

## Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary



### *Remembrance Day*

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month each year we remember the moment in 1918 when World War I came to an end. On Remembrance Day, we remember Australian men and women who have served in war and peacekeeping activities. Remembrance Day does not glorify war – it honours the memory of all those who laid down their lives for Australia. As a mark of respect to those who have served, we stop to observe one minute's silence. On Monday our Year 2 students will lead their assembly in honour of Remembrance Day.

### **Family Fun Day**

Family Fun Day is here! As we gear up in these final days for this very important school fundraising event, I urgently seek your support. The success of FFD relies heavily on the collaborative efforts of our community. The FFD team has been meeting regularly and working consistently behind the scenes to ensure the event runs smoothly, brings joy and makes a healthy profit. There are multiple stalls with insufficient volunteers for them to operate. We also need people to help pack up and clean up, empty bins, and ensure the yard is clean. An hour of your time would make a huge difference.

Please sign up [here](#) today and join the team who are working to provide all children with improved playground facilities.

### **Healthy Families Webinar**

We have a third and final webinar in the Healthy Families Series on Thursday 16 November. The topic is Tackling Tricky Conversations, How to feel more relaxed and empowered to have tricky conversations that are critical to your child's development.

Register here: [www.bit.ly/healthywebinar3](http://www.bit.ly/healthywebinar3)

Fortnight at a glance	
Monday 13 November 9 am	Parents Coffee Catch Up
Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 November	Class Concerts
Thursday 16 November	Healthy Families Webinar
Friday 17 November	SRC Casual Clothes Day
Saturday 18 November	Family Fun Day 2023
Wednesday 22 November	Year 2 Outdoor Education Program

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

Important Dates	
Friday 1 December	Year 6 Big Day Out
Thursday 7 December 2 - 4pm	Carol
Monday 11 December 9am	Parents Coffee Catch Up
Thursday 14 December 7pm	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Friday 15 December	Last Day for Students, ends at 1 pm

### For Your 2024 Calendar...

<b>2024</b>	
Monday 29 January	Staff return. Office opens
Tuesday 30 January 8:45 -12:00	Preps start Tuesday
Tuesday 30 January 9:00 – 11:00	Come and Meet My Teacher Session
Wednesday 31 January	P – 6 students attend
Wednesday 7 February	Prep RDO 1
Wednesday 14 February	Prep RDO 2
Wednesday 21 February	Prep RDO 3
Wednesday 28 February	Prep RDO 4
Wednesday 6 March	Prep RDO 5
Monday 11 March	Labour Day
Thursday 28 March 1 pm	Term 1 finishes
Monday 15 April	Term 2 begins
Thursday 25 April	ANZAC Day
Friday 26 April	Student Free Day
Friday 28 June 1 pm	Term 2 finishes
Monday 15 July	Term 3 begins
Sunday 11 August 2pm	Confirmation at Holy Rosary Church
Friday 20 September 1 pm	Term 3 finishes
Monday 7 October	Term 4 begins
Monday 4 November	Student Free Day
Tuesday 5 November	Melbourne Cup Day
Tuesday 17 December 1 pm	Term 4 finishes

\* Student Free Days for curriculum 1 per term TBA

\* Eucharist and Reconciliation TBA

## Confirmation 2024

Principal error! My apologies; last week I advertised the date for Confirmation but I misread the calendar from the Bishop's Office. I have now double checked! The correct date is Sunday 11 August, 2024 at 2:00pm.

## Production Feedback

Please let us know your feedback on our production. We have only one response so far!  
Please share your thoughts [here](#).

## Production recording

DVD/Blurays Copies are available for families who wish to purchase them. The cost is \$27.50 including postage and handling.

To order a DVD or Blu-Ray copy please click on the link below.

[www.modevideo.com.au/product-page/holy-rosary-2023](http://www.modevideo.com.au/product-page/holy-rosary-2023)

If you have any queries please contact Nick at Mode Video Production on the number below.

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## Outstanding School Fees

Thank you to families who have paid their school fees. We ask families to settle all fees by Friday 1 December 2023. Please disregard this date if you have an existing direct debit arrangement.

