

## Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary

This weekend many of our students will participate in a commitment mass as part of their preparations to celebrate sacraments this year. We invite our school community to pray in support of our young people for this major step in their faith lives.



### Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education

Tomorrow we will commemorate the bicentenary of Catholic education in Australia. 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."

It's casual dress day so no uniform is required.



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

**20 May** The Catherine McAuley Story performance  
Casual Clothes 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

## Science Fair

It was wonderful to see families enjoying last week's Science Fair. Thank you to our students who provided some outstanding work. This year, in excess of one third of the school population presented projects, and families acknowledged the high standard and diverse range of projects; experimental research, photography, posters, working models, videos and more. Why is night time longer in winter? Why does chocolate make you thirsty? Why do leaves change colour? What is the impact of genetically modified food? Many entries were submitted by junior classes, indicating a new norm for our school. As a byproduct of the science fair, student standards of presentation have also noticeably improved. Warm thanks to Jodie for her ongoing work with students in this area and for organising the Science Fair. Thanks also to classroom teachers who supported students in the presentation of projects. Congratulations to all!

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

Each week we will provide families with a quick focus on our work in Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). Lately, our focus has been on transitioning quickly and quietly from the playground to the classroom and students have shown huge improvement in responding promptly to the bell. Our focus now is in ensuring the movement in the corridors follows our school expectation, 'Keep Left, Keep Quiet.'

## Illness and Staffing

There is lots of illness in our school at the moment. If your child is ill in any way, please keep them home, even if they still want to come to school. After a year of isolation and strong hygiene practice, it seems we are all more susceptible to illness. We have several staff sick at home at the moment. The challenge is in replacing these staff. We have a bank of relief staff and use two agencies but we have already had days where we have been unable to replace all staff. Many of Melbourne's relief teachers have been employed via the government's tutor program and teachers from Canada and Ireland have yet to return to Australia. Please know that we will always do our best to replace teachers, but there may be times where classes have to be split.

## Caritas

India's COVID-19 infections have surged past 20 million, nearly doubling in the past four months – marking the biggest increase in infections globally.

Caritas India, Caritas Australia's partner in India, seeks to provide food, hygiene materials and psychosocial support to the most vulnerable. The organisation is currently working to set up COVID-19 information and treatment centres to reach marginalised communities.

Through the [India COVID-19 Emergency Appeal](#), you can provide immediate financial assistance to vulnerable communities impacted by this crisis.

## Service Now

In line with government guidelines we have implemented the Service Now app. This means that you should scan the code at the entrances whenever you enter the building. If you are visiting the classrooms you should come via the front office to ensure you follow the correct protocols for visitors at Holy Rosary.



## NAPLAN



Last week, our Year 3 and 5 students completed the NAPLAN tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Spelling, and Numeracy. We are very proud of our students, as they approached these tests with confidence. Their 'can-do' attitude was exceptional. Well done Holy Rosary students!

Thank you to Year 3 and 5 parents who supported their children throughout this process. In order to give our students the best chance at completing these tests, we had to rearrange our timetables. Thanks to all parents who noted these changes, and ensured their children attended school in their sport uniform on the revised PE days.

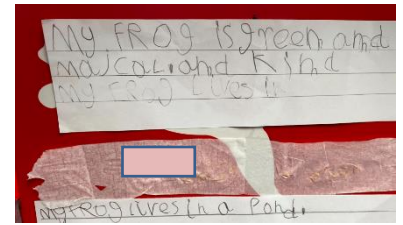
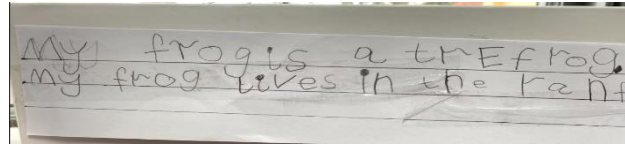
We thank our teachers who prepared the students thoroughly for the tests. Although we did not know the items on the tests or genre for writing that would be on the tests, students certainly knew how to approach tasks. Great work Holy Rosary teachers!

