



# NEWSLETTER

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## MASS TIMES

Holy Rosary – Hamelin St  
Saturday's 6pm – Fr Rob Galea  
Numbers Limited

St Francis Xavier – Strickland Rd  
On hold until Further Notice

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au>

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



As everyone would now be aware, I would like to congratulate Kim Carter on her appointment to the position of Principal at St Mary's Inglewood. It is a wonderful opportunity and a testament to all of Kim's hard work and commitment to our school Holy Rosary. I would like to wish Kim and her family all the best as they take the next step in her career. The position of Deputy Principal will be finalised this week and I look forward to being able to make an announcement very soon.

We have also added three new staff members to our teaching group for 2021, when we will welcome Miss Nicole Johnston, Miss Catherine Walsh and Mrs Donna Papworth. I congratulate our new team members and look forward to working with them as part of our wonderful school. All teachers will be available next week when we will move into our class groups for a short transition hour on Wednesday 9th December.

Sunday marked the beginning of the church's liturgical season of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus in all we say and do. Advent is a time to reach out to others in the spirit of love and share what we have been given. Advent is a time to remember all that God has done for us and give praise to God's name.

One of the Symbols of Advent is the wreath. The circle of the Advent Wreath, without a beginning or an end, symbolises God's unending love for us. The evergreen in the wreath represents growth and the hope of eternal life. Purple, the colour of our prayer cloth and candles, is the Church's colour for preparation and sacrifice. The lighting of candles each week in Advent marks our growing anticipation of the coming of Christ, Light of the World began the church's season of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year.

In an important step forward our Grade 2 children will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday. After initially preparing earlier in the year, our children are certainly ready for a special moment in their faith lives. A huge thank you to Mrs Thurley, Mr Crameri and Mrs Caine for their hard work and commitment to

## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

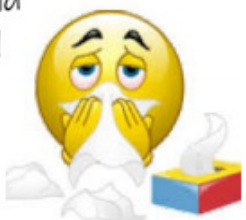
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation 2021 Transition
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Orientation Day F-5
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Pool Party
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 4

**Due to the current circumstances the dates shown in the calendar for this term are subject to change.**



Hey Kids!  
**DON'T FORGET**  
to bring your  
**DRINK BOTTLE**  
to school

Please DO NOT send  
your child to school  
if they are unwell  
in any way.  
Thank you.



ensuring the day continues. We are also very grateful to the priests who will confer the sacrament (in a COVIDSafe manner) and have given their time to our Parish and school during this time.

This Tuesday 1st December at 6.00 we will have our final School Board meeting for the year. This will be an opportunity to finalise what has been an amazing year full of challenges but nonetheless one in which the support of families has never been highlighted more.

Our classes for next year have been finalised and we are currently allocating teaching staff with some changes particularly with some movement of staff having already occurred.



