

Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary

The extension of the current lockdown until 2 September continues to test the resolve of us all. We thank and commend Holy Rosary families for the wonderful work you are doing to maintain learning continuity and care for your children in these challenging times.

We appreciate that students learn best at school with their teachers and friends and like you, we hope that we can all be back onsite as soon as it is safe to do so. We strongly urge adults to get vaccinated as soon as possible as a way for our community to remain safe and for our schools to reopen.

We know that the current learning from home practices are challenging for students, families and staff. We're all doing our best and we recognise that what works for one family may not work for another. We understand that at times you may not be able to complete all the work or attend all the Meets. You know your children and your family's needs best. Please continue to be mindful of your health and wellbeing, and do not hesitate to reach out through your child's class teacher or via the office if we can help in any way.

Who can learn onsite?

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, all students must work from home with the following exceptions-

- Children where both parents and or carers are considered **authorised workers** who cannot work from home, work for an essential provider and where no other supervision arrangements can be made.
- Where there are two parents/carers, both must be essential workers, working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.
- For single parents/ carers, the essential worker must be working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.

The authorised work forms can be found [on this page](#) and must be provided for all onsite students, and must be returned to school prior to attendance. It is critical that contact is made with the office if your children are attending school or if they are going to be absent with as much notice as possible. We have a very limited number of staff onsite and will need to provide notice to staff should we require additional supervisors. Onsite supervision commences strictly at 8:45am and concludes at 3:20pm.

Prep students 2022



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.

Leaving Holy Rosary?

Please let our office know if you are leaving our school. This will help us with our planning and staffing for 2022.

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

21-27 August
Book Week

24 August
Holy Rosary Online Quiz

27 August
Dress Up Day

3 September
Annual Trivia Night Postponed

17 September
Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge ends

Term 4
25 and 26 October
School Production

TeamKids

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Funny Things Kids Pray

With Book Week around the corner and six more sleeps until the Holy Rosary Online Quiz, our online antics are sure to make us laugh and connect us together.

"Without a sense of humour it's difficult to be happy....A sense of humour is to be able to breathe, because it's linked to the capacity to enjoy life, to be enthusiastic."
(Pope John Paul)

Kids can be pretty candid during prayer time. Here's some prayers not unlike ones our children often share in class prayer time.



Dear God, my Mum tells me that you have a reason for everything on Earth, I guess broccoli is one of your mysteries.

Dear God, did you mean for giraffes to look like that or was it an accident?

Dear God, my Grandpa says you were around when he was a little boy. How far back do you go?

Dear God, if You can't make me a good boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am!

Book Week 2021



We won't let the current lockdown dampen our Spirits. Yes, Book Week will look different in 2021, however, we still have wonderful things in store for our children. Our **dress up day** scheduled for **Friday 27 August** and will be conducted online so dust off those items of clothing that resemble a book character or this year's theme, 'Old World, New Worlds, Other Worlds' and join in on the fun on GoogleMeets! Teachers have been busy planning some light-hearted activities to go with each of the short-listed books.

Happy Book Week everyone!



Holy Rosary Online Quiz

We invite all families to our Holy Rosary Online Quiz next Tuesday. Our guest quiz master, Dom, is looking forward to challenging us all while enjoying a laugh and each other's company. All details, including how to log on and how to record answers will be sent via an email next Monday. We look forward to a great night and can't wait to see you all there!

Holy Rosary

Online

QUIZ

Tuesday 24 August 6 - 7PM

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE | **Questions to suit all ages** | **FUN GAMES**

Bring your dinner and join us on ZOOM for a jam-packed, fun-filled experience!
Hope to see all families there!

Login Details will be sent on Monday afternoon

Staying positive:

It's in these challenging times where it can be difficult to remain positive and grateful for what we have. These, though, are the times when we show true character. Our kids will grow into resilient, adaptable adults because of COVID Lockdowns and so it's vital that we all work together to arm them with the skills needed to develop a growth mindset.

Gratitude prompts are a great way to get started, continue your practice, or kick-start a stalled gratitude practice. This is also a relatively simple exercise, with only one instruction: fill in the blank!

These prompts provide several ways to begin a gratitude statement, with infinite possibilities for completion. They cover multiple senses, colours, people, and things. The goal is to identify at least three things in each category that you are thankful for.

