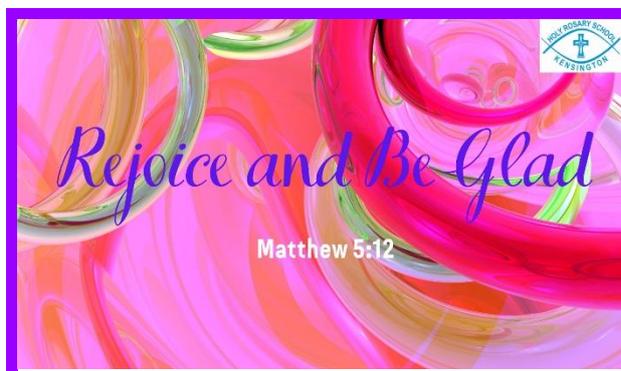


## Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary



'Rejoice and be Glad' is our theme for the 2023 school year. This focus of jubilation, celebration, and gratitude will continue throughout 2023 with all members of our school community. Our theme is fitting after the last three very challenging years. The theme of 'Rejoice and Be Glad' is the essence of Matthew 5: 1-12, The Beatitudes and it can also be found in the psalms. 'Rejoice and Be Glad' reflects the positive impact we can all have on our children, our staff, families, and visitors to our school, and even to ourselves when we recognise and celebrate the goodness in our lives, especially in times of challenge. Our theme is an extension of our school motto, 'Shining with Mercy Spirit.' Gracious hospitality, a hallmark of the Mercy Sisters, shows our sense of pride and joy as members of the Holy Rosary School community. We have so much to be grateful for as we commence this school year.

Our Prep children joined us for their first day of school on Monday. What an amazing group of children! They came in with beautiful smiles and embraced all that was on offer. Their parents and carers were also full of smiles and when it came time for our 'Tim Tams, Tea and Tissues' they enjoyed the drinks and biscuits but we didn't need tissues. Thank you Prep parents for helping your children prepare and settle into school so well.

Year 1-6 children were equally calm and settled. Our 'Rejoice and Be Glad' theme was already in evidence with the positivity and excitement they showed in reconnecting with teachers and friends.

### A Blessing for the New School Year

*With gratitude for the gift of a fresh new year we ask blessing on our whole community-  
May every classroom be a place of respect and possibility.*

*May every staffroom and playground be a place of friendship and laughter.*

*May every hall and assembly be a place of connection.*

*May every library be a place of discovery.*

*May every tree and plant call us to care for creation.*

*May every snack and lunch remind us of those who are hungry.*

*May every student grow in confidence and love of life.*

*May every teacher find daily vision and hope.*

*May every support worker help create a sense of belonging.*

*May every leader find openness and patience.*

*May every parent grow in wisdom.*

*May every name in this school be blessed*

*Because each person is precious and only together can we learn and grow.*

Prayer by Michael McGirr, Caritas Australia, 2023

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

7 February  
Safer Internet Day

9 February  
7:30 pm  
Social and  
Fundraising Group  
meeting

21 February  
Shrove Tuesday

22 February  
Ash Wednesday

23 February  
7:30 pm  
Raising Kids in a  
Digital World Webinar  
(Parents)

## Welcome New Families and Staff

We offer a very warm welcome to our newest students and their families. We're delighted to have Sahara, Ted, Logan, Caitlin and Teesha join us at Holy Rosary. We also welcome our newest staff; Gemma (3/4N), Trist (Japanese), Tarquin (5/6N) and Daanja (Science).



Trist (Japanese)



Daanja (Science)



Tarquin (5/6N)



Gemma (3/4N)



## Congratulations- Baby News!

We congratulate Vicky, our Year3/4 teacher, who has announced that she and Tom are expecting a baby. We wish them every happiness during this exciting time as they prepare for their bundle of joy.

## Inform and Empower

This year we have enrolled all students in the 'Inform and Empower' program. This means each student will participate in an online streamed lesson each term that is designed to educate them about using the internet safely. This term the focus is on understanding the internet and our rights and responsibilities as users.

We are also pleased to announce that we have engaged Martin and Carley McGauran from Inform and Empower to offer a parent/carer webinar 'Raising Kids in a Digital World' on Thursday 23 February at 7:30pm. Mark this in your diary and a code will be sent to you. Further information can be found in the flyer below and log in details will be sent on the day.

## Policies

Our school is owned, operated and governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) They have a number of policies that underpin our school practices and procedures. These can be found on our website for your consideration. We draw your attention to the Parent/Guardian/Carer Code of Conduct. In the coming week you will be asked to sign and date this as an acknowledgement that you have read and understood the policy.

## When do my children wear their sport uniform?

Physical Education begins this week. Your child should wear their complete sport uniform on the day of their lesson. This is the only day children should be wearing runners.

