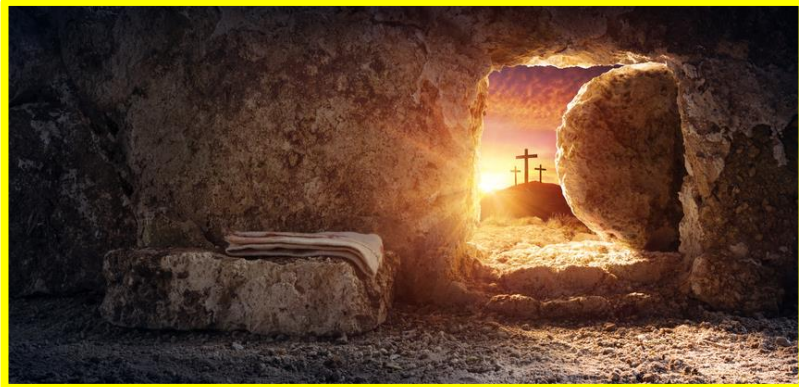


Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Rosary



He is not here, for he has been raised, just as he said. Come and see the place where he was lying ~ Matthew 28:6

Easter is the feast of the Resurrection of Christ. Easter follows Lent and continues for fifty days until Pentecost. It is a time when the Paschal candle is lit and the Easter water is used to baptise new Christians. White is the colour of the season.

The Easter season reminds us that life overcomes death, light overcomes darkness, and the Risen Jesus Christ is ever present amongst us.

We will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with a prayer service on Monday 22 April at 2.30pm in the Church. We invite parents, family and friends to join us.

Athletics Day

We have received many positive reports on our annual athletics day carnival held last term. Staff, students and parents have reported that it was a day filled with energy, excitement, and outstanding performances. The support from parents, teachers, and students created an atmosphere of camaraderie and encouragement, making the day a memorable experience for everyone. There are many people to thank for their contributions and Andrea has highlighted these in her report but it is also fitting that we acknowledge Andrea's excellent organisation and facilitation of the day. We thank her for ensuring a fabulous day for all in our school community.

Parent-Teacher Conversations

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend the parent-teacher conversations. Your involvement and dedication to your child's education is commendable and this support makes a significant difference in their academic journey. Staff appreciate your commitment and engagement.

ANZAC Day Badges

The RSL has provided a box of Anzac Day badges for us to sell on their behalf. Badges range from \$2-\$5. We welcome you to purchase these from the office but request that you bring correct money.

Fortnight at a glance	
Monday 22 April 2:30 pm	Easter Prayer Service in the Church
Thursday 25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Friday 26 April	Student Free Day

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

2024	
Wednesday 8 May	Mother's Day Gift Stall - S&F G event
Thursday 9 May 7:30 am	Mother's Day Celebration
Friday 10 May	National Walk Safely to School Day
Saturday 11 May	Mother's Day Cake Stall - S&F G event
Friday 17 May 3:15 – 5:30 pm	Holy Rosary Science Fair
Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 June	3/4 Camp
Saturday 15 June 5:30 pm	First Eucharist at Holy Rosary Church
Thursday 20 June	Student Free Day
Friday 21 June	Trivia - S&F G event
Friday 28 June 11 am	Biggest Morning Tea
Friday 28 June 1 pm	Term 2 finishes (Casual clothes)
Monday 15 July 8:50 am	Term 3 begins
Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 August	5/6 Camp
Sunday 11 August 2pm	Confirmation at Holy Rosary Church
Friday 23 August	Book Week Parade
Friday 20 September 1 pm	Term 3 finishes (Casual clothes)
Monday 7 October 8:50 am	Term 4 begins
Monday 4 November	Student Free Day
Tuesday 5 November	Melbourne Cup Day
Tuesday 17 December 1 pm	Term 4 finishes (Casual clothes)

*S&F G event = Social and Fundraising Group event

Date Reminder

Children are not required to attend school on:
 Anzac Day Public Holiday Thursday 25 April 2024
 Student Free Day Friday 26 April 2024

Student Free Day

Please note the Student Free Day scheduled for Thursday 20 June. On this day, staff will work with Michaela, our Wellbeing Leader, on the ways we can continue to promote the mental health of our students as part of our involvement in the Mental Health in Schools Program.

Newsletter Next Week

As we have a short week next week, newsletter items must be submitted by Wednesday 24 April 9:00am to allow sufficient time to compile the newsletter, ready for Monday morning.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

If you and your family will be attending the Dawn Service in Kensington please let [Maria Sedunary](#) know. Holy Rosary School will lay a floral tribute during the ceremony.

