# HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL HEATHCOTE

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NEWSLETTER No. 18: 18th June, 2015

#### Dear Parents,

#### **Gospel Reflection 12th Sunday in ordinary time**

This week's passage includes one of the great nature miracles of Jesus – the calming of the storm. Some scripture scholars suggest that this story is a construction by the gospel writer to speak directly to the community for whom this gospel was written. The community of the gospel of Mark were consumed with doubt and surrounded by evidence of the world as they knew it falling apart. They were living the metaphor captured in the story: a boat adrift on the sea in the midst of an almighty storm. The cry of the disciples was the cry of the Christian community: 'Master, do you not care?' They felt that God did not care about the turmoil that surrounded them. The gospel writer reassures them that God does care about their struggle but at the same time chastens them for their lack of faith!

Peace & Best Wishes Noel Dillon Principal

#### **Bishop visitation**

The Bishop visited our school and parish today to speak to the children and celebrate the 9.00am mass in the Chapel. Tomorrow, Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, the Bishop will celebrate mass in the Church. This mass will be held at 11.00am. We welcome all families to celebrate the Eucharist with us. The Bishop will also be in the Parish for the Saturday night mass and the Sunday morning masses.

#### ASSEMBLY

Next week's assembly will be on Friday at 2.00pm. This is our end of term assembly.

#### CARPARK

It has been brought to my attention that several cars have been noticed driving at unsafe speeds through the car park. This not only creates a dangerous situation for our children, but also models unsafe behaviours. I request that all cars entering and exiting the car park drive at a safe speed.

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Last Thursday our students celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation. This is a significant event in the life of the students and their families and indeed the school. We congratulate Oliver Ayres, Tahlia Anderson, Jamie Leigh Hearn and Thomas Johnson. Thank you to Father Antony for the supporting these students and their families throughout the preparation and the celebration of the Sacrament and to Bernie O'Keefe for his great work preparing the students.



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

We will once again support the St. Vincent De Paul Winter appeal. **This year** 

we would welcome donations of perishable food items that could be donated to families in need. Please bring these items to school to add to our collection.

As a further support, our senior student leaders have organized a PJ and Teddy and movie day for the last day of term, Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June. On this day, students can wear their PJ's and bring a teddy to school. There will be a gold coin donation for the day.

We appreciate your continued support of the St. Vincent De Paul Winter appeal

Movie Day ideas from the student representative council

- . Cutest teddy bear comp prize, certificate and photo in newsletter
- . Pillows allowed
- . Teddy bear picnic
- .We will sell popcorn
- . \$2 per child including, popcorn or \$3 a family
- . 5/6 will operate ticket sales

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# TERM 2 DATES FOR 2015

#### June

Friday 19th	:	School Mass with the Bishop at 11.00am
Monday 22nd	:	Gym : Grade F-2
Thursday 25th	:	Gym : Grade F-2
Friday 26th	:	End Term 2 : Assembly at 2.00pm

# Term 2 ends for all students on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm. Reports will be sent out on this day. School buses will run at this time School will resume for Term 3 at 8.45am on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July

# TERM 3 DATES FOR 2015

July		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	:	School Resumes for Term 3 - 8.45am
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	:	Transition program 8.45am – 10.45am
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	:	School Board Meeting 6.00pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	:	Teaching and Learning School Review
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	:	Grade 5/6 attending Catholic College Musical Production

#### August

Monday 3rd	:	Transition program 8.45am – 10.45am		
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	:	Transition program 8.45am – 10.45am		
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> :	Aths	s Day at the Bendigo Athletics Centre		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> : Book Week				
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Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	:	Blurbs Book Week Band 2.00pm at the RSL Hall		

## September

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	:	School Athletics Sports at the Primary School
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	:	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	:	Western Deanery Festival of the Sacred
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	:	Transition program 8.45am – 10.45am
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	:	Division Athletics Bendigo
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	:	Term 3 ends 2.15pm

## Flying Start Program/Transition for 2016 Foundation students

Term 3 dates will start in week 2: Monday  $20^{th}$  July from 8.45am – 10.45am and will be held every fortnight on a Monday. Please pass the word around to families in Heathcote that have a child starting school next year. The transition program is an excellent way to transition the children into school.

