

NEWSLETTER

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MASS TIMES

Online at:

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

<https://www.frgministry.com/mass>

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was great to see a return to school for so many children after such a challenging fortnight. We have a small number of families who remain in isolation and we continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Tomorrow we have the opportunity to welcome the 2022 Foundation classes as they participate in Orientation Day, between 9.30am and 10.30am.

Our Grade 6 children will have the opportunity to participate in a full day at their secondary school and we wish them all the best as they begin the transition to the next stage of their education journey.

We will also welcome all our new teachers to school on Tuesday and between 12.00pm and 1.00pm all classes will have time in their new groupings and spaces for 2022.

Putting together class lists is a huge job and our teachers work incredibly hard to make the best possible combination for each year level.

On Wednesday our Grade 6's will celebrate the culmination of their 7-year journey in primary education. We are excited to have the mass and presentation of awards in the evening and next week a pool party to bring down the curtain on an extraordinary two years for our group.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2021

Tues 7	CMC Orientation Day
Tues 7	2022 Foundation Orientation Session
Tues 7	Holy Rosary Transition Session
Wed 8	Gr 6 Graduation Mass
Fri 10	Pizza Day
Tue 14	Last Day Term 4 – 3.15pm dismissal

JANUARY 2022

Fri 28 th	Staff Return
Fri 28 th	Uniform Shop Open – 9.30am – 2.30pm
Mon 31 st	First Day Term 1



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

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

A big congratulations to Sophie Healy (5JE) who this year won the competition to design our State Government representative, Jacinta Allen's, Christmas Card. In light of our lockdowns and other challenges it was great to see Ms Allen join the family for a Zoom presentation and a chat. We look forward to seeing the cards out in circulation this week!

Congratulations to Alex Capuano who was confirmed on the weekend at 10am Mass. After many false starts it was great to see him continue his faith journey at a special time in the year. Thanks to Fr Minh for again being so flexible and accommodating.

Finally, a reminder to families who may be leaving to please let me know, particularly as we plan for next year.



Paul Wilkinson
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

CONFIRMATION

Having missed out on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation with his peers, Alex Capuano was finally confirmed by Fr Minh Tran, at the Holy Rosary Parish Sunday Mass service over the weekend. It was a lovely service and the Holy Rosary Parish Community thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this special occasion with Alex and his family. Congratulations, Alex!



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Mary Martin, the Parish Organist is very keen for children who may be attending Christmas Mass on Friday 24th December to participate in the choir. The service will be taking place on the school Oval @ 7pm. You can register your interest with me by email jthurley@hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au or simply turn up on the day and introduce your child to Mary.

CHRISTMAS MASS SERVICES

Friday 24 Dec Christmas Eve: Outdoor Mass at 7pm, School grounds (BYO Chair)

Saturday 25 December: 10am Mass at Holy Rosary, no Mass at St. Francis Xavier

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE - DONATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Christmas can be a very difficult time of year for many and the basic human rights of food and shelter can often be taken for granted. St. Vincent De Paul is a charitable organisation that provides support to needy families and senior citizens in many ways. We will be collecting non-perishable food donations in support of St. Vinnies Christmas Appeal. A collection basket has been placed in your child's classroom in support of this worthy cause. Together, we can make a difference.

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



LIBRARY NEWS

As the end of the year quickly approaches, **all library books are now due back to the library.** – Sue Johns (Librarian)

2022 TERM DATES

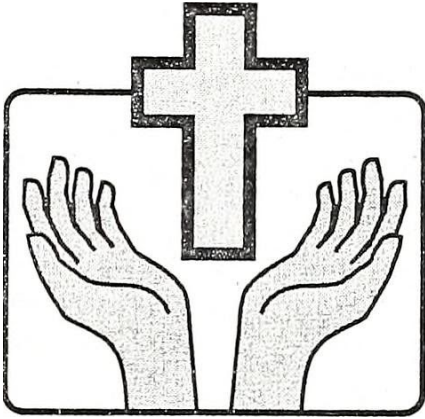
Term 1	Fri 28 January	-	Thur 8 April
	Fri 28 January – Staff		
	Mon 31 January – All Students		
Term 2	Tues 26 April	-	Fri 24 June
Term 3	Mon 11 July	-	Fri 16 September
Term 4	Mon 3 October	-	Tues 20 December (<i>Last day for students TBA</i>)

DIRECT DEBITS 2022

A reminder to Direct Debit families that payments will stop at the end of December and restart at the beginning of Term 1 2022. Letters will be sent home to Direct Debit families today outlining the amount of their direct debit for 2022 and the date it will recommence.

If your family would like to commence a direct debit in 2022, please call or email the school office for an authorisation form.

How Can We Help?



In the Pastoral Care / Wellbeing Team we would like to offer any support that we can, whether it be emotional, physical, spiritual or mentally. We can assist with support relating to your child or needs your family may have at the present time.

We may assist with

- Practical Help (Meals, groceries etc)
 - A Listening Ear
 - School Attendance
- General information & advice, with links to outside agencies & community support


- Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care Leader)

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Tech Strategies for Families

Parenting in a world driven by technology presents a set of challenges for parents, guardians, grandparents, and carers. Tech is part of our reality but setting boundaries around its use is not always easy.

Join other parents and carers in this workshop which aims to:

- Present current research
- Reflect on tech use in your family, considering both the challenges and opportunities
- Explore strategies that focus on creating a safe and healthy tech environment for your family.

