

## Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary

### 21 October

Holy Rosary Feast Day  
Farewell to Fr Hien

### 25 and 26 October

School Production  
Postponed

### 1 November

School closure

### 2 November

Melbourne Cup

### 8 November

Science Talent Search  
Presentation (virtual)

### 10 December

Reports issued

### 15 December

Last day

### We're coming back!

5 sleeps until Prep return to school.

23 sleeps until all students are back onsite.

Year Level	Mon 18 Oct	Mon 25 Oct	Fri 5 Nov
Prep	Mon-Wed	Mon-Wed	✓
Year 1 and 2	Thurs-Fri	Thurs-Fri	✓
Year 3 and 4		Tues-Wed	✓
Year 5 and 6		Thurs-Fri	✓

Please refer to [Covid update letter](#) for all the details.

### Holy Rosary Feast Day: Thursday 21 October



Fun Fact! Our school is named in honour of the Rosary. Holy Rosary, or simply, The Rosary, is a set of prayers or meditation that walks us through the most important times in the life of Jesus and his mother, Mary. We pray different parts of the Rosary, depending on what's happening in our lives at the time. October is the month of the Rosary, so

in a way, it's like celebrating our school's birthday.



Each day, some of the foot traffic on Gower Street takes a detour, to pause outside the Church doors. Over the entrance stands a statue of Mary, accessible to everyone and welcoming all who come to visit her home. They spend time here in quiet prayer before journeying into the rest of their day. Under normal circumstances, the doors are wide open and inside connections between people, our families, our community and God, are strengthened.



This year, the Feast Day of the Holy Rosary is the perfect opportunity for us to create a sheltered space in the protection of the doorway, for those who stop by for prayerful contemplation. We will work together to create a grotto; an image of Mary nestled in a cave of flowers. The children will be making paper flowers with their classes next week and we ask that they contribute to the prayer space on the front doors of the church by sticking their flowers to the grotto, when you pass by during your walk. The area for the flowers will be clearly marked. Remember to bring along sticky tape or a glue stick. The grotto will be ready for contributions on Tuesday 19 October. You may also wish to add a fresh flower to the vase provided. We look forward to uniting in this unique way with each other and with our community.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

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

### TeamKids

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### **Free COVID-safe session**

The Royal Children's Hospital is providing a free session ahead of children returning to school. Their panel of experts will answer questions on the safety and logistics of a COVID-safe return to school. Full details on tomorrow's session are available via the [HR Facebook page](#) or [Royal Children's Hospital](#).

### **Masks**

The Chief Health Officer has now directed that all Year 3-6 students must wear a mask while indoors at school. Masks for children are available at the chemist. Please prepare your children for this by encouraging them to wear a mask whenever they leave home. They should also carry a spare mask in their bag.

### **Case Solved**

Kensington Case Files is now showing! It will provide a positive context for a conversation with your children about returning to school. Can you find some clues that indicate some surprises that might be in store? Check out the video on our [website](#) or on [Facebook](#).

### **Science**

Congratulations to Jodie and all students who submitted entries in this year's Science Talent Search of Victoria competition. We were Peter Craig Award recipients in 2019 and 2020, and now in 2021 Hugh McKnight Encouragement Award winners. Woo hoo!! Time to update our banner for the third consecutive year!

We recognise and thank Jodie for her ongoing pursuit of excellence and her determination to provide HR students with every opportunity to find and explore Science in the everyday. Our students benefit from Jodie's enthusiasm, passion and dedication. She is well supported by teachers who are also working towards providing the very best in science education and learning from Jodie. Jodie has provided a further account below.

### **How your Fees Help**

We ask you to please make the payment of fees your priority. As always, we are able to help families who find payment challenging in these times and we have a reduced fee structure for those who are Health Care Card Holders. While it is true that we have incurred reduced expenses in some areas such as electricity and water, our greatest expense is in paying staff wages. Our income is generated via government funding, incoming fees and fundraising. Over the past two years our income from fundraising has been minimal. We have always worked to keep fees to a minimum and use available funds to source the highest quality staff and resources. We would appreciate your assistance to ensure we can continue to fund staff and physical resources at current levels.

If you need to discuss your fees, or to set up a direct debit payment plan please contact Lynette [accounts@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au).

Payment via cash, credit card or EFT should be made to the following bank account:

Account Name: Holy Rosary School Kensington

BSB Number: 083 347

Account Number: 681600449

Please remember to use *the eldest child's name as a reference or your school account number* which can be found on the statement.

