cián Mulryan

**Grade 5:** Lorcan Mulryan

**Staff:** Harry Campbell

### 2020 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1: Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January (Gr 1 – 6)	–	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January (Foundation)		
Term 2: Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	–	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Term 3: Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	–	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4: Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	–	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
		(Last day for students yet to be determined)

### 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.

### VERY IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Our Sun Smart policy has a "No Hat, No Play" rule during first and fourth terms (as well as other times of high UV). All students are expected to wear their school hats when outside, and will not be permitted to play without one!
- Should your child be unwell with chickenpox, meningococcal, tuberculosis, measles, whooping cough or hand, foot and mouth please alert the school office as soon as possible.
- Family and School Partnerships are a priority at Holy Rosary and teaching staff value the opportunity to meet with parents. The best times to do this are outside of teaching and staff meeting times, when convenient for everyone. Please ring or make a prior appointment should you need to discuss any aspect of your child/rens progress.



## SENIOR LEARNING CENTRE OPENING



### SCHOOL DROP OFF & PICKUP

- Children in the playground are supervised from 8:30 a.m. **Children should not arrive at school before this time.**
- If you are dropping off or collecting from the opposite side of Napoleon Cres, please get out of the car and cross the road with your children or direct them to use the new children's crossing
- There are No Parking signs in the bays at the front of the school office in Napoleon Crescent. No parking signs allow vehicles to stop in the marked bays and pick up passengers. The driver must remain within 2 metres of the vehicle and the vehicle must leave the bay within 2 minutes of stopping. These requirements only apply within the times displayed on the signs.
- The tennis courts will be available for drop-off and collection before and after school, please enter from Hamelin St and exit into Napoleon Cres.
- Access to the school grounds will be from the pedestrian gates on: Napoleon Cres (next to the refuse bin or between the staffroom and new classrooms), the tennis courts or via the office/reception entrance on Napoleon Cres.
- If your child/ren arrive late or need to leave early, please use the office entrance and sign your child in using the white iPad

### End of Day:

- Students waiting in the yard between 3:15 and 3:30 are to do so at the sandpit area where they will be supervised by a yard duty teacher.
- Students are not permitted to use the playground or the space net at this time.
- At 3:30pm the duty teacher will ask all children to vacate the sandpit and go to their parents. The yard duty teacher will then bring all uncollected children to the office to await their parents.
- Students remaining in the yard, with their parents after 3:30, do so under their parents' supervision
- Students catching the bus home will leave their classrooms at the 3.10pm bus bell and assemble beside the sand pit, they will then be escorted up to the bus stop outside of Ted's Shed. Please ensure that your child knows if they are to catch the bus and that they need to go directly to bus line when the bus bell rings.

## FEES 2020

School fees are billed to families on a full yearly total and accounts are sent out at the beginning of each term.

Payments may be made at the office at your convenience throughout the year by cash or cheque, you may pay directly into the school account by EFT or you may elect us to set up a Direct Debit facility from your bank account.

### 2020 School Fees:

	Family Fee
1 Child	\$1,100.00
2 Children	\$1,650.00
3 Children +	\$1,925.00

	Capital & Maintenance Fee
Family	\$400.00

### Further Costs for each Grade Level

	Curriculum & ICT Levy
Foundation	\$220.00
Grade 1	\$220.00
Grade 2	\$230.00
Grade 3	\$260.00
Grade 4	\$235.00
Grade 5	\$235.00
Grade 6	\$245.00

	Camps, Sports & Excursion (CSE) Levy
Foundation	\$130.00
Grade 1	\$130.00
Grade 2	\$150.00
Grade 3	\$160.00
Grade 4	\$210.00
Grade 5	\$370.00
Grade 6	\$470.00

## CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (CAP) 2020

The Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance from the Victorian State Government to assist families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school. The allowance is available to parents who are required to –

- drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to school (if there is no school bus)
- or drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to meet the nearest school bus to the school
- the child must attend their closest government or non-government school (Catholic)
- the allowance is based on kilometres travelled and not based on any financial eligibility

Distance is calculated by the shortest practical route from home to the school or from home to meet the nearest school bus to the school. Distance can be calculated by using Bing Maps. Application and Authority to Pay Forms required to be completed by a parent are available from the school office.

