



# NEWSLETTER

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### 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

### JUNE 2022

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Sacrament Mass - 6pm  
 Sat 4<sup>th</sup> McAuley House Community Mass – 6pm  
  
 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> PSG Meetings  
**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**  
**Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Pupil Free Day – Staff PD**  
 Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Canteen Pizza Day  
 Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Health & PE Week  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Crazy Hair/Sock Day  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Last Day Term 2 – 2.15pm dismissal

### JULY 2022

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> First Day Term 3**  
 Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> McCarthy House Community Mass – 6pm  
**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Pupil Free Day – Staff PD**

### AUGUST 2022

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Camp  
 Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Harte House Community Mass – 6pm

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week we look forward to the celebration of the sacraments of first eucharist and confirmation. Saturday night will be the culmination of a lot of work both in school and after hours with families. It will be an exciting evening as we welcome Bishop Shane to the Parish for the first time in a number of years after such an interrupted two years. We are certainly fortunate that our celebration takes place on Pentecost weekend. The significance of the celebration cannot be lost as we recognise the coming of the Holy Spirit so central to the confirmation sacrament. We continue to keep the children and their families in our prayers at this special time.

At last, we have seen some action on the COLA project and hope to have the project completed in the next 2 weeks. It certainly has been a long and frustrating process; however, we are nearing completion and will enjoy the benefits for many years to come.

We enter the final part of National Reconciliation Week 2022 with the theme, "Be Brave. Make Change." It is a challenge to all Australians—individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.

Last year Reconciliation Australia encouraged all Australians to take action; not just in National Reconciliation Week but every week of the year. This year we are challenged to make change beginning with brave actions in their daily lives – where they live, work, play and socialise. National Reconciliation Week—27 May to 3 June—is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia

Our 2023 enrolment period comes to an end this week and we look forward to beginning the process of preparing for our 2023 foundation class and the transition process. I remind anyone with a child who will be beginning school next year to ensure they have returned the application for enrolment form before the end of the week.



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

### Explaining Absences

Report your child's absence before school commences  
 Provide a reason for your child's absence  
 Notify the school of any upcoming absence



The Grade 3's had a fantastic day at Sovereign Hill on Friday. Thanks to everyone who had a very early start and contributed to a great learning experience. Even the weather smiled for the day with sunshine and a beautiful Autumn day greeting the travellers as they went back in time and learnt so much from the experience.



Paul Wilkinson (Principal)

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

#### **EUCCHARIST/CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

Our Grade 3 and 6 students have been busy preparing for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. They will be presented to our Parish community this Saturday 4th June at 6pm. Please keep them and their families in your prayers this week as they celebrate this wonderful milestone in their faith journey.

#### **CARITAS - PROJECT COMPASSION CAMPAIGN.**

We are very proud to announce that we raised a total of \$831.60 for Caritas this year. This amount was achieved through our Hot Cross Bun order (\$176), Grade 6 Catholic Identity Paddle Pop drive (\$256) and classroom/family caritas box donations (\$399.60). Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to this Christian cause.

#### **FEAST DAYS - OUR LADY MARY OF HELPERS (MAY 24TH) AND THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (MAY 26TH)**

Last week we celebrated two feast days in our liturgical calendar. The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, who ascended into heaven 40 days after his death and resurrection and the Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians, was instituted by Pope Pius VII. In the 19th century, Pope Pius VII named May 24, the date of his triumphal return to Rome after being imprisoned by Napoleon, as the feast of Mary, Help of Christians in gratitude to Our Lady for his safe return.

In the Opening Prayer for Our Lady Help of Christians, the Church prays that through Our Lady's intercession God will "grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens", so that "under her protection Australia may be granted harmony, justice and peace". Therefore, on such an occasion as this, "Our Lady" feast day, we thank our heavenly Father for Mary, our protector, who gives us the perfect model of love, understanding and compassion.

#### **Mary Help of Christians patroness of Australia and of the Military Ordinariate Prayer.**

*Almighty God, deepen in our hearts  
our love of Mary Help of Christians.*

*Through her prayers and under her protection,  
may the light of Christ shine over our land.*

*May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.*

*Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.*

*Bless especially the men and women  
of the Australian Defence Force and their families.*

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

*Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.*

*Amen.*



## **CRAZY HAIR / SOCK DAY**

On Friday the 24th of June, our school will be having a crazy hair/crazy sock or blue and yellow clothes day. This is in recognition and solidarity of the crisis in Ukraine at the moment. We ask that you please bring a gold coin donation.





