



Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary

Blessing

May the Ancient Dreaming inform and inspire us
The resilience and generosity of the First Peoples encourage us
The endurance and beauty of the land sustain us
The yearning of all peoples for unity reconcile us
And may we hear the Living God say 'I am here among you'.

Amen

(adapted from Gilroy et al. 2020)

Welcome to 2022

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time, particularly for our Prep children and their families. It's wonderful to be back at school and yesterday, the children showed they were very happy to be onsite, as well.

We warmly welcome all students, especially our delightful Preps and other new children; Laylah and Enzo. We welcome staff, especially Patrick Torpy (Year 5/6), Maria Morris (Year 5/6), Vicky Smith (Year 3/4) and Samantha Carbonara (Year 2). We are delighted that they have joined us at Holy Rosary School and look forward to getting to know them, and learning from and with them over the coming years. And finally, we acknowledge families. Thank you for your ongoing support over the last two challenging years. We look forward to working with you this year in helping your child to continue to grow and learn.

Over the holidays Sonya advised that she has accepted a position as a classroom teacher at Good Samaritan, Roxburgh Park. We wish Sonya every happiness and success in her new role. The REL and music teacher's role will be announced in the coming weeks. Jodie will remain on leave until further notice and will be replaced by Jo Bradica.

COVID News

This year's start to the school year is also tinged with some anxiety because of the high number of people testing positive for COVID-19. We can reassure you that we are working hard to implement COVIDSafe measures based on the latest health advice so that everyone in our community remains safe, and our school remains open. When there is a new confirmed case in the school, we will email the class(es) involved. When you receive this notification, you will be advised to monitor your children for symptoms. There is no need to stay home from school. At the end of the day, we will send a generic email to all parents identifying any new confirmed cases. The key message for all staff and families is to constantly monitor for symptoms and to test your children twice weekly.

Rapid Antigen Tests

The Department of Health is strongly recommending that students complete a test twice a week to help proactively identify any cases, reducing the risks of an outbreak. If you have yet to receive your test, you may collect it this afternoon from the table set up in the yard or from the office tomorrow or Friday. Further tests will be issued in Week 3 when they have been delivered.

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

10 February
Swimming trial

TeamKids

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Please report a COVID-positive result to:

- the school by phone or the [VicEd COVID Portal](#); this is so that we can support students, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms
- the Department of Health via the [COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form](#) or call centre on 1800 675 398.

Information about how to do a test and how to read RAT results, including a how-to video translated into 33 languages, is [available online](#).

Vaccination requirements

Parents and carers must have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exception (with limited exceptions) to enter school buildings.

COVID-19 vaccinations for students are not required for them to attend school but vaccination for students is highly encouraged. If your child has not yet had their first dose, please try to organise this. For more information on how to book a vaccination, including important information about vaccination for children aged 5 to 11, visit the [Vaccination information for children and teenagers](#) page on the coronavirus.vic.gov.au website.

Parents on School Grounds

Parents are able to be on school grounds as long as they remain physically distanced. You no longer need to check in while on the grounds. However, if you need to enter the building you must check in and show your vaccination certificate at the office.

Pick Up Hampden Rd

Hampden Rd has been implemented as a pick up zone to reduce parents gathering at the gate and church. It is available for students in Years 1-6. We will reassess the viability of this zone at the end of next week.

Masks letter from parents

The government requirement is for students in Years 3-6 to wear a mask indoors while P-2 students are encouraged to wear a mask. If your child has an exemption, please put this in writing to frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au. Students in 3-6 are asked to carry a spare mask in a snaplock bag.

This [podcast](#) from Royal Children's Hospital may be helpful listening for families. The most recent episode focuses on our children's return to face to face learning and how families can manage some of the anxiety children may be facing.

Here's some helpful tips to help your child when they are having trouble separating from you at the front gate.

1. Ensure the family is organised for school the night before so that the getting ready for school time is calm and not rushed.
2. Plan some quiet parent child time in the morning to have a cuddle in bed, a chat over breakfast, a walk together or share a story.
3. Prepare your child for school time by giving them advance warning, "We'll leave for school in ten minutes."
4. At the gate, tell them you'll be back to pick them up at 3:20pm and where you will meet them. Then give them one kiss, one hug and leave. If you need support from staff, please let us know and then leave. This can be challenging for you but in teachers' experience it's the best way for us to help your child.
5. You are welcome to call the office later to check that your child has calmed down.

Changes to online safety

The [Online Safety Act 2021](#) (Cth) commenced on 23 January 2022 and delivers new and strengthened schemes to keep Australians safe online, including mechanisms to remove seriously abusive and harmful content.

