

**NEWSLETTER No . 10 : 21st April, 2016****In A Minute's Silence**

Timeless God,
Christ of the Cross,
Spirit of Peace,
In a minute's silence take us into compassion and understanding.
In a minute's silence may we find ourselves almost walking in the shoes of those we remember.
In a minute's silence may we seek the joys that sustained them in the trials that they faced.
In a minute's silence may we find the courage that empowered them in the suffering they endured.
In a minute's silence may we be inspired to love like the sacrifice that they made.
In a minute's silence may we comprehend the ripples of pain that bounce around the world in response to such disturbance.
In a minute's silence may we learn the lessons which will lead to such things never occurring again.
In a minute's silence may we decide to be better in ourselves, that the world may be better with us in it.
In a minute's silence may the world change for the better.
In a minute's silence may all this be so.
In a minute's silence we pray.
Amen.

(c) Jon Humphries

Dear Parents,

As I finalise this part of the newsletter I am hopeful that the skies produce much needed rain. I know that many of you rely on tank and dam water at home and this does impact on how much we are able to achieve in our gardens, etc. There is great joy in being able to get out amongst our plants and to tender our livestock and the precious gift of water is so important to this aspect of our lives. Let us pray that the Autumn break comes soon.

This week I have had the great joy of being in the 5/6 class with Mr Geary for several maths sessions. It is wonderful to see the energy and enthusiasm for learning going on in there as well as the differing abilities being catered for within the class. Learning is fun and success comes from such experiences.

I have been very impressed with the work that is going on around the school and broader community to prepare for the Mother's Day Luncheon on Friday, May 6th. I am aware of how important this day is for our Heathcote community and I encourage you purchase a ticket to attend, or buy a set of raffle tickets from the office. More details on page 4.

ANZAC day ceremonies.

It was a great start to our week on Monday when the children participated in an ANZAC reflection at assembly. The children were very reverent and respectful and thanks to Mrs Tobin the children now have a greater understanding of the sacrifices those who went to war have made for future generations.

Our school will be represented at the 10am ceremony on Monday in Heathcote at the RSL Hall and all students are welcome to attend in their school uniform.

Three of our students will take part in the ceremony. Jack Lee and Eve Beedle will read part of the ANZAC Requiem and Riley Bruce will lay a wreath at the cenotaph. Mr. Dullard will be in attendance.



Road Safety:

This week I was contacted by City of Greater Bendigo and the Bendigo Highway Patrol who are once again targeting road safety around schools. I have included the following correspondence.

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over drive-ways or double park. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Dullard
Principal

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS **TUESDAY, 24th May (3:30-6.00pm) &** **THURSDAY, 26th May (3:30-7:30pm)**

This term we will be holding three way Learning Conversations (parent/guardian, teacher and child). These will take the place of the existing Parent/Teacher Interviews held in previous years. Each student and their parent/guardian will have a 15 minute Learning Conversation with their child's classroom teacher, in a time slot from the designated times above.

The reason we are adapting the existing structure is that research has shown that Learning Conversations strengthen teaching practice and improve learning student outcomes. One of the main features of the Learning Conversations is establishing goals and expectations, which according to Viviane Robertson [2007] can 'positively influence student learning'.

More information about the Learning Conversations will be in next week's newsletter.



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ENROLMENT FOR YEAR 7, 2017

The enrolment process for Year 7, 2017 commences in Term 2. Families are warmly invited to visit our College.

OPEN EVENING*

at La Valla, McIvor Hwy, Junortoun
Wednesday 27 April from 4.00-7.00pm

TRANSITION DAY: Wednesday 18 May

PRINCIPAL'S TOURS at La Valla
Thursdays 5 May & 2 June, 9.00am

*The Open Day previously advertised for Sunday 1 May has been cancelled.

Parents of students in Grade 6 please note:

- Transition information has been distributed to families. Please call Mrs Martin with any queries.
- Enrolment packs will be sent in the week beginning 26 April.

