

- 5 May**
Social and Fundraising Group Meeting
- 6 May**
7:45am – 8:45 am
Mother's Day breakfast
- 7 May**
9am-
Mother's Day Cake Stall
- 10 - 13 May**
NAPLAN
- 16 and 17 May**
NAPLAN catch-up day
- 17 May**
Science Fair projects due
- 21 May**
Election Day BBQ
- 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



Happy Mothers Day

*A Mother gives her children stepping stones to the stars,
Her love is unconditional her heart has no bars.*

*A Mothers teaches her children to be confident and bold,
Her special love to her children is more valuable than silver or gold.*

*A Mother picks up her children and wipes away life's tears,
She chases away monsters in the night and silences their fears.*

*A Mother celebrates her children's accomplishments in life,
She hurts and cries with them when life brings times of strife.*

*A Mother shares her love freely with her tender loving way,
She grows more beautiful to her children with each passing day.*

*A Mother is one of God's greatest gifts to you and me,
Her love will remain locked in our heart and soul for all eternity.*

By LovingLife (Ann) 10 May 2012

Dear Parents,

Wow! What a great start to Term 2. As Melbourne and the world continues to open up, I consciously remind myself to stop and be thankful for the blessings all around. Over the past week or so, we have marvelled at the way many of the children have eased into the routines of school. All of a sudden, they seem older, wiser and continue to grow in resilience. We feel grateful and privileged to be working with children who live out our school values whether interacting socially or working in classrooms together.

Last weekend, our Year 3-6 children, who are celebrating Sacraments this year, were presented to the parish community. It was a proud moment for staff and parents, to witness their resounding responses to prayers and pledging to participate in their sacramental journey. Many parishioners commented that the children did a wonderful job at committing wholeheartedly to receiving Sacraments. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Ruth, Christine, Michaela, Chris O'Reilly, Vicky, Patrick, Maria M, Liz and JP for preparing the children and to Michaela, Vicky, Chisachi, Lyn and Ruth for supporting the children at the Masses.

To all of our mothers and the special women in our lives, I wish you all a lovely Mother's Day. Your children are working tirelessly at school to ensure that you feel special on Sunday and I know that you will love their handcrafted gifts!

Have a great rest of the week.
Maria

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

Mother's Day Celebration

On Friday 6 May beginning at 7:45am we invite mothers or special women in your children's lives to come along to an early morning gathering. This year, we have secured the services of Violet Cafe, a mobile coffee van, who will provide an assortment of hot drinks to our mothers. We thank TeamKids who have contributed croissants and other goodies to share. Our staff have supplied an assortment of sweet treats for you to enjoy with your morning coffee! The staff will be on hand to serve toast (with butter, jam or vegemite) and Milo to the children. If your child needs more than what we have on offer, you are welcome to provide additional food. We are mindful that many of you are working mums and need to leave to get to work on time. As you can imagine, making over 100 coffees is time consuming so, Violet Cafe have advised that these mums should be served first and we thank you in anticipation for your patience. For those mums who are able to linger past 8:45am, we will keep the coffee cart here for an extra half an hour or so.

Mother's Day Cake Stall

Thank you to the families who collected their instructions and 'bits-and-bobs' for the cake stall on Saturday. We look forward to seeing and purchasing the delectable items that will no doubt be showcased! This is one of our best fundraisers for the year and is a highlight in the community simply because of your support, not to mention, baking skills! We sincerely thank our fundraising team whose enthusiasm, hard work and strategic plans ensure success! Well done, everyone.

Class Hosts

It is not too late to nominate as a Class Host. We encourage parents to refer to the attached information at the end of this newsletter. Many parents have expressed the need for our community to feel connected to one another and this is a fabulous opportunity to lead the way.

