

## Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary

Lord, we come to you today to pray for our children as they prepare for a new school year.  
Make our classrooms places of warmth and trust.  
Fill each child with enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow.  
Cover them with your enduring love and radiate your joy and loving kindness through them as they play and make new friends.  
Bless us with wisdom, understanding and a heart that serves every child.  
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

It's Day 3 of our 2021 school year (Day 5 for Preps) and we're off to a wonderful start! We have had a terrific week officially reconnecting with our staff, meeting with parents and students, celebrating the arrival of our Preps, and welcoming our Yr 1-6 students. We feel that our community is filled with great enthusiasm and optimism for the year ahead.

We are delighted to welcome new students and their families; Isabella, Kiyomi, Eddie, Luka and Poppy. And of course, our gorgeous Prep students. We have 48 Preps, our largest intake of Preps. We also welcome Daria Bannister, our Prep Learning Support Officer. Daria is studying teaching and brings previous classroom experience as an LSO, and an enthusiasm and eagerness to learn and grow as a professional educator. Daria and our new students have already been introduced to our school community.



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

2021

16 February  
Shrove Tuesday

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.

## **SCHOOL DROP OFF**

Parents are asked to remain **outside** the school buildings before and after school to avoid congestion. Throughout COVID, we learned more about the strengths and capabilities of our students. They demonstrated that they are more than capable of walking into school independently. Our new Preps modelled this beautifully at their orientation sessions last year. If Kinder children can manage this in a new setting, then Prep-6 students can manage this!

Teachers made the most of the students' new found independence last year, and the result is that we have maximised the learning time at the most valuable time of the day; when students are fresh and well rested in the morning. The growth in students' independence has been exceptional, and parents should feel incredibly proud of this growth.

This week, we opened the gates to assist any students who may have had some anxiety in returning to school after the long summer break. We are confident that all students can come into school independently and we have sufficient staff to guide our Prep students.

If you need to pass on important information to your child's teacher before school starts, please email, phone the office, or visit the office and ask to see the teacher. The office is open from 8:30am-4:00pm. ***The best thing you can do for your children is to wave them off from outside the gate.***

## **SCHOOL PICK UP**

We welcome you to come into the yard in the afternoon so that you may speak with your children's teachers. You should wear a mask if you cannot maintain 1.5m and you should leave the school promptly after pick up.

## **COVID REGULATIONS**

Recent outbreaks in Victoria, NSW, QLD and WA show us that COVID is definitely still here with us. Holy Rosary School remains vigilant in ensuring we follow the practices of our COVID SAFE plan. We are now able to have incursions, excursions, photos and camps. Assemblies and liturgies can be held, but unfortunately, we are not able to include parents at this stage.

## **PRAYERS PLEASE**

We ask your prayers for our friend and colleague, Allison, her sixteen year old daughter Gian and their family. Gian, a past student of Holy Rosary, is currently having chemotherapy. Gian is facing this challenge with fortitude and optimism. She is clearly this way because of Allison, HR's most optimistic and joy filled staff member. We send our love, prayers and good wishes.

## **School Closure Day**

We are continuing with our focus on Positive Behaviour for Learning in 2021. To this end, all staff will participate in a school closure day on 17 March. This means that students will not come to school on this day. TeamKids will provide care on this day from 7am until 6pm.

## **Uniforms**

We have been inundated with requests for uniforms. Please email any requests you may have to [frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au). Staff will then fill your order and send it back to your child via the class basket. We are not able to provide an immediate service and know you will understand.

## **Medication**

Holy Rosary has a medication policy that we are bound to follow. The ideal is that parents administer medication from home. However, we know that this is not always possible. We have added our policy and the official form required to be completed by parents to our website. Medication to be administered must be provided by a parent to office staff in the original packaging along with the completed medication form. Should this not be provided we will not be able to administer medication.

## **SKOOLBAG- NOTIFYING ABSENCES**

From time to time we send push notifications to families via Skoolbag. This app is available for download and we ask all families to ensure that you have the app on your phone with notifications enabled. In the case of an urgent whole school message, we will use this platform. The help page on the app provides support for troubleshooting.

SKOOLBAG also allows you to notify us of your child's absence and this is the preferred option for our office staff. Please ensure notification is completed by 9:00am to save the office staff from having to log a call to you.

### **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY USER AGREEMENT**

Each student has received a hard copy Digital Technology User Agreement. Teachers have already explained the Agreement to students and we ask you to reiterate the rules with your children. When this has been done, and you and your child (Year 3-6) have signed the agreement, please return to the class teacher. Students will not be able to use devices until the Agreement has been returned.