## Lauren's wedding



On Thursday our staff celebrated the wedding of Lauren (2N) and her partner Lee. We share our warm congratulations and wish them a lifetime filled with love and joy as they embark on their journey together.

## VIT Congratulations



This week we celebrated Daanya, Gemma and Zoe who successfully moved from pending to full Victorian Institute of Teaching registration. Their hard work and dedication has led to their success and we love the work they do with our children. As they move more fully into their teaching careers we wish them every success and happiness guiding and inspiring the children they work with. We have been most fortunate to work with such caring, passionate and committed professionals. We look forward to watching their careers continue to blossom.

## Class Configuration for 2024

The classes have now been finalised for 2024. The decision on the configuration of classes is determined by a committee of staff who consider all possible options against the needs of the children across each year level, while also seeking a balance of gender and class size.

We will again have 12 classes. These will be:

Prep Navy	Prep Sky		
Year 1/2 Navy	Year 1/2 Sky	Year 1/2 White	
Year 3/4 Navy	Year 3/4 Sky	Year 3/4 White	Year 3/4 Gold
Year 5/6 Navy	Year 5/6 Sky	Year 5/6 White	

## Our New Roof

We have made several applications for funding towards a new roof and our school masterplan. We have been unsuccessful in securing government grants to date, however, not to be deterred, we have applied for State Government Funding, and this application was submitted late last month. We will wait until June to hear if this has been successful. In the meantime, we also applied for a Supplementary Grant from MACS and they granted us \$61,000 towards a new roof which is expected to cost approximately \$800,000. A project advisor from MACS is expected to be assigned shortly.

## Newsletter next week

The newsletter is usually put together by Chisachi each Friday morning. As Friday looks to be an exceptionally busy day, with preparation for Family Fun Day, next week's newsletter will only contain a calendar of events with limited additional information.

## Enrolments

We have vacancies across all year levels in our school. We ask you to help us spread the news to families in Kensington as there are still some families who have not decided on a school for 2024. Did you know that we offer a discounted fee structure for those families who have a Health Care Card? This enables families to educate their children at Holy Rosary for a most affordable family fee. Prospective families are welcome to join us for a tour to see our classes in action.

<https://www.hrkensington.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/160-2/>

## Leaving HR at the end of 2023?

Please let the office know if your child is leaving HR at the end of the year. This information significantly impacts our staffing and class configurations in 2024.

Email: [frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au)

Phone: 03 93769455

## Links

School Website

<https://www.hrkensington.catholic.edu.au/>

School Facebook

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

## Mass and Assembly Schedule

<b>Assembly: Mondays</b> <i>Assembly begins at 2:50 in the Hall. Bags packed and lined up in class lines area. Parents are most welcome to join us.</i>			<b>Mass: Fridays</b> <i>Mass begins at 9:15am. Classes should be seated by 9:10am. Parents are most welcome to join us.</i>	
Term 4 Assembly and Mass Schedule				
Date	Class		Date	Class
13 November	Year 2		17 November	2S & 2N
20 November	3/4		24 November	3/4N
27 November	5/6		1 December	3/4W
4 December	Prep		8 December	3/4S
11 December	N/A			

## Parish News

### Mass times and Christmas Mass

You can access our Parish newsletter [here](#).

## Scholastic Book Club Issue 8

This is the last catalogue for this year.

Online catalogue is available here.

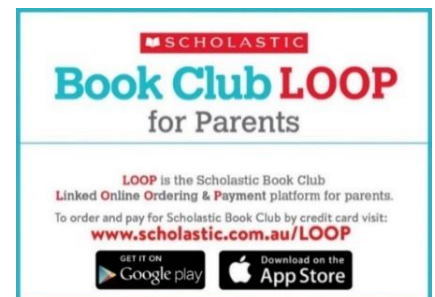
<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/book-club/>

Issue 8 order will be closed on Sunday 19 November.

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

LOOP:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>



## Holy Rosary Family Fun Day 2023 – 18 November

The Family Fun Day is fast approaching! There are a number of ways you can get involved and help out and we would love you to do so. We need all the help we can get to make this a memorable day for the kids!