RATS

As you are aware, the Victorian Government has continued to supply families with Rapid Antigen tests for the first four weeks of this term. These were distributed last week. You can contact the school office if you missed out on collecting boxes. Alternatively, these can be sent home via children on receipt of an email from parents. <mailto:frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au>

Cross Country

Twenty-seven of our Years 3-6 children will be representing our school in the district Cross Country Meet this Friday. We thank Andrea for coordinating this event, for taking the time to train our children and for volunteering to be one of the officials on the day. JP and Ellouise will also attend. Parents are welcome to cheer the team on at the Aberfeldie athletics track.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Our lessons this week aim to achieve the following:

When I speak respectfully I care about the impact my words have on other people.

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.

We continue to focus on our series of lessons on Speaking Respectfully. We ask for your support to reinforce examples of speaking respectfully and to stamp out the non-examples.

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

NAPLAN 2022

The NAPLAN testing window for 2022 is open from Tuesday 10 May - Friday 20 May. Our timetable for the tests is in line with the direction from VCAA and is as follows:



Tuesday 10 May: Writing
Wednesday 11 May: Reading
Thursday 12 May: Language Conventions
Friday 13 May: Numeracy

All tests in each of the subject areas, for both Year 3 and Year 5 students, will begin at 9:30am.

We have set aside Monday 16 May and Tuesday 17 May as our 'catch-up' days for tests also beginning at 9:30am. These catch-up sessions are for students who were absent during the scheduled first week timetable.

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.



Helpful Hints for Parents and children during NAPLAN week

1. Encourage confidence: Your child will do well when they feel that 'giving the tests their best shot' is all that you expect.
2. Discuss feelings and concerns: Feeling a little anxious is normal, show empathy and listen to fears. Perhaps share times when you have felt this way before tests when you went to school.
3. Maintain a positive attitude: Continue to be approachable and encourage interest in their usual after school activities. This allows children to feel safe and secure.
4. Prepare your child: Have them go to bed early, have breakfast, have a bottle of water and a **nutritious** lunch/ snacks prepared.
5. Arrive at school on time.
6. Keep Perspective: This is a series of tests in time; just one form of assessment: success is not determined by these tests.

Our teachers are experienced NAPLAN administrators. We assure you that they will nurture your children and put their minds at ease.

If you have any queries, do not hesitate to speak to any one of our Year 3-6 teachers. Alternatively, you may contact Maria Sedunary msedunary@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au.

Frequently asked Questions

Can children bring in a blank sheet of paper to record their working out?

Children will be given blank paper before each test starts to record their thinking.

During the Naplan tests, can students skip a question they are unsure about and come back to it?

The reading and language conventions tests are divided into sections. Children can skip a question within a section and go back to it if they feel the need.

Do the Year 3s complete their Naplan tests online or are they paper tests?

The Year 3 Writing test is completed on paper. All other tests are completed online.

When will test results be available and how will they be shared with parents?

Test results are shared with parents in September. The VCAA sends results to schools who distribute them to parents. An explanation of how to interpret the results accompanies the report.

Message from Zoe - Class Concerts

Many children have expressed their interest in playing instruments so I will be hosting class concerts on **18-19 May and 22-23 June** during regular Music lessons. The students are welcome to bring any instruments of choice and will have the opportunity to perform for their peers and teachers. Children will be notified of their performance date and time.

Children who wish to perform piano, will have the use of the piano in the Music room. They are also welcome to prepare a dance or song to sing if they don't learn an instrument.

This is not compulsory, but all children are encouraged to perform. The main goal is to gain performance experience and have fun! :)



Zoe, Music teacher

Messages from Jodie

ONLY TWO WEEKS TO GO UNTIL SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS ARE DUE IN!

Over the last couple of weeks I have enjoyed hearing about all of the exciting projects our students are currently busy putting together. **It is not too late** for your child to enter a project into this year's Science Fair. Our Science Fair is a fabulous opportunity for your child to choose an area of science that really interests them and share it with others in a variety of different ways.

These are some common questions from our parents about Science Fair entries:

Is my child too young to enter a science fair project?

No, we have students from every year level, including Prep enter our Science Fair each year.