Child cyberbullying

eSafety administers a complaints service for Australian children who experience serious cyberbullying. Under the scheme, eSafety can investigate complaints about serious cyberbullying material targeting an Australian child and request its removal. eSafety can request content be taken down from the full range of online services, for example social media platforms, games, websites and messaging services.

Find out more about [cyberbullying](#) or [make a report](#) by visiting the eSafety website.

For more information on the Act, visit the [Current legislation](#) page on the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications website.

Sport Uniform

From Thursday 2 February, children are required to wear their sport uniform once a week for their PE lesson with Andrea.

Wednesdays: All Year 5/6s, 2N, 2S, Prep S (Once the Prep children attend school full time. In the meantime Prep S will have their Sport lesson on a Friday)

Thursdays: All Year 3/4s, Prep N, 1N, 1S

Library Borrowing

Each week, the children will have the opportunity to borrow books from our school library according to the timetable below. This may change and these instances your children will be told by their classroom teacher. Teachers will let children know the process for borrowing and returning books during their sessions. Happy Reading!

Day	Classes
Monday	Year 3/4N, Year 5/6S and Year 5/6N
Tuesday	Year 3/4W and Year 3/4S
Wednesday	Year 1S, Year 5/6W and Year 2S
Thursday	Year 1N and Year 2N
Friday	Prep N and Prep S

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)



What a challenging two years this has been for us all! At school this has meant adapting to challenges and continually striving for patience, kindness and respect for one another, as well as maintaining safe behaviour and outcomes for all.

At Holy Rosary we continue to follow our school expectations:

1. Safety is our right
2. Learning is our responsibility
3. Respect is our way

We observe, monitor and meet regularly to plan the most effective strategies to support our children to follow our school expectations. We also work alongside Jane Bennett who is the PBL consultant from MACS.

Each week we will provide you with a quick focus on our work in Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL), which is the foundation for all learning. Our present focus is to support our students to transition quickly and quietly from the playground to their classroom and ensure that movement in the corridors follows our school expectation, 'Keep Left, Keep Quiet.'

This year we will collect data which will assist us to implement the most successful strategies for our students. Our first meeting with Jane will take place next week.

Your conversation with your child regarding the school's three expectations would support our endeavours in PBL.

Scholastic Book Club

Up to twice a term, during the school year, we will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages. It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Issue 1 order will be closed on Sunday 13 February.

Please use LOOP to place your order. (No cash order)



The graphic is a rectangular box with a teal border. At the top, it features the Scholastic logo (a red book icon) and the word "SCHOLASTIC" in white on a red background. Below this, the text "Book Club LOOP" is written in large, bold letters, with "Book Club" in teal and "LOOP" in red. Underneath, "for Parents" is written in a smaller, grey font. A horizontal line separates this header from the main text. The main text reads: "LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents." followed by "To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:" and the URL "www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP" in red. At the bottom, there are two black buttons: one for Google Play with the text "GET IT ON Google play" and one for the App Store with the text "Download on the App Store".

Please visit <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/> for more information.

Issue 1 https://scholastic.com.au/media/6622/bc122_web.pdf

HOLY ROSARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

A MASSIVE welcome back to school to everyone! We are all so thrilled to see old faces, new faces, and faces we saw all throughout our holiday program too!

Our holiday program was EPIC. We went to the movies and saw Clifford the Big Red Dog, which was funny, sad and happy, all at the same time! We also went bowling, played glow in the dark gold and had an absolute ball playing arcade games at Archie Brothers! We also had some awesome incursions right here at Holy Rosary, like an epic reptile encounter (where we got to hold real, live reptiles!), and we also learned to both drum and beatbox!

These holidays have been filled with so much fun and excitement and we are so happy we got to share them with you!


We are so excited for Term 1 to begin and have some SUPER FUN things planned, such as a Teddy Bear Picnic in week 3, an end of term party and Clubs which we will announce next week 😊

A reminder that we are open all day on Wednesdays for preps for their RDO.

IMPORTANT DATES



 **Mon 14th February**
Valentines Day

 **Tue 15th February**
Teddy Bear Picnic at ASC! Bring along your favourite teddy!

 **Wed 17th February**
National Random Acts of Kindness Day

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: **2**

MONDAY

Gardening Club



TUESDAY

Art Attack Club



WEDNESDAY

Epic Games Club



THURSDAY

STEM Club



FRIDAY

Culture Club



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Discover St Aloysius College

On-Site Campus Tours

Meet with our Principal and members of our Leadership Team and learn about our transition to Co-Education in 2023.

Twilight Tours
6:30pm Weeknights

Talk & Tours
9:30am Weekdays

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