✓ Health & Safety

✓ Boundaries

✓ Strategies

Workshop dates & locations:

Where: Castlemaine Secondary College Library
2 Lawson Pde, Castlemaine

Date: Thursday 17th March 2022
Welcome and cuppa: 5.30pm
Session: 5.45pm-7.15pm (90mins)

By registering for this workshop, you are agreeing to CatholicCare contacting you to provide information relating to this workshop only.

Please note, if restrictions do not allow us to gather at the school, the workshop will be delivered on Zoom.


This is a single session workshop only. There is no charge for this workshop.

Childcare is not available.

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged.

RSVP:
Melanie Mitchell | Castlemaine Secondary College
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Please remember your mask. We ask that all participants follow social distancing and face mask regulations.



Tech Strategies for Families
176 – 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo VIC 3550
T (03) 5438 1300
www.ccds.org.au



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are Nate Fitzpatrick, Cameron Smits, Olivia Brennan, Sophie Healy, Angus Johnstone, Angus Paterson, Ewan Paterson, Summer Whyte, Jasper Sait, Annabelle Reeves and William Reeves. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

VICTORIAN CRICKET TRIALS

We are very proud to share that in week 8 of school we had two Grade 6 students in Sophie O'Connell and Maeve Caine representing Holy Rosary at the Victorian U12 Cricket Team trials. They spent a week training and playing games in Shepparton with a small squad of girls that had successfully made it through the recent trials.

Maeve had some really good bowling stats, she got several wickets and a couple of catches. She also managed a cracking shot for 4 with the bat.

Sophie improved her wicket keeping skills and kept for about 100 overs across the week. She got a stumping and several run outs. She managed a six on one of the days. It was the only one hit by any player for the week.

While the girls missed out on the final 13-person squad, we are extremely proud of their achievements. They were back at White Hills Saturday morning and had good games. They looked more confident and were important in their team's solid win over Strathfieldsaye. What a great experience and valuable week to improve their skills. Well done Maeve and Sophie.



VISUAL ARTS



We are very excited to share with you the results of the "Jacinta Allen Christmas Card Competition."

The theme was 'Celebrating Christmas Together'. Sophie Healy from Grade 5 is one of the overall winners for the area so her drawing will be on one of Jacinta's Christmas cards that she sends out to the public. Congratulations Sophie!!

Jacinta Allen may come out to the school later this month with an award for Sophie but she completed a "Zoom Meeting" with the family last Friday to let Sophie know. Sophie's artwork is below.

Grade 5 students completed this activity in Art time and I asked some of the staff to pick the artworks they would choose. So, congratulations to Sophie Healy, Jazmin Marshall and Lillyanne Crennan on your Christmas card artworks. – Eva Rosaia (Visual Arts)



DJARRA LIGHTS - FREE ART TRAIL IN BENDIGO

If you are looking for something to do during the holidays with your family Djarra Lights is a celebration of culture, colour and art. It is a nightly display along the creek next to Oscar's Walk in Bendigo near the Bendigo Bank. There are projections, neon artworks, street art and interactive artworks that represent the stories of the Dja Dja Wurrung people. Artists Drew Berick and Troy Firebrace have created these artworks. Troy Firebrace visits our school and works with the students in Art sessions. – Eva Rosaia (Visual Arts)

Djarra Lights is free and can be viewed between 7pm - 11pm daily. You can find out more on this website <https://bit.ly/DjarraLights>. There is an app that you download to explore some of the artworks on the trail.





Pizza & Pasta Day

Friday 10th December

Order via Flexischools by Thursday 9th December @ 9am



Menu

1 slice of pizza plus a drink - Hawaiian (H), Cheese lovers (C), BBQ meat lovers (M), Ham & Cheese (H&C).

Gluten Free base available for any flavour.

OR

Bolognese Pasta plus a drink

* Extra slice of pizza available with either meal deal

* Homemade cookie (Gingerbread) or Donkey Drop

Please Note:

Due to COVID restrictions we are only able to accept Flexi-School orders. No late orders or paper bag orders will be accepted.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

This year we will be doing something different for our yearly Christmas Raffle. We will not be fundraising for the event and there will be not tickets to be sold. Instead, each class will receive a hamper and each child will have one entry into the raffle for their classes' hamper. At the end of this week (Friday 10th December) a winner will be drawn from each class. Good luck! - P&F Raffle's Committee



COMMUNITY NEWS

MARONG CUP

Mark your calendars - the 2022 Marong Cup is coming up on Saturday 19th February! The full range of kid's activities will be back and at this stage the only COVID restrictions are vaccinations in accordance with government requirements. We can't wait to see everyone back!



While there was no crowd at the 2021 Marong Cup, thanks to generous sponsors who maintained their support, the Marong Cup Committee has been able to make a distribution of \$3000 to each school. Ian Holmes of the committee visited Holy Rosary today to

present us with our cheque!



YMCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bookings are now open for our exciting Summer School Holiday Program! Incursions and Excursions are back for Summer. Check out our program and book online! <https://childrensprogram.ymca.org.au/school-holiday-programs/bendigo>

HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN

VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 4 2021

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
DECEMBER 2021		
Thur 9 th December	9.00am – 11.00am	Tamara McIntosh
Fri 10 th December (PIZZA DAY)	10.00am – 12.00pm	Manda Crust & Emma Gibbons
Fri 10 th December (PIZZA DAY)	10.50am – 12.00pm	Jess Brown & Volunteer Needed