Paul Wilkinson  
Principal

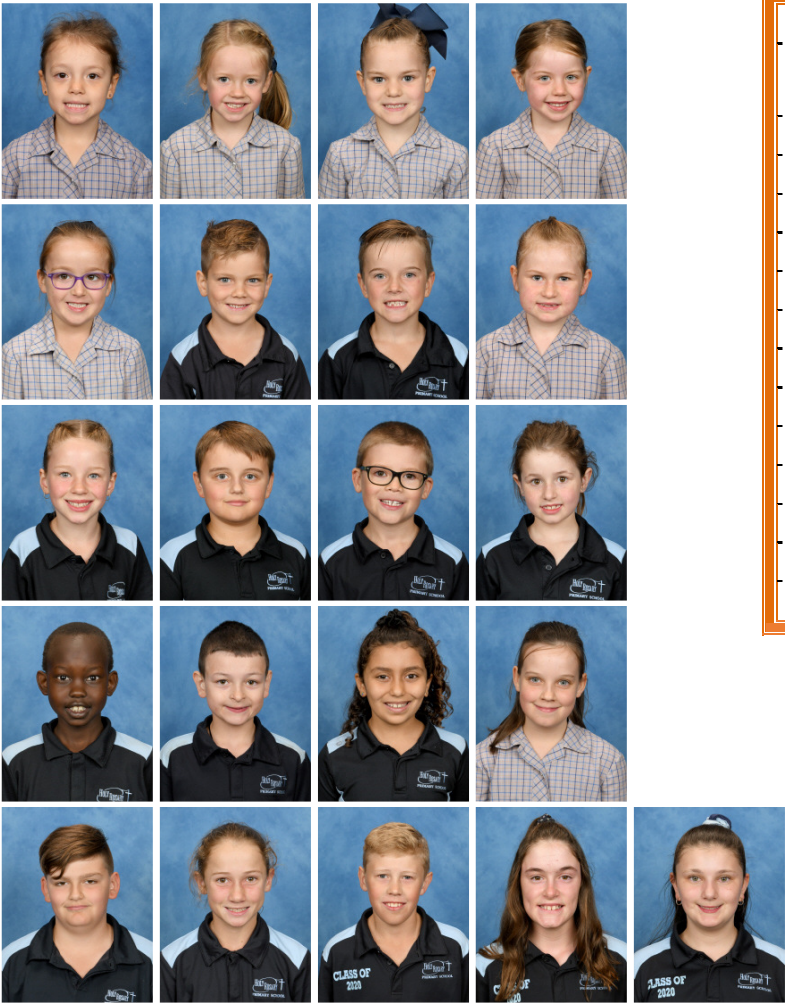
# STUDENT NEWS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Mason McNamara, Deng Monygon, Harrison Bell, Zoe Thompson, Harry Morrish, Charles Johnstone, Tynan Caine. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FBG	Isabella Soccio, Amy Vance, Addison McNamara
FJO	Zoe Thompson, Annabelle Reeves
1BW	Georgia Wings
1DC	Charlie Dixon
2MC	Kyan Manson, Imogen Schultz
2LC	Evie Dickins
3JT	Hudson Kearns, Charlie Boland
3ZD	Harper West, Duol Monygon
4AG	Cameron Smits
4BS	Nicole Hanna, Rachel Thompson
5JE	Jye Stokes-Logan
5MG	Sophie O'Connell
6ST	Callum Whyte
6TC	Olivia Kean, Emmasyn Schmidt

## FREE TO GOOD HOME

We currently have some old classroom tables that are available to school families for free. If you would like some tables please call the office to arrange a time for collection.

## FARM FUNDRAISER

Farm Fundraiser: We (Jack Newton, Bradie Sheldon and Charlie Dickins) from Grade 4 have decided to have a fundraiser to support our farmers. The fundraiser's aim is to raise money to be donated to the farmers around Victoria during this time of drought. Farmers only get \$16 per hour for their hard work, even on sunny days! That is not enough to pay all their bills (feed their cows for example). Farmers also only get 10c per litre for their cow's milk.



We will be placing donation tins in the Office, Staffrooms and the Grade 4 classroom. Please donate! We will update everyone with how much we raise in a few weeks.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### St Vinnies Christmas Hamper Drive - Donations due by Friday 6th December

Thank-you to those families that have already given generously to our St Vinnies Christmas appeal. However, we would still like to encourage you all to take a look in your pantry for items that you may be able to contribute to this great cause. Each grade has been assigned a specific category so we can capture a more diverse selection of items:

**Foundation: Toiletries** - soap, toilet rolls, toothpaste/brush, powder, hand sanitiser

**Grade 1: Grains and Pasta** - rice, pasta, soups, noodles

**Grade 2: Tinned Foods** - beetroot, soup, tuna, baked beans, corn, peas, pasta sauces

**Grade 3: Holiday Treats** - chocolate, lollies, sweet biscuits, Christmas cake

**Grade 4: Savoury Items** - dry biscuits, shapes, rice cakes, nuts, chips, popcorn

**Grade 5: Condiments** - jams, sauces, Vegemite, peanut butter, maple syrup,

**Grade 6: Breakfast Cereals** - Oats, Corn Flakes, Long-life milk & custard, pancake mixes

### Parish Masses

It is wonderful news that Parish masses have resumed across Bendigo. Ensuring strict COVID safe regulations are being upheld, parishioners were welcomed back to Holy Rosary on Saturday evening to celebrate the first week of Advent. Fr Rob Galea will be the presiding priest from now until Christmas. At this stage only a Saturday evening 6pm service is on offer, with numbers limited.