**Wednesday:** Both Year 2 classes, All Year 5/6 classes, Prep S

**Thursday:** Both Year 1 classes, All Year 3/4 classes, Prep N.

## Photo Permission-Year 1-6

We have records of the children who have permission to have their photos published in the newsletter and on social media. If you would like to revise these permissions, please advise the office by next Wednesday 8 February. We will presume the permissions from 2022 will continue to apply unless you advise the office. Email [frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au)

## Insurance Update

Our insurance claim is s-l-o-w-l-y progressing.

Although we were hopeful of several tasks being completed over the holidays, but this was not to be. The new lino in the student toilets is finally complete but there has been a delay in the new carpets. Following numerous conversations; too many to count, we finally have the go ahead to install new carpet in the music room and office via insurance. The school has also organised new carpet for 3/4N, 3/4S and 5/6W. I have an onsite meeting with MACS this week to discuss the way forward with regard to roof works and drainage.

## Class Hosts

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

Class Hosts organise a variety of events and initiatives, and work to support classroom teachers and children throughout the school year. These include year level events and activities for their children's respective year levels, as well as supporting whole school events. More information to follow in next week's newsletter about how you can become involved.

## Our Mercy Leader takes action

In January, Emma had the big chop for a second time.

She donated 30 cm lengths of hair to a charity that makes wigs for kids.

It had taken two years for Emma's hair to grow back from the last time she donated.

Emma is looking forward to supporting more charities this year in her role as a Mercy Leader.



## School Facebook link



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100046520094177>

## Holy Rosary Parish



### CONTACT DETAILS

Administration Office

103 Wellington Street, Flemington 3031

03 9412 8495

<https://flemkencatholic.com/>

Parish Bulletin

<https://flemkencatholic.com/bulletin>

## Private Piano lessons with Sarah Keating

There are still places available for new students who wish to learn piano or keyboard this term. For more information please contact Sarah via email [sarah@maxmedia.com.au](mailto:sarah@maxmedia.com.au).

# Staff List 2023



## Classroom

<b>Prep</b>	<b>Megan Tootil</b>	<b>Emily Barnes</b>	
	Prep Navy Room 9	Prep Sky Room 10	
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Jenna Najman</b>	<b>Patrick Torpy</b>	
	1 Navy Room 13	1 Sky Room 14	
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Samantha Carbonara</b>	<b>Lauren Dow</b>	
	2 Sky Room 11	2 Navy Room 12	
<b>Year 3/4</b>	<b>Victoria Smith</b>	<b>Gemma</b>	<b>Evan Cummins</b>
	3/4 Sky Room 31	3/4 Navy Room 30	3/4 White Room 34
<b>Year 5/6</b>	<b>Tarquin McRae</b>	<b>Clare Hudson/Allison Azzodardi</b>	<b>JP Conway</b>
	5/6 Navy Room 26	5/6 Sky Room 27	5/6 White Room 29

## Specialist

<b>Andrea Durand</b>	<b>Trist Jones</b>	<b>Daanja Rensen</b>	<b>Zoe Tsai</b>
Room 32	Room 32	Room 32	Room 15
Arts/Physical Education Mon - Fri	Japanese Wed/Thurs	Science Wed/Thurs	Music Wed/Thurs

## Admin/Office/Library

<b>Lynette Walsh</b>	<b>Nadia Maiorano</b>	<b>Anne Burke</b>	<b>Chisachi McCurry</b>
Mon, Tues, Thurs	Mon - Wed	Wed - Fri	Mon - Thurs Library and Admin Fri - Office

## Intervention

<b>Ruth Keily</b>
Mon-Wed

## Learning Support Officers

<b>Mary Thornton</b>	<b>Ellouise Bray</b>	<b>Grace Stasey</b>	<b>Melissa Cuzzilla</b>
Mon - Fri F/T	Mon F/T    Tues - Thurs 1:45pm	Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri 1:45 F/T - F/T - F/T	Mon-Fri 1:45pm
<b>Caterina Damiano</b>	<b>Phuong Mai</b>	<b>Rika Krisna</b>	
Mon - Fri 1:45pm	Tues/Wed 1:45pm	Mon - Fri 1:45pm	

## Leadership Team

<b>Christine Shaw</b>	<b>Maria Sedunary</b>	<b>Antoinette Giuffrida</b>	<b>Sarah Macguire</b>	<b>Michaela Mackie</b>
Principal	Deputy Principal/ Learning and Teaching	Learning Diversity Leader	Mathematics Leader	Student Wellbeing/ Learning Diversity
Mon - Fri	Mon - Fri	Mon - Wed	Wed - Fri	Wed - Fri

### Helpful Calendar Dates

#### Term 1

Thursday 6 April                      Term 1 ends 2:30pm

#### Term 2

Monday 24 April                      Term 2 commences  
Friday 23 June                      Term 2 ends 2:30pm

#### Term 3

Monday 10 July                      Term 3 commences  
Friday 15 September              Term 3 ends 2:30pm

#### Term 4

Monday 2 October                    Term 4 commences  
Tuesday 18 December              Term 4 ends 2:30pm

\*Student Free Days have yet to be confirmed.