#### SMOKING REGULATIONS

New smoking bans to apply on school grounds and at school entrances

From **13** April **2015**, smoking will be banned within the school grounds of, and within four metres of an entrance to, all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, as well as all Victorian childcare centres, kindergartens and pre-schools, under an amendment to the *Tobacco Act 1987* (Vic.).

The new bans are enshrined in legislation and will apply to all schools in Victoria, thereby ensuring a consistent approach across the government and non-government sectors.

# Catholic College Bendigo **ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR** YEAR 7 - 2016

Families seeking enrolment for Year 7 2016 are reminded that enrolment applications are due to be lodged by Friday 19 June 2015.

If you have concerns about meeting this deadline, please contact Mrs Trish Martin, College Registrar

(03) 5449 3466 - tmartin@ccb.vic.edu.au.

#### STUDENT ABSENCES

Please contact the school by 10.00am if your child is not attending school for the day. On returning to school, students must bring a signed, written note explaining their absence and give it to their classroom teacher. Notification can also be made via the school phone app.

#### **SCHOOL UNIFORM** Shop is open on Monday morning

Could those with outstanding bills please settle them before the end of term. Thank you.

#### SCHOOL TIMES

8.45am-10.45am - Class time 10.45am-11.30am - Recess 11.30am-1.30pm - Class time 1.30pm - 2.15pm - Lunch 2.15pm - 3.15pm - Class time



## **BREAKFAST CLUB TERM 2**

There will be not breakfast club next week. Breakfast Club will begin week two of Term 3.

#### **AWARDS**

Next week's assembly will be held on Friday (last day of term)

#### **Respect for Self**

Alice Tobin **Riley Johnson** Myneta Craig Lily Johnson Aleksia Virgona Zavia Roberts **Respect for Others** 

Michael Eickert Ryan Foster Micah Hamilton Gracie-Jade Dingwall



#### **Respect for Environment**

Making Jesus Real (for excellent manners) Mia Young Jordyn Dumigan Hollie Temby Tia Tobin

## Annual Report to the school community for 2014

The Annual report to the school community is available on our website. A copy may also be found at the school office. Please take the time to read over the report, as it lists our school year for 2014 with successes and future planning.

#### **GYMNASTICS PROGRAM**

Our infants gymnastics program will continue next week on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. This will be held in O'Dee. Times will be 9.45am -10.45am Foundation. 11.30am - 12.30pm Grade 1, 12.30pm – 1.30pm Grade 2

#### READING

This term, during the reading block, students from Foundation-Grade 4 will be working in small groups. Depending on the skill being developed, students will be moving around groups and will be working with different teachers.

Students will experience explicit instruction in decoding skills and strategies, fluency, vocabulary word meanings and word-learning strategies, and comprehension strategies with the aim of helping them to become more purposeful, active readers, thinkers and learners.

Should you have any questions in regards to the Reading Block, please do not hesitate to speak with any member of staff

#### **CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS**

While sharing a story with your child stop just before the ending. Discuss the *problem* in the story and how you might



solve this problem. Encourage your child to predict a possible solution. For example; *"I think the 9 little pigs might get eaten by the wolf and their mum will be very sad."* Make up alternative possible scenarios.

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be: \$125 for primary school students \$225 for secondary school students. How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



MJR is 24/7 RESPONSIBILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND RELIABILITY

As a family, discuss the meaning of being **un**reliable. To be reliable is a sign that a person is growing and that he/she can be relied upon to do a job and see it through. Discuss a time when you may have been let down by someone or you may have let someone else down. *Have you got any jobs you are responsible* for?

How do you rate yourself on a score of 1 to 10 for being reliable? Do you take consequences for your action?