Mother's Day Gift Stall

Please note the calendar change for the Mother's Day Gift Stall which will now be held on Wednesday 8 May.

Date Saver!

A staff group, led by Caterina, is organising a 'Biggest Morning Tea' event to be held on Friday 28 June at 11am in the school hall. Please add this date to your calendar so that you can support this worthy cause. Further details about this 'Love in Action' project will follow.

Holiday Projects

You will notice that our new gate security system is in place. If you are visiting during school hours you can now call the office from the keypad on the gate. The office staff will see you via the camera and will buzz you in.

Over the holidays the hall toilets were painted. What a huge improvement! They look clean and fresh now.

School Photos

Thank you for ensuring that your children were polished and in full uniform for our photo day. We had excellent service from our photographers who were in full praise of our students and staff. We now eagerly look forward to seeing the photos.

School Arrival Time

We still have a number of children arriving at school before 8:30am. As there are no teachers on duty, children and family members should not be onsite until after 8:30am. TeamKids is open from 6:30am, should you require care before school. Please note, that before school, the only ball game that can be played is downball. Other ball games are not permitted due to the more congested nature of the yard before school.

Hats

Recently we have had a significant number of students arrive at school before excursions without a hat or with a cap (rather than a wide brimmed hat). As part of our Sun Smart policy all students are expected to bring their school hat every day and to wear it while outside. This policy remains in place while the UV is 3 or above. Even as I write this on Thursday at 3:30pm, the UV is sitting at 5.

A Healthy Breakfast is Important!

A recent Australian Research Council Project has reaffirmed the importance of children having breakfast before coming to school. In the study, those who ate a healthy breakfast demonstrated higher levels of motivation and achievement. Conversely, those who skipped breakfast or ate an unhealthy breakfast had lower levels of motivation and achievement. The research emphasised the importance of a healthy breakfast to fuel the mind and body for optimal academic performance.

National Walk Safely to School Day: Friday 10 May



Now in its 25th year, the annual campaign encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers to walk safely and regularly to school. Championed by the [Pedestrian Council Australia](#), the initiative aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking or alternative active transport (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term well-being of our children, not just on 10 May, but every day. Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking (or similar) also has a favourable impact on children's cognitive and academic performance. We have participated in this initiative for many years and 2024 is no exception. So grab your scooter, walking shoes or bikes and join in the fun!

Parent Education

Last Friday some Prep parents joined an engaging workshop aimed at strengthening the partnership between home and school while enhancing student learning, primarily in English and Mathematics. In this session, we delved into various aspects of the school curriculum, teaching methodologies, and effective ways to support children's educational journey at home. Approaches to teaching reading, writing (including spelling), and mathematics were explored. Judging by the engagement, laughter and deep conversation we would say this first of two sessions was highly successful.

We are repeating the second session today from 9 am to 11 am in the staffroom.



Messages from Andrea

Holy Rosary School Athletics Day 2024

What a wonderful day it turned out to be! Despite a bit of drizzle the sun burst through and the weather was perfect. It was wonderful to see the students compete with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship! There were many examples of students encouraging each other, and displaying excellence in their field. A special congratulations to Mali, who won every event she was in! Thank you to the students for their exemplary behaviour, to our wonderful sports leaders for their excellent example and leadership, to the staff for their hard work, to the parent helpers who we could not do without on the field and at the food stall, particularly Naomi, and thank you to all the parents and family members who came to support their children!

Congratulations to McAuley who won after a 15 year drought. The official order was 1st place McAuley, 2nd place Sion, 3rd place MacKillop and 4th place Hennessy. The scores were very close! Well done to all students who participated.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Allegra, Ariana, Emily and Zara who won their basketball grand final on Saturday March 23rd. They played well as a team and were well coached by Rhys and Tim. A special congratulations to Allegra who won MVP. Maybe some future Australian Opals in the making!