Tour Bookings & Enrolment Enquiries:

Mrs Trish Martin,
College Registrar
(03) 5449 3466
tmartin@ccb.vic.edu.au

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TERM 2 DATES FOR 2016

April

Friday 22nd - **School photos** - **students to wear winter uniform**
Monday 25th - **ANZAC DAY**

May

Monday 2nd - **Cross Country - Grs. 3/4/5/6**
Wednesday 4th - **Mother's Day Stall**
Friday 6th - **Mother's Day Luncheon**
Saturday 7th - **Bush Market**
Saturday 8th - **Mother's Day**
Friday 13th - **Breakfast Club**
Lunch orders
Saturday 18th - **Farmers Market**
Friday 27th - **Pupil Free Day**



Class Masses - Parents welcome to attend

Once again over the course of the year, each class will join St Mary's Parish community for a morning mass in our School chapel. We welcome all parents to attend with their son or daughter on their scheduled date. Below is a list of Classes attending Mass this term.

Thursday 28th April - Class Mass in Chapel @ 9:00am (3/4A)

Thursday 5th May - Class Mass in Chapel @ 9:00am (3/4B)

Friday 13th May - Mass - Whole School @11:30am in the Church

Please note change in time and date because of Mother's Day Luncheon

Thursday 12th May - Class Mass in Chapel @ 9:00am (5/6)

Thursday 19th May - Class Mass in Chapel @ 9:00am (F/1)

Monday 23rd May - Our Lady Help of Christians Whole School Mass @ 9.30am

Thursday 26th May - Class Mass in Chapel @ 9:00am (1/2)

Thursday 2nd June - Class Mass in Chapel @ 9:00am (3/4A)

Friday 3rd June - First Friday Mass - Whole School @11:30am in the Church

Thursday 9th June - Class Mass in Chapel @ 9:00am (5/6)

Thursday 16th June - Class Mass in Chapel @ 9:00am (3/4B)

Thursday 23rd June - Class Mass in Chapel @ 9:00am (F/1)



TOMORROW



Students are to wear
full winter uniform

When an order has been placed online there is no
need to return the order form to school.

If paying by cash, **please return form and correct
amount of cash in an envelope**

Cross Country

This event will take place at Heathcote Primary School on Monday, 2nd May. Grs. 3,4,5, 6 will participate.

More information in next week's newsletter.

Uniform and hats

It is great to see so many students in full Winter school uniform already. In regards to hats, I encourage children to continue to wear their hats if it is warm and sunny, however, hats are not compulsory in Terms 2 and 3.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Mother's Day is fast approaching and this year we will be hosting our luncheon on Friday, 6th May, 12Noon to 2.00pm at the RSL Hall in Heathcote.

This year's event will be a High Tea and, as always, we will be catering to Vegetarians and those with Gluten intolerances as well as those with no food allergies and providing a delicious array for both savory and sweets for you.



This year we would invite everyone to bring along a copy of their own school photo for us to display around the room. These will be returned to you as you leave.

We have some incredible entertainment this year with the children of Holy Rosary School Choir, as well as a special guest to perform for us to help celebrate our mothers.

Raffle tickets are on sale now for \$2.00 each. Tickets are attached to this newsletter and can be obtained at the school office. Tickets for the luncheon are \$30.00 each and can be purchased from the school office. Round up your mum, your sister or even just a group of friends and come along and join us.

Play Space Revamp

This year I have been accepted into the Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program which has given me the opportunity to work on a project in our community. I have nominated to work towards revamping the play spaces at school, paying particular attention to the court space at school for the students.

As part of that project, I would like to get some of your thoughts as members of our school community in what YOU might like to see for our students. Also, remember to include your children in the discussion, after all, it is their space and we would love to see some of their ideas come to life.

To get this started, I have created a small survey and ask anyone interested in providing feedback to please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L3YWLI78> and complete the survey. There are only a few questions so it will not take long.

So please, help us make our school an even better place.

Fee Bradshaw

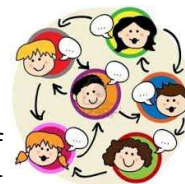
Congratulations Fiona on being accepted into this Community Leadership program. Your research into a more vibrant play space for Holy Rosary will no doubt lead us to planning for a strong and vibrant future
Regards, Paul Dullard

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Children's Chatter Matters!