Important Dates	
<b>Wednesday 15- Monday 27 March</b>	NAPLAN
<b>Thursday 30 March</b>	School Photos
<b>Wednesday 5 April</b>	HR Athletics Carnival (27 April Back up Day)
<b>Friday 12 May</b>	Mother's Day celebration
<b>Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 June</b>	Year 3/4 Camp
<b>Friday 25 August</b>	Book Week celebration (Read, Grow, Inspire)
<b>Friday 1 September</b>	Father's Day celebration
<b>Tuesday 5 September</b>	Backflips Against Bullying
<b>Monday 2- Wednesday 4 October</b>	Year 5/6 Camp

## Holy Rosary Social and Fundraising Group



### **The Social and Fundraising Group need you!**

We are looking for new members - namely, we need a new chair next year as Erin steps down to focus on postgraduate studies.

Children grow up and finish primary school, jobs change, life changes - and therefore so do our group members. Would you consider joining the Holy Rosary Social and Fundraising Group in 2023?

It doesn't matter if you're a seasoned committee member, or if you've never been involved in anything like this before, we would love to have you join us so that we can continue providing the Holy Rosary School community with amazing opportunities for engagement and connection. Email us at [holyrosaryfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:holyrosaryfundraising@gmail.com) to get involved.

**Join us for the first meeting of 2023 on Thursday 9th February, 7:30pm at Hardimans Hotel.**

Hardimans Hotel 521 Macaulay Rd, Kensington VIC 3031

## TeamKids



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# WEBINAR RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD 2023 FOR PARENTS & CARERS

- Social Media
- Online Gaming
- Cyberbullying
- Impacts of Screen Time
- Child & Tween Online Trends
- Managing Devices in the Home
- Explicit/Adult Content
- Strengthening Family Communication

**Martin McGauran**  
Educator

**Carley McGauran**  
Psychologist

**Holy Rosary Catholic School**

Thursday 23 February

7.30pm | Online

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Digital Safety & Wellbeing

# LIVE STREAMED INCURSIONS

Dear Parents & Carers,

In 2023 our students will be participating in the Inform & Empower **digital safety & wellbeing** program. This means that your child/children will be tuning in to live streamed incursions (with their teachers) every term that focus on healthy and safe digital habits. The incursion content is all written and delivered by qualified teachers who are endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner as a Trusted eSafety Provider.



These sessions aim to help children better navigate the online world and become more aware, clever, brave and kind. They will focus on topics

including navigating unwanted contact, cyberbullying, help-seeking strategies, unsafe content, balancing screen time with "green time" and sharing personal information. While Foundation (Kinder/Prep) students do not participate in live streamed sessions, they will be exploring the basics of the online world through guided activities.



You, the parents and carers, will also be given resources to support conversations with your children at home. You will receive a concise "tip sheet" each term that outlines what your child learned about in class and how you might open up these important conversations.

## Student Surveys

In Years 3-6, Inform & Empower will invite students to complete anonymous surveys asking them about their digital habits. **No identifying information, such as name or school, is collected.** This survey is **optional**. You or your child may choose to opt out at any stage, please inform the school if you do not wish your child to complete these surveys. Questions examples include: *What online games do you like to play? How many hours do you spend online each day/week? What are the best/worst things about the internet?* The survey data will be used by Inform and Empower to help improve their programs and may be published online.

As a school, participation in this digital safety and wellbeing program forms part of our ongoing commitment to child safety.



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## **CLASS DETAILS - HOLY ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>COST</b>
Tuesdays	11.00 - 11.50am	Hall	7 Feb - 4 April	\$135 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/>

# SAVE THE DATE

**PRE-SEASON TRAINING STARTS  
LAST WEEK IN FEBRUARY 2023**



## **KENSINGTON JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB GIRLS & BOYS UNDER 5 TO UNDER 16**

This Community Club runs the highly successful soccer **Miniroos program** with our coaching partner **Kano football**, teaching games skills for the long term enjoyment of soccer.

Boys U7 - U12 games played on Saturdays, Boys U13 & above on Sundays and Girls games on Sundays. **Training at Holland Park, Kensington.**

Training information to be updated early 2023. All Welcome!

**REGISTRATIONS OPEN LATE FEBRUARY 2023**

For more information visit our website

**[www.kfjsc.com.au/soccer](http://www.kfjsc.com.au/soccer)**

or email Andrew Hollow [presidentkjsc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentkjsc@gmail.com)



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