

## Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary

A good beginning is of great importance

Catherine McAuley



Welcome to 2024! It is wonderful to see our children back at school and to wish families a happy new year. We hope your holidays were marked by times of joy, rest, relaxation, recuperation and reflection. May the year ahead provide wonderful learning and happy relationships for your children, and community connection for families.

“A good beginning is most definitely of great importance.” We have started our school year magnificently. The children are adjusting beautifully to their new classes and teachers, and they are enjoying reconnecting with their friends. We thank families for their efforts in helping children to prepare so well for school.

We warmly welcome our new families at Holy Rosary; our Prep children, Lucy in Year 1, Oliver (Year 2) and his sister Annabelle (Prep). We hope these children and their families will enjoy a very happy time in our school community.

We are pleased to welcome Maria Sedunary back to school after a very long Term 4 recuperating at home. Maria is excited to be back on deck to continue to share her learning and teaching knowledge and skills with staff, students and parents.

Trist Jones is also back on deck after a long period of absence. The staff and children are excited to reconnect with Trist when specialist lessons begin this week, and to embrace their learning in Japanese.

Fortnight at a glance	
Wednesday 7 February	Prep RDO 1
Friday 9 February 10:30 am	Beginning of School Year Mass
Wednesday 14 February	Prep RDO 2

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

<b>2024</b>	
<b>Monday 19 February 2:30 pm</b>	Commissioning Liturgy
<b>Wednesday 21 February</b>	Prep RDO 3
<b>Wednesday 28 February</b>	Prep RDO 4
<b>Monday 11 March</b>	Labour Day
<b>Thursday 28 March 1 pm</b>	Term 1 finishes
<b>Monday 15 April</b>	Term 2 begins
<b>Thursday 25 April</b>	ANZAC Day
<b>Friday 26 April</b>	Student Free Day
<b>Friday 28 June 1 pm</b>	Term 2 finishes
<b>Monday 15 July</b>	Term 3 begins
<b>Sunday 11 August 2pm</b>	Confirmation at Holy Rosary Church
<b>Friday 20 September 1 pm</b>	Term 3 finishes
<b>Monday 7 October</b>	Term 4 begins
<b>Monday 4 November</b>	Student Free Day
<b>Tuesday 5 November</b>	Melbourne Cup Day
<b>Tuesday 17 December 1 pm</b>	Term 4 finishes

\* Student Free Days for curriculum 1 per term TBA

\* Eucharist and Reconciliation TBA

### **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

## Our 2024 Theme

It is fitting that today's newsletter begins with a quote from Catherine McAuley, the founder of the Mercy Sisters. Holy Rosary School was opened and run by the Mercy Sisters from 1916 until 2012. This year we will focus on learning more about the Mercy Sisters, their role in the Kensington community and the Mercy value of service. In our school vision statement we reflect that 'we are called to service through our Mercy tradition.' This year we will be working with the children to increase their understanding of service as acts that demonstrate love for others; love in action. We will introduce this theme at our opening school Mass on Friday 9 February at 10:30am. We invite families to join us for this celebration at Holy Rosary Church. The office will be closed at this time to allow all staff to attend Mass.



**Our 2024 Theme**

*Our learning community is "called to service through our Mercy tradition."*

**Love in Action**

## Commissioning Liturgy

Our Commissioning Liturgy for Year 6 leaders, staff and SRC will be held on Monday 19 February at 2:30pm. At this time, Year 6 leaders and SRC members will be presented with their badges. Families are welcome to attend.

## Holy Rosary's 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 Values

*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*

## Year 6 Leadership 2024

<b>School Captains</b>	Estella and Jack
<b>Vice Captains</b>	Jobe and Maggie
<b>MacKillop House Leaders</b>	Tommy F and Maddie
<b>Sion House Leaders</b>	Cooper and Keinan
<b>Hennessy House Leaders</b>	Matilda and James
<b>McAuley House Leaders</b>	Ava and Enzo B

### Contact details and medical action plans

Please send an email to [frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:frontoffice@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au) if your contact details have changed over the summer break. This will ensure efficient and effective communication with you by school staff. We also require a current or updated medical action plan, if applicable for your child. This includes action plans for asthma, anaphylaxis and other allergies. If your child's medication has expired, you are urgently required to provide the office with new medication.