Language Learning activities to have a go at home.

The game 'Sound Thief' is a great way to support your child to develop their manipulation of sounds in words (deleting, adding or swapping sounds). Use real objects or pictures to represent words, then take turns to steal a target sound. The other player/s need to identify the word and the "sound stolen".
For example: hat à "at" (you stole the "h" sound from hat).



As a harder task, try swapping a sound in a word. *For example: back à "ban" (you changed the 'k' sound to a 'n' sound).* Decide with your child first the position of the sound to swap – beginning / middle / end.

Chaplain/Pastoral Care

Thank you to the parents and carers who have handed in the permission form to provide Chaplain/Pastoral Care to you're their child. Please call or email on a Thursday or Friday if you feel my service is needed. , Alternatively, you can leave a note for me at the office.

Kind regards,

School Chaplain

Work Days: Thursday and Friday : 9.30am - 3.00pm

jdawson@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au

FREE 'Connecting with Kids' parent workshop!

Family Education Services team will deliver, at no cost, a 2 and 1/2 hour workshop focusing on using emotional intelligence to understand and guide children's behaviour as well as information on brain development and children's emotional development.

This will be open to parents in the wider Heathcote community as well. Heathcote Primary, Holy Rosary and Community House are working in partnership to facilitate the workshop. Axedale Primary have already run this workshop and the feedback from parents was very positive. This is one of many workshops and courses available. So come and try out this one, and we can see what others you' may be interested in having made available in Heathcote.

At this stage we plan to have the workshop on a Thursday morning during school hours at Heathcote Primary School. We will provide morning tea and if needed childcare for those with pre-school and/home schooled children.

Please indicate your expression of interest below and return to either Heathcote Primary School, Holy Rosary Primary School or Heathcote Community House. We can not run the program if we do not meet a specified minimum number of participants.

Kind Regards,

Megan (Heathcote Primary School Chaplain) 03 5433 3090

Jess (Holy Rosary School Chaplain) 03 5433 2057

Vicki (Coordinator, Heathcote Community House) (03) 5431 0930

Free 'Connecting with Kids' Parent Workshop at Heathcote Primary School

Names of those interested in attending workshop

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Number and age of children required child care

Contact information

Dietary restrictions or food allergies

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Thanks to Amayah Pudney who over the holidays wrote this wonderful story about Mr. Crunchy the unique carrot that we dug up from our garden before the holidays

Mr O'Crunchy Lost His Crunch

By Amayah Pudney

Page 1

Mr O'Crunchy lost his crunch. When people bit his arm it sounded like a squelch and not a crunch. He looked for his crunch, so he looked in the chook shed.



Page 2

He didn't find his crunch but he found three eggs and one huge chicken. It was hungry, it bit Mr O'Crunchy's arm. The chook got sick from the taste of his squelchy arm and ran away.



Page 3

Then Mr O'Crunchy looked in the garden. He found three tomatoes, three potatoes and three beetroots but he didn't find his crunch.



Page 4

Mr O'Crunchy went home and Mr Duliard picked him up and he said, "You have courage, lots of love and a lot of crunch inside you".

Mr O'Crunchy felt warm and fuzzy inside and what do you know, Mr O'Crunchy found his crunch.



The End

**BREAKFAST CLUB AND CANTEEN
WILL COMMENCE ON
FRIDAY, 13TH MAY**

Parents and Friends Committee



MOTHER'S DAY STALL



Wednesday 4th May

*The Mother's Day stall will have items
available from 50c to \$5.*

*Please ensure you bring along your money on
this day so you can choose a special gift
your Mum, Grandma, or Great Grandma.*

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



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Student: _____



1st prize: Coffee Machine & Hamper
Kindly donated by Heathcote Mitre 10 & Liz Allen Value \$300

2nd prize: Tea Set & Hamper
Kindly donated by Cook's Gallery Bendigo & Liz Allen Value \$175

3rd prize: Lady's Leather Handbag
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Tickets \$2 each. Drawn Friday May 6th 2016 at the event.



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