

Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary

A Mother's Day Prayer from our Preps

Dear God,
Thanks for my mum.
Please look after mothers everywhere.

I hope that Mother's Day was really special for my mum. Amen

Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education

From humble beginnings almost 200 years ago, Australia's Catholic schools now educate over 764,000 children. The bicentenary commemorates the anniversary of the first official Catholic school in Australia, founded in October 1820! Schools across the country will celebrate this Bicentenary in different ways and Holy Rosary will also embrace the festivities on **Thursday 20 May**.



On this day the children will participate in different activities, including viewing a performance by Blue Whale Theatre, about the Catherine McAuley story, "*A bright light in the darkness.*"



Casual Clothes

No party is complete without dressing up so we invite children to come in casual dress. No uniform is required on this day.

Pot Luck

Pot Luck is a big success. The kids are loving it. We thank our parent helpers who support our Event Leaders in running the canteen. Don't forget to bring your \$2 this Friday for this week's mystery treat.



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

11-21 May NAPLAN

13 -14 May
Science Fair
(Bookings required)

20 May The Catherine
McAuley Story
performance
Casual Clothed Day

21 May
Back to HR BBQ

26-28 May
Camp Wyuna Year
5/6

2 June
PEB Meeting 6:30pm

11 June
Winter Sport Gala Day

14 June
Queens Birthday
Public Holiday

24-25 June Arrabri
Lodge camp Year 3/4

25 June
Last day Term 2
School finishes 3:20



On Saturday Holy Rosary hosted a fabulous cake stall outside White Rabbit. The weather was as amazing as all the baked goodies and preserves. There was certainly something yummy for everyone to buy and I'm sure many families enjoyed a delectable treat for Mother's Day. The Holy Rosary community, both past and present, came out to support the fundraiser, and to enjoy a catch up. The Kensington community spirit was alive and well.

This fundraiser was exceptionally well organised in every way. We particularly recognise Jane Edwards and Naomi Smith who coordinated the stall from start to finish with an exceptional attention to detail (and some superb baking skills from Jane!) They were keenly supported by a host of parents; baking and cooking from home, packing and pricing, setting up and packing up the stall and serving the crowds. We also thank and appreciate Annie who allowed us to use the area outside White Rabbit Record Bar as our sales area.

While it was a fantastic fundraiser, making \$4655.84 it was an even better Holy Rosary gathering. Thank you all for your hard work and efforts.

School Expectations

As you know, we have been working with our students on our school expectations:

Safety is our Right; Learning is our Responsibility; Respect is our Way.

Our students are growing in awareness of the need to manage talking and noise in the corridors, and in classrooms to ensure others can learn.

Our focus for PBL (Positive Behaviour For Learning) has been transitioning from play to learning. Our Learning Intentions for the next 2 weeks are;

- We are learning to transition from play in a quiet, safe and respectful manner
- We are learning to move through the school in a quiet, safe and respectful manner.

Last week a staff member noticed that the library was particularly busy with several staff working with students, some staff working independently, and 2Sky borrowing at the same time. She reported, "I was amazed that we could share the space peacefully. I didn't need to remind students to be quiet. I think we can be proud of our students following the school expectations." This is great news and we are particularly proud of 2Sky. We acknowledged their great efforts in front of the school on Monday.

Brain Food

At Holy Rosary it has been customary for students to snack on fruits and vegetables an hour before lunch each day. The idea is to provide a quick, nutritious bite to eat to stave off hunger before lunch- which is at 11:00am. If your child would like to have brain food at this time, we ask that the food is restricted to non-messy fruit and vegetables only and that it is packed into a small, named container. We suggest that these snacks are minimal- some cut up apple, carrot, celery, snow peas or a banana. The small container can be brought to the classroom to save the disruption of trips to bags. It is not appropriate to bring lunch boxes in because of the space they take, often becoming a tripping hazard.

