



NEWSLETTER

Luke 15: 1-3, 11- 32

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent and in Sunday's Gospel (Luke 15: 1-3, 11- 32) we are reminded of the story of the Prodigal Son. When we reflect on the Gospel many of us think that the son who spent his inheritance was greedy and wasteful and the son who remained with the Father was well within his right to be put out by the Father's great welcoming home of this 'waster'. It certainly stirs up many feelings of inequality for the 'good son', however, while we are side tracked and wrapped up in these feelings we are missing the real focus of the Gospel which is that of a loving, forgiving, merciful father. It could be seen that neither of the sons are worthy of their father's love. One turned his back on that love and the other expected it as a rightful due. How often in life are we guilty of coveting that of others instead of being grateful for our own blessings?

A Lenten Prayer

*God of mercy, you gave us new life through baptism,
- make us grow day by day in your likeness.
May our generosity today bring joy to those in need,
- in helping them may we find you.*

*Help us to do what is good, right and true in your sight, - and to seek you always with undivided hearts.
Forgive our sins against the unity of your family, make us one in heart and spirit. Amen*

IMPORTANT DATES	
MARCH	
Thurs 23	Feast of the Annunciation Mass – 9.00am
Fri 24	Heathcote Community Games Sports Day @ Barrack Reserve (no lunch orders)
Mon 27	Optometrist Visit
Mon 27	Assembly presentation 3/4KS
Thurs 30	Class Mass (Gr 5/6 & F/1) – 9.00am
Fri 31	Easter Play @ School
Fri 31	Last Day Term 1
APRIL	
Tues 18	First Day Term 2
Thurs 20	Grade 3/4 Camp
Fri 21	Grade 3/4 Camp
Mon 24	Oral Health Screening @ Holy Rosary
Tue 25	Anzac Day
MAY	
Fri 19	School Photos – Winter Uniform



**Week four of Lent:
Nguyet, Vietnam**



A severe disability kept young Nguyet behind closed doors: inhibited by her condition, her family had little connection with their neighbours. But their confidence and skill grew when they participated in the Catholic Relief Services' program, Capacity Building for Parent Associations Supporting Children with Disabilities, supported by Caritas Australia. The program offered Nguyet home-based education, and as her skills have grown she is increasingly engaging with her community.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help children with disabilities in Vietnam to learn new skills and connect with their communities. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week has been one where classes have been able to get lots of learning accomplished. The students have been very calm and attentive with the teachers implementing several plans to support students who need extra guidance around their behaviour. Ensuring all students are safe and successful is our aim, and this requires us to support all children with their individual needs and challenges. This week the staff particularly concentrated on how we interact when outside the classroom.

It's a boy.

Congratulations to Tom and Lauren Tobin on the safe arrival of Jack over the weekend. Thea is very excited to tell the children in her class all about Jack's very cute chin.

On behalf of the Holy Rosary Community can I say welcome Jack and congratulations to the Tobin family.

Thursday 23rd March Whole School Mass. Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord

Friday 24th March. FREE Breakfast 8am

Heathcote Community Games Sports Day. Barrack Reserve. Children need to wear sports uniform, bring snack as well as lunch

Monday 27th March. Visit from the Optometrist.

Thursday 30th March Easter Egg Hunt 12.30pm. Passive Area

Friday 31st March FREE Breakfast 8am

Early Lunch. Lunch orders 12.30pm

Easter Plays 1pm

Special Assembly (all invited) 1.30pm

Dismissal 2.15

Grades 3/4 Camp.

This week all Grade 3/4 children received information in regards to their camp which is planned for Thursday 20th and Friday 21st April which is in Week 1 Term2. The camp will be held at Camp Curumbene Corop and the children will travel by bus.

As per our recent 5/6 Camp, the theme of the 3/4 camp will also be for students to challenge themselves and to discover a new sense of achievement. Camp Curumbene offers guided activities that will support students to safely get out of their comfort zone and gain a greater understanding of how they can face challenges.

We have had fantastic feedback about the 5/6 Camp and very much look forward to our 3/4's gaining a similar experience.

Final day of Term 1

School will finish at 2.15pm on Friday 31st April.