- Be a volunteer/help on the stalls: check out the [FFD volunteer/stall roster](#) to see how you can help on one of the many stalls/activities
- Seeking donations: we are currently seeking various items for donation. Top priority this week are the following: second-hand clothing, books & toys; wine for our Wine Bingo stall (parents - please bring to the office); items for the hampers; items for the live/silent auctions. We'll also be seeking items for our ever-popular FFD cake stall w/c 13 November. Please see the recent weekly FFD newsletter, sent out on Thursday, for specific details of all requests.
- Remember: pre-sales for the Unlimited Ride Wristband and the Kids Fun Card will be available to buy at school from Monday 13 - Friday 17 November, 3:15 – 3:45pm.





## Wellbeing/Learning Diversity

*At Holy Rosary School all children and families are expected to be Wellbeing Warriors who look after the safety and wellbeing of themselves and others*

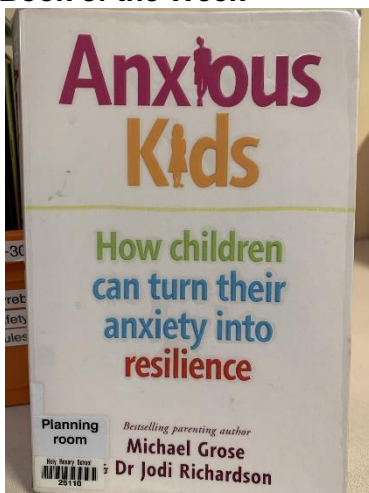
Separation anxiety is usually something we see in childcare or kinder aged children and it gradually goes away over time. We do also see students finding it difficult to separate from their parents once they start Prep. However, older children can also develop separation anxiety at any time and without a history of anxiety.

In younger children it usually presents as a child being clingy or crying when parents leave. In older children it can present as your child worrying about you having an accident or getting sick, refusing to go to school and feeling sick when it comes time to separate from you.

In school aged children, it is possible that they have separation anxiety disorder. This is usually diagnosed by a professional paediatrician or psychologist. Signs that professionals will look out for include; how long the child has experienced the separation anxiety, the impact it has on their life, if their levels of anxiety are greater or experienced more often than their peers or if the child is refusing to go to school. If children have a predisposition to anxiety they might develop separation anxiety and sometimes it might stem from a traumatic event. A few weeks ago we spoke about traumatic events and children and we know that some kids will experience events differently and what we perceive to be unexpected, kids may experience as traumatic.

Supporting students who have separation anxiety can look different for everyone. Some seemingly simple things like creating a morning routine can help ease a child's mind, ensuring that they feel safe and supported. Others may need the help of a professional. You can at any stage see a GP to get a mental health care plan to see a psychologist and this allows you to claim up to ten sessions with a mental health care professional on Medicare.

## Book of the Week



This week's book is one for our parents. **Anxious Kids** by [Michael Grose](#) and [Dr Jodi Richardson](#), is a great resource for anyone wanting to learn more about what anxiety is, how it is experienced in children and things that adults can do to help support their kids to become resilient. There are tools for managing anxiety and lifestyle choices that can help to reduce anxiety in kids. We have this book in our planning room, if you would like to borrow it please see Michaela.

# Holy Rosary Positive Behaviour for Learning

**Every child has the right to learn and every teacher has the right to teach.**

As last week was short and extremely busy with incursions and fun experiences, the PBL lesson on our assembly routine will be taught this week instead.

