



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

MAY 2023

Wed 17 th	Goldmines Excursion (Gr 2)
Fri 19 th	Sovereign Hill Excursion (Gr 3)
Fri 19 th	Official Opening of Admin Building & COLA
Tue 23 rd – Fri 26 th	Gymnastics Program (F – 2)
Tue 23 rd	Aboriginal Art Incursion (Gr 5 & 6)
Wed 24 th	Aboriginal Art Incursion (Gr 3 & 4)
Wed 24 th	Sydney Dance Company Incursion (Gr 5 & 6)
Wed 24 th	Coliban Water Incursion (Gr 3)
Fri 26th	Foundation 2024 Enrolments Close
Sat 27 th	Sacramental Mass – 6pm
Sat 27 th	McAuley House Community Mass – 6pm

JUNE 2023

Friday 2 nd	PSG Meetings
Wed 7 th	PSG Meetings
Fri 9 th	PSG Meetings
Fri 9 th	Ananse Stories Music Incursion (F – 2)
Fri 9 th	FIRE Carrier Commissioning
Mon 12th	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 14 th	PSG Meetings
Thur 15 th	CMC Production Excursion (Gr 5 & 6)
Fri 16 th	PSG Meetings
Fri 16th	Pizza Day
Wed 21 st	PSG Meetings
Fri 23 rd	PSG Meetings
Fri 23rd	Last Day Term 2 – 2.15pm dismissal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I hope everyone had a beautiful Mother's Day celebration! This special day is an opportunity to honor and appreciate the love and sacrifices of mothers everywhere. It's a time to reflect on the impact that mothers have on our lives and the countless ways in which they make the world a better place. Whether you spent the day with your own mother, a mother figure, or simply took some time to appreciate the mothers in your life, I hope you were able to feel the warmth of their love and appreciation. May we always remember to cherish and honor the special role that mothers play in our lives. It was great to see a huge crowd attend the 'Muffins for Mum' on Friday and share some time with other parents and children in the school.

This Friday 19th May we have our new school building being blessed and opened by Bishop Shane and Deputy Premier Jacinta Allan at 10am. Parents are invited to come along and we will have a morning tea afterwards in the Rosarium. It is certainly the culmination of lots of hard work by many and an opportunity to celebrate the ongoing growth and development of Holy Rosary.

In Sunday's Gospel, we see Jesus' promise to his disciples that he would send them the Holy Spirit as their advocate after his departure from the world. Jesus assures his followers that they will not be left alone and that they will receive the Spirit of truth, who will dwell within them and reveal to them the truth about God.

One of the key takeaways from this passage is the importance of obedience to Jesus' commands as a sign of love for him. Jesus makes it clear that those who love him will keep his commandments and he promises that the Father will love them and reveal himself to them. This emphasises the idea that love is not just an emotion, but an action that involves following through on what is asked of us. Another important aspect of this passage is the role of the Holy Spirit as a comforter and guide. The Spirit is not just a force or an



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Foundation 2024

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abstract concept, but a personal presence that will teach the disciples all things and remind them of everything that Jesus had said to them. This highlights the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian and the value of seeking his guidance in our daily lives. As we move closer to celebrating the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, we keep our candidates and their families in our prayers.

As I wrote to everyone last week, we have seen a significant growth in the number of children having COVID 19. Whilst we are all learning to live with COVID, it is also important that children who are unwell remain at home, to ensure they recover and also minimise the spread of not only COVID but an array of sickness.

Finally a special thanks to the Grade 6 children who did a wonderful job hosting tours and answering questions about our school over the last week. We had a highly successful Open week and look forward to sharing the school with more visitors this week. A reminder that enrolments for 2024 are open now and will close on May 26th.



Paul Wilkinson (Principal)

SCHOOL NEWS

CATHOLIC IDENTITY



LAUDATO SI WEEK 16TH - 24TH MAY

Laudato Si Week takes place this week, from May 16th to May 24th. Established by Pope Francis in 2015, it celebrates the anniversary of his encyclical letter, Laudato Si', which calls for "care for our common home" and highlights the interconnectedness of all living beings and the environment. During this week, we take the opportunity to reflect on the themes of Laudato Si', deepen our understanding of current environmental challenges and explore ways we can contribute to the creation of a more sustainable and just world.