Adventure Playground

As part of our OHS practice the lower playground can only be accessed by students when a teacher is present. At play times they must wait until a teacher arrives before going down to play. With this in mind, and to assist in keeping our area free from weekend visitors we will be locking the lower playground after school and on weekends. It will still be accessible to TeamKids.

Prep students 2022

Current families should have submitted enrolments for Prep 2022 and the required documentation. Thank you to families who have promoted Holy Rosary in the community. Word of mouth is the most positive advertising of all. If you know families who are looking for Prep enrolments in 2022 please tell them to call the office for a tour.

Newsletter

If you'd like to add any items to the newsletter, please ensure that the copy has arrived to newsletter@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au by Tuesday 9:00am to allow sufficient time for proofreading and publishing.

Best wishes for a happy week ahead,

Maria, Ant, Chris, Sonya



Science new



Science Fair 2021 13th-14th May

We are very pleased to announce that this year our Science Fair will once again be open to parents! It is looking like it will be another fabulous Science Fair display this year with lots of entries from every year level across the school. Our talented students have been sharing their projects with their class and the students' science knowledge is very impressive. All projects will be on display in the Hall for our Science Fair on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 of May. Every student will be given the opportunity to attend the Science Fair with their class then families will be welcome to view the fair after school on Thursday or before school on Friday.

We are very thankful that current restrictions allow us to invite parents this year and look forward to seeing you all there. If you would like to come along to view all of the fabulous projects from our talented students please book in a 30 minute time slot. See information below to book using the School Interviews Online Site. To ensure we comply with the current capacity limits please book for everyone attending, including all children. We will also ask you to please use the QR code on the door to check in when you arrive. We thank you in advance for your understanding. To keep everyone safe we ask if you are unwell and have a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or respiratory illness, runny nose and loss or change in sense of smell or taste to please avoid coming into the school.

This week's question from our Science leaders

True or false: How many planets are in our solar system and in what order are they from the Sun?.

Please write your name, class and answer on a piece of paper. The box for the answer is in the office.

Last week's answer was True.



NAPLAN 2021



The NAPLAN testing window for 2021 is open from Tuesday 11 May - Friday 21 May. Our timetable for our students sitting the Naplan tests is as follows:

Tuesday 11 May: Writing

Wednesday 12 May: Reading

Thursday 13 May: Language Conventions

Friday 14 May: Numeracy

All tests in each of the subject areas, for both Year 3 and Year 5 students, will begin at 9:30am.

We have set aside Monday 17 May and Tuesday 18 May as our 'catch-up' days with tests also beginning at 9:30am. These catch-up sessions are for students who were absent due to illness during the scheduled timetable.

All children **must** have headphones. Due to hygiene issues, children must not share headphones. We have some leftover at school from remote learning last year but not enough for everyone. It would be preferable for your children to use their own headphones, however, if this is an issue, advise your child's teacher immediately.

Headphones serve two vital purposes:

1. To block out the ambient noise during the test
2. Some of the items on the tests have audio accompanying the questions and students need to listen for the prompts



Helpful Hints for Parents and children during NAPLAN week

1. Encourage confidence- your child will do well when they feel that 'giving the tests their best shot' is all that you expect.
2. Discuss feelings and concerns: Feeling a little anxious is normal, show empathy and listen to fears. Perhaps share times when you have felt this way before tests when you went to school.
3. Maintain a positive attitude: Continue to be approachable and encourage interest in their usual after school activities. This allows children to feel safe and secure.
4. Prepare your child: Have them go to bed early, have breakfast, have a bottle of water and a **nutritious** lunch/ snacks prepared.
5. Arrive at school on time.
6. Keep Perspective: This is just a series of tests in time; just one form of assessment: success is not determined by these tests.

Naplan News For all Parents and students:

To give our Year 3 and 5 students every opportunity for success we have decided to administer the NAPLAN tests in the morning blocks. To this end, we have scheduled some changes to the regular timetable. Some PE lessons have changed. Other classes have not been affected.