Holy Rosary Positive Behaviour for Learning Lesson Plan for Holy Rosary Assembly Routine	
Step 1: List Learning Intentions and Success Criteria	
<p><b>We are learning to:</b> follow our school assembly routine respectfully and safely.</p> <p><b>What it looks like:</b> It will look like students showing respect by entering and exiting the hall quietly, listening during assembly and welcoming parents and staff.</p>	
Step 2: List a rationale for teaching the behaviour Why is it important?	
<p><b>Holy Rosary School Values:</b> Relationships, Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Kindness (highlight relevant values)</p> <p><b>Holy Rosary School Expectations:</b> Safety is our right. Learning is our responsibility. Respect is our way.</p> <p>Being respectful and safe during our school assemblies is really important and routines around how we enter/exit, sit, participate etc, help our students to know exactly what is expected of them no matter the role they play (audience member/speaker).</p>	
Step 3: Identify examples and non-examples of the desired behaviour	
What would the behaviour look/sound like?	What would the behaviour not look/sound like?
Examples	Non-examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lining up in line order and walking into the hall this way</li><li>Walking into the hall without talking</li><li>Sitting in a line with your class quietly</li><li>Greeting parents and teachers respectfully at the beginning of assembly</li><li>Joining in the prayer at the beginning of assembly</li><li>Standing up to sing the National Anthem facing the flag, then sitting down again without talking</li><li>Listening to the person at the front who is speaking</li><li>Applauding the speakers when appropriate and in an appropriate way (not too long)</li><li>Singing happy birthday together in time with the singers at the front of the hall</li><li>Waiting quietly until your classes turn to exit the hall and then doing so quietly and quickly - staying in line to ensure you exit safely</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Running into the hall</li><li>Speaking loudly whilst waiting for assembly to start or during assembly</li><li>Calling out during assembly</li><li>Talking when asked to stand to sing the National Anthem</li><li>Talking when sitting back down again</li><li>Singing happy birthday in a silly way</li><li>Talking to people sitting around you while someone is presenting at the front of the hall</li><li>Mucking around when it is time for classes to exit the hall, meaning it takes longer for classes to leave</li></ul>

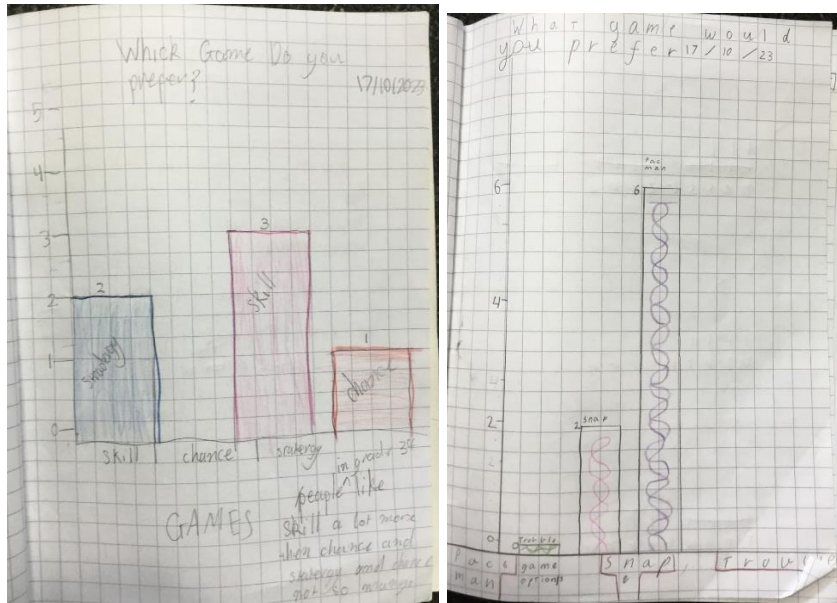


Michaela, Student Wellbeing Leader/Antoinette, Learning Diversity Leader

## What's been happening in Year 2:

### Maths:

We have been learning about Data and Statistics. We have been conducting surveys to find out more information about a variety of topics. We come up with a survey question and ask different people what their answer to our question is. We recently surveyed the Year 3/4 students to find out what games and toys they like the best. We then used this data to determine what type of game or toy to make for our inquiry projects. We have also been learning about how to record our data as a bar graph. Have a look at some of our work!



### Inquiry (Literacy)

Year two students have been following the design process to make a game for the year 3/4 students.

**Research:** We researched by investigating arcade games and games other people have made out of recycled materials. We also surveyed the year 3/4s to find out what games they like.

**Brainstorm:** we recorded what we liked about the games researched and played at our toy incursion as well as drew some drawing for inspiration

**Design:** We then drew a drawing of what we wanted our game to look like. Some of us chose board games, some chose skill games.