CARITAS - PROJECT COMPASSION CAMPAIGN

We are very proud to announce that we raised a total of \$598.10 for Caritas this year. This amount was achieved through our Billy Tea Bush Dance Aussie Dress Day and classroom/family caritas box donations. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to this Christian cause.

PARISH NEWS

L'ARCHE FUNDRAISER AT THE STAR CINEMA: On May 25th at 7pm, L'Arche Bendigo are hosting a fundraiser at the Star Cinema in Eaglehawk, featuring the hit movie "80 for Brady". Everyone is welcome to come along to a night of fun for a good cause. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



PARENTS OF HR KIDS - FACEBOOK PAGE

The FACEBOOK page 'Parents of HR kids' was set up in 2012 and has been a fantastic place where we parents can ask questions, post uniforms for sale and generally communicate with one another in a safe manner. The page is now unable to be used effectively due to security concerns and we have set up another page.

'**HR Parents Group**' will be used as a replacement communication platform. The same rules will apply regarding respectful commentary and appropriate online use. Hopefully this will provide a suitable replacement for the now redundant page.

Please note, this group is a **parent group** and is not an official school communication platform. It will be administered by both parents and school staff.

Scan the QR code or search for HR Parents Group to join!



HEAD LICE



We have reports of head lice in some classrooms. Many head lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them. We ask all parents to please check their children's hair regularly, especially at change of seasons, and treat if necessary. Once hair has been treated, children can be returned to school. Anyone can get head lice and given the chance, head lice move from head to head without discrimination (washed or unwashed hair, it does not matter). Children get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when children play, cuddle or work close together. They do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.



LEARNER DIVERSITY: PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP "PSG" MEETINGS

The Program Support Group (PSG) Meetings are scheduled meetings that 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 that takes place within the school setting.

As we move forward into Term 2, careful consideration and thought has been put in place regarding the scheduling of PSG meetings, to ensure they align with the new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) for teachers. The EBA will impact on teachers workloads and your access to teachers outside of school hours. **Therefore, PSG meetings will take place each Wednesday and Friday during Term 2; beginning in week 6 (Friday 2nd June) through to Week 9 (Friday 23rd June).** In addition, meetings will run for 35 minutes to allow parents, teachers and the Learner Diversity Leader to discuss the student's personalised learning plan (PLP) with an emphasis on the students goals that have been put in place to support the learning for your child.

An allocated time slot will be placed on your Parent Access Module (PAM). Please note this in your diary/calendar. All meetings have been scheduled as 'virtual meetings'. If you would like your meeting to take place onsite please forward this preference to Mandy via email. If you can not view your time please feel free to contact the office and they will be able to assist you, alternatively, you can email Mandy mantoniadis@hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au.



SCHOOL SPORT – WHAT'S HAPPENING?! *Troy Coates (PE Coordinator)*



WEEK 5 - PALMER'S GYMNASTICS PROGRAM (FOUNDATION TO GRADE 2)

Date: Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th, Friday 26th May

Times: Foundation (11:30 - 12:30), Grade 1 (12:30 - 1:30), Grade 2 (1:30 - 2:30)

What to wear/bring: Holy Rosary sports uniform and drink bottle.

Aim of lessons: The children will participate in a 4 lesson program that offers gymnastics equipment including fully sprung floor, ropes, rings, bars, balance beams, trampolines, foam pit, loads of gymnastic shapes. The program aims to provide a quality gymnastics experience to all participants, extending them through the use of various gymnastics apparatus under the guidance of fully trained and qualified staff. This program provides gymnastics experiences that develop skills such as swinging, bouncing, jumping, landing, cartwheels, handstands and rolling.

***Please sign the PAM note and read for any further information.



PASTORAL CARE

How wonderful it was to see all the mothers and special people at school last week for Mother's day. It is events when we come together as a community I appreciate and it is fantastic to see many parents and children chatting and catching up in a relaxed atmosphere.

Food Share Pantry is full and ready for families and children to collect items they or others may need. There are coles shopping bags in the food pantry for you to put your goods in.