Timetable for the day will be:

- 12.30pm Lunch (P and F lunch orders)
- 1.00pm Easter Play in the passive area.
- 1.30pm Special Assembly in O'Dee
- 2.15pm Dismissal

Term 2 will begin on Tuesday 18th April and WINTER UNIFORM will be phased over the first three weeks. Weather dependant.

Care Packages

Please note that every family at Holy Rosary school is in the weekly running for a Care Package. Just to show we care!

This is a fantastic initiative of the Parents and Friends and up to three families receive a package each week. The names are drawn out of a hat on Wednesday and the office will notify you with the package to be picked up on Friday.

There will be **NO lunches** this Friday due to our Sports Day at Barrack reserve this week.

There **WILL** be lunches on the last day of term next week Friday 31st.

There **WILL be breakfast** available for all students this Friday and next. Come along for a yummy meal with your friends. It is FREE.

Yours Sincerely
Paul Dullard



Principal

ORAL HEALTH SCREENING

Community Dental Services at Bendigo Health is sending a team to Holy Rosary Primary School Heathcote to conduct oral health screening for students on **April 24th, 2017**.

The screening team is made up of fully a qualified Oral Health Therapist and Dental Assistant, who both work for Bendigo Health. All members of the team have 'Working with Children' checks. This service will be provided free of charge.

Why are they doing oral health screens?

They will be looking for any signs of tooth decay or gum disease.

Up to half of school-aged children can have tooth decay and gum disease. It can develop without any pain. If tooth decay and gum disease is detected early, children can avoid losing teeth.

Permission forms are attached as well as on the App for you to return to the office ASAP.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS – SAVE THE DATE

These will be held at school on:

- Tuesday 9th May 3.30pm - 6.30pm
- Thursday 11th May 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Booking forms will be set up online in Term 2.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



Those children who have enrolled to complete the Sacraments will shortly be bringing home a letter explaining important dates for your diary; of preparation parents' meetings, Masses and of course, the dates of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is important that you attend all of the preparation meetings and Masses.

The children will follow a programme that will help them to prepare and understand the importance of these Sacraments. Could those who have enrolled their child to complete the Sacraments please provide a copy of their child's Baptism certificate to either the office or Liz Tobin

If you have not yet enrolled your child but would like them to receive the Sacraments, please see Liz Tobin ASAP.

AWARDS

Each week, students are selected for awards based on our four school expectations; Respect for Self, Respect for Others, Respect for Environment and Be Safe. These awards will be presented at next Monday's assembly

This week's award recipients are:

Class	Student	Award Category
F/1 MT	Willow Obst	Respect for Self
	Milla Piechowiak	Respect for Others
1/2 BS	Lyra Damchef	Respect for Environment
	Billie Dumigan	Respect for Others
3/4 MH	Archer Obst	Respect for Environment
	Blaze Wagstaff	Respect for Others
3/4 KS	Indiana Davidson	Respect for Self
	Zara Bibby	Respect for Self
4/5 MO	Charlee Murray	Respect for Others
	Tahlia Anderson	Respect for Others
5/6 OG	Zoe Flynn	Respect for others
	Brianna Oakley	Respect for Self

ASSEMBLY PRESENTATIONS & NEWSLETTER INSERTS

Each week, one of our classes will be "presenting" at our Monday Assembly. In the following newsletter (Thursday), the class will include a one page insert. Parents are encouraged to attend assemblies, especially on the week their child's class is presenting.

Week	Assembly Date	Class
9	27 th March	3/4 KS

EYE TESTING

Wide Open Road Optometry will be visiting Holy Rosary on **Monday 27th March** to conduct free eye testing for our students.

All time slots for these tests are now full. Should there be enough further interest (and forms returned), a second date may be scheduled in the future.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open on Tuesday mornings from 8.45am – 9.15am AND Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm – 3.00pm.

If you wish to order uniforms and cannot make it to the school at these times, orders & payment can be left with Kate or Liarna in the school office. Orders will then be put together on the next trading day and sent home (if paid) with children in their school bag. Uniform price lists/order forms are available at the school office or via the downloads>school forms section of the school website.