Andrea, Physical Education and Art teacher

Links

School Website

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

School Facebook

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

School Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/holyrosaryschool3031/>

Parish News

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

Mass and Assembly Schedule

Assembly: Mondays <i>Assembly begins at 2:35 in the Hall. Bags packed and left in classrooms</i>		Mass: Fridays <i>Mass begins at 9:15am. Classes should be seated by 9:10am</i>	
Term 2 Assembly and Mass Schedule			
Week 2 / 22 April	Easter Prayer Service in the Church	Week 2 / 26 April	N/A
Week 3 / 29 April	3/4 Sky	Week 3 / 3 May	3/4 Gold
Week 4 / 6 May	5/6 Navy	Week 4 / THURSDAY 9 May	Whole School Mother's Day Liturgy in the Church
Week 5 / 13 May	3/4 Gold	Week 5 / 17 May	3/4 Navy
Week 6 / 20 May	1/2 Navy	Week 6 / 24 May	3/4 White
Week 7 / 27 May	3/4 White	Week 7 / 31 May	3/4 Sky
Week 8 / 3 June	1/2 Navy	Week 8 / 7 June	5/6 White
Week 9 / 10 June	King's Birthday	Week 9 / 14 June	Prep Navy and Prep Sky
Week 10 / 17 June	1/2 Sky	Week 10 / 21 June	1/2 White and 1/2 Sky
Week 11 / 24 June	Prep Navy and Prep Sky	Week 11 / 28 June	5/6 Sky

Scholastic Book Club Issue 3

Online catalogue is available here.

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Annual school photos have been taken by Arthur Reed Photos.

To view the images of your child and order photos, you will need to first register online.

1. Go to <https://order.arphotos.com.au> and enter the 2024 image code for your child (from their personalized flyer)
2. Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings
3. Fill in your email and mobile details and then review all details before confirming your registration

That's it! When 2024 photos are ready, you will be notified by email and SMS.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do it again each year using your child's new image code to link their photos for the current year with your contact details.

To ensure you are ordering school photos for the current year, please wait for notifications that 2024 images are online before placing orders.

In the webshop you can view photos and customize your photo package; Choose ANY layout, ANY image and purchase multiple digital image downloads.

All photo orders will be sent directly to the address you provide when ordering.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW to be notified when 2024 school photos can be viewed and ordered.

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- 2** Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings
- 3** Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*

That's it! You'll receive an email and/or SMS when images are ready to view in our secure webshop
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Wellbeing

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

Executive Functioning

Executive Functioning (EF) refers to cognitive skills that support the brain's capacity to control impulses, plan, prioritise, carry out and complete tasks. Executive functioning skills are essential for managing daily tasks, relationships, wellbeing, and of course learning.

Children's executive functioning skills develop at different rates and can impact on their school readiness, learning and social relationships. When adults identify the EF skills a child struggles with, they can support them with various strategies and resources, to aid the development of these skills.

The following table identifies EF skills, what they mean and what it might look like for a child who requires additional support;

Executive functioning skill	What does it mean?	What might this look like if additional support is required
Impulse control	Think before you act and inhibit behaviour when appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Starting tasks before listening to instructionsDifficulty staying in line when moving around the schoolSaying inappropriate things, interrupting others or calling out in class
Emotional control	Manage or modify one's feelings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Being emotionally reactive, overreacting and finding criticism difficultHaving outbursts and sudden/frequent mood changesPeriods of excessive emotional upset
Flexible thinking	Adjust and adapt to the unexpected. This includes the ability to tolerate change, deal with transitions, revise plans and think flexibly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Getting frustrated if asked to think about something new or from a different perspectiveDifficulties with transitioning between tasks or placesFinding changes challenging (e.g., changes in planned activities or a different teacher)Black and white thinking, seeing things in extremes
Working memory	Keep information in mind and actively use or manipulate this information to perform a task	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Having trouble remembering instructions, even with notes and repetitionLosing track of what they are doing
Self-monitoring	Assess oneself in a situation and judge one's performance on the task or monitor one's behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Being surprised by a bad mark and getting upsetDifficulty assessing their own performanceDifficulty recognising the impact of their behaviours on others
Planning and prioritising	Decide on a goal and create a plan to reach a goal. It also involves being able to determine what is and is not important to focus on	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Difficulty following a sequence of stepsHaving trouble managing time and underestimating the time required to complete a taskDifficulty prioritising what is important for completing a task
Task initiation	Take action to get started on an activity or task, in an efficient or timely fashion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Having difficulty starting work or feel unsure about where to beginHaving trouble generating ideas for a classroom project or what to do in free time
Organisation	Create and maintain systems to keep track of information or materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Losing train of thoughtLeaving things at home that should be at school, and vice versaFrequently losing things (e.g., clothing, school items)Trouble keeping belongings or materials organised (e.g. school bag, desk)