**Build:** We then built a prototype out of paper

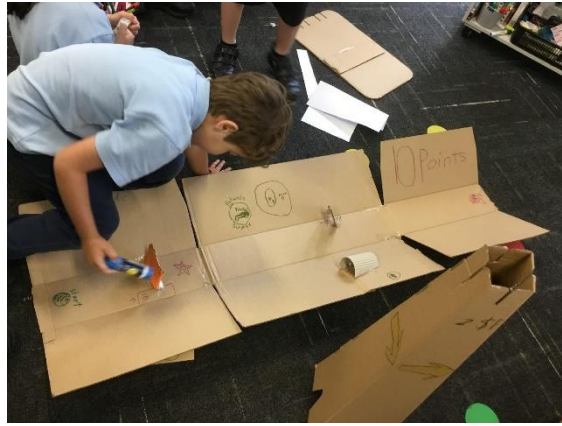
**Test:** We had other Year 2 students test our prototypes. We gave each other helpful feedback to improve our games.

**Redesign:** Using the feedback we got from our peers and what we observed during the testing stage, we made adjustments to our games to make them even better.

Have a look at some of our designs.

**Here is a little sneak peek of our design process so far:**





### **Margot, Frankie, William**

Our arcade game is called 'Hop Pop'.

You have to throw a ball from 1 metre away and try to get the ball in the hoops.

The smaller the hoop, the harder it is and the more points you get. You need aiming skills to get the hoop you want.

We worked as a team and had to change our ideas from soccer to this because our first idea didn't work because there were too many rules. My favourite part was making the game and watching other people play it. We had lots of people like our paper prototype so we knew they would like our actual game.



### **Rafferty and Kingston**

Our game is an arcade game called 'Clash'. We got inspiration from the videos we watched of other people's homemade toys. We changed our game to make it ours by adding a spring to shoot the ball into the holes.

How our game works is, you need to aim the ball to get it in one of the holes.

There are four holes. There is one hole worth 1 point, two holes worth 50 points and one hole worth 1000 points, this is the hardest one to get the ball in.

We learnt from the prototype that using triangles to hold up our game was the best shape to use because it is the strongest.

### **Mali and Sena**

Our game is called 'The Krabby Patty Shoot'.

Our game is about basketball, having fun and unlocking new skills. It is designed for everyone to play.

We came up with the idea by watching videos of other games similar, which is where we got inspiration.

Our materials were mostly cardboard and paper cups. We put it all together with sticky tape and glue.



### **Where to next:**

As we finalise our arcade, we are now thinking about marketing our games to the Year Three and Four students to convince them to play our game. We will be learning how to use technology to help us design posters to advertise our game and persuade the 3/4's to want to play our game first. We will also brush up on our money skills as we prepare to "sell" tickets for our games.

### **MUSIC - Class Concert in Week 7**

We will host our final class concert of the year in week 7 (15th and 16th of November). We had many great performances in our last class concert, and I'm sure students are once again excited to perform and listen to the performances of their peers. If students won't be here for the concert, they can video record their performance and I'll play it for the class on the day. Alternatively, let me know beforehand and I'll arrange a time for students to perform in subsequent lessons.

Same as last time, parents are invited to come in during their child's music lesson to watch the performances. Below is the timetable:

#### **WEDNESDAY 15TH OF NOVEMBER:**

<b>DATE/TIME</b>	<b>CLASS</b>
9:00 am - 9:40 am	3/4N
9:40 am - 10:20 am	3/4W
10:20 am - 11:00 am	3/4S
11:50 am - 12:30 am	1N
12:30 am - 1:10 am	1S
1:10 am - 1:50 am	2N

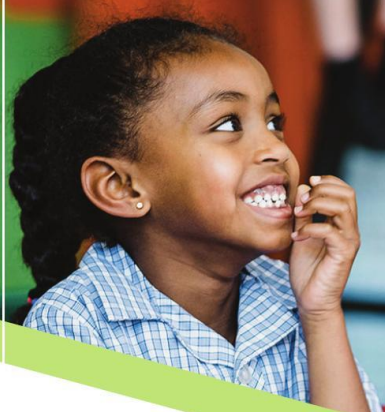
#### **THURSDAY 16TH OF NOVEMBER:**

<b>DATE/TIME</b>	<b>CLASS</b>
9:00 am - 9:40 am	5/6W
9:40 am - 10:20 am	5/6N
10:20 am - 11:00 am	5/6S
11:50 am - 12:30 am	2S
12:30 am - 1:10 am	Prep S
1:10 am - 1:50 am	Prep N

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. My email address is [ztsai@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ztsai@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au)

Sincerely,  
Zoe





## ENROLMENT 2024

Holy Rosary School  
Phone 9376 9455  
To book a Tour

## GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST START

We are an inclusive Catholic school where students are celebrated for the gifts they bring, and their strengths are applauded. Holy Rosary students are warm, friendly and welcoming. They make the most of learning opportunities and demonstrate an ever increasing range of interests and passions.

