

30 April and 1 May

Presentation and Commitment of Candidates for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation

5 May

Social and Fundraising Group Meeting

7 May

Mother's Day Cake Stall

10 - 13 May

NAPLAN

16 May

NAPLAN catch-up day

17 May

Science Fair projects due

23 May

School Closure Day

24 and 25 May

First Reconciliation

27 May

Trivia Night

2 - 3 June

Science Fair

22 June

School closes at 12
Parent Teacher Interviews

23 and 24 July

First Eucharist

14 August

Confirmation

Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary

Our local Dawn Service on Monday morning was a beautiful commemoration of the ANZACs. The sound of the bagpiper's melody, ringing through the early morning dawn as he walked along Racecourse Road, was a moving and emotional way to commence the ceremony. We thank the Kippin family for presenting the Holy Rosary flowers at the service this year.



Yesterday, we commemorated Anzac Day at a simple outdoor service with all classes. We remembered the great sacrifice of the Anzacs, and those who fought to defend our nation and its values. We prayed for peace in our homes, our community and our world. We are pleased to report that Holy Rosary children were exceptional in their respectful attention, particularly during the minute's silence.



Athletics Carnival

We thank children, families and staff for their active participation in our Athletics Carnival on the final day of Term 1. We were blessed with perfect weather and our children showed they were fair competitors. Our goals were to provide for a day of fun and connection, to learn the skills of competition; to win with humility and to be gracious in defeat and to develop team spirit. With the support of our community, it was a wonderful day. Thank you to Andrea for her organisation and coordination of the day and three cheers for the parents who came along to show their support and to those who took a special role in supporting the day.

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

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

Yesterday, we started the term with a focus on 'Speaking Respectfully' as part of our PBL. This focus was initiated after observation from staff, and feedback from parents and children about the disrespectful ways that some children are speaking. This includes swearing, insults and gossiping. With school expectations of 'Safety is our Right' and 'Respect is our Way,' our PBL team has established an explicit plan for the teaching about the ways we Speak Respectfully while also highlighting non-examples of respectful speech. Making explicit links to our school values and expectations and reference to Jesus as our example, Catholic Social Teachings, and our Mercy charism, particularly Catherine McAuley, forms the basis of our approach. The following table details the key messages in our teaching and provides some starters for conversation at home.

Our goal is to model a positive example, help children learn from their mistakes and grow in their ability to harmoniously learn and play with others. There may be times when you will be contacted by staff if your child has not been speaking respectfully. The intention of this call is to work together to help your child to resolve conflict while speaking respectfully.

Year Level/s	P-6	
School Expectations	Respect is our Way, Safety is our Right	
School Values	Relationships, integrity, respect, kindness	
Matrix Expectation	Use manners, kind words and actions	
Definition	<p>When I speak respectfully I care about the impact my words have on other people.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I speak politely; 2. I think before I speak; 3. I remain quiet if I have nothing pleasant to say; 4. I keep inappropriate language out of school; 5. I speak the way I would like to be spoken to. 	
Model <i>Teacher models and then children role play the expectation with some age appropriate examples and non-examples.</i>	Examples of Speaking Respectfully	Non-examples of Speaking Respectfully
	Compliments	Calling someone mean names
	Having eye contact and using 'soft eyes' when speaking	Gossiping or sharing lies about someone
	Actively listening and responding assertively, but not aggressively	Interrupting them or cutting them off
	Speaking appropriately even if the person is not your friend	Yelling
	Speaking with a respectful tone	Using a disrespectful tone
	Speaking politely	Swearing
	Using a person's name	Name calling Making fun of someone's name

	Waiting your turn to speak	Speaking over the top of someone
	Thanking others for their help or their positive contributions	Belittling, insulting or putting someone down (or someone who is important to them- eg: Yo mama comments)
		Talking back or back chatting

Easter Raffle

Some of our lucky winners



Sacramental Mass

All children who are participating in our sacramental program this year will attend a Mass in our parish this weekend. As part of this Mass they will commit to preparing for their sacrament; Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation. Families will also pledge to support their child's preparations. Masses are at 5:30pm on Saturday evening and 9:00am on Sunday morning at Holy Rosary. You may also attend St Brendan's at 6:00pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday. If you are unable to attend this date, please let us know so that we can organise an alternate date.