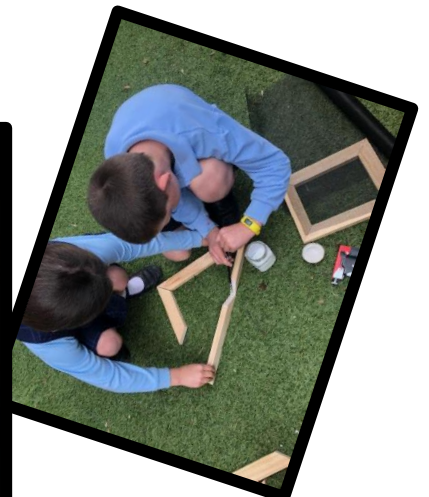
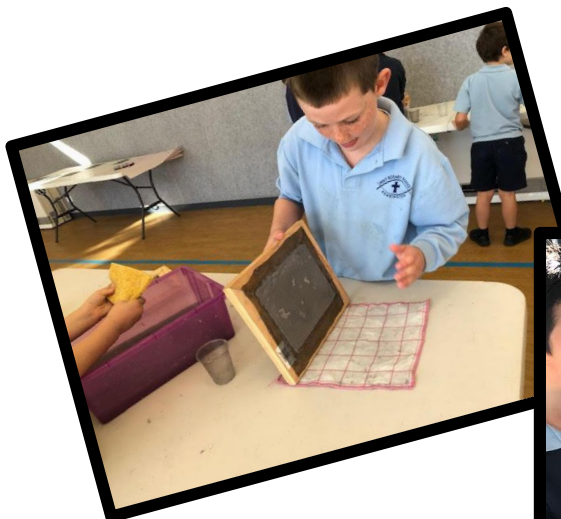
The prompts include:

- I'm grateful for three things I hear:
- I'm grateful for three things I see:
- I'm grateful for three things I smell:
- I'm grateful for three things I touch/feel:
- I'm grateful for these three things I taste:
- I'm grateful for these three blue (or colour of choice) things:
- I'm grateful for these three animals/birds:
- I'm grateful for these three friends:
- I'm grateful for these three teachers:
- I'm grateful for these three family members:
- I'm grateful for these three things in my home:



You might like to create a family Gratitude Tree with words and illustrations

We'd love to see them so feel free to send in your responses to 'front office' and we'll post them in next week's newsletter. Let's flood our newsletter with cheer!



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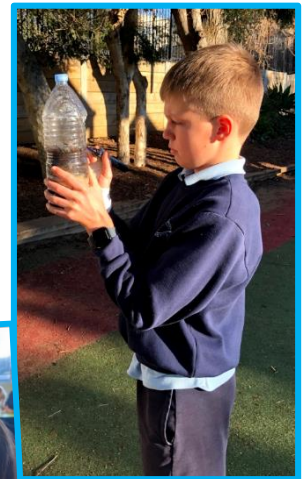
Science Talent Search

There was a definite buzz from many classrooms in the weeks leading up to the current lockdown as classes busily finished off their class science projects for the state Science Talent Search (STS) competition. There was so much enthusiasm from our Holy Rosary students in this year's science fair that more than half of our students also chose to take part in a whole class research project for the STS competition. Two years ago Holy Rosary entered our first STS class project, then last year we entered two class science projects. This year we had so much interest from our students that

we entered an unbelievable eight class science projects involving more than 150 students! With a huge thanks to the dedication of many of our class teachers all students from Year One to Six were given the opportunity to be part of a class research project.

We now know if it is safe to drink out a drink bottle left in the classroom over the weekend, where to find the best soil in the school to grow plants, and the best place to find minibeasts, how to recycle paper and the benefits of adding cotton and even banana skins to paper, the best ratios for our compost bins, how to best to look after mealworms, the texta markers that stain our uniforms the least, and how best to clean up an oil spill. Rich learning took place, evident in the finished projects and video presentations prepared for the STS judges.

The class projects along with those of the 28 budding scientists whose individual projects were selected to represent Holy Rosary from our Science Fair earlier in the year will be shared with the STS judges in the coming weeks. It has been wonderful to see students in every year level from Prep to Year Six representing our school again this year. We wish them all the best and look forward to them receiving their results in early Term Four.



From Around the Virtual Classrooms

We have wonderful examples of learning happening online. We'd like to express our gratitude to teachers and students who are doing their best to stay positive, showing up to Meets and completing tasks as best as they can.

Some staggering stats for you to digest...

