



REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year, 11th November marks the 98th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year on this day, Australians observe one minute's silence at 11 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving, those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in times of war. We pray that their offering of their lives may not have been in vain. May your grace enable us this day to dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

Amen

Dear Parents and Guardians,

So we are half way through the term and all of a sudden it has just become that bit busier with deadlines, planning for now and the future and meetings. It seems to be very much a part of our lives to be busy and on the run. I know that many of us intend to take that moment to stop and to sit for a while, detour to call on someone or just to find a quiet place for a minute, but perhaps get to the end of the week and realise we have not. I encourage everyone to take a moment each day to say thanks and reflect on what is good in their lives.

Fourth Term is always a tough one with it's busyness as well as the extra demands on teachers, students and families. People in our community can find themselves feeling under pressure for all sorts of reasons around this time of the year. We are not to know all that is going on with each other, so therefore we really do need to be supportive at all times and sense the situation before we act. I am so grateful to those who look out for others, share a kind word and see the joy in every day.

Sometimes we just need a gentle reminder and we are back on track so that we don't drag ourselves to the line but finish with joy and happiness. It is around this time of the year that I often recall my favourite quote from scripture from Timothy:

*"I have Fought the Good Fight,
I have Finished the Race,
I have Kept the Faith."*

**The petting farm is on us at the Pyalong
Colour Run this Sunday 13th November!**

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'PLUS ONE' TEACHER FOR HOLY ROSARY

Some of you may have seen two ads in the Bendigo Advertiser on Saturday for Holy Rosary. One is for a Wellbeing Worker to replace Jess Dawson who moved on from Holy Rosary at the end of Term 3. I am sure we will have several excellent applicants for this position.



The other ad is for an Early Career Teacher. This teacher is being sought for our 2017 staff to enable us to develop a 'Plus One' teacher position within our school. There has been much research and evidence that this model of a Plus One teacher assists students to be successful. It allows teaching to continually be the driver of all classroom activity.

- Such a position will be the hero of how we grow our students
- It is an extra teacher in our school who is not aligned to a specific class
- The Plus One teacher will deliver excellent teaching across the school targeted at students and their identified assessment data
- It will be well planned, structured and explicit
- The Plus One teacher will be a consistent voice of excellence across our school
- The role will build capacity of others within the school

Feedback from other schools is that the Plus One has now become an essential part of each school as targeted delivery in Numeracy and Literacy is growing those students who would not be given the extra push due to traditional groupings and perhaps a tendency to focus on the ones who need extra assistance.

Applications for the Early Career Teacher close on Fri 11th, Interviews Monday 14th and the successful applicant will be invited to our staff planning day Wed 16th Nov.

CLASS STRUCTURE 2017

I am enlightened by the energy and professionalism our staff have demonstrated over the past few weeks in determining the best class structure for our students in 2017. They not only have a great understanding of the needs of each child in their class but they genuinely care for all children in the school and are very open to input from colleagues about what is best for their students. The staff have workshoped the best class structure over several staff meetings and determined that going to six classrooms will allow us to have smaller groups and be able to place our children where they are safe and successful. We have now committed to this extra class and will now commit to the Plus One teacher as well.

As Learning and Teaching continues to inform all decisions at our school, I believe this move towards a Plus One teacher will be looked upon in 12 months time as a significant point in our journey towards success for our students.

MASTER PLANNING FOR HOLY ROSARY

Our school numbers are growing. We opened 2016 at 102 students and at this stage we will open 2017 at 111 students. The school was 63 students 4 years ago. It is therefore important that we be proactive with ensuring Holy Rosary can cater for the future.

Therefore we have engaged E-plus architects to facilitate this process and the first meeting was on Tuesday.

We have established a Project Control Group (PCG) with staff, school board reps and E-plus staff who have begun to determine what our school needs to cater for the future. This is the first of many meetings to develop an educational philosophy as well as a plan of how our school looks physically. Others from our wider community will be called on as determined by the group for input and once the process is developing the wider community will be encouraged to have input into our planning.