COVID Update

- Face masks, while recommended, are no longer mandatory unless the person is a household contact. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may continue to do so.
- Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening until after 12 weeks.
- Students and staff who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are no longer required to quarantine. They can return to school as long as they are well, undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times within their 7-day period and wear face masks indoors if aged 8+ unless they have a valid exemption. If a household contact returns a positive RAT result during this period, they must isolate for 7 days and not attend school.
- Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.
- The supply of RATs will continue for the first 4 weeks of this term. Students and staff should continue to test twice weekly. RATs may be collected again tomorrow morning from 8:30-9:00am
- We will continue to monitor for symptoms and children who are unwell will be sent home.

Prayers



Our thoughts and prayers are with the McDonald-Hunt family after the death of Rita McDonald (Mary's mum and Harper's gran). We pray that the special times spent together will bring them warm memories and deep peace.

We also offer prayers for Sister Helen Frawley whose funeral was held yesterday in our church. Sister Helen came to Kensington in 1974 with the Sisters of Sion. Sister Helen was the pastoral associate of the parish and was known for her gentle and kind manner. She worked hard to assist the homeless and those with health and housing issues.

Eternal rest grant unto Rita and Helen, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen

Racism Resources

There has been an alarming rise in reports of racism in the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, which is adding to the stress experienced by many communities and households across the state. Racism is against the law in Victoria. If you've experienced it and want to make a complaint, or if you just want to know more about how your rights are protected, you can contact the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission.

- Find out about your rights via 1300 292 153 or [live chat](#)
- [Report something you've experienced or witnessed](#)
<https://www.humanrights.vic.gov.au/get-help/community-reporting-tool/>
- Make a [complaint](#)
- Find the [Commission online](#)

Staff Leave

Lynette will be on leave from Friday 29 April until Monday 20 June. Invoice/statements will be sent out tomorrow. Payments can be made as normal, however payment plans or Camp Sport Excursion and other concessions applications will be processed on her return. The front office will endeavour to answer any questions you have. Thank you.

NAPLAN



As previously advertised, NAPLAN Week is fast approaching. Leading up to Tuesday 10 May, we will continue to share any requirements and information as outlined by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). During the tests, all children **must** have headphones. Due to hygiene issues, children must not share headphones. We have some leftovers at school from remote learning last year but not enough for everyone. It is preferable for your children to use their own headphones, however, if this is an issue, advise your child's teacher immediately.

Headphones serve two vital purposes:

1. To block out the ambient noise during the tests
2. Some of the items on the tests have audio accompanying the questions and students need to listen for the prompts

Any questions/queries may be directed to your child's classroom teacher or Maria Sedunary.

Messages from Andrea School Athletics

Congratulations to Mackillop for winning our 2022 School Athletics Carnival. We were certainly blessed with the weather and it was great to see the children trying their best, displaying great sportspersonship and most importantly, having fun! Thank you to the students and staff for helping to make the day successful. It was a long day and your support was very much appreciated. Thank you, also, to parents who gave their assistance in all types of ways - assisting with the field and tabloid events, picking and packing up hurdles, running the food stall and BBQ, and helping to pack up at the end. Thank you for coming to support your children as I know how much it means to them. Thanks to the Sports and Special events leaders who helped run the day and led their teams with enthusiasm. You did a fantastic job!

District Cross Country

Just a reminder that District Cross Country is on Friday 6 May. I have attached a map of the Course to the Operoo note. It would be great if students could run the course prior to the event to get used to running up hills. I will also run a training session on the morning of Tuesday 3 May at Aberfeldie at 7:30am, weather permitting, for students who would like to practise running the course. Parents will need to bring their child and pick them up. We will start at 7:30am sharp to make sure we arrive at school on time. Parents are also welcome to attend the event as spectators on 6 May. A schedule for the event was on the note.