- Founded by the Mercy Sisters
- Specialist classes in Science, Music, Japanese, Art and Physical Education
- Student Leadership
- Instrumental Tuition
- Camps Yr 3 -6

- Speech, Drama and Chess Tuition
- Science Fair - Awarded Peter Craig Science Award (2019, 2020)
- Musical Production
- Positive Behaviour for Learning
- Prep Induction Program
- Sacramental Preparation

- Art Show
- Library
- Outside School Hours Program
- Excursions and Incursions
- Reduced Fees for Health Care Card Holders
- One to one Laptops Yr 3-6

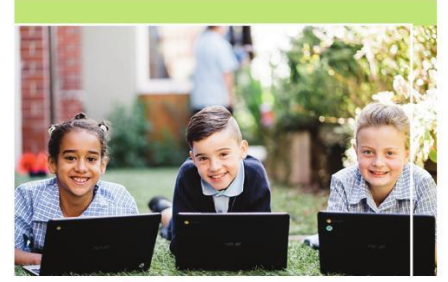
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## Our School Vision

We are a dynamic and inclusive Catholic learning community called to service through our Mercy tradition. We nurture students to be engaged, passionate and successful learners who grow and feel connected in a contemporary world.

## Our School Values

Living Our Values The Holy Rosary Way  
Inspired by Jesus...

- We foster quality *Relationships*
- We are people of *Integrity*
- We show *Resilience* in times of adversity
- We *Respect* ourselves, others and our environment
- We respond with *Kindness* through our words and actions.



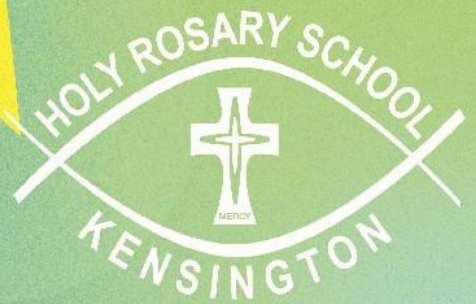
*Shining with Mercy Spirit*

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Connect with us via





# Family fun Day



**SAT 18  
NOVEMBER  
2023**

**CAKES**

**ARTS & CRAFTS**

**WINE  
BINGO**

**FACE  
PAINTING**

**HOT FOOD**

**RIDES**

**10am  
til  
3pm**

**SILENT & LIVE  
AUCTION**

**LIVE  
ENTERTAINMENT**

**FAIRY FLOSS**

**COFFEE CART**

**Holy Rosary  
School  
37 Gower St  
Kensington**



*Many hands make light work!*



## HOLY ROSARY SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING GROUP

### RUN BY PARENT AND CARER VOLUNTEERS

Without new volunteers each year, the Holy Rosary Social & Fundraising Group would not be able to continue to create opportunities for engagement within our school community.



### EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Whether you're a seasoned committee member, or have never organised an event in your life, you can bring new skills and ideas to the group. We meet formally once per term.

### WE ORGANISE AND RUN A WIDE RANGE OF EVENTS

An annual Mother's Day Stall and Disco, a biennial Family Fun Day and Trivia Night, plus BBQs, raffles, social events and more!



### OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIFFERENT ROLES

Don't want to lead a project? No problem! Be a part of the project subcommittee, use your networking skills, design marketing material, or volunteer some time at the event.

### NOMINATED POSITIONS

The Holy Rosary Social & Fundraising Group has a Chair +/- Co-Chair, and Secretary, plus general members. Treasurer duties are undertaken by the school's Bursar.



### SUPPORTED & INTEGRATED

The Holy Rosary Social & Fundraising Group is supported by the School Advisory Council (SAC). The Chair of the group also sits on the SAC.

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO GET INVOLVED,  
OR TO FIND OUT MORE,  
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