### 1st Rite of Reconciliation Students

Students participating in our 2020 Reconciliation Sacramental program will receive their 1st Rite of Reconciliation on Thursday afternoon, in the Rosarium with Fr Junray and Fr Nathan. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they begin the next phase of their Christian Faith journey.



## CANTEEN

**Christmas special** - Gingerbread cookie will be replacing chocolate chip cookies for the last two weeks of canteen (Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec & Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec). Please ensure all orders are placed on Flexischools before **9am Thursday**. If you ever want to order ahead, please swipe left over the current order date to bring up the next available Canteen day.

**Reminder:** There will be no over the counter sales at the window during Term 4, please stay tuned for any updates. Thank You.

## LIBRARY

Thank you to everybody who has hunted down their missing library books. If you can keep checking it would be much appreciated as there are still outstanding books.

Sue Johns





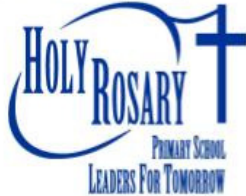
## VISUAL ARTS

The students from Grades 3 - 5 have had an exciting experience in Art last week with Aboriginal artist, Troy Firebrace leading Aboriginal Art and culture sessions. Grade 3 students discussed Aboriginal symbols and had a focus on family and pattern work. Grade 4 students were told the Creation story of our area and completed art works of Bunjil the eagle, using gum leaves and watercolour paint. Grade 5 students discussed the importance of gum leaves in Aboriginal culture and completed drawings of gum leaves with line and pattern. We were very lucky to have this experience and Troy's knowledge and passion.





# COMMUNITY NEWS



## VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Christmas is a special time of the year when we think of others. We ask all families at Holy Rosary to please consider those less fortunate this holiday season and to participate in the Holy Rosary Christmas Hamper Appeal by donating an item or two...

### Foundation - Grade 2

Toiletry Items  
Grains & Pasta  
Tinned Foods

### Grade 3 - Grade 6

Holiday Treats  
Savoury Items  
Condiments  
Breakfast Cereals

Please donate items into Classroom or Office hamper baskets by Friday 6th December.

## CHRISTMAS'S BACKSTORY



Christmas is not just about getting presents and is about helping those less fortunate than yourselves. Not all gifts have to be bought and the best gifts you can give is helping out those less fortunate and showing kindness.

Christmas is the day Jesus was born so it is a really special day. We remember Jesus for how he helped us in our lives, he showed us what kindness is, he showed forgiveness with our sins, and that is why we show respect to him by celebrating the day he was born on the 25th December.

When we celebrate Christmas Santa comes to our houses late at night when we are fast asleep, and gives the kids lovely presents. We should all know now that Christmas is **NOT** about getting, it is about giving to others.

At Christmas, businesses think it is the perfect time to get people to buy lots of products and make lots of money. They only see the commercial and money side of Christmas. They should see Christmas as a

## BY SOPHIE AND MAEVE

time to spend with their own family or let their workers spend quality time with their own families.

All Catholics should know at about the age of 5, that Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem with his parents Mary and Joseph. The three wise men walked for days to meet baby Jesus. Another name for the wise men is Magi. The wise men brought gifts of, gold, frankincense, myrr.

Saint Nicholas is where the Santa part of Christmas comes in. Saint Nicholas was a Christian bishop who helped the poor. When he died a legend of his gift-giving was told, which is where Saint Nicholas transformed into the legendary character called Santa Claus, who brings Christmas presents to children around the world.