PINAFORE ORDERS: Pinafore orders are now closed and the order has been placed. Families who placed orders will be contacted when they arrive.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

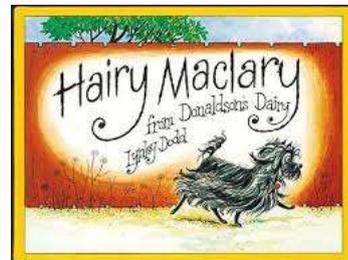
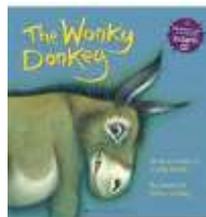
Ten activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child's grade level. If you have any questions you can contact Sheryn Long, Ed. Speech Pathologist through the School's Special Education Coordinator, Liz Tobin. Good luck and most importantly enjoy this very special time with your child.



1. Building knowledge of rhyme takes time, children usually find it easier to recognize rhyme (which words rhyme? Cat bat tree?) before they can produce rhyming words (tell me a word that rhymes with 'rough?'). When reading/singing rhyming books and songs, pause slightly before the second rhyming word. This helps your child to think about and even guess what the rhyming word could be. For example, *"wine....dine... they rhyme! They both have the same sounds at the end of the word (ine)."*

Here are a few fabulous books that you might want to find/borrow to read with your child.

- Hairy Maclary, by Lynley Dodd
- The Wonky Donkey, by Craig Smith
- The Dr Seuss Books
- Noisy Nora, by Rosemary Wells
- Room on a broom, by Julia



Donaldson

2. When learning to read and spell words, children need to be able to blend individual sounds together to form new words. For example, t – o – p = top. You can support your child to practice blending sounds together by separating sounds in words and asking them to say what the word is. Use words from their book.

Choose words from your child's reader and say the sounds of different words in slow motion like this /m/-/a/-/n/ or /f/-/l/-/a/-/g/. Get your child to guess the words. You can incorporate this into everyday conversation e.g. Can you please put this in the /b/-/i/-/n/?

P&F NOTICES

BREAKFAST CLUB IS BACK

Our School Breakfast Club is on **FRIDAY** morning! Come along from 8am!

Each week we will have a special breakfast food as well as cereal, toast, yoghurt and fruit! Be on time to get the goodies before they run out!

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS

NO LUNCH ORDER THIS WEEK – STUDENTS AT HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY GRANTS SPORT DAY. These lunches are free. The P&P will visit classrooms on Friday morning to take orders.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

THYME FOR TEA

The Heathcote Community House have launched a competition; Thyme for Tea.

Students can design a label for a tea, that they think describes their Mum, or that they just think they would like to design for their mum.

There will be a winning label for Prep to Gr 3 and then another for Gr 4 to 6.

Hardcopies of the competition flyer along with entry form were handed out last week (if you missed out, please see your classroom teacher or the school office).

Entries are due back to the school by Thursday 23rd March.

The winning labels will then be chosen by the panel over the following week and will be ready for an announcement and special presentation to the winners in the first week back from School holidays.

A tea blend will then be put together that goes with each winning label, and this will become a special school's tea.

FOOTY CLINIC - APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Strathfieldsaye Football netball club are excited to announce that VIDA Footy will be holding a football clinic at the Strathfieldsaye Recreation Reserve, Tannery Lane during this school holidays!

The clinic will run on Monday 3rd April and Tuesday 4th April from 9.30am – 12.30pm and. The program is offered to children aged 6 to 14 years, with all skill levels welcome.

Cost \$55.00 per day or \$99.00 for both.

Registrations can be made online now by visiting www.vidafooty.com.au. For more information email info@vidafooty.com.au.





YMCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Enrolments are now open for the YMCA school holiday program. Holiday Programs are run in Bendigo, Kangaroo Flat, Castlemaine and Moama. Holiday Program booklets and enrolment forms are available at the school office or can be found online at www.bendigo.ymca.org.au

OPEN EVENTS
Catholic College Bendigo

ENROL NOW!

La Valla Campus (Years 7 - 9)

Transition day
 Tuesday 28 March for Grade 6 students entering Year 7 2018. Parent morning tea at 9.30am.

Principal's Tours
 9am on 30 March, 4 May, 1 June or by appointment.

