

Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary

Ash Wednesday

The 1st day of the Christian season of LENT

Today we begin a new season in the Church calendar called Lent. We see the colour **purple** used during Lent as it is the colour of mourning and sadness, and it's also the colour of royalty, as Catholics often refer to Jesus as 'king.'

History of the Ashes



Hundreds of years ago, people used to rub ashes over their heads to show they had let the 'fire' of goodness go out, and they wanted to be forgiven by God and their family and friends. So they did many good things to be welcomed back into the Church again.



Significance of the Ashes today

Traditionally on Ash Wednesday, we are marked with ashes as a reminder that the 'fire' can go out in our lives too. As we are marked with ashes we think of how we can keep the fire of goodness alive in our world and we promise to try and change for the better.



Prayer for Fasting

Fast from hurtful words and speak kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.
Pope Francis

Holy Rosary School is committed to the safety, wellbeing and protection of all children in our care.

2021

17 February
Ash Wednesday
Project Compassion
begins

8 March Labour Day

17 March
School closure day

18 March
Athletics Carnival

22 March
Athletics Carnival Back
Up Day

24 March
PEB Meeting AGM

30 March Photo day

11-21 May NAPLAN

26-28 May
Camp Wyuna Year 5/6

24-25 June Arrabri
Lodge camp Year 3/4

1 November
School closure day

2 November
Melbourne Cup Public
Holiday

Changing schools?
Please let us know.

COVID Update

The great news is that we are back on deck for learning at school tomorrow! Thank goodness! We look forward to seeing all students at 8:45am. During the Mass that I viewed last Sunday, the priest likened Victorians to the lepers in the Gospel story. Certainly, social media has depicted us in this way! It will be good to join the rest of Australia once again, and to enjoy all that this great city offers.

The only change we are making to ensure the safety of the community is as follows:

To reduce the risk of transmission and to help students settle into the day's learning, we ask families to drop off their children at the gate, and not come into the yard. Students are now able to come into the school independently, and staff are on hand to assist, should they need support. **Parents must not enter school buildings without first signing in at the office.**

The yard will be open in the afternoon for you to meet with your child's teacher. We ask that you wear a mask because we cannot adequately maintain social distancing at this time.

Communication

We encourage people to download Operoo and Skoolbag. We use both of these apps frequently; they help us to make communication easier and more streamlined.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

We have implemented a new process based on staff feedback for lining up after play breaks. At the first bell students are required to stop playing, go to the toilet and get a drink, if required, and then move to their lines. Students line up in single class lines, listen to any school announcements, and then proceed to classrooms. Our focus is on the transition from play time to learning. Since implementing this process at the commencement of the school year, we have noticed a marked improvement in student focus, and attention to learning.

We have been maintaining a strong focus on our school expectations and we have been continually revising these. Students and staff are in the process of learning to recite these, as they form the basis for all that we do at HR. We ask you to reinforce this work by discussing them with your children, and asking them to name the expectations.

**Safety is our right
Learning is our responsibility
Respect is our way**

Jane Bennett from MACS will lead our staff in professional learning at Holy Rosary on 17 March where we will take the next steps in implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning at Holy Rosary. School will be closed for students on this day. TeamKids will operate from 7:00am-6:00pm.

Prep 2022 enrolments



Current families with a child entering Prep in 2022 are asked to enrol now. We have 48 Prep students this year so it's important that a place is reserved for your child so that we know how many positions we can offer to new families.

Safety is our Right- A Message from a parent to our community

Students crossing roads

"I wanted raise the issue again this year of some parents disregarding the No Standing zones around the school during drop off and pick up times. This lazy and selfish behaviour endangers the small children who cannot be seen behind large vehicles when crossing roads."

We need everyone's support to ensure student safety.

We also notice students crossing the road without using the crossing, sometimes at the direction of their parent. We have a crossing supervisor to ensure safety. Please remind your children that they should always use the crossing.

Parish Education Board

The Parish Education Board will meet this evening to discuss the upcoming AGM and election process. Two members of our team will step down this year; Laura Carra and Amanda Muscat. We thank them both for their work in representing parents, their commitment to our vision, and for sharing their gifts and talents with us all.

Please see details below for the nomination process.

Have a wonderful week!

Chris, Maria, Ant and Sonya



Medical Action Plans

If your child has a medical condition please bring the current action plan to the office so we can make a copy for our records.



Enhancing Catholic School Identify (ECSI) Survey

To gain meaningful insights into how you view our school's Catholic identity and how our identity might be shaped for tomorrow, we invite parents to participate in the ECSI research survey. Everyone's input is important and we appreciate the time you spend answering the questions.

A letter will follow shortly detailing instructions and access codes. Please complete the survey by March 12. Year 5/6 students will also have the opportunity to complete the survey during school time.

Screenshot your completed survey confirmation message and email it to Sonya at sbrennan@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au for the chance to win a \$100 movie voucher.



Holy Rosary Parish Education Board

The Holy Rosary Parish Education Board (PEB) was established late 2018 as a collaboration between the Parish, School and Parents. PEB members represent the voice of the greater school community in providing advice to Fr Hien and Christine on various aspects of school life.

PEB members meet 8 times a year, roughly twice each school term. We encourage parents to contact us with input, queries or concerns that can be raised at meetings and then communicated back to the school community. Note that the PEB does not discuss staffing or curriculum. Questions regarding these should be directed directly to the school.

Some of the activities the PEB undertook in 2020 included the review of Outside Hours School Care providers, the logo and uniform, feedback on the transition to learning at home and the transition back to onsite learning, and reviewing new school policies. PEB members are also participating in the development of the 10 year master plan for the school.

With COVID continuing its impact into 2021, the consolidation to a single uniform supplier with online ordering will be one of the many activities the PEB will undertake this year. The dates for the 2021 PEB meetings are below. Please don't hesitate to contact a board member with any ideas or queries!

- February 17th
- March 24th (AGM)
- April 28th
- June 2nd
- July 28th
- August 25th
- October 13th
- November 17th.

Call for nominations

There are two vacant positions for parent representatives on the PEB. Any interested Holy Rosary parent is invited to either self-nominate, or be nominated by someone else. All nominations must be seconded by another Holy Rosary family.

Nominees are invited to include a short self-introduction (1 or 2 paragraphs). This may include what grades their children are in, and skills and strengths they may bring to the Holy Rosary PEB.

The nomination process will be open for two weeks, starting Monday February 22nd, until 9am Tuesday March 9th. Nomination forms will be available from either the Front Office, or be requested via email from the PEB secretary, Russell Jenkins <mailto:russell@rji.id.au>.

These elected positions are for a three year term.

Should there be more than two nominations received, a vote will commence on Thursday March 11th and conclude at 9am on Monday March 22nd. Voting will be open to every Holy Rosary parent. Further details will be provided if a vote is necessary.

Please consider whether you would like to nominate or know someone who would be a great addition to the team. It can be a rewarding way to positively contribute to the Holy Rosary community.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Social Justice @ HR

The new 2021 Lentastic Squad consisting of a group of children who will lead the school in a quest to raise money for people who are most vulnerable in our world will be announced soon. This year's Project Compassion's message of love and generosity is, 'Be More.'

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." – Saint Oscar Romero

Father Hien has implemented a community pantry outside the church. If you are able to donate non-perishable items to the cart, please help out our neighbours. Non-perishables may include rice, noodles, long life milk, pasta, canned items and packaged goods. If the trolley is not out the front of the church, feel free to send your items to school and we will move them to the trolley.



Holy Rosary – Where Learning is our Responsibility!

Written by Ruth and 3/4N

It's been an amazing start to the school year at Holy Rosary School. The children have been reconnecting happily with their friends and the wider School Community. We have been exploring our three expectations for a successful school year: Safety is our Right; Learning is our Responsibility and Respect is our Way. But what exactly does "Learning is our Responsibility" mean? Year 3/4N looked closely at this concept, by collaborating in small groups to discuss what responsible learning looks like, sounds like and feels like. The group leaders then shared the ideas and we created a whole class Y chart, to ensure that everyone knows exactly what being a responsible learner entails.

Here are some of the ideas the children voiced:

"It will look organised and tidy."

"Our classroom will look calm, with students working independently or in small groups and moving around safely."

"It will look engaging, with lots of different learning materials"

"It will sound happy when we laugh together."

"There will be a quiet 'buzz' of students working and sharing ideas."

"Our classroom will sound interesting when we hear our classmates' questions."

"It will feel welcoming when we say hi to each other in the mornings."

"Our classroom will feel safe."

"It will feel supportive when we help one another."

With wonderful ideas like these, we're off to a flying start for our learning in 2021!



Physical Education Newsletter items

Sporting Clinics

We have been lucky enough to have different coaches offer opportunities to the students to participate in different sports.

On Friday February 19th, Warrick Giddey, who played for the Melbourne Tigers, will conduct some basketball clinics for the students in Years 3 - 6. He will return on Friday 12th March to run clinics with the year 1 and 2 students.

We are excited to welcome the Hockey Victoria Roadshow to our school! They will be here on Monday February 22nd and will be working with the students from years One through to four.

Students are being given the fantastic opportunity to try out the exciting game of hockey! They will learn the skills of the game through exciting game-based activities suited to every year level and ability.

Hockey Victoria will be sending their amazing Participation Officers to our school in the coming weeks to provide an engaging, fun, and safe hockey experience for everyone.

At Hockey Victoria they pride themselves in providing an enjoyable experience for every student, so keep an eye out and see if you can spot one of their coaches at school soon!

If you enjoy the sessions during school, you can continue with your hockey experience by joining a local Hookin2Hockey program www.hookin2hockey.com.au. With programs all over the state you can find a local program that will suit your schedule.

Cross Country Tryouts

On Friday March 12th, we will be running our tryouts for the District Cross Country. Students who were born in 2008/09, 2010 and 2011/12 and are interested in distance running are welcome to try out. I strongly encourage that students complete some training prior to this, particularly if they have never run long distances before so they learn to pace themselves and get a feel for the distance.

Students who are born in 2008/09 will run 2 km and the other two age groups will run 3 km. I will send more information about the tryouts closer to the date.

Team Vic Tryouts

If your child is turning ten or over next year and they are considered gifted or elite in their sporting field, you may like to enter them into the state trials to represent Victoria in the National finals next year. I have included the link below, where you can click on the sport that your child is involved in, and this will give you further information, such as when the closing date for entries is, as well as the entry requirements. These championships offer gifted and talented students the opportunity to participate in higher levels of sporting competition against students from other Australian States and Territories.

Participation in a School Sport Victoria Team is self-funded. As a guide it may cost between \$2,000-\$3,000 to participate. Costs may include uniforms, host state levies, flights, transport, accommodation and meals. Costs will vary depending on the location of the championship, and accommodation requirements."

School Sports Victoria

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>

District Swimming

On Friday February 26th, 20 students will be representing Holy Rosary at the District Swimming Trials. They have displayed amazing commitment and enthusiasm and we have no doubt that they will represent our school with pride and display great sportsmanship.

Andrea

Physical Education Leader

Dear Families

Invoice/statements were sent out yesterday. If you paid fees via EFT or direct debit in January or up until 16 February, these payments will not appear on your statement. We are now able to receipt 2021 payments and you will receive receipts shortly.

Fees are sent as an annual invoice but there are several payment options available:

1. In three equal instalments by 22 March, June 21 and September 13; OR
2. Annual payment of fees in full by March 22; OR
3. Ten equal instalments from February to November on the 22nd of the month
4. Via direct debit/electronic funds transfer in instalments that work for your family.

Attached to this newsletter is a Direct Debit form for your family to complete if you wish to pay by direct debit. Please note direct debits are only available from a bank account and not a credit card.

Camp Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) applications are now open for families who hold a valid, means tested Concession Card/Health Care Card. If successful in your application, these funds (\$125 per child) are paid to the school and used to offset the cost of excursions and camps.

Health Care Card/Pension Card holders are also eligible for reduced fees (up to \$800 discount per family on the family fee of \$1800). Attached is a CSEF application form.

Please contact Lynette on 9376 9455 or email: accounts@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au



We proclaim a crucified Christ

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9 February 2021

*Parents and Carers of children in Catholic Schools
Staff and Colleagues in Catholic Education
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne*

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My warm and prayerful greetings to you all.

I do hope that the Christmas season brought many blessings to you despite the extraordinary times we find ourselves in.

May I take this opportunity to once again extend my gratitude to each and every one of you; parents, carers, teachers and administrators, who have risen to meet the challenges of these times.

You have been resilient and innovative, and kept your families and communities close in times of distancing. The rich life of Catholic education is an indispensable part of our missionary call to the Gospel, and the good people of God are blessed abundantly through your efforts.

I am sure that you are eager to commence this year and to be filled with the energy and excitement that comes from helping our young people flourish and grow.

May St Joseph, our protector, strengthen and guide you all as faithful carers and diligent workers as this year unfolds. Please know that my prayers are with you.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

HOLY ROSARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Last week was a massive week for us at TeamKids! We kicked off Adventure Club for the first time with an epic bug hunt where we explored the school grounds to find different types of bugs. We found a snail, a caterpillar and a spider! We had a bug catcher to put the bugs in so we could have a closer look before releasing them back into the garden.

Wednesday was a RDO for the preps at Holy Rosary so we spent the day finessing our fine motor skills with hama beads and kinetic sand, as well as discussing emotions and how we can express them!

On Thursday we began Cooking Club... We made pizza dough to prepare ourselves for our homemade pizza making this week! The children really enjoyed making the pizza dough and loved seeing what happened when we added the yeast to the water.

Last week TeamKids also held a teacher morning tea which was very successful. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring all the Holy Rosary staff together with the TeamKids staff for the first time since Covid-19 restrictions.

IMPORTANT DATES



SAT 20TH FEBRUARY

Love Your Pet Day

WED 17TH FEBRUARY

Random Acts of Kindness Day

WED 17TH MARCH

Pupil Free Day | TK open 7am-6pm

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: 4



MONDAY



Dance Club

TUESDAY



Cooking Club

WEDNESDAY



Art Attack Club

THURSDAY



Mindfulness Club

FRIDAY



Adventure Club



Service Mobile: 0428 411 008

Office Phone: 1300 035 000

Service Email: holyrosaryschool@teamkids.com.au

Office Email: info@teamkids.com.au



Speech & Drama Lessons 2021

Students who would like to commence Speech & Drama Lessons in 2021 please follow the trybooking link to enrol in this program.

Speech & Drama lessons are a fun and dynamic way of building students' confidence in public speaking, communication and performance skills. Speech & Drama lessons aim to improve diction, improve voice projection and develop natural expression of the spoken word.

The course will include skills such as vocal exercises, storytelling, improvisation, presentation skills and drama. Fun, relaxed examinations will be undertaken as part of this program in November of each year. The extra cost of this examination will be \$30-50 depending on your child's level and by enrolling in this program, you agree for your child to take part in an examination.

Timetabling and lesson times

Year 1 to 6 classes are 30minutes in duration and are conducted during school hours on Fridays. To avoid missing the same class, lesson times will vary from week to week rotating on Fridays. Each student is required to bring a plastic display folder to every lesson.

Fees for 7 Lessons per Term:

Group of four or more \$160.00

Make up lessons

It is the responsibility of the student to attend lessons, however, if a student is unable to attend a timetabled lesson, a make- up lesson will be arranged, where possible, subject to the teacher being notified in advance. (One week's notice is required. Absences without notice will not be made up which is in line with current industrial law whereby the teacher is entitled to a full days' salary once he/she is contracted to teach.)

One school terms written notice is required if enrolment is to be cancelled, or a fee equivalent to 50% of the series charge will be made, unless the withdrawal is on the recommendation of the teacher.

Speech & Drama Lessons 2021- Term 1 Holy Rosary PS

To enrol in the Speech & Drama program please follow the link below to ensure a place for Term 1



[Holy Rosary Speech & Drama Lessons Term 1 2021](https://www.trybooking.com/BMSKM)

If this link does not work, please use the address: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMSKM>

Chess Coaching



Where: Science Space

When: Thursday Lunchtime

Cost: \$120 per term

sibling discount available

Benefits: Strategic thinking, improved self-esteem, attention span in class and analytical skills.

Term 1 chess commences 4th February with the final session held on 25th March.

In order to establish the round robin tournament students must be registered no later than Friday 12th February.

BOOK ONLINE @

www.chessforschools.com.au

Phil 0421 901 530

admin@chessforschools.com.au



GIRLS & BOYS SOCCER

Community Based Club – All Welcome!
Girls 5 to under 16 & Boys 5 to under 15

The Club runs the highly successful soccer Miniroos program with our coaching partner **Kano football**, teaching games skills for the long term enjoyment of soccer.

Boys U7 - U12 games played on Saturdays, Boys U13 & above on Sundays and Girls games on Sundays. **Training at Holland Park, Kensington.**

Training information to be updated early 2021.

REGISTRATIONS OPEN LATE FEBRUARY 2021

For more information visit our website

www.kfjsc.com.au/soccer

or email Andrew Hollow presidentkjsc@gmail.com

www.kfjsc.com.au/soccer

presidentkjsc@gmail.com



THURSDAY MORNING LADIES NETBALL



THURSDAY MORNING LADIES NETBALL - FOOTSCRAY

Starts February 11th

Teams and Individuals wanted!

Game Times: 9.40am, 10.20am, 11.00 am

Children's Playgroup Available

Games played only during school terms

Questions?? - Email operations@citysidesports.com



WOMEN'S WORKOUT

WOMEN ONLY

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES

MONDAY 9.30AM–10.30AM

ONLINE ON ZOOM

Contact Kate Beveridge at
kate.beveridge@nmfc.com.au or
0401 505 645 for Zoom details

WEDNESDAY 2.30PM–3.30PM

THE SHED @ WINGATE AVENUE
COMMUNITY CENTRE

FRIDAY 9.30AM–10.30AM

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Ph. 9320 2400 | huddle@nmfc.com.au | 204-206 Arden St, North Melbourne

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HUDDLE Up

JUNIOR

A **FREE** after school sports program for Boys & Girls aged 5 to 12 years.

HAVE FUN! MEET NEW PEOPLE! LEARN NEW SKILLS!

Soccer, Basketball, AFL, Hockey, Netball & many more!

WHEN

MONDAY 4-5pm

WHERE

Flemington
Community Centre,
25 Mount Alexander Rd,
Flemington

WHEN

WEDNESDAY 4-5pm

WHERE

Wingate Avenue
Community Centre,
Ascot Vale

WHEN

THURSDAY 4-5pm

WHERE

JJ Holland Park,
The Venny,
Kensington

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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