### **TOWELS and BUTTONS**

If you have any old towels to donate or any spare buttons, please send them to the office.

### **SPECIALIST TIMETABLE**

Our specialist subjects are Art, Music, Japanese, PE and Science. Each student P-6 has 200 minutes of specialist time per week. Should you require clarification on any aspect of your child's learning in these subjects, please contact the specialist teachers.

Physical Education and Art- Andrea- [adurand@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:adurand@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au)

Music- Stacey- [scheeseman@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scheeseman@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au)

Japanese- Pippa- [pmurray@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pmurray@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au)

Science-Jodie- [jdonahey@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jdonahey@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au)

### **PREP 2022**

Is your child beginning Prep in 2022? We are now accepting enrolments for our current families who will have a child starting Prep in 2022. You may download an application form from our website or phone the office, and we will pop a hard copy into your eldest child's class tub.

Please let your family and friends know that School Tours for new families will begin in the coming weeks. They will be advertised on the newsletter, via Facebook and flyers. Stay tuned.

Have a wonderful week!

Chris, Maria, Ant and Sonya

### **Term Dates 2021**

Term 1 Thursday 28 January (Prep), Monday 1 Feb (Yr 1-6) – Thursday 1 April

Term 2 Monday 19 April – Friday 25 June

Term 3 Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September

Term 4 Monday 4 October – Wednesday 15 December



## Scholastic Book Club

Up to twice a term, during the school year, we will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages. It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Issue 1 order will be closed on Friday 12 February.

Please use LOOP to place your order. (No cash order)



**Start the chat** about online safety to celebrate Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 9 February 2021.

Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the safe and positive use of digital technology. It's also a good time to explore the role we can all play in creating a better online community.

This global campaign is celebrated by millions of people in 170 countries across the world.

Help us make every day a Safer Internet Day!

- Join our parent webinar [eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama](#).
- Visit [esafety.gov.au/SID](https://esafety.gov.au/SID) for tips to start the chat at school, at home and in your community.



 eSafety Commissioner



Safer  
Internet  
Day 2021 | Tuesday  
9 February

[esafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au)

Webinar [eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama](#)

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HOLY ROSARY TEAMKIDS

# NEWSLETTER



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

We have had the most EPIC summer school holidays here at TeamKids!

We got into the Christmas spirit in December by making lots of Christmas craft! When we came back for January, we did lots of fun things using our hands such as making our own Trebuchet 3D puzzles, making giant spinning tops, constructing marble run contraptions, creating bug hotels, making our own DIY rain sticks, crafting together watermelon pinwheels and so much more!

We were also lucky enough to have a super fun drumming incursion and hip-hop dance incursion!

On a super hot day, we had a splash out incursion where we got to have a water fight!

We're super excited for our Teddy Bear Picnic on Thursday afternoon! Afternoon tea picnic style will be provided, all you need to do is book in, bring yourself and your favourite teddy ☺ Looking forward to seeing you there!

## IMPORTANT DATES



### THU 4TH FEBRUARY

Teddy Bear Picnic | ASC

### WED 17TH FEBRUARY

Random Acts of Kindness Day

### WED 24TH FEBRUARY

Pupil Free Day | TK open

## TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: 2



### MONDAY

Dance Club

### TUESDAY

Adventure Club

### WEDNESDAY

Mindfulness Club

### THURSDAY

Cooking Club

### FRIDAY

Art Attack Club



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# Teddy Bears picnic




**Team  
Kids**

**@ 3.20pm Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**@ Holy Rosary School  
TeamKids**



We will provide the picnic, all you need to do is bring your favourite teddy! We can't wait for you and your furry friend to come along to meet and make new friends!



**BOOK YOUR SPOT!**

**teamkids.com.au  
1300 035 000**





# 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 12<sup>th</sup> February.

BOOK ONLINE @

[www.chessforschools.com.au](http://www.chessforschools.com.au)

Phil 0421 901 530

[admin@chessforschools.com.au](mailto: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 Minirooms 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](http://www.kfjsc.com.au/soccer)**  
or email Andrew Hollow [presidentkjsc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentkjsc@gmail.com)

[www.kfjsc.com.au/soccer](http://www.kfjsc.com.au/soccer)


[presidentkjsc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentkjsc@gmail.com)



**FOOTSCRAY**



**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](mailto:operations@citysidesports.com)