



NEWSLETTER

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: 5444 6666 (YMCA)

HOLY ROSARY WEB SITE: www.hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au

MASS TIMES

Holy Rosary – Hamelin St
Saturday's 6pm Sunday's 10am
Weekday Masses – Tues - Sat 9.15am
St Francis Xavier – Strickland Rd
Sunday – 8.30am

CALENDAR

MARCH 2022

Mon 21st - Thu 31st PSG Meetings
Mon 28th Confirmation Meeting #1 (Gr 6)

APRIL 2022

Sat 2nd Harte House Community Mass – 6pm
Tue 5th Billy Tea Bush Dance Incursion
Tue 5th P & F Meeting – 7pm
Thur 7th Holy Rosary Cross Country
Fri 8th **Last Day Term 1 – 2.15pm dismissal**
Fri 15th Good Friday
Sun 17th Easter Sunday
Mon 18th Easter Monday
Mon 25th ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Tues 26th **First Day Term 2**

MAY 2022

Mon 2nd Sacrament Meeting #2 (Gr 3)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The last two years have certainly impacted on the wonderful community input from our parents. At our School Council meeting last week, we discussed the opportunity to reset and restart our Parents and Friends (P&F) Committee, who are able to coordinate social activities and fundraisers for the school. We are inviting interested parents to a special meeting in the Rosarium on Tuesday 5th April at 7pm to discuss the opportunities and reset our calendar.

As per my letter last week, we will be seeing the start of construction of the COLA (covered outdoor learning area) over the tennis courts. The resultant closure of the drive through and access to the court area will be for the remainder of the term and we hope that all works will be complete by Term 2. We anticipate that there will be some road congestion at pick up time in particular, and ask that families exercise caution and patience during this interruption. The project will be a huge benefit to the community and provide some much-needed undercover space for play and teaching.



It seems COVID is still impacting our school community. We have had a steady absence rate of students isolating since the start of the year. Lately, staff have experienced the same. This seems to be the norm across all industries at the moment and as a result is causing staff shortages. I'd like to alert parents and carers to the fact that there are going to be inconsistencies at school that are beyond our control. We know that with regular staff away this causes anxiety and uneasiness for some students. We are doing our very best to maintain routines in classrooms and at play, but please be mindful of our staff and the challenges they are facing with this.

This week, I will be attending the Victorian Association Catholic Primary School Principals [VACPSP] 2022 Leaders Conference, Hope, For Now and Whatever Lies Ahead. I am looking forward



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



to the many innovative keynote speakers and engaging discussions that will take place during the week. The Conference aims to explore the importance of hope and optimism in education and leadership within our own school communities and throughout Catholic Education Victoria. Jo Thurley and the Leadership Team will keep things at Holy Rosary running very smoothly in my absence.



Paul Wilkinson (Principal)

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

SACRAMENTAL/HOUSE COMMITMENT MASSES - MCCARTHY HOUSE MASS

Thank you to all those families and staff members that attended mass over the weekend. It was wonderful to see school faces in the church, engaging with our parish community. We look forward to another parish and school gathering on Saturday April 2nd with Harte house members.

SANDHURST SWITCHES OFF

On Friday 25th March all schools are invited to participate by turning off electricity for a time allocation on the day. This will assist our students to better understand the need to care for our finite resources and thus, look after creation. This event coincides with Earth Hour which is a global sustainability event.

Rainbow Paddle Pops: Project Compassion Fundraiser

On the last day of term, we will have another opportunity to support Caritas. This year's theme "For All Future Generations" (Gen 9:12) is inspired by the biblical story of Noah's Ark. As such the Grade 6 Catholic Identity team has decided to sell Rainbow Paddle Pops for \$2 per ice cream on the last day of term (Friday 9th April). No other window sales will be available on the day, and all orders must be prepaid via FlexiSchools. You can start placing orders for Friday 8th April any time! (You can include the Paddle Pop in the same order as your lunch to avoid extra fees!)



PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

Third Week of Lent (Week beginning Monday 21st March)



We are now in the third week of Lent with the Project Compassion story of Janice, a Wagilak woman and traditional dancer who tells her family's stories through movements handed down over generations.

Like many remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, Janice faces a range of challenges – low employment and education, financial hardship, poorer health and lower life expectancy.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Janice believes that Djilpin Arts' work is essential to create opportunities for young people to stay on-country, to share intergenerational knowledge between elders and the younger generation - to promote healing, and to keep culture alive.

Watch a short film about Janice's story [here](#).

Please support Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au



HOT CROSS BUNS: PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISER

Thank you to those families who have already returned their orders & payment. A reminder that all orders and money must be returned to the office by **Monday 28th March**. Orders are cash only. Hot Cross Buns will be sent home with children on Wednesday 6th April. If you do not want your order sent home with your child, please contact the office to make alternate arrangements.



SCHOOL SPORT

– WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

Troy Coates & Sophie Taylor (PE Coordinators)



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2022

Our school Cross Country is on Thursday the 7th of April. Foundation - Grade 2 students will be competing at Holy Rosary School so do not need permission granted via PAM. Students in Grades 3 - 6 do need permission granted via PAM as they will be competing at the White Hills Football Oval. If your child is feeling nervous about the run we encourage you to take them for some practice runs to complement the practice they are doing at school. The approximate times are as follows:

JUNIORS (@ Holy Rosary) - 10.30-11am

10:30am – Grade Two Race (800m) 10:40am – Grade One Race (400m) 10:50am – Foundation Race (400m)

SENIORS (@ White Hills Football Ground) - 12.30pm Start

12:30pm – 12/13 year old Race (3km) 12:50pm - 10 year old Race (2km)
12:40pm – 11 year old Race (3km) 1:00pm - 8/9 year old Race (2km)

If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch. - *Troy Coates & Sophie Taylor*

AFL CENTRAL VICTORIA CLINICS

We welcome AFL Central Victoria to Holy Rosary on Monday of Week 10 and 11 this term. They will be running a one-hour session with each year level focusing on skill development, participation and enjoyment.

The session times are as follows:

Monday the 28th March

9:10am – 10:00am: Foundation 10:10am – 11:00am: Grade 1 11:50am – 12:40pm: Grade 2

Monday the 4th April

9:10am – 10:00am: Grade 3 11:50am – 12:40pm: Grade 5
10:10am – 11:00am: Grade 4 12:40pm – 1:40pm: Grade 6

We thank AFL Central Victoria for volunteering their time and we hope this allows students to grow their passion for the game.

PASTORAL CARE

It was great to see students talking and learning about No Bullying No Way Day last Friday. It was a wonderful opportunity to discuss the impact of bullying both at school, in our community, and online. Students participated in discussions about their understanding of bullying and how we as individuals are able to act in a positive way to support our friends, schoolmates, and those in our wider communities.

PASTORAL CARE FRUIT SALAD FUNDRAISER - WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL:

To help promote healthy eating and healthy lifestyle during Health and PE week we will be having a Fruit Salad Pastoral Care Fundraiser.

All funds will help support the Pastoral Care Program including Breakfast Club, Food Share Pantry, meals for families, family support and uniform support.

Please support our Pastoral Care Team by enjoying a fresh and healthy snack of fresh fruit salad and jelly for \$3. Fruit Salad and Jelly will be provided to students during their eating time on Wednesday 6th of April. *We will only be able to accept cash payments for the fundraiser. We apologise if this causes any inconvenience.* Order forms will be sent home this week, please note on the form if there are fruits to exclude for your child or if they would not like any jelly. **Forms must be returned by 9am Tuesday 5th April.**



FOODSHARE PANTRY: Again, we encourage all students and families to utilise our school FoodShare Pantry. We have been able to obtain many household food staples to assist families with their weekly food needs.

This week in the pantry we have: long-life milk, bread, pumpkins, weetbix, corn flakes, yogurt, mince, fish fingers, tinned fruit, frozen vegie chips, pita pockets, vegemite, peanut butter, butter, single frozen sausage rolls, and many other items.