Can I help my child?

Yes, however you are there to support your child and not do the project for them. As teachers we offer support and scaffolding for our students to help them complete their work in class. Science Fair projects are the same. Your child may need support to help research as well as organise their project and their ideas. It is very important that your child directs the projects and understands the content. I am also available to assist with any tricky scientific concepts and have run sessions with students over the past couple of years on more advanced concepts such as atomic structure and electrical circuits that have been associated with a student's project.

My child has changed their mind about the topic of their project. Is that okay?

Absolutely. I just ask you to please just email with the changes so that I can update my database.

Can my child do more than one project?

Certainly. Students are able to submit as many projects as they like. Though saying that, doing one project well is better than doing two or three superficially.

I am looking forward to seeing all of the student's science projects in two weeks!

Science Fair Information and Form [website](#)



Jodie, Science teacher

Scholastic Book Club

An advertisement for Scholastic Book Club LOOP for Parents. The top part features the Scholastic logo and the text 'Book Club LOOP for Parents'. Below this, it states 'LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.' and provides the website 'www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'GET IT ON Google play' and 'Download on the App Store'.

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)

Class Hosts

“Without judgement, Catholic schools remain in communication with each family, tailoring the means of this dialogue so no child or family is disadvantaged...The dialogue is open and honest, and the trust and communication between the school and the family is focused on honouring the dignity of the family, the school and most importantly, of the child, ‘so they may develop as optimistic, resilient young people of faith, ready to be effective members of community, contributing to and enriching the world around them.” Horizon’s of Hope, MACS (2018).

Holy Rosary School welcomes parents to work in partnership through the initiative of Class Hosts. This integral group of parent volunteers will actively participate in a range of social and educational activities to support the values, aims and vision of the school.

Fundamentally, Class Hosts organise a variety of events, initiatives, and work at the grassroots level to support classroom teachers and children throughout the school year. These include year level events and activities for their children’s respective year levels, and support of school events, including parent education sessions.

Therefore, the role of *Class Hosts* is to work with teachers to support the school in various ways:

- meet at the beginning of each school year to decide on the goals as Class Hosts
- join and work alongside the Social and Fundraising Group and be actively involved in their initiatives, activities and goals, and encourage other parents to participate in fundraising events
- promote the school within the wider community
- regularly communicate with classroom teachers to support endeavours in the classroom such as gathering parents to complete tasks as required by the teacher and level teachers
- provide suggestions for the newsletter and social media posts
- support the teacher with disseminating and promoting information from the school to the parent community
- welcome new families by introducing them to the parent community
- reach out to the families where English is their second language to assist their needs
- coordinate/assist with crisis support for families
- invite/promote social events for families including parent only functions of the class or year level
- assist with official parent gatherings eg. Prep 1st day of school cuppa, Year 6 Graduation dinner, plates etc.
- provide a means for parents to contribute to the development of the school’s policies and practices where required
- communicate ideas to SAC members for discussion at meetings

Process

Parents nominate themselves as the Class Host at the beginning of each school year (however, by the end of Term 1 for the 2022 school year) by sending an expression of interest to the SAC email address.

hrsac@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au. A document will be created listing all interested parents. A meeting will be convened by the principal and a SAC member where responsibilities and the scope of Class Hosts are outlined.

What happens when no one from a grade nominates/ more than one parent nominates?

In the event that a Class Host is not assigned to a particular grade, the teacher will approach their parents and ask for a volunteer.

Parents should only nominate for one year level to give all parents an equal opportunity.

If more than one parent nominates, the group will work together. If there are more than 3 parents (for example) SAC members can coordinate a group meeting to ensure that all members are happy to be included and understand their expectations.

Holy Rosary Social and Fundraising Group

We have a HUGE line up of Fundraising events for Term 2. We are all super excited!!

Pot Luck Fridays

Starts this Friday, 6th May!

The countdown is officially over! Pot Luck Fridays is set to begin this Friday, 6th May. The children are getting excited about the fun and mystery of this regular Friday event!