## That True Christmas Feeling

Christmas is a special time in all our lives. Usually kids would get excited for Santa to put presents under the tree. But we all forget the true meaning of Christmas. The true meaning of Christmas is to celebrate, recognize, and commemorate Jesus' birth. Jesus was a gift to humanity he taught us God's way and he taught us peace and to love all. On the 25 of December we recognise Jesus' birth, It's a time for us to give to the needy and to treat others like one of our own. People get greedy and buy when we should be sharing and offering gifts to those who need it. It's also a time for a new beginning and for us to wash all our sins away that's what God wants. Christmas is also a time of praying, We should all go to church on Christmas Eve and also on Christmas Day.

When I think about Christmas I like to think of helping those who need it, especially those who don't have a warm meal to eat on Christmas and also who may not be able to see loved ones on this special day. A big thing that is very important during Christmas is to help lots of charities, fundraisers, and putting items in hampers. Help lots of people and families that are less fortunate. A way that we can help people is not always money, money can not cure everything, but just using some of your time can really help. Like organising some food for the needy or volunteering especially in soup kitchens.

What God wants us to do during this special season is to celebrate Jesus' life when he was born. People came together to celebrate and God wants us to continue this for eternity. When we come together we love and care for each other. Presents aren't a bad thing but they shouldn't get in the way of what's really important.

Celebrating The birth of Jesus' Son Of God

Written by Rex Bell and Emily Dillon



# The True Christmas Spirit

By Neta and Oshel

**We celebrate Christmas because we remember the time when Jesus was born on the 25 of December. About 2,000 years ago the birth of Jesus was celebrated.**

**Who is Jesus? Jesus is the son of God, God's son is Jesus. Jesus was born on the 25 of December and sacrificed himself to save everyone at Easter. Jesus can walk on water without sinking, he could tell which side the fish were on, he could tell if you are in the wrong and he can heal the poor and sick and didn't expect anything in return. He did it because of the type of person he wanted to be and he did not like to see those sick and poor people struggle and felt like it was the right thing to do. To help them and bring them the word of God.**

**God made Jesus as the biggest gift of all, God also made Jesus to teach us to love our neighbor as ourselves and to take care of those in need. Teach that there are people out there who are hurting and that are lonely. That your one simple gift or act of kindness, might be the only one that a person receives all year and it truly can make a difference. That is the true meaning of Christmas.**

**Jesus sacrificed his life for us so that we didn't get crucified, Jesus was a really kind and generous man who helped the poor people in need and helped people that are going through a hard time. We should do what he did by helping the poor, helping people in need, and to always look out for each other.**

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SUMMER 2021

WEEK 1	4 - 8 JAN
<b>TIE DYING WORKSHOP</b> Mon 4 Jan  <p>Let's get tie dying and create colourful items to take home. What can we make with cool colours and our imagination?</p>	<b>ONE DAY CRICKET</b> Mon 11 Jan  <p>Howzat! Cheer on your team mates as we bowl, bat and catch in our very own One Day Cricket spectacular. Learn and practice your batting and bowling skills.</p>
<b>A DAY AT THE RACES</b> Tue 5 Jan  <p>Join us for a full day of racing challenges including egg and spoon, 3 legged and sack races, plus design the ultimate paper plane for our flying competition and heaps more!</p>	<b>INVENTIONS AND CREATIONS</b> Tue 12 Jan  <p>Create your own invention from recycled materials and showcase it to your friends. We will have heaps of other creative activities on hand too.</p>
<b>ART AND CRAFT SPECTACULAR</b> Wed 6 Jan  <p>Are you ready to get creative? We have a day full of arty, crafty fun to help you create your own masterpieces! Have a go at new art ideas and crazy art activities!</p>	<b>YOGA AND MINDFULNESS</b> Wed 13 Jan  <p>Explore yoga and movement through our yoga classes and get in touch with your inner self through mindfulness.</p>
<b>READY, STEADY, COOK!*</b> Thu 7 Jan  <p>Today the food journey is in your hands. You get to make a variety of delicious foods to enjoy throughout the day. Yummy!</p>	<b>DIORAMA CREATIONS</b> Thu 14 Jan  <p>Let your imagination run wild and create a mini world in a box using all sorts of miniature materials.</p>
<b>Y CINEMAS*</b> Fri 8 Jan  <p>Today we welcome you into our very own gold class cinema! Select your session time and movie, then be welcomed into the movie with your gold ticket. Yes, of course there will be popcorn!</p>	<b>LET'S DANCE</b> Fri 15 Jan  <p>Get your dance shoes on, we've got a huge day of hip hop dancing, dance jam and karaoke planned. Create your own dance routine and show us your moves.</p>