Enrolments close 1 May 2017
 Enrolment enquiries & tour bookings:
 Mrs Trish Martin, College Registrar
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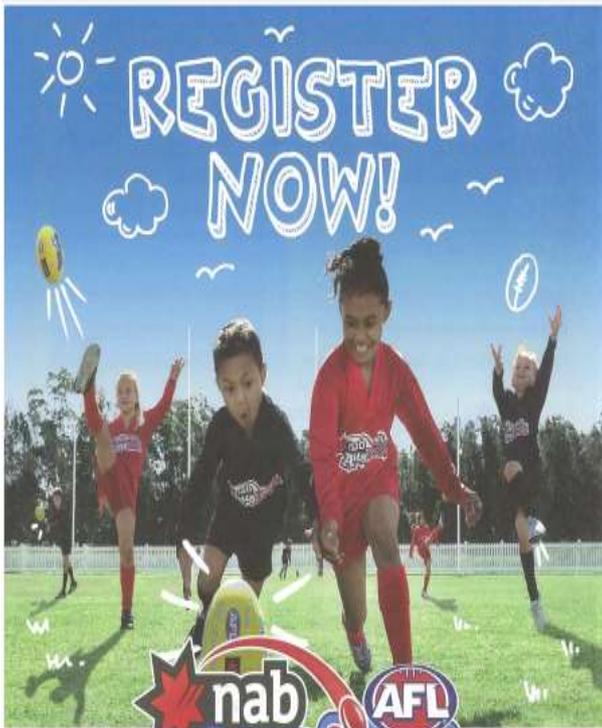
Join the team and help shape this wonderful initiative

All ages and abilities encouraged

All skills, talents and helping hands encouraged & welcomed



Call Heathcote Community House on 5431 0930 & leave your contact details



WHERE: BARRACK RESERVE OVAL
HEATHCOTE

WHEN: SUNDAYS FROM APRIL 23RD 2017
9:30AM – 10:30AM

COST: \$95

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What will happen in the oral health screen?

During the screen visit, your child will sit in a chair, and the oral health clinician will look in their mouth with a sterile mouth mirror and light.

They will be looking for any signs of tooth decay or gum disease. It will take about 5 minutes. We hope it will be a bright and cheerful experience for all children.

Following the screen, we will post a brief report to the child's home address, telling parents and guardians what we have found. The report is completely confidential, and the details will be kept at Bendigo Health.

If further treatment is needed, it is available free of charge for eligible children, at Bendigo Health.

The oral health screening visit does not replace a full examination at a dental surgery, but it is a good way to check for any early signs of dental disease.

Fluoride treatment for teeth at risk

Fluoride varnish is used for teeth at risk of tooth decay. The varnish is applied using a brush and painted on to teeth of concern. The procedure takes approximately 2 minutes. If you do not wish for your child to receive this treatment please indicate on the allocated section of the consent form.

School	Healthcote Holy Rosary Primary School		
Teacher		Grade	
Child's first name		Surname	
Postal address			
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of birth	
Contact phone number			
Email			
Is the child Aboriginal?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is the child Torres Strait Islander?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the child a Refugee?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is the child an Asylum Seeker?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Was the child born in Australia?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, they were born in _____		

Are there any significant medical issues we should be aware of?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please provide details) <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Does the child have any allergies?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please provide details) <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you have any concerns regarding the child's oral health?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please provide details) <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Medicare Number:	Medicare Suffix:	Medicare Expiry Date:

CONSENT TO ORAL HEALTH SCREENING

1. I agree for the child to receive an oral health screening visit at school from Bendigo Health.
2. I understand that the screening may not identify all dental disease, and does not replace a full examination performed at a dental surgery.
3. I understand that the child's oral health information is private and will be stored securely at Bendigo Health. It cannot be seen by staff at the school.
4. I understand that I may be contacted by Bendigo Health regarding the child's oral health.
5. I understand that I will receive a written copy of the oral health screening report.

I do **NOT** want the child to receive fluoride treatment

Full name of Parent/Guardian		
Signature of Parent/Guardian		Date

If you have any questions please email dental@bendigohealth.org.au or telephone 5454 7994.

Office use only:

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Notes:
