

Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary

We are currently in the Church season of **Lent**. A time when we try hard to give up things such as being unkind and selfish and do more for others who are in need of our help. There are many people in our community and around the world who are poor and often have no choice but to go without basic needs such as food, water and shelter. Giving to the poor, is a sign of our commitment to social justice. It reminds us of our blessings, and allows us to give thanks for all that we have.



Here are some of our Lentastic Squad. Other members include April, Dakota, Sophia and Audrey

Meet some of our **2021 Lentastic Squad members** who will initiate ways to help our school to consider those who are less fortunate than us and think about how we can make a difference to their lives. Reports from the group about our current project will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

Lenten Prayer: Be More

God of all people,
As you are with us on our Lenten journey
may our giving to others be an act of justice
and our prayers inspire us to love and show compassion.

Through our generosity
may we care for our global family
especially those who are most in need.
"Aspire not to have more, but be more"
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

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.

Tutoring program

You may have become aware of the Government's promise to provide additional funding to schools to assist students who may have been disadvantaged and fallen behind academically due to COVID. The money given to each school was allocated according to the SES of the school. Holy Rosary received \$15,000. Government stipulation is that this money must be used to provide teacher intervention and this equates to about three hours a week in total. In recognition of the challenges faced by our Prep students in 2020, we provided additional support via a recently graduated teacher in Term 4. This year, we have continued to provide an LSO in Prep in recognition that early intervention is preferable. In Year 1 and 2 we continue to have LSO support, and our class numbers remain low; about 20.

We have also extended our intervention staff hours. This means that we have 6 days of intervention in Semester 1 provided by Ruth and Sarah, and 3 days of intervention in Semester 2. Ant also continues to support teachers in this area. Intervention time is allocated to students based on data gained from early assessments and your child's teacher will advise you if your child is receiving additional support. In some cases, students performing above expectation may also be provided with additional short term support. This is to ensure that all students have the opportunity to experience a year's academic growth. Maria continues to support classroom teachers with modelling of teaching strategies and facilitated planning, to ensure staff keep refining their skills and providing high quality learning and teaching opportunities for our students.

School Closure

Each year Catholic Schools are allocated days, via the industrial agreement, to be used to provide staff with professional learning. This year we will use our first day on Wednesday 17 March to undertake further work in the area of Positive Behaviour for Learning. This is part of our continuing focus on improving student behaviour and increasing independence to ensure students feel safe and secure at school, and optimal time is given to learning. We have already made significant inroads in this area and having this ongoing focus should see us continue to grow and improve in this way. Our upcoming session will be facilitated by Jane Bennett from MACS.

Meet our Staff

Each week via this newsletter, we will profile our staff so that you may get to know each of them, even if they are not your child's class teacher. This week we introduce you to our Year 2 team; Bernie and Jenna.

A complete list of staff may be found on our website. You can check it out [here](#):

Have a wonderful week.

Chris, Maria, Ant and Sonya



Bernie Walsh - My name is Bernie (Bernadette) Walsh and I am delighted to be teaching Year 2 this year. This is my fifth year teaching and second year at Holy Rosary. I am very excited for the year ahead and look forward to sharing my passion and enthusiasm for teaching and learning with all of the members of our school community!

Jenna Najman: My name is Jenna and I have been at Holy Rosary since 2018. After being in Year 3/4 over the last few years I am thrilled to be teaching Year 2 this year. I look forward to growing and sharing my thirst for learning with all members of our community.

Enhancing Catholic Identity Survey

Thank you to the families who have completed the survey to date. If you require the survey in a different language please contact the office.

BOOK WEEK 2021



Each year the Children's Book Council of Australia announces a theme for Book Week. Our theme this year is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds' and this theme will form the basis for our Book Week learning and celebrations in August. As part of our celebrations, Holy Rosary enjoys a dress up day so we all have plenty of time to give thought to our costumes!

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. Last Friday, Warrick Giddey, who played for the Melbourne Tigers, conducted some basketball clinics for the students in Years 3 - 6. The students seemed to really enjoy the experience as well as gaining an insight into skills involved in basketball. He will return on Friday 12th March to run clinics with the Year Prep, 1 and 2 students.



The students from Year One to Four participated in the Hockey Victoria Roadshow on Monday. From all accounts, the students showed enthusiasm and enjoyed learning some new skills.

If your child enjoyed the sessions during school, you can continue with your hockey experience by joining a local Hookin2Hockey program www.hookin2hockey.com.au.



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 2011/12 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. * Please note the underlined distances as I made a mistake in last week's newsletter

Team Vic Tryouts

If you think that 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 Vic state 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, twenty 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. I would like to thank Ruth, Christine, Jodie and Clare for their assistance at tryouts and training. The students have really appreciated your support and encouragement.

School Athletics

Our School Athletics Day is fast approaching. It is on Thursday March 18th at Aberfeldie. The students have been very busy practising the tabloid sport events as well as track and field. We are really excited to let you know that spectators will be more than welcome, with COVID Safety measures in place. Below is a timetable for the day. A permission note will be sent out shortly

Time	Please note, all times are approximate.
8:45 am	Buses depart school for Aberfeldie - (Years 3- 6 students)
9:15 am	800 metre trials
9:45 am	Field events
11:00 am	Prep - Two students arrive and participate in tabloid sports
12:00 pm	Hurdles - starting with 12/13 year old heats
12:45	Sprints and 200 metre heats - starting with 12/13 year old heats
2:15 pm	Presentations
2:30 pm	Depart for School
3:20 pm	School dismissal

We are also looking for parent volunteers who would like to assist with measuring field events, particularly for the Year 3 - 6 students. If you are able to help out, please email me at adurand@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au by Thursday March 11th.

Andrea Physical Education

HOLY ROSARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

TeamKids is back and better than ever! We missed you all last week due to the snap lockdown, but are so happy to be back with some epic activities!

In Art Attack Club last week we made confetti slime! Children worked in pairs to make some sticky, gooey, glittery slime that they got to take home.

In Before School Care we played a game of Celebrity Heads. The children had lots of fun coming up with funny celebrities to stick on the educator's heads too!

Due to the lockdown last week we've postponed Adventure Club and Cooking Club and will be running knot tying and making homemade pizzas to this week instead.

We're also super excited to announce that TeamKids will be running an epic Birthday Bash on Wednesday the 10th of March, to celebrate all of the children's birthdays who missed out last year due to lockdown! Stay tuned to hear about the incredible activities we have planned 😊

IMPORTANT DATES



🎁 MON 8TH FEBRUARY

Labour Day | TK Closed

🎁 WED 10TH MARCH

TeamKids ASC Birthday Bash!

🎁 WED 10TH MARCH

Pupil Free Day | TK open 7am-6pm

TEAMKIDS CLUBS ASC WEEK: 5



MONDAY



Art Attack Club

TUESDAY



Adventure Club

WEDNESDAY



Dance Club

THURSDAY



Cooking Club

FRIDAY



Mindfulness Club



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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>



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

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