The results for these tests will be published in August. Parents will be sent individual results for their children. **Please keep these results somewhere safe, as quite often secondary schools will ask you to provide a copy to accompany enrolment forms. NAPLAN results are not kept on the school premises and must be obtained from the VCAA.**

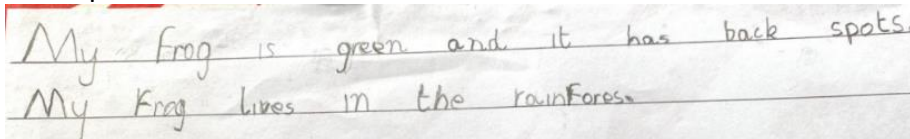
## Writing



Our major curriculum focus for 2021 is Writing. Teachers are engaged in professional learning around Writer's workshop, comprising the elements of the Writing Hour and Writer's Notebooks.



Students' interests are piqued by writing about topics they are experts in. Teachers take students through the writing process and use mentor texts to illustrate how published authors think of ideas, and how they use notebooks to develop texts.



It's been exciting to watch children engage in this process. Check out the few examples of writing and models from our Prep students.



## 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](mailto: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

### 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.



### 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](mailto:rkeily@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au)

Many Thanks!



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### Fundraising Group

#### **TERM 2 FRIDAY FUNDRAISER - POT LUCK FRIDAYS!**

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

**Each Friday, there will be a drink option, and a treat food item - \$2 per item - your child may buy ONE food and ONE drink option.** As it is 'pot luck', students will not know what the items are until the day. The food item will change each week, and drink options will remain the same. We are unable to cater to all allergies, so we ask that your child takes responsibility for this if they are purchasing items. We will endeavour to have gluten free and dairy free items available. We are limiting items per student to one food item and one drink item to ensure all have a chance to purchase something. Please ensure your child brings Australian currency - we unfortunately had some disappointed students when they tried to pay with toy money, or foreign currency.

Each week, students who line up respectfully, and show great manners and kindness, will **have the chance to be chosen for a free item the following week!**

We are now into our 4th week, and each week has been a great success. The students were very excited to have mega snakes sold last week - a very special treat! It has also been a fantastic learning opportunity for the SRC and Special Events students to learn more about running a business, including the use of a float, and the cost of stock (and the impact it has on potential profits!). Thank you to the SRC and Special Events Group for jumping in and helping us run our Pot Luck Fridays this term. As always, thank you to our Holy Rosary families who continue to support fundraising activities for our school community.

See you on Friday at second lunch!

The Fundraising Team



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](mailto:frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu). for  
attendance and any dietary requirements.



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# Pot luck!

**BACK IN BUSINESS!**



**BRING \$2 FOR THE SURPRISE ITEMS EACH  
WEEK!**

**HELD IN YARD TWO AND THE HALL  
EVERY FRIDAY AT SECOND LUNCH**

• **RUN BY SRC AND SPECIAL EVENTS** •

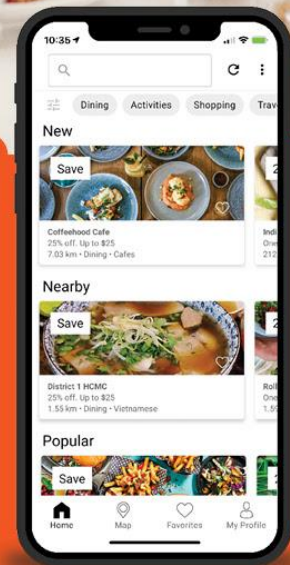
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Click [here](#) to jump to the Holy Rosary School Entertainment Book page.



# 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>



# HOLY ROSARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Our goal for last week was the "My Time Our Place" outcome "Children have a strong sense of wellbeing". We used our school environment to make pressed flower and leaf bookmarks, played an epic game of gaga ball as a part of Epic Games Club, made delish mini quiches and visited the school Science Fair as a group!

We are all getting super excited for our movie night next Thursday night at after school care. Please pop in your G-rated movie suggestions into our suggestion box, located next to our whiteboard. See you there – and don't worry, there will be plenty of popcorn!

## IMPORTANT DATES



**Thur 27<sup>th</sup> May**

TeamKids Movie Night!



**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Queen's Birthday – TeamKids Closed



**Tue 24<sup>th</sup> June**

TeamKids 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party!

## TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: **6**

**MONDAY**

Dance Club



**TUESDAY**

Epic Games Club



**WEDNESDAY**

Art Attack Club



**THURSDAY**

MOVIE NIGHT!

**FRIDAY**

Cooking Club



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