This is a tremendous opportunity for our school community and one that the staff and school board take very seriously. There has been much invested into this school over many decades by many people from our community and respect and acknowledgment of the past as well as a positive look towards the future will ensure our best outcomes.

MUCH NEEDED, COVERED OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA (COLA)

The school Board have been looking into the possibility of erecting a COLA at the school over the basketball courts as well as the relocation of the sports and storage sheds.

With the wet winter/Spring that we have had in 2016 and now with the first elements of what could be a very hot Summer, it really does make sense that we provide solid cover for our students from the elements.

I particularly thank board members Dean Bibby, Helen Naylor and Brice Pianta for the extra meetings and research they have committed to this project. They are a great support to myself and in the big picture to students at our school for years to come.

This project is still at planning stage and Mrs Hamilton and I are working on the funding side of the project this week, however there is a need and we will do all we can to create a solution to the need.

SCHOOL DISCO

Last Thursday was another great day where community was strengthened through us all coming together for a celebration event. Our Parents and Friends Committee decorated the O’Dee centre for the Disco beautifully and many of our children attended dressed in the spooky theme. It was a great deal of fun for all involved and raised funds for our school programs.



VICTORIAN CURRICULUM

On Monday, Miss Mitchell and I headed to Shepparton to attend a presentation on the new Vic Curriculum that we will be implementing in 2017. Our staff are planning for 2017 next week on Wednesday 16th and we need to be familiar with the adjustments required for the new curriculum before then. We are very lucky to have Miss Mitchell leading the learning at Holy Rosary as when I attend these days with her I see first hand where she is held amongst her peers from other schools and then how she can impart this knowledge to our own staff in our Professional Learning Communities at school. Such leadership builds capacity amongst all at Holy Rosary which in turn builds the capacity of our students to learn.

STAFFING UPDATE

On Friday we farewelled Dave Price as he heads back to his Summer job of GrainCorp manager. Thanks Dave for all that you have contributed to Holy Rosary. You will make a great teacher for sure.

Eamon heads off to placement at Kyneton Hospital for five weeks starting tomorrow. He will be back for week. Good luck Eamon. This week we welcome back Sophie after her placement. She is with us until the end of the year.

We also welcome Kylie and Abby this week as well as they pick up some of Dave and Eamon’s days.

F/1/2 EXCURSION THURSDAY 17TH NOV - HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY

The staff and students are very much looking forward to this excursion next week. Healesville Sanctuary is part of Melbourne Zoo and is internationally recognised as one of the best natural sanctuary for many rare and threatened species. This will be a tremendous experience for our students and once again will allow them to build up a more worldly view of the world and grow their cultural capital.

There will be another updated note on Monday with final information.

IMPORTANT: Children in F/1/2 need to return their permission forms by Monday 14th November



Yours Sincerely



Paul Dullard
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4 2016

NOVEMBER

- Wednesday 16th - Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
- Thursday 17th - F/1/2 Excursion to Healesville Sanctuary
- Tuesday 22nd - Caritas Leadership Day (Gr 5)

DECEMBER

- Thursday 1st - Pupil Free Day – Staff Spirituality
- Friday 2nd - Pupil Free Day – Staff Spirituality
- Wednesday 14th - Reports go home
- Thursday 15th - Gr 6 Graduation Evening
- Friday 16th - Last Day Term 4

On Tuesday **6th of December**, the children will transition into their 2017 classroom. This will take place from 9-10:30am. During this time, the students will have the opportunity to meet their 2017 teacher and find out who the other children are that will be in their class.

REMINDER: HATS

We are now well and truly into Term 4, which means the “No Hat No Play” rule is in effect, however, we are STILL waiting to receive our order of school hats. If you do not have a school hat, please order one from the uniform shop (or at the school office) and we will get it to you as soon as possible. In the meantime, students will be allowed to wear non-school hats.

