

14 November
Confirmation

2 December
Year 6 Big Day Out

7 and 8 December
Eucharist

9 December
Year 2 Maribyrnong
Excursion

10 December
Reports issued

15 December
Last day

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Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary

We have just three weeks left in our term. It's flying by and much is happening around the school as we readjust our plans to ensure the children have a happy and fulfilling end of year. We are providing opportunities for powerful classroom learning, sacraments, Prep transition, Year 6 end of year celebrations, classroom transitions and excursions. It's a very busy time!

Meet our Small Mercies Team Leaders



Stemming from Mini Vinnies, the name pays tribute to our Mercy heritage. The Sisters of Mercy showed compassion and kindness to all they helped. Our Small Mercies Team Leaders have outlined some information they discovered from their session with Sr Kerry.

Did you know that Blessed Frederic Ozanam started St Vinnies?

He often complained to his uni friends that people weren't doing enough to help the poor and his friends grew sick and tired of hearing Fredric complain about it so they said "why don't you stop talking about it and put your faith into action!" Gregory

Kensington St Vinnies

There's actually a group of people in our school including Lynnie and Ruth, who work with Sr Kerry for St Vinnies right here in Kensington. They answer phone calls from people seeking help, take turns to go out every night and deliver parcels to people in need and supply vouchers to spend at St Vinnies stores to buy clothes and toys for their children. Volunteers cook soup and drive the soup vans around so they can bring food to people who live on the street, because not everyone lives in a home. Holly S.



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

Some people need help for a short time, just to get back on their feet while others need help for a longer time, and become like friends and family to the volunteers at St Vinnies. Building quality relationships with others is also in line with our school values. So with Christmas around the corner, there's people in our very own community, who need our help, and they need it now! *Xanthe*

The Mercy Sisters, led by Catherine McAuley, were much like St Vinnies. They too went around with food baskets for the homeless. Now it's our turn to help. As our very own Australian Saint, Mary McKillop says, 'Never see a need without doing something about it.' *Holly T*

A 10 Year Tradition at HR

Every Christmas, many people in Kensington don't have enough money to buy all the ingredients they need to cook a special dinner. St Vinnie's team knows who they are and will deliver a Christmas hamper full of yummy food like ham, pudding, custard and lollies to share with their family and friends or enjoy by themselves. We will make them again this year, so they know that we care about them and that we haven't forgotten them. *Holly S*

Every class has received a list of goodies and a basket to fill. Children will decide what they can contribute. It's ok if some children can't bring something from the list. They might bring something else like a lolly or a small chocolate, or help their class by ticking off the list. Children might bring home a slip naming what they have offered to contribute. We aim for each class to bring in enough goodies to make two hampers each. We will also have a basket in the staffroom, so altogether, we will make about 25 Christmas hampers. *Coco*

The Small Mercies team leaders will collect the hampers Friday 10 December and pack them into reusable shopping bags ready for Sr Kerry and her team to pick up and deliver to people in our community. We will keep you updated in the coming weeks.

Sacraments

Wonderful news! Some of our Year 3 children celebrated First Reconciliation today with our new Parish Priest, Fr Thang. The children developed their understanding that God is love and that in mercy He is always ready to forgive, no matter what the wrong. Our challenge is to do the same for others. We look forward to more celebrations to come and trust everyone involved is enjoying the preparations.



Some reflections from the experience:

I really like Fr Thang. He listened without interrupting me which shows he was respectful of what I was telling him. Lauren

I liked the Lion King song 'I just can't wait to be king' that Fr Thang played. It's about making mistakes and being forgiven just like the Gospel story, 'The Forgiving Father.' Jobe



First Eucharist and Confirmation

A friendly reminder that bookings for First Eucharist and Confirmation closes today at 5pm. Refer to the letters attached to last week's newsletter for booking details.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

It has been apparent for us that some children have been having difficulty resolving minor conflicts, since our return to school. This has been particularly evident in the yard. Disputes have arisen often resulting in unsafe behaviour. This has been addressed by our PBL Team in our regular meeting.

Teachers have been speaking to children about conflict using our school expectations; Safety is our Right, Learning is our Responsibility, Respect is our Way. Children have been reminded that physical behaviour is not acceptable and should immediately be reported to the teacher on yard duty. Children know that if they participate in any inappropriate physical behaviour, they will be removed from the yard and parents will be notified.

We encourage parents to discuss appropriate and kind actions with your children and the need to report unsafe behaviours immediately to the teacher on yard duty. With only a few weeks in our school year, our goal is to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all children and staff.

