

Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary



Second Week of Lent

(Week beginning Monday 14th March)



Photo: Sameer Bara/Caritas Australia

This week through Project Compassion we learn about Biru who lives in a rural village in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child. Biru worked as a shepherd, looking after other people's cattle, to support his wife and four daughters. Keeping up with the cattle was a challenge.

Biru taught himself how to repair bicycles by watching other people, but he never dreamed of using those skills to start his own business. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods training program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the support and skills he needed to start his own bicycle repair business. Now, Biru earns enough money to support his family.

Watch a short film about Biru's story [here](#).

Please support Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au

Casual Clothes for Project Compassion

We're inviting children and staff to wear casual clothes on Thursday 7 April in exchange for a gold coin. Parents are invited to join us by dressing down and wearing a favourite old trackie or shorts. All donated coins will go to Caritas to support families in need in Australia, and throughout the world.

Phone Answering System

When phoning Holy Rosary, you will notice that there is a change to the phone system. During school office hours (8:30-4:00), you will be prompted to press 1, 2 or 3. This is to reduce the wait time and ensure that messages which do not require a response can be left and an office staff member can listen to these at a later time (eg: absences)

Press 1 for reporting a student absence

Press 2 for leaving a message for reception

If you *press 3* you will be put directly through to the front office where Nadia, Anne, Chisachi or Lyn can assist you.

Outside of school hours the answering machine will be on. You are encouraged to leave messages which do not require a response during this time or to phone back during school office hours.

Fundraising Group

Thank you to parents who recently met to support Holy Rosary's fundraising efforts this year. We acknowledge and thank Erin Church and Belinda Furse who will convey our 'Social and Fundraising Group' and Clare Mitchell for supporting this transition. Their first ventures are an Easter egg raffle and the Footy Tipping competition. Further information is provided on this newsletter. Please support these wonderful initiatives.

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

23 March
NAPLAN Practice test
SACS AGM 7pm

24 March
School Closure Day

25 March
Cross Country Trials

30 March
School photos

31 March
Maths Olympiad

7 April
Casual Clothes for
Caritas

8 April
Last day of Term 1
School Athletics

25 April
Anzac Day Public
Holiday

26 April
1st day Term 2

23 May
School Closure Day

Newsletters

Did you know all past newsletters can be found on our [website](#)?



We Welcome Vicky Smith



Hi everyone, I'm Vicky and I am the lucky teacher of 3/4S this year! I grew up in England, studying and teaching there before making the big move to Melbourne 6 and a half years ago. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, pilates, walks along the beach, watching Harry Potter and spending time with my friends. I have already received such a warm welcome to the Holy Rosary School community and it has been wonderful to meet so many families. Definitely come and say hi on the yard after school!

Grant for Buildings Renovation and Upgrade

In 2020 and 2021 a small school team worked on a new school Masterplan in consultation with architects Baldasso Cortese. This team consisted of Father Hien, Maria Sedunary, Jenna Najman, Russell Jenkins as parent rep, Wayne Hay from MACS and Christine. Following this process we applied for \$3m funding from the State Government and also from the Federal Government. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in both applications. Feedback from MACS affirmed the quality of our applications but advised that the sheer number of applications reduced our chance of success. Over the holidays, we met with MACS and then with our architects to tweak our plans and make further applications for funding. Let's hope we can share a positive outcome with you later in the year. We can then build some well needed learning spaces and toilets, and renovate our existing classrooms upstairs.

Don't forget to register!

Science Fair Online Parent Information session-

Thursday 17th March (tomorrow) at 5pm
or Tuesday 22nd March at 1pm

Just a reminder to register for the Science Fair online parent information sessions. After registering parents will be sent login details. Registrations will close two hours before the session begins to allow time for login details to be emailed. These sessions will provide parents with a chance to hear about the Science Fair process, tips, examples of projects and any questions to be answered.

To register attendance please use the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-4itsJQUTfHvtjnjlM3Mn8xBhbJg1UHqpbTlf6NC-k/edit?usp=sharing>



Global Recycling Day 2022 and the Holy Rosary Sustainability Action Group

This Thursday, March 18, is International Global Recycling Day. Each year the 'Seventh Resource' (recyclables) saves over 700 million tonnes in CO₂ emissions. This week in Science our students will be focussing on the importance of recycling, how best to recycle and what we are doing as a school.

In 2020 a group of our Year 3/4 students became concerned by the amount of plastic pollution in our oceans after investigating the health of the Maribyrnong River. The Holy Rosary Student Sustainability Action Group was then formed and is open to students from Year Three to Year Six. This year the group will meet on Wednesdays at lunchtime. Our Sustainability Action Group grew to over sixty students last year with so many students wanting to help our school become more sustainable. After investigation, they overhauled our waste and recycling process. Through their fundraising efforts as well as our Woolworths Landcare grant, they raised enough money to provide Ecobin paper and cardboard, mixed recycling and soft plastic recycling bins for each classroom as well as a smaller landfill bin. Throughout the year you may hear from some of these students as they share updates or messages with our community.



School Photos 2022

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken at Holy Rosary School by Arthur Reed Photos on Wednesday 30 March 2022.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the web shop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2022 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the web shop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2022 images are online to view before making your purchase.