## SCHOOL SPORT

### – WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

*Troy Coates & Sophie Taylor (PE Coordinators)*



#### FOOTBALL TRIALS

Congratulations to Harry Morrish who went to Melbourne on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May to represent Holy Rosary at the School Sports Victoria Football Trials. It was a fantastic effort considering he has made it through the first two stages of the trials in Bendigo. He played a variety of positions over 5 games and did very well, however he did not make it to the final stage where they pick the 2023 team. He enjoyed his day and it was a great experience. - *Community Engagement Team*



#### UPCOMING PROGRAM SUPPORT MEETING'S

The PSG meeting's provide collaborative discussions between school, home and external therapeutic support for students with additional needs within our school. These conversations support the set goals and adjustments that are developed to guide and reinforce the learning taking place within the school setting.

The upcoming Term 2 PSG meetings will be held over a two-week period beginning on Monday 6th June - Friday 17th June. You can now view your allocated time via PAM. In addition, a note was sent home on Friday 20th May with your scheduled time and date. Please check your child's school bag if you are yet to receive this information.

Furthermore, if you would like your appointment to take place onsite at Holy Rosary, please email your preference through to [mantoniadis@hrwhitehills.com.au](mailto:mantoniadis@hrwhitehills.com.au). - *Mandy Antoniadis (Learner Diversity Leader)*



#### TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS 2022

Tournament of the Minds (TOM) is a well-respected educational program developed to engage teams of bright and creative students. The team members work together for six weeks on one of the four Challenge disciplines: Language Literature; Social Sciences; STEM; or The Arts. They endeavour to develop creative ways to communicate their solution to a panel of judges and an audience. They must work using their own ideas, within pre-determined parameters, managing complex criteria and the deadline of Tournament Day.

TOM is held at La Trobe University on Saturday 20th of August.

We are looking for students in Grade 4, 5 and 6 who may be interested in participating in TOM in 2022. Students will use their lunchtime to work on their ideas, creation and TOM performance. We encourage you to discuss this opportunity with your child. If you have any further questions about the program or your child participating please contact Mrs. Megan Gerrish.

#### PASTORAL CARE

Our food pantry is full and ready to assist our school community. Please feel free to come and take some items from the food share pantry near the office. Frozen and cold goods are available, please let us know if you would like some and we will pack a bag ready to go home with your child.



### 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)*

## CYBER SAFETY – GOOD HABITS START YOUNG

Even for preschool children, it is never too early to instil good habits, and as your child gets older it is useful to keep reminding them of these basic digital intelligence principles: respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. These are also principles you can emphasise with your child when things go wrong.

### Promote respectful communication

- Encourage your child to use the same positive manners and behaviour they would use offline, understanding that others may have different cultures, backgrounds or points of view. If it is not OK to say or do something face to face, it is not OK online.
- Remind them to avoid responding to negative messages and to tell you or another trusted adult if they receive them. Tell them it is OK to report others who are not being nice.
- Emphasise the positives. For example, 'I know what a kind and respectful person you are, and it makes me so proud to see you acting the same way when you're online. You are such a great friend — I can see how much everyone looks up to you at school.'

### Encourage empathy

- Help your child to imagine being in someone else's shoes, so they can relate to diverse opinions and understand what might make people behave in different ways.
- For example, you might say something like: 'I noticed that Sam seemed a bit sad when she came over yesterday. Have you noticed anything? What do you think is wrong? Would that make you sad? What can we do to help?'

### Encourage safe and responsible behaviour

- Work on achieving a healthy balance in your child's online and offline activities and set boundaries for digital device use in your home. Find out how in [time online](#).
- Remind your child of the importance of safeguarding personal information that can be used to identify or locate them.
- Explain why they should be suspicious of unsolicited messages and emails, and avoid clicking on pop-up ads on websites. Some pop-ups that seem safe can lead to inappropriate sites or ask for personal or financial information. Find out more in [taming the technology](#).
- Help them configure the strongest privacy settings on all the social media apps and sites they use. It is best that only their circle of friends can view their information, tag them in a photo or share posts. And get them to check their settings regularly as updates can sometimes change them back to the default. Read more about privacy settings in [The eSafety Guide](#).
- Ensure your child uses strong passwords on devices and accounts, and explain the importance of not sharing passwords, even with friends. See [protect your personal information](#) for advice on setting strong passwords.
- Find more advice in [privacy and your child](#).