Holy Rosary Positive Behaviour for Learning

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

Holy Rosary Positive Behaviour for Learning	
Lesson Plan for Safety is Our Right, Respect is our Way in the toilets	
Step 1: List Learning Intentions and Success Criteria	
<p>We are learning to: use the toilets in a quiet, safe and respectful manner.</p> <p>It will look like students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> walking, keeping left and keeping quiet when moving through the school to go to the toilet asking permission and go with a buddy going to the toilet, flushing, and then washing and drying hands (flush, wash, dry, goodbye) waiting quietly if there are other children using the toilets before you respecting the toilet facilities (toilet, toilet seats, toilet paper, hand dryer, soap) by using them properly remaining quiet at the toilets so that others are not disturbed in their class 	
Step 2: List a rationale for teaching the behaviour	
<p>Why is it important?</p> <p>We all have the right to feel safe and respected in the toilets. We all have the right to a clean bathroom. Holy Rosary School Values: Relationships, Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Kindness Holy Rosary School Expectations: Safety is our right. Learning is our responsibility. Respect is our way.</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
<p>At All times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilet, flush, wash, dry, goodbye Wait for a free cubicle or for my buddy quietly Use toilet paper in ways that respect our environment Respect other people's right for privacy Use one pump of liquid soap One person in one cubicle at a time Make sure the toilet has flushed thoroughly before leaving the cubicle Report any non-example behaviour concerns to a teacher <p>During Break Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Going to the toilet during lunch breaks or before school <p>During Learning Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking the teacher permission to go to the toilet Walking quietly and safely with a buddy straight to the toilet and straight back without loitering. This keeps us safe and doesn't disturb other classes from learning Keeping left and quiet on the way to the toilet and while waiting for a cubicle/urinal 	<p>At All Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking loudly on the way to the toilets or while waiting at the toilets Running, skipping down the hallway to the toilet Writing on the doors or walls (grafitti) Taking food into the toilet Playing in the toilets or at the entrance to the toilet Throwing toilet paper on the walls/on the ceiling Stuffing toilet paper, toilet paper rolls or food in the toilet or behind the toilet Splashing water on the floor or at others Standing on the toilet seats Not washing and drying hands Switching lights on and off Looking over and under toilet walls Locking the toilet door from the inside and crawling underneath Wasting soap or spreading it in the trough or on the floor Not going to the toilet during break times Going to/from toilets the long way/stopping to play along the way <p>During Break Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running on the concrete near the toilet <p>During Learning Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running down the hallway to the toilet Wasting learning time to go to the toilet



Michaela, Student Wellbeing Leader

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

THURSDAY 9TH MAY
7:30 - 9:30

Coffee and muffins will be served
to the special women in our children's
lives before we move to the church
for a Mother's Day prayer celebration.

Milo and muffins will be served for the children

Please RSVP via the QR code below



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MARCH 26, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE

Christine Shaw, Maria Sedunary, Laura Cochrane (Chair), Chris Church (Secretary) Damien Murray, Erin Church, Rachel Luong, Pilar Abou Haila

Apology: Father Thang.

COUNCIL NEWS

- The Council welcomed two new members: Shelagh Doyle (mother of Caitlin, Year 5) and Chris Church (father of Elliot, Prep, and Patrick, Year 2). Chris has also taken on the role of Secretary.
- A Playground Update Committee has been created to assist the Principal to manage the complicated project, which has been made possible by the incredible fundraising efforts of the Social & Fundraising Group. The update will include re-turfing and options are being looked at to upgrade the playground equipment. The timing is unknown at this stage while the full project is being scoped. Fernanda Murphy will chair the Council and is looking for other parents to join the Committee and support the project.
- The Council set its focus areas for the next 12 months:
 1. Upgrade the school playground.
 2. Lift parent knowledge and understanding of students' academic progress/achievements
 3. Improve the parent communication tools and systems
 4. Celebrate the success of students' achievements
 5. Improve marketing of the school to attract students.
- The Social & Fundraising Group reported that the recent Disco, Easter Raffle and Hot Cross Bun Drive have raised about \$4,000. Congratulations all!