Parents who received the Conveyance Allowance in 2019 do not need to complete a new form in 2020 unless their children enrolled at Holy Rosary in 2020 have changed (i.e. Gr 6 student left at the end of 2019 or a Foundation child commenced in 2020). If your family circumstances have changed, a new form needs to be completed in 2020.

If you have recently changed address please advise the office if you are no longer eligible. Application and Authority to Pay forms need to be completed and returned to the office by Monday 24 February 2020 please.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/transport/Pages/conveyance.aspx>

If you are unsure if you may be eligible, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

# STUDENT NEWS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Tazmin Virk, Alexander Dobie, Harper West & Miller Polglase.

During January we also wish a Happy Birthday to; Lucy Newton, Lola McGrath, Maison Hooke, Henry Kleinert, Ruby Morrish, Isaac Brennan, Lual Monygon, Jensen Sawyer, Madeline Gregory, Cayley Cope, Jayde Young, Charlie Dixon, Cooper Runnalls, Patrick White, Zara Kaplan, Mila Murchie, Emmasyn Schmidt, Dakota Keeble, Kyan Manson, Erin Hoare & Olivia Kean.



# P&F NEWS

## CANTEEN 2020

### Canteen will return in Week 2!

At this stage we are hoping to begin offering lunch orders again as of next week, however, this is dependent on having volunteers available.

This year we will be looking for volunteers for the following times:

Thursdays	9:00am - 11:00am
Fridays	9:00am – 12:00pm 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Please note, that volunteers in our canteen DO need to have a current WWC Check, but DO NOT need to hold a Food Handling Certificate. If you are able to volunteer in our Canteen this term, please fill in the attached form and return it to the school office.

## MARONG CUP

The 2020 Marong Cup is coming up on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> February - 11:00am until 2:00pm:** Food Prep at Ted's Shed (Holy Rosary Parish Centre).

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

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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

## FLEXISCHOOLS CHANGES

We have been notified of the following changes to the fees for using the Flexischools system:

- Visa Debit and Prepaid – \$0.05 + 0.7% of the payment amount
- Visa Credit (and other Visa card types) – \$0.05 + 0.7% of the payment amount
- MasterCard Debit and Prepaid – \$0.05 + 1.25% of the payment amount
- MasterCard Credit (and other MasterCard card types) – \$0.05 + 1% of the payment amount
- PayPal – \$0.07 + 0.9% of the payment amount

In order to minimise the impact of the surcharges, they would encourage regular users of Flexischools using these payment methods to consider topping up their account and/or setting up automatic top-ups rather than paying separately for individual transactions.



## MEET OUR 2020 P&F

### Executive Committee members

<b>President</b>	Dave Cini
<b>Vice President</b>	Sandra O'Connor
<b>Secretary</b>	Ben Dillon
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Anne Dillon

**School Board Representative** **VOLUNTEER REQUIRED**

### Sub-Committee Members

<b>Marong Cup</b>	Michelle Cail & Tamara McIntosh & Chloe Doherty
<b>Uniform Shop</b>	Lisa Meersbergen, Debbie Tresize, Heidi Kleinert & Janett Hodnett
<b>School Banking</b>	Lindy Vance
<b>Book Club</b>	Carine Comer & Jess Langeder
<b>Church Cleaning Roster</b>	Lisa Meersbergen
<b>Mother's &amp; Father's Day and Special Event BBQs</b>	James Bell & Adam Ellerton
<b>Mother's Day Gifts</b>	Sharyn Sheldon
<b>School Disco</b>	Kylie Ermel, Sharyn Sheldon & Sam Johnstone
<b>Christmas &amp; Easter Raffles</b>	Donna Papworth, Sharyn Sheldon & Anne Dillon
<b>Movie Night</b>	Kylie Ermel, Donna Papworth, Ben Dillon & Kelly Ellerton