# STUDENT NEWS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Thomas Barlow, Jack Yates, Hamish Scullie, Hannah Torney, Jack Newton, Luciana Turner-Eylander, Chelsea Wings & Eleanor Vance. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FMM	Macey Symes
FNJ	Samuel Nurse
1GS	Xavier Postlethwaite
1ML	Flynn de Gille
2JH	Azlyn Bell
2SD	Jacob Hoffrichter
4DC	James Moorhead
4LS	Hugo Marwood
5JE	Madeline Gregory
5JO	Levi Fountas
6MG	Bradie Sheldon
6TC	Charlie Dickins



## RECONCILIATION WEEK

This week at Holy Rosary we are celebrating National Reconciliation Week. The 2022 theme is to 'Be Brave, Make Change'. It will be stretching between 27th May to the 3rd of June. Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. During Reconciliation Week, school FIRE carriers will be coming around to all the classes and reading aboriginal stories to the children. #BeBraveMakeChange - FIRE carrier students – Rachel & Charlie

## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Last Wednesday 25th May, our Foundation students joined in on the celebrations of National Simultaneous Storytime. This year's story was 'Family Tree' by Josh Pyke and Ronojoy Ghosh. After reading this beautiful Australian book, students spent the morning participating in a few fun activities that reflected on the elements of the story. We created a collaborative art piece, completed puzzles and did some leaf shading.



## STEM & SUSTAINABILITY– BUNNINGS VISIT

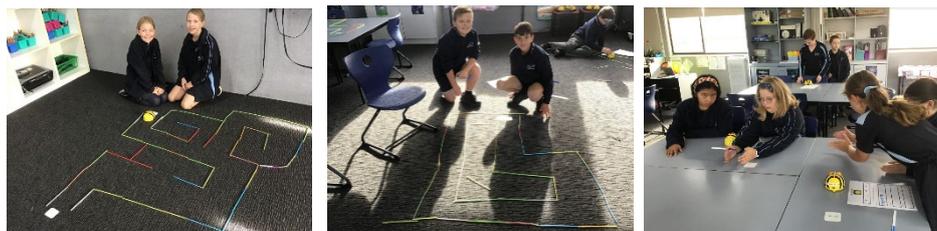


On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, our Grade 3's and 4's were lucky to work with Evalyn from Bunnings Epsom. We learnt the importance of plants to us and our environment, as well as planting seasonal vegetables with the guidance of Evalyn.



## STEM & SUSTAINABILITY – BEEBOTS & SPHERO BOLTS

Last Tuesday & Wednesday, Grades 3 - 5 were grateful to have a visit from Grant from Catholic Education Sandhurst. Grant shared his knowledge and showed us some fabulous ideas and activities when using BeeBots. Grade 6's were introduced to Sphero Bolts.



## VISUAL ARTS

Another grant, another fantastic experience for the students in Visual Arts last week.

We were fortunate to be successful with a grant with Regional Arts Victoria to have artist Reuben come to our school last Wednesday to work with the Grade 3 and 4 students in their Art sessions. Reuben is an artist from Apollo Bay who creates sculptures and various drawings. He showed the students easy techniques to draw a face in proportion and then have fun drawing characters. All the students enjoyed the creative and fun workshop.



This week is Reconciliation Week. Using the Indigenous football jumpers that were used in the AFL the last 2 rounds, the students have been creating their own indigenous sport jumpers using lines, symbols and patterns inspired by Indigenous art. They will be displayed around the school. - Eva Rosaia (Visual Arts & Indigenous Co-ordinator)

# P&F NEWS

## CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We had a fantastic response last week to our call out for volunteers, a big thanks to everyone that has put their hand up to help! We have had lots of Mums, Dads and Grandparents and it would be lovely to see few more. If you have anyone in your family or extended family who is keen to help out please get in touch.

Please note, all volunteers must report to the school office to sign in and must provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 (3 doses) 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.

## HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN

### VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 2 2022

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
<b>JUNE 2022</b>		
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9am – 11am	Carine Comer & Tamara McIntosh
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am – 12pm	Rebecca Skipper & Tamara McIntosh
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11am – 12pm	Jessica Brown
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Josie Postlethwaite & Mardi Holland
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 11am	Jo Best
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 12pm	Susie Young & Cheryl Nicholls
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	11am – 12pm	Emma Gibbons
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Jen Ball & Lesley Lloyd
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 11am	Carine Comer
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - PIZZA DAY</b>	10am – 12pm	Hayley Smits & Aaron Smits
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - PIZZA DAY</b>	10.45am – 12p m	Tamarra Ferguson & Jessica Brown
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - PIZZA DAY</b>	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Mardi Holland & Christine Mather
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9am – 11am	Denise Bain
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 12pm	Michelle Mortimer & Lesley Lloyd
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	11am – 12pm	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm – 2.30pm	No Window Sales

