



NEWSLETTER No . 8 : 24th March, 2016



This week we celebrate Holy Week as we move towards the celebration of the Resurrection. Today the children took part in a re-enactment of the events of Holy Week. Thank you to the teachers and students who have been working hard on this over the last week. The events of Holy Week remind us of our calling to be active Christians in the way we lead our own lives. If we are harbouring hurt within us, Jesus' actions can encourage us towards forgiveness and away from grudges and bitterness. As we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ, it is also a time to reflect on where you find Christ alive in your world.

A Prayer for Holy Week

*Lord Jesus Christ,
in this sacred and solemn week
when we see again
the depth and mystery of your redeeming love,
help us to follow where you go,
to stop where you stumble,
to listen when you cry,
to hurt as you suffer,
to bow our heads in sorrow as you die,
so that, when you are raised to life again,
we may share in your endless joy. Amen.*

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe it is the last day of Term 1 already. There has been so many parents, students and friends to meet and get to know their names as well as so many happenings at Holy Rosary over the term.

I am so pleased to say that the weeks have flown because of the way that everyone has worked together for the benefit of learning and teaching within our lovely school.

I look forward to extending relationships, expanding learning and continuing to create a vibrant and active community here at Holy Rosary, Heathcote in Term 2 and beyond.

Thank you on behalf of all staff for how you have welcomed new staff, responded to requests and backed us up as we work with your children to help them to be successful. Partnerships are paramount to being successful and positivity in these partnerships goes a long way.

Term 2 commences on Monday April 11th.

Appointments:

This week we had interviews for two positions at Holy Rosary.

The Administration Officer position that has become available due to the retirement of Mrs Short has been appointed to **Mrs Kathryn (Kate) Hamilton**. Kate brings great skills to this position while also having a bubbly personality, a love of education and a desire to be a positive influence on how we build our community here at Holy Rosary. I welcome Kate to our school and I am sure you will do the same when she begins in Term 2.

Kate will be at Holy Rosary from Week 1, Term 2 (2 days) working in transition with Mrs Short and will be 4 days from Monday, 30th May. Welcome Kate. Mrs Short will finish on Friday, May 27th.

The two day teaching position for 3/4M has been appointed to **Mrs Kyrewyn O'Kane**. Kyrewyn is an experienced teacher with a great flare for the arts while at the same time very progressive with her planning and teaching. She has a very good understanding of the work that is being developed around Learning and Teaching and Behaviour and Engagement at Holy Rosary and will be a great acquisition to our dynamic staff. I welcome Kyrewyn to our staff and our school and I am sure you will make her very welcome when she begins Week 1, Term 2. Kyrewyn will share the class with Miss Mitchell and will be here on Thursday and Friday.

Basketball Grand Final

Last evening, Mr Geary and I were able to attend the U14 Panthers basketball grand final at the Bendigo Schweppes Centre. Several of our senior students were playing in the game. Many of our parents were there as coach, supporters, mascot and assistants. It was great to see past teacher and coach Mr Anstee there to support as well. I was very impressed with the standard of the game and the team had success in a very close encounter, but most of all I was impressed with the spirit of the game; the hard but fair approach and the good sportsmanship from both sides during and after the game. Good role models in sport transpire into life as our charges see this and respond in a similar fashion as they grow and expand their interests. Well done Panthers Basketball club.



Holy Rosary Heathcote School Board meeting will be held on Monday, 11th April, at 5.30pm in staff room.

Read, Read and Read, Write, Write and Write

Your child has established, or is establishing, great habits of reading regularly during the term. I encourage everyone to continue this over the next two weeks. Please take the time to read to your child, have them read to you, and at every opportunity get them to write the most creative stories they can.

This week we picked more vegies from our garden and I came across this creature below. The children tried to tell me it is a carrot, but they cannot fool me. I know that it is a friendly orange creature with many tentacles, a rather large nose, a very groovy green hair do and a smiley face. A creative imagination can take you to any place and a well written story can paint any picture you want.



Safe holiday and travels

Many of us will be on the road over Easter and the holidays. Please plan your trip well with lots of breaks. Enjoy the holidays in whatever you do and we look forward to seeing you all back here safe and well at Holy Rosary for a super Term 2.

Yours sincerely



Paul Dullard
Principal

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.

When learning to read and spell words, children also need to be able to segment, or break words into sounds. *For example, the word 'sack' can be split into s – a – ck. It has 3 sounds.*

Help your child to 'find' sounds and 'break up' a word into sounds through practice, using words from their book/ around the room. Start with simple words, with two or three sounds. Your child might need to use fingers/blocks to support.

For students in Grade 2+, who are capable of breaking simple words into sounds, practice with words that have consonant blends at the start. Consonant blends are two or three speech sounds together that are not vowels, for example: sm, sn, tr, bl, cr, gl...



The Great Holy Rosary Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to the Parents and Friends for organising an Easter Egg Hunt for each of our grades. The children were very excited about participating in this event and well done to the mums who had complete control over proceedings. Another event at our school that helps to build community in a fun filled way. Well done and thank you everyone.



School Holidays Program for kids
At the Bendigo Visitor Centre

Zany Easter Hats



Kids have fun creating wacky hats!

Aimed at children aged 4 - 10 yrs. An adult must accompany children

- ◆ **Cost:** \$8 per child
- ◆ **Time:** 10.30am – 11.15am (3/4 hour)
- ◆ **Date:** Saturday 2 April 2016
- ◆ **Bookings essential!** Limited places available

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BENDIGO VISITOR CENTRE 51-67 PALL MALL BENDIGO

Mother's Day Luncheon

HIGH TEA

RSL Hall, High St, Heathcote

Friday 6th May **12**
midday

\$30 per head

Limited seats available

Bookings are essential

Phone: 5433-2057