Changes to the Specialist Timetable for the week beginning 10 May ONLY

| Wednesday | Thursday |
|--|--|
| Sport Uniform to be worn by: Prep S and N 5/6W | Sport Uniform to be worn by: 3/4N, 3/4W, 3/4S, 2N, 2S, 1S |
| No changes for Year 5/6S and 5/6N classes: These students wear Sport uniform as usual. | |



Gardening Club

Each Wednesday, Michaela and Sarah will be running a gardening club during lunchtime, working closely with the Sustainability Group. We are hoping to re-invigorate the existing garden beds as well as plant vegetable and edible plants in our raised gardens. We would love any donations of soil, cuttings and seeds that you have lying around at home, along with gardening gloves, trowels and watering cans and pots that you no longer need. Hopefully we can have a beautiful and plentiful garden up and running and ready to share with our school community soon.

Thanks, Michaela and Sarah.

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**Back to Holy Rosary BBQ
Parent Helpers Needed**

Looking for a couple of parents to cook sausages at our “Back to Holy Rosary Barbeque” on Friday afternoon 21 May from 3 pm to 4 pm.

If you are able to assist, please email Ruth at rkeily@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au
Many Thanks!



Fundraising Group

TERM 2 FRIDAY FUNDRAISER - POT LUCK FRIDAYS!

This term, the SRC and Special Events Group representatives will be supporting the Fundraising Group by running **Pot Luck Fridays!** If your child would like to be involved, please send them to school with a few \$2 coins to be able to by the treat or the day. This will be sold at second lunch.

Mother's Day Cake Stall - Thank you

The annual Holy Rosary Mother's Day Cake Stall was held on Saturday 8th May. This event is a fantastic tradition that the local community all enjoy and support.

Thank you to everyone that helped bake, volunteered on the day or in the lead up to the day, or supported and purchased treats at the stall. This fundraising activity really showcases the generosity of our amazing school community.

A special mention to Annie and the team at White Rabbit for allowing us to use their parklet as the new event location.

Once again thank you to all involved, what a great team effort.

The Fundraising Team





Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Holy Rosary School is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a PRC library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 17 September 2021.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

Classroom teacher will give student a Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (VPRC) username and passcode. Children can view their dashboard and add their books by logging in Challenge application: <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc



The Hon James Merlino MP

Acting Premier of Victoria

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to the 2021 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge.

As you know, reading helps our children build important literacy skills that will be with them for life.

Just as importantly, reading is a fun way to foster a lifelong love of learning in children.

When your child completes the Premiers' Reading Challenge, they will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. This year, with more than 12,000 titles on the Premiers' Reading Challenge reading list, there really is a book for everyone.

For children not yet at school, the Premiers' Reading Challenge invites parents and carers to experience 40 books with their child. For students from Prep to Grade 2, the Premiers' Reading Challenge is to read or experience 30 books, and for students in years 3 to 10, the Premiers' Reading Challenge is to read 15 books.

I encourage you to visit the official [Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge Facebook page](#), and join a community of participating parents and teachers. Here you can share stories, stay informed and celebrate your child's journey through the Premiers' Reading Challenge.

Good luck to you and your children as you embark on this year's Premiers' Reading Challenge!

Yours sincerely

The Hon James Merlino MP
Acting Premier of Victoria





Book School Interviews Online



Dear Parents

The Science Fair will be held on **Thursday 13 May from 3.30pm to 6pm and Friday 14 May from 8.00am to 8.30am in the Mercy Hall.**

You can now book appointments at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST.**

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

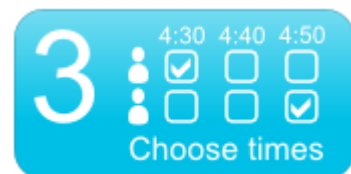
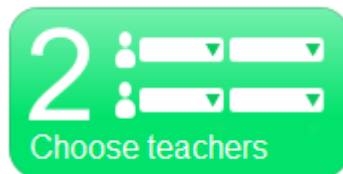
BOOKINGS OPEN Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 4.00pm



Go to

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your appointment time will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your appointment - until bookings close.