If you would like items sent home please contact your classroom teacher, speak to the office or contact Megan Gerrish to have items ready to send home at the end of the day. If you are in isolation drop-off at home can be arranged for families. - *Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)*

BILLY TEA BUSH DANCE – TUESDAY 5TH APRIL

After a number of postponements due to COVID, we have finally been able to rebook the 'Billy Tea Bush Dance Band' to come to the school for a fabulous day of bush dance workshops on Tuesday April 5th. The day will involve the whole school and comprise of four activity rotations in House groups, culminating in a whole school bush dance on the tennis courts at 2.15pm.



Students may wish to dust off an Akubra or make a cork hat, or wear an Aussie style accessory to school on the day (**please note, school sports uniform is still to be worn with just the addition of an accessory**). We also ask that each student brings a gold coin donation for our Easter Raffle on this day.

CYBER SAFETY – IS YOUR CHILD GETTING A NEW PHONE/DEVICE?

It may be a new device or you are upgrading your child's device. It is important to reflect on the following safety tips and rules for phone and online usage with your child to help keep them safe when they are online.

Here are some topics to discuss and share with them before the big day:

- Talk to your kids about online privacy issues, ensuring they know never to identify personal information such as their full name, address, phone number, age, school and never post photos in school uniform.
- Make sure the apps you allow your kids to use are age-appropriate. Also, ensure they know how to report and block someone within the app if they are mistreated or feel uncomfortable in anyway and that they speak up and notify you ASAP.
- Discuss online strangers and ensure they know not to accept friend requests or allow anyone to follow them who isn't a friend or someone they know in real life (IRL).
- Regularly audit or check their friend lists and ask them how they know the people that follow them.
- Ban devices from the bedroom and bathrooms from as young as possible. Set boundaries around usage and when/where they can use their phones, including not having devices in bedrooms at bedtime.
- Teach your children to respect other people's privacy and not share anyone else's personal information, photos, or videos online without permission or consent.
- For younger kids, monitor and supervise their group chats and conversations. Regularly check their messages and in-app discussions to ensure they aren't being bullied or groomed online, and nothing nefarious happens.
- Please make sure the young people in your care know that they should never go and meet up with anyone they meet online under any circumstances.
- Discuss and set up Screentime restrictions for Apple devices and Digital Wellbeing on Android so that the device does the screen time monitoring for you!
- Have ongoing regular discussions and conversations around online safety and spend time regularly getting to know your child's online activities and what they spend their time doing while online. Maybe play a game or two with them or watch to see what your child is into.

The online world is ever-changing, and the only way we can help our children be safer digital citizens and teach resilience is to educate and empower them through ongoing conversations and learning ourselves.

We don't expect our children and teens to be able to drive and get their license after playing Mario Kart, and we shouldn't expect them to know how to stay safe and navigate potentially dangerous situations online without help either.

- Article taken from Safe On Social Media Pty Ltd



STUDENT NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Azlyn Bell, Freddy Evans, Edie Patching, Maitlida Kearns, Lily McKee, Ryan Vinod Paul & Matilda Schultz. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



	Students of the Week
FMM	Seth Curley
FNJ	Autumn Maragos-Wharton
1GS	Gracie Holmes
1ML	Thomas O'Connell
2JH	Evie Kristiansen & Indiana Jeanes
2SD	Hamish Scullie
3CW	Aiden Cross
3OG	Leni McRae
4DC	Georgia Vance
4LS	Aubrey Niven
5JE	Ruby Morrison
5JO	Harper West
6MG	Harry Morrish
6TC	Jayda Damiani

REGIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

My name is Alexander Dobie and I swam at the Regional Swimming Competition in Swan Hill last Thursday. I got two gold medals in backstroke and breaststroke, so that means I will be going on to the State Championships at MSAC in Melbourne. I thank my parents for driving me around the place. Thanks to Holy Rosary for all the support. - Alex Dobie (5JE)



ABORIGINAL PERSPECTIVES: NEW FIRE CARRIER STUDENTS INITIATION CEREMONY - FRIDAY 18TH MARCH

FIRE stands for Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education.