### Mobile phones and smart watches

Students who bring their mobile phone to school should take them straight to the office to be collected at the end of the day. Smart watches can be worn during the school day, however, they must be in school mode and not used for messaging or making calls. If this happens, parents will be contacted and smart watches will be kept in the office until the end of the day.

### Bell Times in 2024

Please note the bell times for 2024. We ask that children are not onsite before 8:30am or after 3:30pm. Children who arrive at school before 8:30am must be enrolled in [TeamKids](#). In the afternoon, teachers will remain on duty until 3:30pm so if you are unable to collect your children before this time they should attend TeamKids.

<b>Gate Opens</b>	8:30 am
<b>1st bell</b>	8:50 am
<b>2nd bell</b>	8:53 am
<b>Dismissal bell</b>	3:15 pm

### Inform and Empower

Once again we have enrolled all students in the '[Inform and Empower](#)' program. This means that each Year 1-6 student will participate in an online streamed lesson each term. Preps will participate in a standard lesson. Lessons are designed to educate students about using the internet safely. A parent tip sheet will be sent after your child's lesson to enable you to continue the conversation and learning at home.

### 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](#). We draw your attention to the [Parent/Guardian/Carer Code of Conduct](#) which is a critical school document that outlines the expected behaviours of parents. Please read this document carefully to remind yourself of these expectations.

### When do my children wear their sport uniform?

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

*Wednesday: Year 3/4S, 3/4W, 3/4G, 5/6*

*Thursday: Year 1/2, Prep, 3/4N*

### 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 modify these permissions please advise the office by Friday 9 February.

## Staff in 2024

Prep Navy	Megan Tootill
Prep Sky	Emily Barnes
1/2 Navy	Samantha Carbonara
1/2 Sky	Patrick Torpy
1/2 White	Lauren Dow
3/4 Navy	Clare Hudson
3/4 Sky	Gemma Burnheim
3/4 White	Jenna Najman
3/4 Gold	John Paul (JP) Conway
5/6 Navy	Baraa Hamandi
5/6 Sky	Allison Azzopardi
5/6 White	Tarquin McRae
Art	Andrea Durand
P.E.	Andrea Durand
Music	Zoe Tsai
Japanese	Trist Jones
Science	Alina Pung
Principal	Christine Shaw
Deputy Principal & Learning and Teaching Leader	Maria Sedunary
Religious Education Leaders	Michaela Mackie & Sarah Maguire
Learning Diversity Leader	Antoinette Giuffrida
Wellbeing Leader	Michaela Mackie
Mathematics Leader	Sarah Maguire

## Links

School Website

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

School Facebook

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

## School Fees

Fee statements will be sent out next week. Attached to this newsletter is a Fee Payment Form with payment options. Please complete this and return by Friday 9 February.

## 2024 CSEF Applications

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) applications are now open for families who hold a valid, means tested concession card or who have special circumstances. If successful in your application, these funds (\$150) are paid to the school and used to offset the cost of excursions, camps and swimming. If you applied for the CSEF last year you do not need to apply again unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. **Please see attached information sheet and application form in this newsletter** or you can pick one up at the office.

If your CSEF application is accepted by the Department of Education you will also be eligible for the **Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic School (MACS) Concession**. Families who are experiencing financial hardship and do not have a concession card can make an appointment with Christine or Lynette to discuss fees and to apply for the MACS concession.

Please call Lynette if you require extra assistance on 9376 9455.

### Gardening Club at Holy Rosary

Thank you to Lucy who has been a huge part in getting a gardening club up and running at HR. Gardening Club runs every Friday at first lunch (11.10 - 11.50). Last year we planted lots of flowers and vegetables down at the adventure playground, created a fairy garden up near the flagpole and we have lots of exciting plans for this year. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer (parents, grandparents etc) we would love you to join us. You will need a current Working With Children Check.