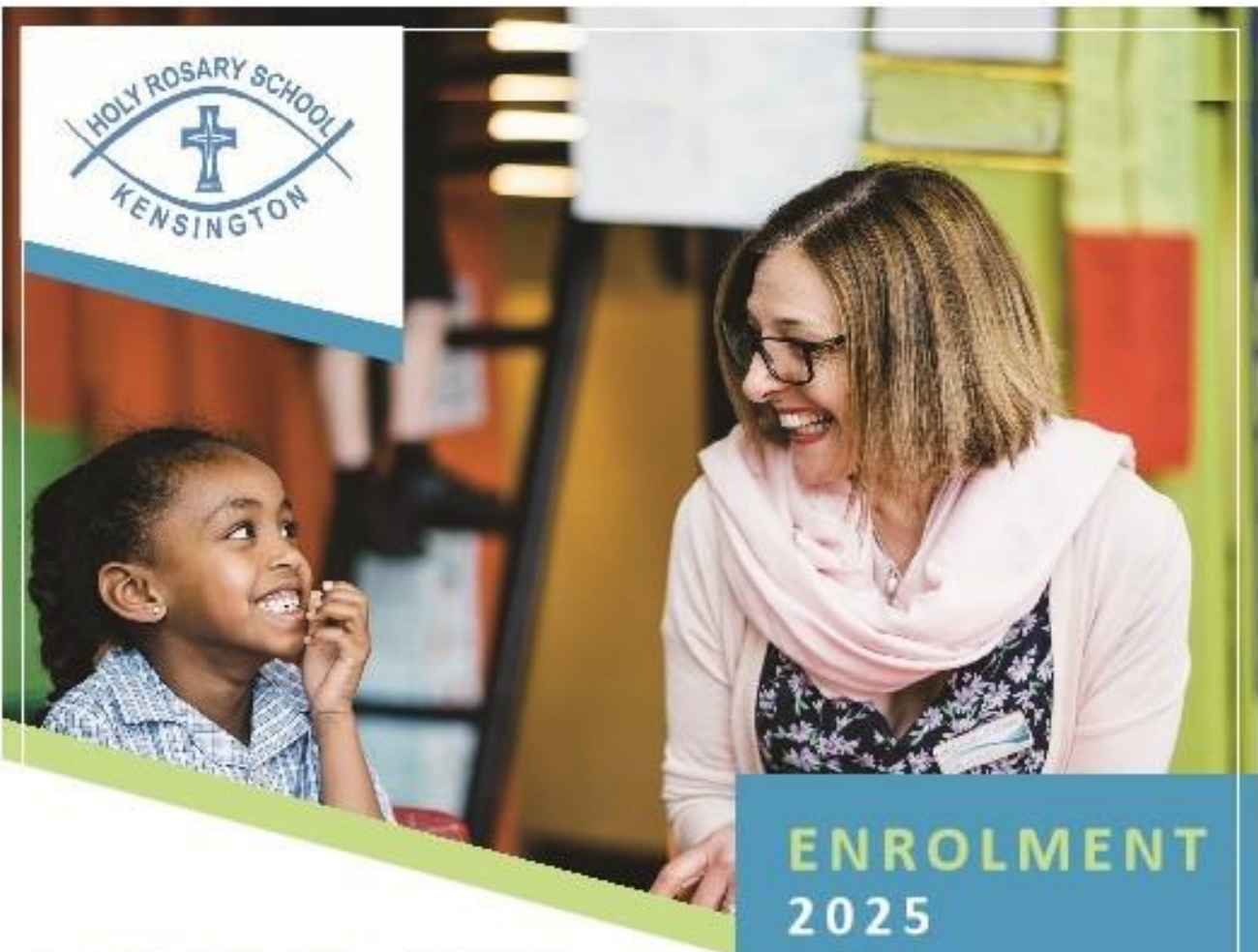
SCHOOL & PARISH REPORTS

- The school will enter a team in the School Netball Championships - see separate note.
- Christine gave the Council an overview of the school finances. She noted rising costs due to many factors, including school maintenance and relief teachers.
- A new, mobile friendly, format of the school newsletter is being tested.

LEARNING UPDATE

- The Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools (MACS), which governs all Catholic schools in our region, has launched a new learning plan, called Vision for Instruction - [available here](#). The school will be implementing this plan over the coming months and years.
- Classroom 'showcases' will be re-introduced in Term 2, in which parents can visit and view work done by the students.

The full meeting minutes are on the [Holy Rosary Website](#). The next meeting is on May 1. The Council welcomes conversations and feedback. Speak to Council members at any time or email hrsac@hrkensington.catholic.edu.au.



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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.



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CLASS DETAILS - HOLY ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Tuesdays	11.00 - 11.50am	Hall	23 Apr to 18 Jun	\$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**

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