All hats must be either wide-brim, bucket or legionnaire style and should not have any offensive text, logos or branding.



2017 SACRAMENTS

The Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish next year. If your child/children is in Grade 3 or above in 2017 and would like to receive these sacraments for the first time, could you please circle below the sacraments that they will be undertaking.

Child’s Name: _____

Class: _____

Reconciliation

Eucharist

Confirmation

Should you have any questions in regards to the Sacraments, please feel free to see me. - Liz Tobin (Religious Education Coordinator)

A Big Thank You to all those students, parents, guardians and families that helped raised money for our school fun run. Through your help we have been able to raise **over \$4000** which will be used to promote health and wellbeing through Holy Rosary School. Without your help this would not be possible so thank you again. Congratulation to all those that participated in the fun run activities and raised the much appreciated money. Mr Geary

Our class 3/4MH has been writing some Remembrance Day poems. Thank you Mikayla

-Nicole Foster (2016)

In Flanders Fields where the Anzac' s lay
Poppies grow but they are not grey
In war they fought
As they were taught
Everywhere there was blood
It was almost like a flood
I thought this would be fun
We were almost out done
I remembered a few weeks ago
Me looking out the window
I watched the sunset flow
As I was drinking hot coco
I knew I was done
As I was shot with a gun
Now I lie in flanders fields
Where the Poppies grow
Where crosses lay row by row

Majella Roberts (2016)

I am coming in on the boat we are almost there,
But then I took a whiff of the smokey bloody air
I really thought this would be fun
But then someone gave me my combat shotgun,
I took my first step in and in a pile of blood
I said 'oh no!' but don't worry it was just mud,
A few hour later from when I just wrote
NO! My buddy went R.I.P Bloke,
I will try and survive my first night
But then I felt this giant bite,
I know this is the end
'NO! I shouted I wanted to die in the newest trend
Luckily I woke the next morning
Snow was covering me 'got to go, here comes a warning',
I just got shot straight across the heart
Not by a gun but by a dart
Hi this is Similians friend
I'm sorry guys he has come to the end.

Elley-May Featonby (2016)

Caring and Fighting
 In Gallipoli soldiers were fooled
 And the enemies ruled.
 Poppies a symbol
 To remember the ones who is needed
 The soldiers.
 Yet when we don't remember
 What is the purpose?
 What is the meaning of war?
 If no longer caring,
 No longer remembering,
 No more loving or fighting.
 Where the soldiers lay restless.
 We are accused careless,
 Remembrance Day a day to *remember*.

TRANSITION PROGRAM

During Term 4, Holy Rosary will continue to offer Transition mornings for students moving into Foundation in 2017. The goal of this program is to better prepare students through structured activities to help support the transition process.



Monday Nov 14	8.45am—11.30am
Monday Nov 21	8.45am—11.30am
Monday Nov 28	8.45am—11.30am
Tuesday Dec 6	8.45am—1.30pm

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS



Ten activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy. During Term 4, these activities will focus on targeting your child's knowledge of story grammar. It is important for children to learn that stories generally have parts or a sequence to follow. Knowledge of this will improve your child's reading comprehension and narrative writing. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child's grade level. If you

have any questions or concerns, please contact the Special Education Coordinator, Liz Tobin. Good luck and most importantly enjoy this very special time with your child.

6. After reading a story or watching a TV program ask your child what they would do if they were in that character's shoes. Encourage them to start with the phrase; "If I was a I would....."

Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir Scholarships 2017



There are 6 more scholarships available for 2017. Each scholarship is worth **\$1,200.00**. They are open to students in Catholic Secondary & Primary schools in the region. Auditions for the first intake will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2016, beginning at 9.30am.

Further information with an application form is on the Sacred Heart Cathedral Website www.sacredheartcathedral.org.au or on the Parish table in the cathedral or from John Hogan, 5443 0363 or jfho@bigpond.com