Did you know so far during this lockdown we've witnessed approximately...:

228+ GoogleMeets

25+ Parent Meetings

212+ Small group teaching sessions

188+ pieces of work submitted to Google classroom

240+ Help Desk sessions

175+ parent emails answered

167+ parent phonecalls

480+ Children's emails answered

53+ Teacher planning sessions/staff meetings

∞ pieces of feedback: verbal and written

As you can see from the statistics listed above, there's a lot that goes on behind the scenes. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Covid Poem

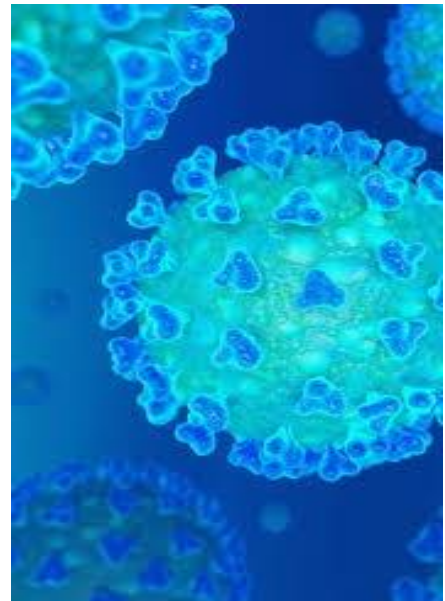
Can't get out of lockdown,

Off mute when talking on a Meet,

Very boring when waiting for a covid test,

Inside when you're in isolation,

Defeat the bad thoughts!



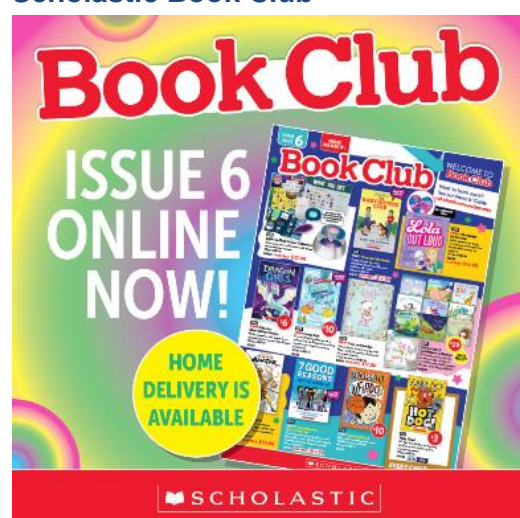
By Florence Carra 5/6W

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2021



VPRC continues till 17 September in Term 3. <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>

Scholastic Book Club



Book Club is open and home delivery is available! In response to the current lockdowns, Scholastic Book Club has added the temporary option for all parents to have their orders sent directly to their homes. This option will enable parents to place and receive orders while children are undertaking schooling at home.

When parents place their Issue 6 Book Club orders, they'll have the option to select home delivery or school delivery if you have Book Club opened—if not, the default will be home delivery. The home delivery option will automatically be added to schools in the lockdown area.

The home delivery option can be selected by parents at the time of ordering for \$7.50

Issue 6 Online catalogue [here](#)

Issue 6 order will be closed on Sunday 29 August.
Use LOOP to place your order. (No cash order)

<http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP>



Fundraising Group Entertainment Book



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

Annual Trivia Night

Annual Trivia Night is postponed.

HOLY ROSARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Last week was a blast. With a small number of children attending, the children are helping us make our activity planner and menu every week and are having a ball.

Last week saw us cooking pancakes for breakfast, chocolate truffles as a part of a MasterChef challenge and lots of dodgeball! We were also gifted something very special from another TeamKids service... A foosball table! We can't wait to have plenty of foosball games with everyone once school returns to normal 😊

We're looking forward to continuing the nation-wide TeamKids challenge – creating our very own marble run rollercoaster! Check out our awesome picture of our progress! Again, if any families have any materials they could donate towards our rollercoaster it would be really appreciated. Feel free to drop it into our TeamKids room, Covid-19 restrictions pending 😊

We've placed a Parent Feedback Journal at our entrance. Parents, please feel free to add in any feedback or comments you may have about the service.

We also have a donation box to the left of the entrance. If you have any pre-loved goods you no longer need, please feel free to use it.

Fingers crossed we get to see you all again soon!

IMPORTANT DATES

📅 **Sun 5th September**

Father's Day

📅 **TBA**

Bake Sale – Zero Hunger Fundraiser

📅 **TBA**

End of Term Party

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: 7

MONDAY



Dance Club

TUESDAY



Art Attack Club

WEDNESDAY



Sustainability Club

THURSDAY



Cooking Club

FRIDAY



Epic Games Club



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