After planting veggie seeds last year we now have zucchinis, tomatoes and corn growing. This Friday, Lucy will be making zucchini chips with students to eat. The ingredients they will use include olive oil, salt and zucchini. If your child would like to join in but can't eat any of those ingredients, can you please let Michaela know before Friday. Lucy would also appreciate help making the zucchini chips. Please let Michaela know if you can assist from 11:30 am (straight after Mass).



### Beginning of School Year Mass

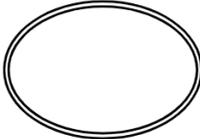
Our beginning of School Year Mass will take place on Friday, 9th February at 10.30am. We will celebrate Mass at Holy Rosary Church and we invite our family and friends to join us. Students will bring home invitations for you and the information is below.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ 

*We warmly invite you to our*

**Beginning of School  
Year Mass**

Friday 9th February, 2024 at 10:30am  
Holy Rosary Church



From \_\_\_\_\_ 

### Parish News

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

# Holy Rosary Positive Behaviour for Learning

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

This week our PBL lesson is about our lining up routine. All classes will be lining up on the yard at the beginning of the day and at the end of each playtime. It is important to establish a good routine, as it sets the children up with a smooth transition into their learning time. Our lining up routine is as follows:

## Lining Up Routine

1.	When the first bell rings I stop what I'm doing	
2.	I put sports equipment back in the sports cupboard	
3.	I go to the toilet if I need and then I go to my line	
4.	I line up in alphabetical order	
5.	I face forward	
6.	I walk in silence	
7.	I stay in line with my hands to myself	



*Michaela, Student Wellbeing Leader*

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Dear Parents & Carers,

In 2024 your child/children will be participating in Inform & Empower Cyber Safety & Digital 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.



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 & Empower to help improve their programs and may be published online.

The Academy of Mary Immaculate wishes to congratulate the graduates from:

Holy Rosary Kensington:

Riley Axalan and Callie Axalan

For their academic success as Dux of Year 7 and Dux of Year 8, 2023.

*Dux*  
AWARD

Riley Axalan  
YEAR 7



THE CITY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



*Dux*  
AWARD

Callie Axalan  
YEAR 8



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ACADEMY CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



THE CITY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

### More Holy Rosary Alumni News

We congratulate Fergus O'Neill who received the Bradman Award for Young Cricketer of the Year at the Allan Border Medal Award night last Wednesday. It is an amazing achievement to win this award and we look forward to following his career!





## We would love your Input!

Is there anything you think funds raised this year should buy?

A mural? New seating? Other ideas?

Please let us know at

[holyrosaryfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:holyrosaryfundraising@gmail.com)



## Week 1, Term 1, 2024 - Welcome!

Welcome back Holy Rosary, and a very warm welcome to the new families who have joined our school community this year.

After an immensely successful 2023, the Holy Rosary Social & Fundraising Group hopes that this year will be even bigger and better than the last. Another thank you to all those who made 2023 wonderful through their physical donations, as well as their time and skills.

You'll see some new things on our events calendar this year, as well as old favourites. That being said, *none of these events can happen without your help!* We are looking for new and ongoing members of the Holy Rosary Social & Fundraising Group, leads for event subcommittees, and event subcommittees and volunteers. Please have a read of the flyer attached to the newsletter and consider joining us this year!

### **A Term 1 meeting for those interested will be held this week:**

**When:** Thursday 8th February, 7:30pm

**Where:** Hardiman's Hotel

**RSVP:** Wednesday 7th February to Erin Church at [holyrosaryfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:holyrosaryfundraising@gmail.com)  
(to confirm booking numbers)



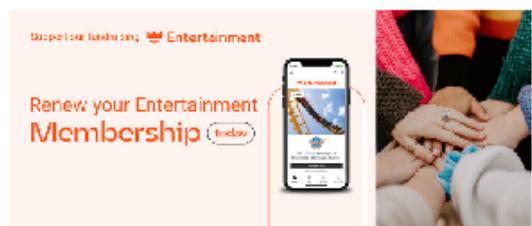
## What's happening?

