



NEWSLETTER No . 6 : 10th March, 2016

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin this week's newsletter by acknowledging the significant decision made by Mrs Joan Short our Administration Officer last week to announce her retirement. Joan has been involved at Holy Rosary school since 1979 as a librarian and administration officer. Her work for the community of Holy Rosary has been tireless and her understanding and empathy with those that have been in our school over 38 years is enormous.

As her tenth Principal, I would like to congratulate Joan on all that she has achieved in her roles at Holy Rosary as well as on her decision to move on to another phase of her life. We wish Mrs Short all the very best in her retirement.

Joan will finish up at Holy Rosary on Friday, 27th May and the admin officer role is currently being advertised in the Bendigo Advertiser. We will formally acknowledge Mrs Short at a later date.

Being successful:

This week I spoke to the children about how we all need to work towards being successful. We need to create spaces and activities that allow our students to experience success. This also relates to how we prepare ourselves for each day, each lesson or each interaction with others. Once again this all relates to our whole school expectations that are reinforced every day in class.

If we are **respectful for self, others and the environment**, while at the same time ensuring we are **safe**, we have a greater chance of being successful.



Success can mean many things for many people and for students in our school it can range from completing a drawing or a construction, to having a pencil ready for the next class, to learning the method for a numeracy equation to finding a mate in the playground and creating a fun game for a while. Everyone can achieve success in their life. We will continue to create a school where your child can experience success.



PRAYER FOR SUCCESSFUL LIFELONG LEARNING

Heavenly Father, your knowledge is infinite and You have given human beings a wonderful capacity to learn on every level: practical, social, cultural, intellectual and spiritual.
Bless all institutions of learning and all educators and their students.
Grant to them all a dedication to true knowledge, a true love of learning, and a capacity to continue to learn and be successful through life.
May they arrive at the knowledge of You and your Son Jesus, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Grade 4/5/6 Camp

Congratulations to all involved in our camp last week. It was a big adventure and the outcomes were significant. As always, I am impressed with this group of students in our school and on this occasion they received accolades from others as they attended various performances and attractions over the four days. They represented Holy Rosary very well.



I once again wish to mention the expertise and attention to detail of our staff who attended the camp. Especially our two youngest teachers Mr Geary and Miss Hogan who took charge of the camp under the experienced guidance of Miss Mitchell and Mr Florence (ex Holy Rosary Principal). It was noted that Mr Dullard has been in teaching for 30 years and Mr Geary for just 30 days, however, I could not have asked for more from Ollie and Mikayla. Well done.

Thanks to Fiona Bradshaw and Eamon Dullard for their time and effort to ensure the

camp was successful. I did note that many parents and students went out of their way to thank the staff on the students return to school. We encourage our students to do this every day, and there is no better teacher of this than their own parent or guardian. Thank you.



Grade 4/5/6 Camp

By Tahlia and Lucynda

On March 1st the Grades 4,5,6 went to Pax Hill for camp. On the first night we went to 'Blood on the Southern Cross'. In the morning we all got up to go to Sovereign Hill. We went back in the olden days and went to school. It was a great experience! On the second last day we went to a wildlife park. We got to feed wallabies and kangaroos. It was a great school camp!



Tahlia and Lucynda

**FOUNDATION STUDENTS
WILL COMMENCE
SCHOOL FULL TIME
ON MONDAY, 14TH MARCH**

Behaviour and Engagement Framework. Key Expectations

On Monday the whole staff headed to St Luke's PS, Shepparton, to attend a professional learning day run by Dan Petro an international behavioural expert. Dan's work is informing our staff on how we can better develop a consistent and effective behaviour and engagement framework for our school.

On Tuesday evening the developments of this framework were shared with the school board and in Term 2 we will have an evening to update parents on where we are at.

I very much appreciate the positive comments from parents around how they acknowledge that the staff is striving to make Holy Rosary a more productive, respectful and safe place by developing strategies for better behaviour and engagement. This builds on the fine work that has been implemented over the past few years while at the same time sets us up for a very positive future.

Our focus this week is on how we line up for class.

The staff have identified expectations that we have for this time each day at our school and will teach this to the children this week in class. The students will also contribute to this list.



RESPECT FOR SELF
RESPECT FOR OTHERS
RESPECT FOR ENVIRONMENT
BE SAFE

Lining up (beginning of the day, after recess and after lunch)

Key Expectation - Respect for Self

- Toilet, drink, hands washed
- On time
- Have everything you took out with you, e.g., hat, jumper, drink bottle
- Tidy self up, e.g., removed sand, grass, dirt from clothes and self
- Have a smile on your face.

