

Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary

We're coming back!

- 1 sleep until Year 1 and 2 return to school.
- 2 sleeps until Year 5/6 return to school.
- 6 sleeps until Year 3/4 return to school.

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	Fri	Thurs-Fri	✓



We envisaged the Prep children and staff to look more mature on their first day back at school after lockdown, but we didn't expect them to look quite like this!



Happy 100-ish Days of Prep!

It has been very exciting to welcome our Prep students back to school after learning offsite for so long. Students, parents and children were equally delighted to finally be back learning, working and playing onsite. It was such a joyful time to see our children reunite with their friends and teachers. We know many were totally exhausted by the end of their first action packed day. We can't wait to welcome the rest of the students in this same way. We now eagerly anticipate our Year 1 and 2 children returning on Thursday, 5/6 students on Friday, and 3/4 students on Tuesday.

Enrolments

We have vacancies in most classes P-6. Please let your friends know. Our enrolment form is available on our [website](#).

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

- 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

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www.teamkids.com.au

Moving On?

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

Specialist Timetable from 18 October - 5 November

We have modified the specialist timetable as the children transition back to full time onsite learning. We ask you to note the changes to when sport uniform is required.

Beginning 8 November, we will revert back to the usual timetable.

Wednesdays: Prep, 3/4s

Thursdays: Years 1 and 2 (as per usual)

Fridays: Years 5 and 6 (29 October and 5 November only)

More Exciting Science News

Each year the Science Teachers Association of Victoria nominate one teacher in the BHPFSEA Teacher Awards. This year they have offered this nomination to Jodie in recognition of her exceptional work and service to STAV and the profession. As a school community, we celebrate this achievement with Jodie and recognise her ongoing dedication, commitment and passion. We recognise that she inspires a love and curiosity of Science in our students.

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning): Safety is our Right at Holy Rosary School

We are always striving to improve our practices to ensure that everyone remains safe while onsite. We will work with the children on our PBL expectation *Safety is our Right* over the coming weeks. Please read the following ways you can help support your child's learning and the safety of our community.

Checking in:

Unfortunately, parents are not permitted on school grounds. If it is absolutely essential that you come on to the grounds, you must check in using the QR code on the gate. If you have an essential reason for entering the office or any school building, you must seek permission from the duty staff.

Masks:

The Chief Health Officer has encouraged children in P-2 to wear masks at school but has made it compulsory for children in Years 3-6 to wear masks while **indoors** at school. To assist with this, we suggest that children wear a named mask, and have at least one spare mask in a small cloth/snaplock bag.

Personal Belongings:

All children need to bring a water bottle and their hat to school. Sunscreen should be applied at home before school. Children may bring their own sunscreen to school so that to reapply during the day. They may also use school supplied sunscreen. Children must be able to apply sunscreen independently.

Drop-off arrangements at the beginning and end of the school day:

We thank our Prep parents for following the COVIDSafe rules of remaining off school grounds this week. The morning routine has enabled our Preps to have time to play and mingle with friends before the bell. They have entered the school gates easily and happily and it's been wonderful to watch their independence. We have staff on duty from 8:30am to welcome and supervise as students arrive.

Collect and Go:

While we all want to stop and gather for a chat, this is not a safe option. We remind parents that when waiting for children, you must remain 1.5m from other adults. To assist a safer pick up process, staff are on duty from 3:20-3:40pm each afternoon. We are awaiting approval from council to allow us to use Hampden Rd once again.

As we have many parents and carers who pick children up at the bell, we are trying to avoid congestion at the gates. Therefore, we ask you to immediately 'collect and go.' Other options include you waiting for your child at the church or further along Gower St.

Playing in the school grounds after dismissal is not permitted.

Crossing Safety:

Use the school crossing if you need to cross Gower St. Remember, as adults we are the best models for our children. Andrew, our crossing supervisor, is on duty to enable the community to cross the road safely. There should be no one crossing the road in front of the school gates and cutting into traffic.



Devices

As Holy Rosary will go into lockdown should we have a confirmed COVID case we have decided that students who have a school owned device should keep the device at home until further notice. This should then allow for continuity of learning should classes need to return to Remote Learning. Should teachers require the device to be returned for learning purposes they will provide notice of this.

Photos

We welcome you to take photos of your child at school, however, you must seek permission from other parents before taking photos of their children. You must also seek permission from staff before photographing them. Photos added to social media must also have the approval of the relevant staff member, or parent of the student.

Parents who wish to change photographic permission for their child should indicate this in writing to the office frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au.

Allergies?

If your child has persistent allergies we suggest visiting your GP and asking for a certificate outlining this information. We would appreciate receiving any copies to the office.

Mobile Phone Policy

Our school [Mobile Phone Policy](#) is based on the directive of the Victorian Education Minister. In this policy, 'mobile phone' refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or has a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches.

The policy asks for these devices to be handed in to the office each morning and collected at the end of each day. There is a parent mode on smart watches which disables internet function. If your child wears a smart watch it must be controlled by the parent so that internet capabilities are switched off unless reactivated by a parent.