Facebook Posts

The High Court of Australia recently found that by creating a public Facebook page and posting content schools 'facilitated, encouraged and thereby assisted the publication of comments from third-party Facebook users' and as a consequence were the publishers of those comments. This decision highlights the risks for schools in facilitating and encouraging the posting of comments by members of the public on their websites, Facebook accounts and social media platforms. The facilitation could be enough to establish that the school is a 'publisher' of the comments for the purposes of defamation law. Essentially, this decision means that our school could be held liable for defamation based upon comments that members of the public post on our Facebook page. We will continue to monitor and moderate comments on our Facebook page and thank families for keeping their posts positive and encouraging. We remind families that posts should not include children's names.

Reports available to parents on Nforma

Our end of year reports will be sent to parents via the Nforma Parent Portal on Friday 10 December. There was some confusion with accessing Semester One reports. To avoid these mishaps recurring, we will list all parents as 'New Users'. This will mean that everyone will be reregistered, an email will be sent to all parents and a temporary password will be issued. Hopefully, this will eliminate many of our earlier issues. Of course, if you experience difficulty, you are welcome to contact Maria (msedunary@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au) who will troubleshoot issues as they arise. We appreciated your patience and understanding in June and ask for the same courtesy in December.

Leadership Team Emails

You may make contact with the Leadership Team using the following email addresses: Please note their days of work.

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Leaving Holy Rosary?

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are leaving Holy Rosary. We are in the process of allocating classes and finalising staffing. Your attention to this would be appreciated.

Enrolments

We have vacancies for Prep 2022. If you have friends or family who may be interested in joining us at Holy Rosary, please call the office to arrange a tour.

Around the Classrooms



In Prep, we've been learning to use the comprehension skill of 'retelling'. This is when you order the sequence of events in a story being careful to give just the right amount of detail so that an audience can follow the story. We've had so much fun learning this skill, and we even got into character to present our new knowledge! Check out our photos from when we retold the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'.



MUSIC - BUCKET DRUMMING!

We can't sing, we can't dance, we can't rehearse any bands due to covid restrictions but we CAN bucket drum!





The Year 2s have done it again! On Tuesday the 23rd of November, the Year 2 students attended a Zoom incursion Bush Christmas run by Kamay DART.

The students created their own Australian animal headbands to match the story, *Santa and the Sugarglider*. They then learnt the features of the animals from the story before completing a guided drawing of a sugar glider.

Whilst participating in this engaging experience, the students also focused on developing two of our school expectations, *Respect is our Way* and *Learning is our Responsibility*. We had a wonderful time!



Fundraising Group Entertainment Book



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

School Advisory Council Update

The most recent School Advisory Council met on 17 Nov, 2021. At this meeting we discussed the recent audit of current communications platforms and our school community needs, Laura Cochrane presented further research into potential providers who could meet these needs. She summarised the services offered by 4 providers and compared these with the needs of our community, offering a list of pros and cons for each. The price for each service was also compared to the current expenditure on school communications. Times will be made for these providers to pitch their product to both SAC members, who will consider the user interface, and to the school administration team, who will consider the administrative interface. A recommendation about the best product will then be made to Christine and the school leadership team.

Board Departure - Shane Healy

- Shane's time on the board will soon conclude as his daughter is moving on to secondary school. Shane was thanked for his great efforts and will stay on until the AGM in Term 1 2022.
- Shane offered to liaise with the incoming Parish Priest, Fr. Thang to assist in his transition into our community and onto the SAC.

Next meeting: Feb 16th, 2022, at 6.30pm.

Meetings for 2022

Meeting dates were set for 2022 and are as follows:

Term 1	Wed 16th Feb
	Wed 23rd March Annual General Meeting - all families invited
Term 2	Wed 4th May
	Wed 8th June
Term 3	Wed 20th July
	Wed 31st Aug
Term 4	Wed 12th Oct
	Wed 16th Nov

HOLY ROSARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Last week was full of epic fun as always – we're making more gingerbread than ever, getting ready to put it altogether and decorate next week! We have also been experiencing lots of different science experiments in STEM Club. Check out the photos of our DIY bright blue playdough and Lockie and Ivy observing their rainbow water walk!

We are so pumped to celebrate National Fairy Bread day this afternoon! Watch this space for our event photos next week.

Thanks so much to everyone who joined us at our Lunchtime Legends last Friday! We played an awesome game of gaga ball. Ray and I will be back out in the schoolyard very soon to play some more games with you all!

IMPORTANT DATES



Wed 24th November

National Fairy Bread Day – TK Open to celebrate!



Fri 10th December

Human Rights Day



Wed 15th December

TK Water Fight Christmas Party!

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: **9**

MONDAY

Cooking Club



TUESDAY

Super Sports Club



WEDNESDAY

Epic Games Club



THURSDAY

Sustainability Club



FRIDAY

Art Attack Club



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