Key Expectation - Respect for Others

- Standing appropriate distance between one another (one hand span in front and one handspan beside)
- Hands and feet to yourself
- Standing quietly
- Do not move away from the partner you are standing next to
- Stand still

Key Expectation - Respect for Environment

- Be responsible for carrying your own bag
- Make sure your belongings are with you
- YOU carry YOUR bag
- Collect drink bottles/lunch-boxes, hats, etc. from classroom/outdoor areas prior to transition to same
- Collect and pack up any equipment YOU used during break time

Key Expectation - Be Safe

- Hands off
- Respect other people's space
- Walk to the classroom door
- Line up in pairs behind one another
- Have a great day

As we move through the year we will develop expectations for key places and events in our school such as assembly, playground, dismissal, mass, etc.

Welcome to our school.

This week we welcome four new young people to our school as teaching assistants. These four were selected after quite a rigorous interview process after a short listing from a group of ten applicants. The teaching assistants are in our school to assist all students to be successful. They will work with the teachers to ensure students are safe, settled and ready to learn. It is very important that the students show strong respect for these young people as they bring their great skills and enthusiasm to our classrooms. There will be two new teaching assistants each day in the school as well as Mrs Genene Fisher who will be working in the middle and senior classes. Welcome Ariana Te Arihi, David Price, Eamon Dullard and Sophie Rehberg. The students will address these staff members by their first name.

Parents and Friends Association

Congratulations to the parents who were nominated for and elected to executive positions on the Parents and Friends Association of Holy Rosary for 2016. This group of leaders, plus those that are heading up sub committees, are vibrant and energetic with a strong desire to organise events and programs that support our students, create community and raise funds for identified projects. Well done and thank you.

President - Sally Pitt
Vice President - Amber Tavinor
Secretary - Catherine Lonergan
Treasurer - Sharon Bibby
Assistant Treasurer - Sian Virgona

Teacher Professional Development

This week staff will be attending:-

- Making Jesus Real conference Hobart, Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Malavisi and Mr. Geary
- Northern Plains graduate teachers gathering Elmore. Thursday, Miss Hogan and Mrs Scott
- Last Friday Mrs. Malavisi and Mrs Scott attended an ipad professional learning day at the Catholic Education Office. The aim of the day was to develop strategies to enhance the use of ICT in our junior classrooms.
- Northern Plains HUB, Mass and Dinner, Elmore. Staff will be attending this Thursday evening

Green Day

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 17th, children are encouraged to attend school dressed in green. There will be a gold coin donation for the day which will support our Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th.

At 3.30pm-5.00pm on the same day, Thursday, March 17th, families will be offered the chance to come into the classrooms and see the children's work and meet their teacher. This will finish at 5.00pm.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Dullard
Principal

CLASS MASSES - Parents welcome to attend

All class masses are in the school chapel at 9.00a.m.

Thursday, 17th March : Gr. 3/4 (Miss Mitchell) : Thursday, 24th March : Gr. 5/6

We place great emphasis on these visits; worshipping together strengthens and professes our faith developing an even closer relationship with our local parish community

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Why is it important that children are given opportunities for a longer turn to talk and listen?

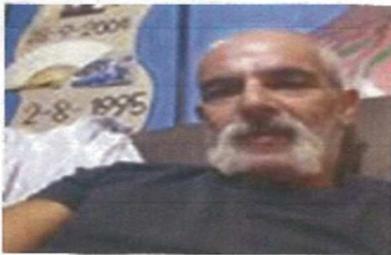
Children's Chatter Matters!

Language Learning activities to have a go at home.

6. Encourage your child to listen to sounds at the *end* of words. Choose two words from their reader/book and ask them to judge if the two words end with the same sound (say some that match and some that do not). Encourage them to say the words too, and feel the sounds at the end of the words. Then, point out the two sounds at the end.



After mastering this, you might then say two words and ask your child which word has a certain sound at the end. For example, "Which word has the 'd' sound at the end: bed or man (bed)".



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WALK AROUND AUSTRALIA

Milo and I are going to walk around Australia to raise funds for AMAZE a not for profit organisation representing people on the autism spectrum

We can be followed on Facebook under Steve Luscombe

And would appreciate any donations or help you can give us

We leave on World Autism Day the 2nd April 2016

Further information call Steve 0420550236

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Thanks