Arthur Reed Photos

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2022 - Important Registration Information

School Photographs will be taken at

Holy Rosary School

Wednesday 30th March 2022

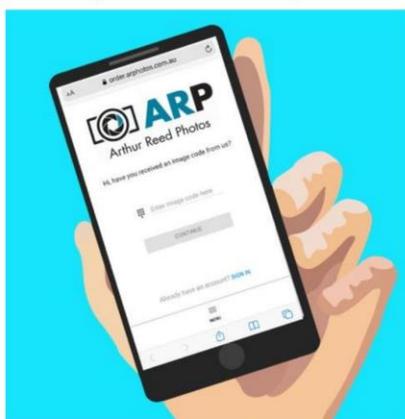
There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

When you receive the flyer with your child's 2022 image code

Follow these 3 simple steps -

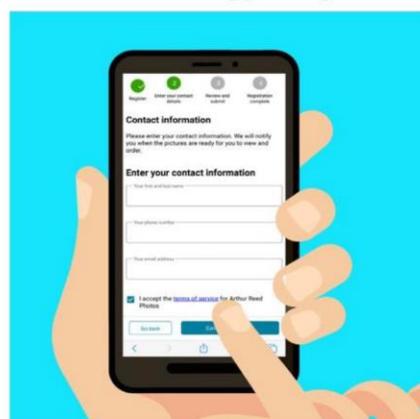
1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's **2022 image code**



2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*



*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

That's it!

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details
When 2022 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

****BEFORE ORDERING for 2022, please wait to receive notification that new images are online****

- **Order on any mobile device**
- **Share the images with family & friends for FREE**
- **Create a photo package with any layout + YOUR choice of images + Digital Downloads**



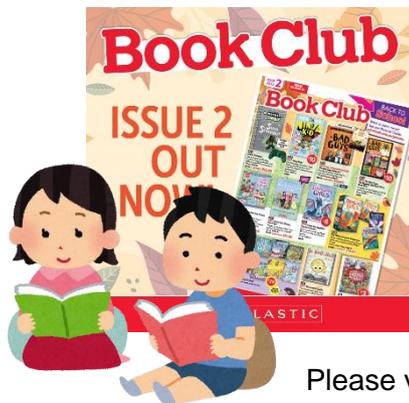
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Scholastic Book Club

Due to the recent bad weather in NSW, the hardcopy Issue 2 catalogues are not delivered yet. Online catalogue is available here https://scholastic.com.au/media/6789/bc222_web.pdf

Issue 2 order will be closed on **Sunday 20 March**.

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



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



Message from a parent

Prep

I hope you can join us for a preppie play date at JJ Holland on Sunday 27 March at 3pm.

Please bring along some snacks for afternoon tea for your child.

Please RSVP to Lisa on 0421 462 362 if you aren't in the Prep Facebook group.

If you would like to join the Facebook group we would love to have you! Please go to the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/204687565107518>

Note - This is not a school event and has been organised by parents.



Holy Rosary 2022 Footy Tipping Competition

WHAT: *It's back....* all children, staff and parents are welcome to join the Holy Rosary Primary School tipping competition in 2022. This is a fun way to enjoy every game of the year (yes, even Suns v Giants). No footy knowledge is needed; which means even Pies fans can enter!!

WHEN: The AFL first round starts on 16 March 2022 when the Mighty Melbourne Demons host the Bulldogs.

HOW: Go to <https://www.footytips.com.au/home> (or the app) to register. You will need to register, create your login etc and then find the competition to join. This years competition name is: **Holy Rosary Footy Tipping 2022** with the password: **HRSK2022**

THE DREADED T's & C's:

- Entry is **free** to all children currently at Holy Rosary.
- Cost per adult is **\$20 per person** and open to parents/guardians/carers of pupils currently at the school (One entry per adult) .
- Payment for adult entry is to be made in cash to the office by 25th March. Please enclose payment in an envelope along with the name of the entrant **and their username**.
- Children's prizes : There will be a non-monetary first prize for the winning child (to the value of 10% of prize pool)
- Adult prizes: First prize - 50% of prize pool (**Winner is the tipster with the most points after round 23. Lowest Cumulative Margin will split any ties**)
Second prize - 25% of prize pool
Third prize - 15% of prize pool

CONTACT: For any queries please contact (text only please) Jon on 0431 175 166



**SEEKING
DONATIONS!**

**HOLY ROSARY
EASTER BASKET
RAFFLE**

**Easter treats needed to fill
each year level's Easter basket.**

**ACCEPTING DONATIONS
IN CLASSROOMS FROM
MONDAY 21ST MARCH - FRIDAY 1ST APRIL**

**Thank you for your generosity.
- Holy Rosary Social and Fundraising Group -**

HOLY ROSARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Hey TeamKids Holy Rosary! Week 8 already! We're very excited to welcome you with fun games, activities, incursions and excursions for Vacation Care- more info will be announced very soon...

Last week we celebrated International Women's by making Women of History Portraits- we love empowering our children! Our Sustainability Club was an EPIC success as everyone got involved in the Clean Up Our School Act! Everyone gave it a go. Check it out →

In Cooking Club we made a DELICIOUS self-portrait cupcakes (with a gluten-free option of course) and perfected our presentation skills. See how it turned out below!

Our Rainbow Party (to celebrate the International Day of Happiness) is coming up super soon! Join us for some delicious rainbow food and rainbow and happiness inspired games and activities 😊

IMPORTANT DATES



 **Tue 22nd March**

World Water Day!

 **Sun 26th March**

International Day of Happiness!

 **Wed 23rd March**

TeamKids ASC Rainbow Party to Celebrate the International Day of Happiness!

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: 8



MONDAY

Cooking Club



TUESDAY

Sustainability Club



WEDNESDAY

Dance Club



THURSDAY

Adventure Club



FRIDAY

Culture Club



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**Team
Kids**

**Wednesday
23rd MARCH**

Rainbow Party

You're Invited!



**RAINBOW
PARTY FOOD**

**DANCE
MUSIC**

**GAMES
& FUN**

DRESS UPS

**MAKE NEW
FRIENDS**

We are celebrating
**INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF HAPPINESS**

20TH MARCH

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TEAMKIDS... BRINGING HAPPY BACK!