Maintaining enrolments is another way to ensure our income remains stable. For each student who leaves, our income is compromised. A very powerful way you can help us is to promote our school to your family and friends. We have vacancies in most year levels for 2022, including Prep. Our enrolment form is available on our [website](#).

### **Moving On?**

If you are not coming back to HR in 2022 please let us know by emailing [frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au). Knowing our numbers for next year is critical in organising our staffing and the composition of our classes.

## PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

**'Safety is our Right'**, especially when it comes to using devices.

Here are a few conversation items to share with your kids so they remain online... a friendly reminder as published last term in the Newsletter:

- **always** exclude personal details like phone numbers or date of birth to private profiles
- **do not** sign up to social media platforms using the school gmail account as the account clearly identifies our school name and suburb
- families are encouraged to **regularly check** your child's privacy and location settings, especially on mobile phones
- **do not** use your mobile number to verify accounts
- **always** keep passwords and log-in details private and don't share these with friends
- **don't click on pop-ups** – some pop-ups which seem safe can lead to unsafe sites or ask for personal or financial information
- accept friend requests only from **known** people
- if posts are offensive in any way or form, tell the person involved to stop, leave the chat, block and report by telling an adult/parent

Don't forget that our **Holy Rosary User Agreement** does not permit students to use school email accounts to sign up to social media apps, this includes Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Youtube, TikTok, Discord and SnapChat. These apps are aimed at 13+ years. Should your child use their school account to log on to these apps, they will have their school email deactivated.

Emails will be reactivated once the teacher has followed this up with you and your child.

Here's some additional information from the esafety commissioner about *Discord*:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide/discord>

## Fr Hien's Farewell

We will officially bid Fr Hien farewell via Zoom Thursday 21 October at 2:30-3pm. All families are warmly invited to join us via a link that will be emailed to families the day before. A reminder that the Zoom platform can't be accessed from borrowed school devices. Fr Hien has been a significant person for many of us here at Holy Rosary and he will be greatly missed. A slideshow presentation will be shared during the celebration to capture his contributions, strengths, happy moments and well wishes. We warmly invite families to contribute to the slideshow as well. Your message may be written, drawn or recorded on a video. Email your message to Sonya at [sbrennan@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sbrennan@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au) by Monday 18 October.



## Welcome Rev. Fr. Thang Vu



The combined parishes of St Brendan's and Holy Rosary extend a warm welcome to Fr Thang Vu (pronounced Tongue) who has now begun his ministry to us.

He arrives with a broad range of skills, experiences and abilities that will complement and enhance the work undertaken by Fr. Hien Vu (no relation) and the parish team.

Fr Thang just completed his role as the Director of the 'Ministry to Priests' Office.

In this role, with the support of two clergy care workers, he:

- provided personal support to active and retired priests;
- promoted a culture of health and wellbeing; and
- provided ongoing formation for all clergy within the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

He enjoys walking, although you will have to be walking fast to catch him as according to Fr. Hien he can "really move"; a "slower" pursuit, gardening, is another favoured pastime.

We welcome and look forward to working with and supporting Fr. Thang in his ministry.

## A snapshot of Fr Thang's journey to us:

2016-2021 – Ministry to Priests

2011-2015 – Mary Mother of the Church Parish of Ivanhoe

2008-2010 – St Peter Apostle Parish, Hoppers Crossing

2008 - ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne

2002-2008 – Corpus Christi Regional Seminary

1997-2001 – Colonial Mutual

1990-1996 – Secondary and tertiary education leading to a Bachelor in Accounting & a Graduate Diploma in Computer Science.

1990 - Arrived in Australia after 3 years living in the Panat Nikhom Refugee Camp, Thailand.



## Winners of the Hugh McKnight Science Talent Search School Award

We are excited to announce the long awaited results from this year's Science Talent Search (STS) competition, a statewide science competition for students in Prep to Year 12. Thanks to our dedicated teachers this year all students in Years One to Six had the opportunity to be involved in a class science project. In total this year we had an impressive 186 of our students involved in individual, group and class projects in the competition. Despite going in and out of lockdown our students managed to produce some incredible projects.