Last Friday, our six new Fire Carrier students received their badges at a ceremony before our school assembly. Michael Chisholm and Troy Firebrace who are Aboriginal Education leaders from CES attended and participated in the ceremony. Troy has worked with the students from Grades 3 - 6 in Visual Arts sessions and with last year's Fire Carrier students, who completed the art mural at our school. A highlight was Troy playing the didgeridoo while the new Fire Carriers signed their commitment forms. All current Fire Carrier students and staff were also part of the ceremony.

Congratulations to our new Fire Carrier students, Sophie Healy, Xander Baerken, Jack Yates, Charlie Boland, Natalie Hoffrichter, Kayla Bell and Lily McKee who will be learning more about the Aboriginal culture with Troy Firebrace and sharing stories and ideas with the students at our school.

It was an honour to have our new School Message Stick presented to Paul and to our staff and students by Troy Firebrace at the start of the ceremony. The Fire Carrier students of the past worked with Troy to establish designs and colours on the message stick that represent our school with links to Aboriginal culture. The wood is from the Barmah forest near Cummeragunga mission where a "Walk Off" protest occurred in 1939. This message stick will be a special part of our school and events in the future. – Eva Rosaia (Visual Arts & Indigenous Coordinator)



P&F NEWS

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still in need of volunteers for the rest of term.

Please note, all volunteers must check in via QR code, report directly to the school office to sign in and must provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or appropriate exemption if requested, along with a copy of the WCC or VIT card and other necessary volunteer paperwork. **Volunteers DO NOT need to hold a Food Handling Certificate.**

If you are able to volunteer in our Canteen this term, please contact Lindy Vance on 0409 067 404.

PIZZA DAY THANKYOU

A big thank you to all the parents who responded at short notice last week to our request for help in the canteen for Pizza Day. We really appreciate your help and willingness to assist. The canteen could not run without you!



2022 EASTER FUNDRAISER & RAFFLE

Our Easter Raffle is fast approaching. This year our raffle will be a little bit different, with each student receiving ONE ticket, and each year level having one hamper.

To help fund our hampers, we ask that each student bring a gold coin donation along on our Billy Tee Bush Dance day (Tuesday 5th April).

At the end of the week (Friday 8th April) a winner will be drawn from each year level.

Good luck & Thank You for your support!

WINTER JACKET SPECIAL ORDER

Perfect for the cooler weather, this winter jacket is made from crease-proof and water-resistant microfibre with a cotton lining. This jacket can be worn over school jumpers or short/long sleeve polo shirts during playtime and lunchtime.

Sample sizes are available for viewing in the Holy Rosary Uniform Shop on a Friday morning. Cost for each jacket will be \$45.00.

Jackets can be ordered via Flexischools, or by returning attached form with payment to the school office. Forms will also be sent home in classroom tubs today. All orders are due by Monday 4th April 2022. Jackets will be sent home in Term 2. - Debbie & Janet (Holy Rosary Uniform Shop Committee)



SPORTS NEWS

**WANT TO MAKE FRIENDS
WHILE PLAYING AN
AWESOME SPORT?**

Woolworths NetSetGO
registrations are
open now!

REGISTER NOW

Registrations
are open
now!



The Holy Rosary Netball Club will be running NetSetGO in 2022 - commencing 25th April. The program will run for 10 sessions across term 2, on Mondays at 3.30pm. Held at the Holy Rosary Primary School Netball Courts.

NetSetGO is for Girls and Boys in Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 to start learning how to play Netball - with fun games and basic drills!

Email holyrosarynetball@gmail.com for all the information and to register now!

**BUILDING KIDS CONFIDENCE
THROUGH NETBALL...**



COMMUNITY NEWS

DISCOVER CMC IN 2023

WE'RE WITH YOU ALL THE WAY!





OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday 23 March, 4.30-7pm
Coolock Campus, Mclvor Hwy, Junortoun

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

CHECK OUT ALL THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES ON OFFER AT CMC IN 2023.