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## LEARN IRISH DANCING in BENDIGO

EVERY SATURDAY 11.00am-12.00noon

(during School Terms)

In the V.R.I HALL

(close to Railway Station)

BEGINNERS and ADVANCED STUDENTS  
WELCOME

CONTACT – GERALDINE

TEL: (03 9809 5717

e-mail: [geraldinervan2000@yahoo.com.au](mailto:geraldinervan2000@yahoo.com.au)

## SPRING GULLY UNITED SOCCER CLUB

### FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST

STANLEY AVENUE, SPRING GULLY

10AM UNTIL 1PM

GAMES TO BE PLAYED, PRIZES TO BE WON

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

ALL JUNIOR AGES WILL BE CATERED FOR

CANTEEN OPEN - CASH AND EFTPOS

**\$2 ENTRY FEE -BBQ AND DRINK PROVIDED**

ANY QUERIES CONTACT- [SGUSCSOCIALCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SGUSCSOCIALCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM)



## CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers are needed to assist in the successful running of the tuckshop. We are currently seeking volunteers to help on a regular basis. **Please note, that you do NOT need to hold a food handling certificate to help in the school canteen.** Any help is greatly appreciated! Unfortunately, due to safety reasons, toddlers are not allowed in the canteen during Friday's time slot of 9.00am – 12.00pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Time(s) – circle all that apply:

Thursday 9:00am - 11:00am

Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm

Friday 1:30pm - 2:30pm

I am available most Thursday/Friday's

OR

I can help on specific dates only (please specify)

Dates Available: \_\_\_\_\_

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I have a current food handling certificate

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I have provided my WWC Check, Code of Conduct & Referees form to the office

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> 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 toe 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 12<sup>th</sup> February**. If you have any questions please call David Cini 0432 124 030.

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### MARONG CUP VOLUNTEERS FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> & SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February @ Ted's Shed**

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

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February @ Ted's Shed**

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

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

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February @ Bendigo Racecourse**

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

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

# 50 Questions To Ask Your Kids Instead Of Asking “How Was Your Day”

1. What made you smile today?
2. Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
3. Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
4. Does everyone have a friend at recess?
5. What was the book about that your teacher read?
6. What's the word of the week?
7. Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
8. Did anyone cry?
9. What did you do that was creative?
10. What is the most popular game at recess?
11. What was the best thing that happened today?
12. Did you help anyone today?
13. Did you tell anyone “thank you?”
14. Who did you sit with at lunch?
15. What made you laugh?
16. Did you learn something you didn't understand?
17. Who inspired you today?
18. What was the peak and the pit?
19. What was your least favourite part of the day?
20. Was anyone in your class gone today?
21. Did you ever feel unsafe?
22. What is something you heard that surprised you?
23. What is something you saw that made you think?
24. Who did you play with today?
25. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
26. What is something that challenged you?
27. How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?
28. Did you like your lunch?
29. Rate your day on a scale from 1-10.
30. Did anyone get in trouble today?
31. How were you brave today?
32. What questions did you ask at school today?
33. Tell us your top two things from the day (before you can be excused from the dinner table!).
34. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
35. What are you reading?
36. What was the hardest rule to follow today?
37. Teach me something I don't know.
38. If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
39. (For older kids): Do you feel prepared for your history test?” or, “Is there anything on your mind that you'd like to talk about?” (In my opinion, the key is not only the way a question is phrased, but responding in a supportive way.)
40. Who did you share your snacks with at lunch?
41. What made your teacher smile? What made her frown?
42. What kind of person were you today?
43. What made you feel happy?
44. What made you feel proud?
45. What made you feel loved?
46. Did you learn any new words today?
47. What do you hope to do before school is out for the year?
48. If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
49. What is your least favourite part of the school building? And favourite?
50. If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?

By [Leslie Means](#)