- 1 **Footy Tipping** - coming soon! Season starts Thursday 7th March
- NEW** 2 **Hot Cross Bun Drive** - coming soon!
- 3 **School Disco** - ?Friday 15th March (TBC)
- 4 **Easter Raffle** - drawn Tuesday 25th March
- 5 **Athletics Day BBQ** - Wednesday 26th March
- NEW** 6 **Mother's Day Gift Stall** - Tuesday 7th May
- 7 **Mother's Day Cake Stall** - Saturday 11th May



## **SIGN UP TODAY & SAVE!**

<https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/1892v19>



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*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,  
PLEASE EMAIL:**

[holyrosaryfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:holyrosaryfundraising@gmail.com)



**TERM 1, 2024 - REGISTER NOW @**  
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## **SPECIALISED CHESS COACHING**

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'Children love attending Phil's chess classes as he actively fosters their sense of wellbeing and motivation to learn more'.

*Rob Horwood Principal,  
Stella Maris Primary, Beaumaris.*

### **HOW CAN CHESS BENEFIT YOUR CHILD?**

**Educational:** Improved IQ, critical thinking, concentration, analytical skills, memory.

**Social:** Develop new friendships, social interaction skills, sportsmanship.

**Emotional:** Confidence, self esteem, resilience through winning/losing games.

### **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.

**BOOK HERE**



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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	6 Feb - 19 Mar	\$138 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/>

# Speech & Drama lessons 2024

Students who would like to commence Speech & Drama Lessons in 2024 please follow the trybooking link to enroll in this program.

Speech & Drama lessons are a fun and dynamic way of building students' confidence in public speaking, communication and performance skills. Speech & Drama lessons aim to improve diction, improve voice projection, and develop natural expression of the spoken word.

The course will include skills such as vocal exercises, storytelling, improvisation, presentation skills and drama. Fun relaxed examinations will be undertaken as part of this program in November of each year. The extra cost of this examination will be \$30-50 depending on your child's level and by enrolling in this program you agree for your child to take part in an examination.

## Timetabling and lesson times

Year 1 to 6 classes are 30minutes in duration and are conducted during school hours on Fridays. To avoid missing the same class, lesson times will vary from week to week rotating on Fridays.

Each student is required to bring a plastic display folder to every lesson.

## Fees for 8 Lessons per Term 1

Group of four or more            \$195.00

## Make up lessons.

It is the responsibility of the student to attend lessons, however if a student is unable to attend a timetabled lesson, a make- up lesson will be arranged where possible, subject to the teacher being notified in advance. (One week's notice is required. Absences without notice will not be made up which is in line with current industrial law whereby the teacher is entitled to a full days' salary once he/she is contracted to teach.)

## Speech & Drama Lessons 2024- Term 1 Holy Rosary PS

To enroll in the Speech & Drama program please follow the link below to ensure a place for Term 1



[Term 1 Speech & Drama](#)

*It's going to be an UN-BEAR-LIEVABLY special day!*

*Get ready for TeamKids' annual Teddy Bears Picnic.*

*It'll be the most ADORABLE picnic full of FUN games and lots of YUMMY food for everyone to enjoy, including our favourite FLUFFY teddies.*

Book NOW - [www.teamkids.com.au/venues](http://www.teamkids.com.au/venues)

**5<sup>TH</sup> FEB**

# TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

TeamKids' Teddy Bears Picnic is back & fluffier than ever. The fun is here, we can BEAR-ly wait!

**Team  
Kids**





**HOOK IN  
2 HOCKEY**



**FIRST SESSION IS FREE!  
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!  
CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!**



Club: Essendon Hockey  
Venue: Essendon Hockey Centre, 1 Hockey Lane, Ascot Vale  
Program 1 Start Date: Tuesday, 27 Feb 2024  
Time: 5:30pm  
No. of Weeks: 7  
Price: \$90

Coordinator Name: Ian Lewis  
Coordinator Email: [ian.lewis@essendonhockey.com.au](mailto:ian.lewis@essendonhockey.com.au)  
Coordinator Phone: 0408 131 496



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