When: Fridays (second lunch).

Cost: \$2 per item. Please remember to send some change with your child(ren) every Friday if they would like to buy a surprise drink or snack.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, email Belinda Furse: belinda@bewellbeyou.com.au

Mother's Day Cake Stall

It's this weekend!! We would love more volunteers to help with this event.

Date: Saturday, 7th May.

Time: 9am to 12pm

Where?: Bubba Pizza, 1 Gower St Kensington

How can you help?: We are asking the school community to lend their culinary talents to deliver a stylish, contemporary stall. We will be selling an exquisite range of homemade goodies once again to the Kensington community. This has been a big fundraiser in previous years, and we are looking forward to another successful event!

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 easy no-bake recipes or even lolly bags.

If you can help with any of these best sellers over the coming days, we would really 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>

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, 21st May

Time: TBC - an early start, running all day

Where?: Holy Rosary School

How can you help?: We are still looking for volunteers to help. Please email Damien Murray at damienlmurray@gmail.com if you're able to assist with planning or wish to be added to the roster of BBQ chefs and servers. Many chefs make light work!

Holy Rosary 90s Trivia Night

Have you organised your babysitters yet? Gathered your rad teammates? Dug out the old band 90's t-shirts? Found the gold coin stash to play some fun games? Check out our (very loud) trivia night posters in this newsletter for all the important details, including how you can help.

Keen to join the Social and Fundraising Committee?

Are you looking for a great way to connect with other Holy Rosary parents and 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 catch up @ Hardimans tomorrow night, Thursday 5th May, 7:30pm. Please 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 Fundraising Group
Activity, in partnership with SRC and
the Special Events Group



Pot Luck Fridays \$2 per item



What could it be
today?



Commencing this Friday 6 May

HOLY ROSARY

90'S TRIVIA NIGHT



TICKETS VIA TRYBOOKING

FRI 27TH MAY
7PM

**FLEM-KEN
BOWLS CLUB**

\$25 PP

DRINKS AT BAR PRICES
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407-411 RACECOURSE RD,
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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.





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



Holy Rosary
Mother's Day Cake Stall
Saturday 7th May 2022

Wrapping and Labelling Instructions:

1. Take a pink ingredient label for each item you make
2. Take some ribbon to attach the label to the outside of your items
3. Choose a bag or cellophane sheet for wrapping
4. Choose a cake board or provide your own white plate (no paper plates please)
5. Complete the ingredient tags – label with your **ELDEST** child's initials and grade, item type and a complete list of ingredients

Note: items must not contain raw eggs or dairy products such as cream fillings

6. Return items to school on Friday 6th May between 2:00pm and 4:30pm or to the cake stall (Bubba Pizza) before 10:00am on Saturday 7th May
7. We will price items for you.



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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**

<https://chessforschools.com.au/>

HOLY ROSARY TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Hey Holy Rosary, welcome to Term 2! Our holidays were super exciting and filled with lots of adventures. We went to the beautiful botanical gardens where we made so many discoveries and planted our own pots. This was followed by going to the movies- we saw monsters family 2 and we also put our chef hats on to make some delicious pizza, so yum!

Last week, we made banana muffins and shared it with our families. The children have been getting increasingly confident in their baking skills. Some of us got involved in basket weaving, honing our fine-motor and creativity skills.

For next week we are so excited to make mother's day card with the child and berry tarts on the menu! Also quick reminder- We are hosting a parents breakfast this Friday to thank you all for your support Clubs sign-ups are still open so we can't wait to hear your ideas and organize more fun activities at TK!

IMPORTANT DATES



Fri 6th April

Parent's Breakfast



Mon 16th April

International Day of Light



Sat 21th April

World Day for Culture Diversity

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: 2



MONDAY

Adventure Club



TUESDAY

STEM Club



WEDNESDAY

Epic Games Club



THURSDAY

Dance Club



FRIDAY

Cooking Club



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