I am very proud to announce that all projects selected to represent our school this year were awarded merit level awards or above, such an incredible achievement. Once again our students' overall success has been recognised with a STS school award. We have been awarded the Hugh McKnight School Award in the independent primary school section, one of only two school awards presented to schools for consistent high quality of entries across the breadth of sections. This year we had students submitting entries in experimental research, creative writing, working models, inventions, computer programming, video production, science photography and games.

Each year STS judges award a number of projects a bursary cheque to recognise the students' high level of scientific understanding. A major bursary is the highest level achievable and usually only awarded to one or two students in each category in the state. We had four awarded to our students! Minor bursaries are awarded to a small number in each category and we had 10 awarded to our students. A huge congratulations to these bursary winners who will receive their certificate, cheque and medal in a virtual ceremony next month.

### Major bursary winners

Trixie 1S, Thomas 2N, Callie 5/6S and 5/6 class project

### Minor bursaries winners

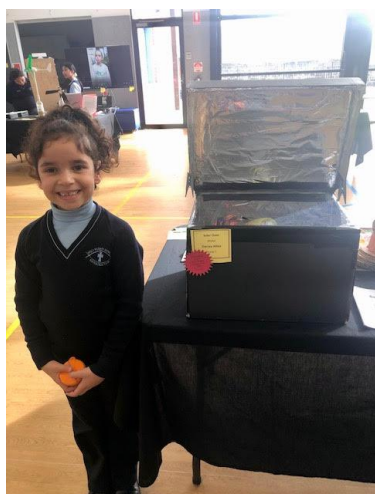
Max PS, Audrey 2S, John 2N, Patrick 2N, Cleo 3/4N, Grace 5/6N, Grace & Maddie 5/6, Luka 5/6, 3/4 class project and 2S class project.

### Distinction awards

Addie Mae 1S, Darcey 1N, Khyis 2S, Ivo 3/4N, Jack 3/4S, Ellie & Minami 5/6S, Abi 5/6N, Gregory 5/6, 1N class project, 2N class project and 5/6S class project

### Merit award

Eva 3/4N, William 5/6N, Lucas 5/6W, Riley & Callie 5/6, Lucy 5/6S, Isabelle & Bridget 5/6N, 1S class project and 3/4S class project.



A huge thank you to Pippa and Clare who volunteered to judge projects in the competition, a requirement to allow our students to participate. Also a big thank you to class teachers Michaela, Emily, Jenna, Bernie, Clare, Allison and Rachel who along with Jodie, were involved in supporting their students in the student led class projects throughout Terms Two and Three.



## Newsletter Archive

All newsletters for 2021 are available on our [website](#).

## Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club issue 8 is out now. Please go [here](#) to view it online.



Issue 8 order will be closed on Sunday 17 October.  
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.



## MERCY SPIRIT AWARD NOMINATION 2021

We are calling for staff and students to nominate Holy Rosary students who shine with Mercy Spirit. Each staff member and student may nominate **one** student, other than themselves, from any year level.

**Nominations close on 12th November at 3:30pm. Please email your nomination to [frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au) or return them to school when you are back onsite.**

A staff team will read and discuss the nominations with other relevant staff. The Leadership Team will make the final decision.

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### MERCY SPIRIT AWARD NOMINATION FORM - 2021

Your Name:

Name of the student you think shines with Mercy Spirit:

***Please explain why you are nominating this student to receive the Mercy Spirit Award. Write about the ways they live our values of relationships, respect, kindness, integrity and resilience.***



# HOLY ROSARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

We had an awesome week last week, the children signed up to the clubs they wanted to do this term. They decided on Art Attack, Sustainability, Epic games, cooking and super sports club. We are so excited to plan some amazing activities for these clubs!

We have also been doing some science experiments here at TeamKids. Last week we made a lava lamp out of an empty water bottle, oil, food dye and baking soda. The end results was so cool please check it out in our photos below.

We have also been adding new resources to our service, we added new additions to our kitchen corner by added a coffee machine, telephone and a picnic set. The kids love these new additions. We also have a marble run that the children have loved constructing.

We have also added a new display to our service, can you guess what it is?

We are excited to see what this week has install for us and can't wait to see your smiling faces 😊

## TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: 3

### MONDAY

Sustainability Club



### TUESDAY

Art Attack Club



### WEDNESDAY

Cooking Club



### THURSDAY

Super Sports Club



### FRIDAY

Epic Games Club



## IMPORTANT DATES



**Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Melbourne Cup



**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> November**

World Kindness Day



**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Take a Hike Day



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