\$84 per day - bookings can be made through your My Family Lounge account  
What to bring: Don't forget your broad brimmed, bucket or legionaries hat, sunscreen, snacks, lunch and drink bottle.

### BENDIGO SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SUMMER 2021

WEEK 3	18 - 22 JAN
<b>BACKWARDS DAY</b> Mon 18 Jan  <p>It's a day of everything backwards! Let's have fun by wearing all our clothes backwards - shirt and socks inside out... Say 'hello' for 'good-bye' and 'goodbye' for 'hello'. Write and say your name backwards and plenty of games.</p>	<b>Y PHOTOGRAPHERS</b> Tue 19 Jan  <p>Today we see the world through your eyes! You could decorate your own photo frame to put a printed photo inside or create props for the photo booth and have fun making poses to photograph!</p>
<b>BACK TO NATURE</b> Wed 20 Jan  <p>Calling all budding green thumbs! Today we get our hands dirty as we decorate our very own pots and plant them out. You can then take your plant home to look after and watch it grow.</p>	<b>CRAZY HAIR DAY</b> Thu 21 Jan  <p>There's no better way to have some fun, than having crazy hair - the coolest colours, to the weirdest hairstyles, there's a hours of fun to be had. Plus face painting!</p>
<b>SPLASHTASTIC</b> Fri 22 Jan  <p>What better way to spend a hot summer's day than getting wet and playing water games? If this sounds like fun then today will be perfect for you! Come prepared to get wet!</p>	
WEEK 4	25 - 27 JAN
<b>LEGO MASTERS</b> Mon 25 Jan <p>You've seen the show, now test yourself in our Lego Masters day. Use your skills in our solo and team Lego Challenges. Lots of brick building fun!</p>	<b>CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> Tue 26 Jan 
<b>HAWAIIAN LUAU*</b> Wed 27 Jan  <p>Aloha! We're getting tropical and preparing for a Hawaiian Luau. Come dressed up for the beach as we discover art, costumes and food from this beautiful island.</p>	

**Give your child an opportunity to grow and learn through new experiences.**

If your child is aged between 5 - 12 years old and enrolled in primary school, they will love our school holiday program!

Our School Holiday Programs are created with the right mixture of fun, adventure, creativity and discovery; helping kids become more confident and independent. In addition to the advertised program each day we have a diverse range of indoor and outdoor activities planned to cater for each child's interests and abilities.

#### What to bring

- Lunch and snack (Nutritious & NUT FREE)
- Water bottle, broad brim hat and sunscreen

#### Additional needs

Children with additional needs are welcome to attend our program. Families must contact the CSHC Coordinator at least four weeks prior to the holiday program to discuss the individual needs of your child so that we ensure we have everything in place to support your child to participate in the program.

#### Bookings and Fees

- All bookings are subject to availability.
- Bookings are made via the casual booking calendar.
- Bookings will not be accepted on the day unless places, adequate staffing and resources are available.
- Additional permissions are required for excursions.
- Cancellations must be received in writing seven (7) days before the last day of school term.
- A late fee of \$2 per minute applies when a child is picked up after closing time.

\* Please speak to service about any dietary requirements

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