BOOKINGS OPEN WEDNESDAY 5 May AT 4.00PM SO THAT ALL FAMILIES MAY BOOK AT THE SAME TIME

You can visit the Science Fair for 30 minutes. The hall has the capacity of 115 people per session, there should be enough room for all families to attend.



We're Super Excited to See You!

BACK TO HOLY ROSARY BARBY 2021

**All ex students from Holy Rosary
welcome!**

FRIDAY 21ST MAY 4 - 5PM

RSVP: frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu. for
attendance and any dietary requirements.

• HOLY ROSARY •

Pot luck!

BACK IN BUSINESS!



BRING \$2 FOR THE SURPRISE ITEMS EACH WEEK!

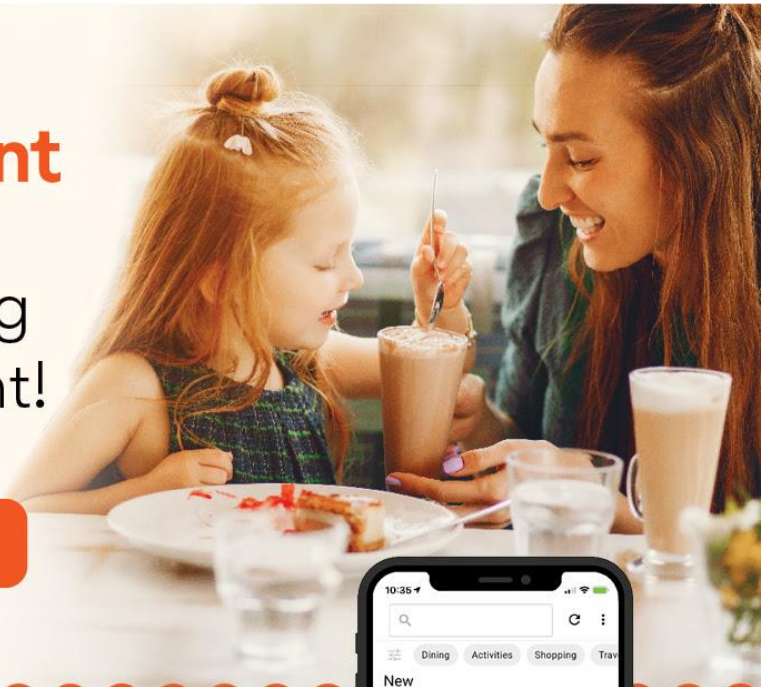
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Entertainment

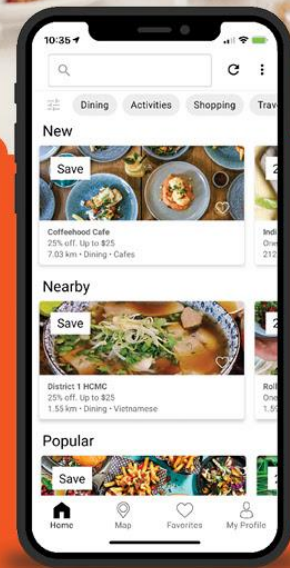
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Click [here](#) to jump to the Holy Rosary School Entertainment Book page.



Speech & Drama lessons 2021

Term 2

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 9 Lessons per Term 2 :

Group of four or more \$206.00

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 2 Holy Rosary PS

To enrol in the Speech & Drama program please follow the link below to ensure a place for Term 2



[Holy Rosary Speech & Drama Lesson Term 2 2021](https://www.trybooking.com/BMSKM)

If this link doesn't work, please use the address: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMSKM>



Chess Coaching



Where: Science Space

When: Thursday Lunchtime

Cost: \$130 per term

sibling discount available

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

Term 2 chess commences 29th April with the final session held on 17th June.

In order to establish the round robin tournament students must be registered no later than Friday 30th April.

BOOK ONLINE @
www.chessforschools.com.au

Phil 0421 901 530
admin@chessforschools.com.au



HOLY ROSARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

What a fun week that was!!!