Andrea, Art and Physical Education teacher

Messages from Jodie

WOOHOO! ONLY THREE WEEKS UNTIL SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS ARE DUE!!

We have come to the exciting time of the year when students are getting stuck into their projects with only three weeks to go until they are due. It is so lovely to see the excitement growing as students finish their project, ready to share with their class. One of my favourite categories in our science fair is the Experimental Research section. [Here](#) is a link to a video about entering an experimental research project that some students may find helpful.



Science Fair Information and Form [website](#)



Jodie, Science teacher

Scholastic Book Club

Online catalogue is available here https://scholastic.com.au/media/7045/bc_322_r.pdf

Issue 3 order will be closed on **Sunday 8 May**.

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

Get \$5 off until Friday 29 April to celebrate [National Family Reading Month](#)

Holy Rosary Social and Fundraising Group

We have a MASSIVE Term 2 for you - we're excited! But we need your help.

Pot Luck Fridays:

This fan fave is back! During Term 2 and 3 children will have the opportunity to purchase a surprise drink or snack.

When? Fridays, second lunch (commencing Friday 6 May)

Cost? \$2 per item. Please remember to send change with your child(ren) each Friday if they would like to buy something.

How can you help?

Belinda is still looking for parent volunteers for Term 3. Email erinchurch86@gmail.com if you can help.

Mother's Day Cake Stall:

It's next weekend!

Date: Saturday May 7th

Time: 9am - 12pm

Where?: Bubba Pizza, 1 Gower St Kensington

How can you help?: We are asking the school community to lend their culinary talents to once again deliver a stylish, contemporary stall selling an exquisite range of homemade goodies to the Kensington community. In past years we have raised an amazing \$5000 which was used to purchase supplies to enrich our school programs.

Apart from cakes, slices, biscuits and other sweet treats, our stall also sells preserves such as jams, curds, sauces, relishes, pickles, tomato passata and pesto. If baking or preserving is not your thing you can still help with really easy no-bake recipes or even lolly bags.

If you can help with any of these best sellers over the next week, we would appreciate it.

Here is the link for the volunteer roles we need over and above the donations. Please sign up if you can help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0845ADAF2AA7FF2-mothers1>

Cake Stall – Packaging

Cake circles, cellophane, boxes, ribbon and all other packaging will be distributed at school pickup Monday – Thursday next week (2nd May). Jars are available now for collection from the office.

Need more info?

Contact Jane Edwards on 0423 049 877 or Naomi Smith on 0402 132 423.

Election Day BBQ:

Who doesn't love a democracy sausage?!

Date: Saturday May 21st

Time: TBC - an early start, running all day

Where?: Holy Rosary School

How can you help?: Email Damien Murray at damienmurray@gmail.com to be added to the roster of sausage chefs and servers. Many hands make light work!

Holy Rosary 90s Trivia Night:

Have you gathered your rad team mates yet? Dug out the old band t-shirts? Found the gold coin stash to play some games? Check out our (very loud) posters in this newsletter for all the important details, including how you can help.

Want to get involved?

We are looking for parent volunteers (with a WWCC) to help with multiple projects. Please contact Erin Church on 0435 010 215 or erinchurch86@gmail.com if you might be able to help. Better yet, join us at our Term 2 Social and Fundraising Group meeting at White Rabbit on Thursday May 5th, 7:30pm. RSVP to Erin for booking purposes to ensure enough space at the venue.