If you are aware of any families who may need support for a hot meal due to illness or other reasons, please contact the office or Megan Gerrish and we will make sure a meal is sent home. - *Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)*

ATTENDANCE

We are aware there are many sniffles, colds and respiratory disease within our larger Bendigo community at this time. If your child is unwell please keep them home until they are feeling better and symptom free. Please speak to your child's teacher or Megan Gerrish if you feel your child is missing out on school, as support can be provided during this time.

Top Attendance Tips for Parents:

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents - act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's teacher, our school or the wellbeing and pastoral care team to discuss your concerns and ask for advice.
- Remember that everyday counts
- There are no safe numbers of days for missing school - each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness.
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day.
- Open and prompt communication with your child's teacher about all absences is a good idea.
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the day or planning family holidays during the school term.

CYBER SAFETY

Cat memes, fail videos, face filters – the internet is awesome! Unfortunately, not all internet users are as great. Some go online just to cause trouble and steal from others. They're called cybercriminals and they're the reason we have to be careful whenever we use the internet. Here is a poster with handy hints to stay safe online.

LEVEL UP YOUR CYBER SECURITY

Step 1: Update your device
Installing updates will give your device a security power-up! They find and fix flaws in your software that cyber criminals can use to hack in.

Step 2: Turn on multi-factor authentication (MFA)
MFA puts an extra shield around your account. Once it's activated, your account will ask for multiple types of information before you can log in.

Step 3: Back up your device
Backing up your device makes a copy of your important files and puts them in a safe place. It's like saving your progress in a game so you can go back to it later!

Step 4: Use a passphrase
A passphrase is a password on *hard mode*. A passphrase that uses four or more random words will be hard for cybercriminals to guess but easy for you to remember.

Recognise and report scams
Beating cyber criminals takes teamwork. If you receive a fishy email or message, report it to Scamwatch or the ACSC right away.

BONUS TIPS

- 1 **THINK**
about what you post online.
- 2 **STAY**
up to date with alerts from ACSC.
- 3 **TALK**
about cyber security with family & friends.
- 4 **AVOID**
public Wi-Fi when you're online shopping.

For more information, or to report a cyber security incident, contact us:
cyber.gov.au | 1300 CYBER1 (1300 292 371).

Australian Government
Australian Signals Directorate

ACSC
Australian Cyber Security Centre

STUDENT NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Matilda Beswick, Jewel Joseph, Henry Rice, Erin Amador and Maia Sawit. Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



	Students of the Week
FJM	Molly
FMM	Elliot
1CV	Ryker
1GS	George
2JH	Charli
2SD	Indy
3CW	Harry
3OG	Payton
4BD	Harrison
4LS	Lilah
5DL	Lola
5JO	Georgia
6DW	Kayla
6MG	Henry

CONGRATULATIONS - AFL SSV TEAM VICTORIA TRIALS

Congratulations to Tom K who represented Holy Rosary at the School Sports Victoria Team AFL trials on 5th May . Forty two students participated in the trials, with Tom and 10 other children being chosen to progress to the next round to be held on May 22nd.

BENDIGO DRAGON MILE

At Friday's assembly our Grade 5/6 boys team were presented with their trophies for first place in the 2023 Teams Race at the Bendigo Dragon Mile.

Congratulations again to all those students who participated!



AROUND THE SCHOOL...

On the 11th & 12th of May we held some special events for our Mums and special people in our lives, to show appreciation to them. We purchased gifts at our Mother's day stall on Thursday and on Friday we invited them to school for a free muffin and coffee. We were shocked to see so many Mums coming though and we loved hearing the stories they brought too!

We would like to encourage families to come and get some wonderful food from our Foodshare pantry. Foodshare is in the Rosarium where our sick bay used to be. You can grab free food for you, your family or anyone else you know who may need it. Grab a bag on site and fill up!

We also have lots of staff birthdays this month. Make sure you wish them happy birthday to make them feel extra special!