COLLEGE TOURS: Tue & Thu: 29 & 31 March; 5 & 7 April; 3 & 5 May.
Book online now!

ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR YEAR 7, 2023: 23 March 2022. Apply online!

'DISCOVER CMC' DAYS: 2 – 6 May. For Grade 6 students at Coolock Campus.

ENROLMENTS CLOSE FOR YEAR 7, 2023: 10 May 2022.

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES **Audra Petri** College Registrar
☎ 5445 9100 ✉ enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au 🌐 www.cmc.vic.edu.au
Catherine McAuley College | A Ministry of Mercy Education Ltd | ABN 69 154 531 870

ENROL FOR YEAR 7, 2023





Join us in Year 7 as a part of our Montagne Learning Experience.
You will always be *known and loved* at Marist.



Please visit us for **Explore Marist evening** on **Wednesday 4 May**; or book a **Principal Learning Walk** or Register for **Transition Day** on **Friday 6 May 2022**.

Visit our website for full enrolment details
www.marist.vic.edu.au

ENROLMENTS CLOSE FRIDAY 23 MAY 2022



Mark & Jo Billings Family Fundraiser

GOLF DAY

Sunday April 24
ANZAC DAY LONG WEEKEND



HOLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE @ \$100 PER HOLE

TEAMS OF 4 @ \$50 per person \$200 per team
4BBB AMBROSE 18 HOLES
Book Early!
Limited to 36 Teams.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR SPOT
Enter your team or individual entry by using direct deposit to:
BSB 633 000 A/C 189978943
Reference:
Your name (e.g. Bill Smith or Bill Smith's Team)

10.00-10.30am REGISTRATION
10.30-11.00am SAUSAGE SIZZLE BREAKFAST PROVIDED
11.00am TEE-OFF

Beer, water and soft drinks will be available for purchase on the course throughout your round.

From 3.00pm **IN THE CLUBHOUSE**
Afternoon tea provided; raffles; spinning wheel and announcement of winners for the day.

For further information contact Allen Dillon on 0419 429 674 or email: treasurerhuntlyfnc@gmail.com

This golf day is a fundraising event to provide financial support for Mark, Jo and the boys as they come to terms with Jo's battle with cancer.
Mark will need to cease work soon, to provide care for Jo and the boys and to support Jo as she undergoes chemotherapy and stem cell treatment throughout 2022.
This event will be followed by another major fundraising event in coming months.

HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN

VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 1 2022

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
MARCH 2022		
Thur 24 th March	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 25 th March	9.00am – 12.00pm	Jess Brown & Laura Prange
Fri 25 th March	11.00am – 12.00pm	Tamarra Ferguson
Fri 25 th March	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Chloe Doherty & Georgia McKee
APRIL 2022		
Thur 31 st March	9.00am – 11.00am	Andrea Patterson
Fri 1 st April	9.00am – 12.00pm	Jen Tee & Volunteer Needed
Fri 1 st April	11.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed
Fri 1 st April	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thur 7 th April	9.00am – 11.00am	Ash McDerby
Fri 8 th April	9.00am – 12.00pm	Susie Young & Volunteer Needed
Fri 8 th April	11.00am – 12.00pm	Tamarra Ferguson
Fri 8 th April	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Caritas Fundraiser – No volunteers needed



WINTER JACKET SPECIAL ORDER FORM

Family Name _____

Child name _____

Grade _____

Phone number _____

Size(s)

3

4

6

8

10

12

14

16

S

M

Quantity

Total Order \$

@ \$45 per Jacket

Money enclosed \$

Please order via Flexischools, or return this order form and payment to the school office no later than Monday 4th April.

Unfortunately, no late orders can be processed.



FRUIT SALAD FUNDRAISER



Please ensure to note any dietary requirements and whether your child would like jelly.

Form & payment due by Tuesday 5th April 2022.

Name	Class	Dietary Requirements	Jelly?
			Y / N
			Y / N
			Y / N
			Y / N