**MANY HANDS
MAKE LIGHT WORK**



**Join the
Holy Rosary
Social +
Fundraising
Group**

**Join us at White Rabbit on
Thursday 5th May @ 7:30pm for
a drink and a chat!**

RSVP Erin Church 0435010215

HOLY ROSARY

90'S TRIVIA NIGHT



TICKETS VIA TRYBOOKING 

FRI 27TH MAY
7PM

**FLEM-KEN
BOWLS CLUB**

\$25 PP

DRINKS AT BAR PRICES
BYO FOOD

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FLEMINGTON

HOLY ROSARY

90'S TRIVIA NIGHT

THE DEETS

DRINKS: AT BAR PRICES.

FOOD: BRING A PLATE TO SHARE OR ORDER TAKEAWAY FOR YOUR TABLE.

DRESS: THE BEST AND WORST OF THE 90S! PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED.

TICKETS:

- \$25.00 PER TICKET (PLUS \$1.00 BOOKING FEE).
- TICKETS OPEN 9 AM, FRIDAY 29 APRIL 2022 - CLICK POSTER LINK OR SCAN QR CODE.
- BOOK INDIVIDUAL TICKETS OR A COMPLETE TABLE OF 10. IF PURCHASING INDIVIDUAL TICKETS, PLEASE NOMINATE YOUR CHILD'S YEAR LEVEL WHEN BOOKING SO THAT WE CAN SEAT YOU APPROPRIATELY.
- THIS EVENT IS LIMITED TO HOLY ROSARY FAMILIES SO THAT AS MANY PARENTS AS POSSIBLE ARE ABLE TO ATTEND.
- TICKET PRICE REFUNDABLE IF EVENT CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.
- CONTACT HOLYROSARYFUNDRAISING@GMAIL.COM FOR ANY TICKETING QUERIES.

BRING: GOLD COINS SO YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN SOME FUN GAMES!
EFT AVAILABLE.



HOLY ROSARY

90'S TRIVIA NIGHT

DONATIONS
CAN YOU HELP?

LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION: IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, HAS A BUSINESS WITH EITHER PRODUCTS OR SERVICES, AND WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL BY DONATING ITEMS FOR OUR AUCTION PRIZES, THEN PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE FUNDRAISING TEAM BY EMAIL AT HOLYROSARYFUNDRAISING@GMAIL.COM.

FUNDS RAISED WILL GO DIRECTLY BACK INTO THE SCHOOL, AND BUSINESSES WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

CLASS HAMPERS: WE ARE SEEKING DONATIONS CREATE CLASS HAMPERS FOR PRIZES. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE, PLEASE SEND ITEMS TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD, AND THE TEACHERS AND CLASS HOSTS WILL COLLECT IN CLASS.

PREP	TOYS
GRADE 1	ART & CRAFT
GRADE 2	FAMILY GAMES NIGHT
GRADE 3	HOUSE AND GARDEN
GRADE 4	PAMPER PRODUCTS*
GRADE 5	GOURMET FOOD & WINE*
GRADE 6	GOURMET FOOD & WINE*

*PLEASE TAKE ANY ALCOHOLIC DONATIONS TO THE OFFICE. DO NOT SEND WITH YOUR CHILD.



holyrosaryfundraising@gmail.com



Mother's Day **CAKE STALL**



**Saturday
7th May**

Location
**Bubba Pizza
1 Gower St
Kensington**

**9am
- 12pm**
unless
sold out

*Delicious
Homemade
Treats*

**EFTPOS
& Cash
Accepted**

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Holy Rosary Fundraising Group
Activity, in partnership with SRC and
the Special Events Group



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CLASS STRUCTURE:

Different lessons are taught each week from a structured syllabus ranging from tactics, strategies, master openings, traps & special moves. After the lesson children are paired up in a fun tournament playoff. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 players at end of term.

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CLASS DETAILS

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Thursdays	Lunchtime	School Hall	May 5 - Jun 16	\$130 per child/per term

"Alex loves chess club and gets very upset if he misses a session. His chess has definitely improved and his teacher, Anita feels that it helps with his math in class in terms of concepts and thinking.

Keep up the great work!" **Katrina Lambert: Hampton Primary School**

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