Mrs Hugan - 8th May

Mr Campbell - 9th May

Fr. Minh - 10th May

Miss Cummings - 17th May

Miss Lockhart - 23rd May

Miss Batty - 31st May

- Leo, Alex & Grace (6DW)

P&F NEWS

MENU CHANGES

Change to Ordering: When ordering multiple party pies or dim sims, you can now choose the exact quantity you would like, rather than adding the single item multiple times. (e.g. please choose 3 x dim sims, rather than choosing 1x dim sim 3 times)

New Item: Spaghetti Bolagnese w/ Cheese

NO LUNCH ORDERS FOR FOUNDATION NEXT WEEK (FRIDAY 26TH)

Please note, that due to a timing clash with our Gymnastics Program next week, **Foundation students will be unable to order a lunch order. All other year levels can order as usual.**

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you been thinking about volunteering in our school Canteen but not sure that you have what it takes? Good news! You don't need any special culinary skills; just a friendly can-do attitude and a Working with Children Check!

We are well into Term 2 and still have a roster with many empty spots to fill. If you, or anyone in your extended family is keen to help out, please get in touch. We love seeing our community get involved, whether it be parents, grandparents, or even older brothers and sisters!

Please note, volunteers must report directly to the school office to sign in and must provide a copy of their WCC or VIT card and other necessary volunteer paperwork. Volunteers DO NOT need to hold a Food Handling Certificate.

Should we not have enough volunteers for the coming week by Thursday morning, we will be unable to offer our regular canteen. If you are able to volunteer in our Canteen, please contact the school office or Lindy Vance on 0409 067 404.

SPORTS & COMMUNITY NEWS



L'Arche Bendigo Fundraiser

L'Arche –providing independent supported living
for adults with an intellectual disability



Book online using the following link:

<https://www.starcinema.org.au/movie/larche-bendigo-fundraiser-80-for-brady>

Enquiries to Jim Rolfe on 0407 554 263

**Star Cinema
(Eaglehawk)**

**Thurs.
25th May '23**

7pm

**\$22 book
online or
ticket office**

**\$23 phone
booking**



**Help them break free
from anxiety**

Free positive parenting seminar
If children or teenagers become extra-worried, these anxious feelings can start to affect everyday life. Come along to this friendly 2-hour seminar packed with tips and ideas you can start using straight away to help your child or teenager develop their own toolkit of coping skills.

THIS FEAR-LESS TRIPLE P SEMINAR CAN HELP YOU:

- Understand more about child and teen anxiety, what can accidentally make it worse, and what responses are more helpful
- Find out ways to support your children to manage anxious feelings
- Learn gradual, effective ways to help kids conquer their fears
- Get tools and problem-solving skills any parent can teach their child

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program has already worked for hundreds of thousands of Australian families. We're all about making parenting and family life more positive. And now Triple P is FREE in our community!

Fear-Less Triple P Seminar

Date: Tuesday 16th May, 2023

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Location: St Francis of the Fields Primary School

Other: 46 Blucher St, Strathfieldsaye



BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE NOW
triplep-parenting.net/VicResilientChildren

Scan for info and quick access to registration page – or just come along!

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live and work, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Triple P is funded by the Victorian Government



HOLY ROSARY CANTEEN

VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 2 2023

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
MAY 2023		
Thur 18 th May	9.00am – 11.00am	Lauren Rogers & Gabbie Irwin
Fri 19 th May	9.00am – 12.00pm	Dea Robertson & Tamara McIntosh
Fri 19 th May	10.30am – 11:45am	Jen Ball
Fri 19 th May	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Kellie Wenzlau
Thur 25 th May	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 26 th May	9.00am – 12.00pm	Jess Reeves & Rebecca Skipper
Fri 26 th May	10.30am – 11:45am	Karlie McConville
Fri 26 th May	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Jessica Bragg
JUNE 2023		
Thur 1 st June	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 2 nd June	9.00am – 12.00pm	Dea Robertson & Susie Yyoung
Fri 2 nd June	10.30am – 11:45am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 2 nd June	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Josie Postlethwaite
Thur 8 th June	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 9 th June	9.00am – 12.00pm	Rebecca Skipper & Volunteer Needed
Fri 9 th June	10.30am – 11:45am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 9 th June	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Jen Ball
Thur 15 th June	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
PIZZA DAY Fri 16 th June	10.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
PIZZA DAY Fri 16 th June	10.40am – 11:45am	Tamara Ferguson & Jess Reeves
Fri 16 th June	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Jessica Bragg
Thur 22 nd June	9.00am – 11.00am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 23 rd June	9.00am – 12.00pm	Susie Young & Volunteer Needed
Fri 23 rd June	10.30am – 11:45am	Volunteer Needed