We had our dance club on Tuesday where we played spotlight dance. The children took turns showing off their amazing dance moves under the spotlight and had to keep dancing until the spotlight turned off.

In cooking club we made delicious banana bread. The children had so much fun making it and even more fun eating it!

On Thursday we had our epic games club where we played knock out. They were so excited to play this game! They had to shoot the ball in the hoop, if they missed it and the next person got it in they were out.

On Friday it was our art attack club where we made mother's day rock clay pots. The children had their own clay pots and went outside to find rocks, flowers and leaves. They then came back inside and painted the rocks, leaves and the pot. They looked so good!

We had such a great time this week, we are so excited to see what next week has installed for us!

IMPORTANT DATES



 **Monday 14th June**
Queen's Birthday



TEAMKIDS CLUBS ASC WEEK: 5



MONDAY

Epic Games Club



TUESDAY

Cooking Club



WEDNESDAY

Dance Club



THURSDAY

Mindfulness Club



FRIDAY

Art Attack Club



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HELLO TERM 2

Team Kids

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

ISSUE #4



Enjoy the TeamKids difference this term! Our food, clubs, and inspiring fun zones make Before and After Care a genuine alternative for families. Have better work and home balance while enjoying more time for YOU knowing your kids are in safe hands. Term 2 is going to be **AWESOME** with surprises and celebrations around every corner. Come join the fun!

CHECK OUT THE **PRINTABLE FAMILY WEEKLY PLANNER**



1300 035 000 | teamkids.com.au

HELP IS ON THE WAY



Meet **Heidi Rogers** our resident family therapist!



HEIDI'S 3 MINUTE PARENTING PLAYBOOK - ANXIETY

....AND DON'T FORGET TO DOWNLOAD YOUR ANXIETY ZAPPERS CHEAT SHEET!

@heidirogers_

Keep an eye out for Heidi's school family events and EPIC webinars. "Heidi's practical and sound advice on all matters related to raising children and parenting strategies is not to be missed."

Heidi Rogers

BEFORE, AFTER+ HOLIDAY CARE

- EPIC CLUBS
- FUN + ENGAGING EDUCATORS
- YUMMY FOOD
- SAFE + FUN ENVIRONMENT

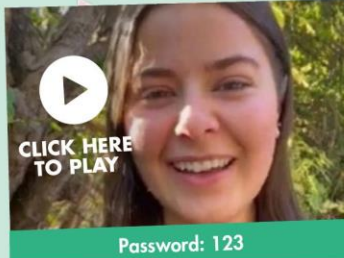
See you soon!

@teamkidsaustralia

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Hi FROM US!

Listen to a special message from your TeamKids Director of Service



Password: 123



MOBILE 0428 411 008

- Printable Weekly Family Planner - https://teamkids.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/TK_Weekly_Planner_Sheet_A4_blank.pdf
- Family Therapist Heidi Rogers' 3 Minute Parenting Playbook - <https://www.totalparentingtransformation.com/anxiety/3-minute-parenting-playbook-anxiety>
- Plus a TeamKids update video from your Director of Service. Password: 123 - <https://vimeo.com/543430360>



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 14 MAY 2021

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 14 May 2021!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au



<http://www.walk.com.au>

CITY OF MELBOURNE HIGHLAND PIPE BAND

LEARN BAGPIPES OR DRUMS

AUTUMN INTRODUCTORY YOUTH PROGRAMME

Learn the basics of Scottish piping and drumming at our Autumn Introductory Youth Programme.

- > Suitable for kids from the age of 8
- > No prior knowledge required
- > Develop musical skills
- > Make new friends

Thursday evenings from April 29th 2021 | 6:30 - 7:30pm.
239 A'Beckett Street, Melbourne

For further details click on our website link below
or email learn@melbournepipeband.com.au
or call Chris (Band President) on 0409 010 685



melbournepipeband.com.au/youth-program/

<https://melbournepipeband.com.au/>