

Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary

Good afternoon and welcome to Term 4. We wish you and your family happy, healthy and productive days for this final school term.

We're coming back!

12 sleeps until Prep return to school.
30 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 last week's [Covid update letter](#) for all the details.

Fr Hien's Farewell

Father Hien is happily settled in Mernda Parish and is going well. We will officially bid him 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. We will celebrate Holy Rosary Day on this day, too.

More information about Holy Rosary Day to follow in our next newsletter.



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

6 October
Fr Thang starts

12 October
Parent Information for
Class Placement due

25 and 26 October
School Production
Postponed

10 December
Reports issued

15 December
Last day

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Mercy Spirit Award

The students and families of Holy Rosary School were cared for by the Sisters of Mercy from 1916 until 2011. The Mercy Spirit Award was proposed by past Holy Rosary student, Alex Oswald, to honour the Mercy Sisters and to recognise the significant contribution they made to our school and parish community. The Award is usually presented annually at our Holy Rosary Day celebration in October. This year, due to COVID restrictions, it will be presented on the last day of the school year. Each recipient's name is engraved on the Holy Rosary Mercy Spirit perpetual shield that hangs outside the library.

The award is presented to two students who shine with Mercy Spirit in their everyday lives. These students display our school values of respect, integrity, resilience, relationships and kindness. They are students who help to make our school a better place by acting as Jesus' hands. The 2020 recipients were Year 6 students, Grace Cusack and Archie Oswald.

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.

The nomination form is included below. Teachers will speak with students and explain the criteria for the award. This process provides students for the say into those students they believe most deserve commendation. Nominations can be sent to frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au

Grants

The grant process for a shade sail opens on Friday. We will make application in the hope of being granted \$25,000 towards a new shade sail to be used for outdoor learning. We have also heard that the school tutoring program will go ahead again in the new year. This year, we were able to offer a small number of children extra academic assistance and we look forward to being able to offer this again in 2022.

You may be aware that we were unsuccessful in our grant application for State and Commonwealth funding to upgrade our school buildings. We are awaiting feedback on our application from MACS and will apply again in 2022.

Review

Late last term our school was reviewed to ensure our compliance in OHS and Child Safe practices. Next week, the Reviewer will meet with staff, Fr Hien, some students and our Parish Education Board members to assist us in evaluating our current practices, and then set further goals for the next four years. Our preparation for this process has been quite rigorous and we acknowledge the significant work of staff, especially Yvette, Sonya, Maria and Ant.

2022 Class Placement Information due Tuesday

Last term we invited parents to provide information for classroom teachers to consider when compiling class lists for the year ahead. Some families have already provided this information. We remind you to share this information by Tuesday. Please share critical information for this process via the GoogleForm [here](#). Requests for multiple friends or exclusion from multiple students cannot be accommodated. It is reasonable to request that students are not placed with siblings, cousins, close neighbours and family friends. The final decision for class placement rests with the Leadership Team and information provided by parents may guide a decision but may also be disregarded as we work for the best possible solution for all students. Late information will not be considered as this will delay our process. Please complete the [GoogleForm](#), only if you have additional information. Otherwise, we will work to ensure your child's placement considers their academic, social and wellbeing needs.

Hats

A gentle reminder that all students need hats during daily recommended sun protection times. Sun protection times are a forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology for the time of day UV levels are forecast to reach 3 or higher. This is typically mid August- end of April. Children who do not have hats must play under the library. Hats can be ordered from [Noone Uniforms](#).

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.

Enrolments

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

Newsletter Archive

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

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

Our school expectations ... a reminder for us all as we prepare to come back to onsite learning.



Here's a little video to remind us about being responsible, safe and respectful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGQAp2PY8yY>

Trivia Night Update

We had been hoping to reschedule the Trivia Night for Term 4. With much disappointment, this event will not be held this year due to the restrictions that will be in place for the rest of the year.

The fundraising team will arrange refunds for those who purchased tickets – please email

holyrosaryfundraising@gmail.com.

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 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.

HOLY ROSARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Welcome to term 4 everyone! We can't believe it's almost the end of the year! We're so looking forward to seeing all of your wonderful faces soon 😊

Our holidays were EPIC. We participated in the TeamKids-wide MCG challenge where we made the MCG out of whatever materials we could get our hands on!

Our in-house days included Alice in Wonderland, Coding and Finals Fever themes! We also got to experience web incursions where we saw animals in the wild, cooked food together with other TeamKids services and learned about Indigenous Australian culture!

We've started our Club sign ups for term 4 – stay tuned to find out what Clubs we're running!

IMPORTANT DATES



Tue 2nd November

Melbourne Cup



Sat 13th November

World Kindness Day



Wed 17th November

Take a Hike Day

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: **2**

MONDAY

Art Attack Club



TUESDAY

Sustainability Club



WEDNESDAY

Epic Games Club



THURSDAY

Cooking Club



FRIDAY

Super Sports Club



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