Prep 2022 Conversations

This week Ant and Chris have been involved in small group conversations with our Prep 2022 children. We are enjoying meeting these children and their parents and look forward to the time when we can meet them face to face. Unfortunately, at this stage we do not have permission to run Prep transition sessions or school tours. We will advise when this changes; hopefully sooner rather than later!

Fr Hien's Farewell



We will officially bid Fr Hien farewell via Zoom tomorrow at 2:30-3pm. All families are warmly invited to join us via an emailed link. A reminder that the Zoom platform can't be accessed from borrowed school devices. We look forward to seeing you online!

Composed by Year 2

Holy Rosary Feast Day



Our Rosary Grotto is fast becoming a place of peace and prayer on Gower Street. We look forward to the children adding to the space with their brightly coloured paper flowers. We also invite families and friends to add a paper flower to the display or a fresh flower in the vase.
Little Known Catholic Trivia: grottos are cave-like structures and shrines that offer refuge and protection. Caves feature throughout the Bible such as in the stories of Jesus' birth and burial.

Sacraments 2021

We will learn more about the Parish Sacramental celebration plans after meeting with our new parish priest, Fr Thang Vu, in the coming week. We will update families when we know more and thank you for your patience.

Newsletter Archive

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

Fundraising Group Entertainment Book



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

Message from Skoolbag



We have received reports of some users not being able to log into the SkoolBag Admin Console. We believe some users may be trying to access the old link.

Please ensure that you update your bookmarks and shortcuts to the following login page
URL: <http://console.skoolbag.com.au>

If you are still having problems logging in, please reply to this email and our support team contact you to assist.

Parish News- A message from Fr Thang

CHURCHES ARE OPEN FROM THIS FRIDAY

I just thought I would remind you that the Dispensation toward the Sunday Obligation remains in place whilst we cannot offer ample opportunity for everyone to attend Mass in person.

WEEKDAY MASSES – will recommence this Friday at 9:15am at Holy Rosary. From next week they will resume as previously, 9:15am Tuesday & Thursday at St. Brendan's and 9:15am on Wednesday & Friday at Holy Rosary. There will be no need to book. These masses will be open to all, vaccinated and unvaccinated, up to 10 parishioners only.

From this Friday 22 October Zoom mass will no longer be available during the week.

WEEKEND MASS BOOKINGS - This weekend **23rd & 24th October** Masses will once again take place at **Holy Rosary on Saturday at 5:30pm & Sunday at 9:00am** and **St. Brendan's on Saturday at 6:15pm (please note change in time) & Sunday at 10:30am**. These masses will be for **FULLY VACCINATED PARISHIONERS ONLY**.

Zoom Masses will continue each Saturday at 5:30pm and Sunday at 10:30am.

The updated Victorian Roadmap to opening-up list the following requirements for Religious Gatherings at 70%:

- Only 20 parishioners can attend
- You must be fully vaccinated and be able show proof of this
- You must wear a face mask
- You must login using the QR Code

To attend one of these masses you must book through Trybooking, as you have done so in the past.

To book at **HOLY ROSARY** please use this link <https://www.trybooking.com/BMTJD>

To book at **ST. BRENDAN'S** please use this link <https://www.trybooking.com/BMTJK>

The Trybooking site will be open for bookings from **3pm Tuesday 19th October** and will close at 1pm on Saturday 23rd October. They may book out before then, so if you would like to attend and you meet the requirement please book early.

If you are attending one of these masses please arrive early as the church doors will be closed at the commencement of Mass. **Volunteer Welcomers and Readers** will be needed for each mass. If you have booked your place and are able to assist Fr. Thang please email the parish office to let us know. We appreciate your help!!

OPEN MASS – FOR VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED – will be available at **5:00pm Sunday at St. Brendan's**. To book a spot **YOU MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE** via email or phone 9412 8495. There are only 10 places available.

Once we achieve 80% fully vaccinated the restrictions will ease even more. Hopefully, we will return to much higher numbers back in the church in a couple of weeks.

I hope the above information is clear and easy for you to understand. If not, always feel free to email the parish office at flemken@cam.org.au and speak to Fr. Thang or a member of the parish team on 9412 8495.

God Bless and keep you safe and well,



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 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.

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.



GIRLS & BOYS CRICKET

SUMMER 2021- 2022

COMPETITION DAYS

Girls U10s, U12s & U14s Monday to Wednesday evenings

U10s, 12s, 14s & 16s Friday evenings & Saturday mornings

Woolies Blasters sessions ages 4 to 7 on Friday evenings

Girls Competitive Matches start week of Nov 8th – 10th, 2021

Boys/Mixed Competitive Matches start week of Nov 19th – 20th

TRAINING DATES/TIMES ARE

U10 5.30 – 6.30pm Wednesdays starting 27/10, 2021

U12 5.30 – 6.30pm Tuesdays starting 26/10

U14 6.00 – 7.30pm Tuesdays starting 26/10

U16 6.00 – 7.30pm Wednesdays starting 27/10

***Woolies Blasters boys and girls** – 5.30pm Fridays starting 5/11

** Dates subject to easing of State Government restrictions*

*(Estimates provided
by DHHS &
Cricket Victoria)*



**Nelson
Alexander**

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN - CLICK BELOW

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www.kfjsc.com.au/cricket

or Facebook page www.facebook.com/kensingtonjuniors

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