You are invited to come along and join the Parent-Child Playgroup

Venue : O'Dee Centre at Holy Rosary School When : Thursdays 10.00am - 11.00am For parents and their children 0-5 years

For more information, please phone Jess on 0409 967 997 or Email:

jdawson@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au

## ANIMALS AT SCHOOL

At our recent School Board meeting a motion was passed to avoid injury to children in the school from animals,.

NO ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SCHOOL GROUND OR BUILDINGS UNLESS PRIOR APPROVAL IS SOUGHT FROM THE PRINCIPAL



ON SALE AT THE OFFICE Tomato Relish - \$2.00 per jar

# **GRIEF AND LOSS PROGRAM**

Dear Parents/caregiver

This term I plan to run Seasons for Growth, a grief and loss program within our school. Seasons for Growth is based on the belief that change, loss and grief are a normal and valuable part of life. We examine the impact of changes such as death, separation and divorce upon our lives, and explore how we can learn to live with and grow from these expectations.

The core intentions of this program are the development of resilience and emotional literacy to promote social and emotional wellbeing. The program is educational in nature and does not provide therapy.

We use the imagery of the four seasons to illustrate that grief is cyclical, not a linear journey with a clear end. Peer support is a key element of the program, and confidentiality is strongly emphasised.

The program runs for approximately one hour (withdrawal from class) for eight weeks. If you may be interested in your child/ children participating in this program, please return the attached 'expression of interest' form to the office.

Please note that this program will only run subject to numbers.

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I give permission for my son/daughter (name)..... to participate in the Seasons for Growth Program at Holy Rosary School Heathcote.

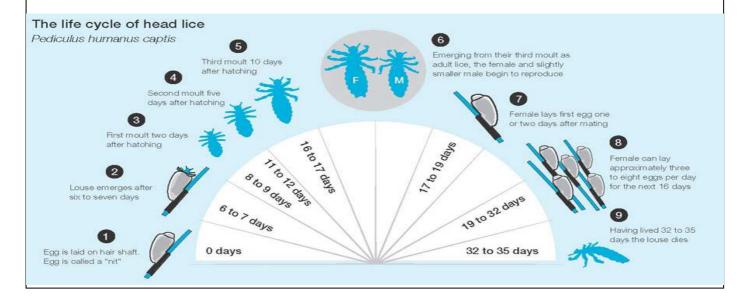
Parent Name and Signature.....

Date: .....

# HEAD LICE

Does you child/children have any of the following systems/signs

- Extremely itchy scalp
- Small red bumps on the scalp or neck
- Tiny white nits on the hair close to the scalp that are difficult to remove
- Crawling sensation on the head If they have any of these signs, please treat immediately.



# School Holiday Program June / July 2015

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Fort Day - Build your best Fort out of whatever you can find in the Gym! Mats, Foam, Shapes and more! We'll team up to create Forts today and see who can build the tallest, biggest and strongest!

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Disco Day - A Disco Dance party is on today at Jets! Have a go at some different dance styles, Hip Hop dancing, ballet, dancing games and competitions! We'll also play party dance games, limbo, musical statues and more.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Pyjama Day - Outside may be frightful but we have come up with some fun activities to keep you warm this winter. Come dressed in your comfiest pyjama's, huddle over a warm cup of hot chocolate and let the games begin!

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Parkour Day - Learn to roll, run, jump and climb like a Parkour master! Today we will set up obstacle courses, challenges, time trials and fun games, we will teach you to adapt to your environment!

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Survivor Day - Today we will test not only our physical but also our mental strength as we complete to be the number one survivor. With a huge range of different contest it's anyone game.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Superhero Day - Dress up as your all time favourite superhero's and help us fight off the bad guys. We will take you through an Elite Superhero Training Course to help unleash your super powers!

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Balls, Balloons and Bubbles Day - Rolling, catching, dodging, throwing and floating balloons, balls and bubbles today! Practice our ball skills with games and sports in our amazing gym! Take home your very own balloon character or animal creation today too!

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Movie Day - Roll out the Red Carpet, its Movie Theme Day. Dress up and walk down our celebrity red carpet, play celebrity heads, enjoy some popcorn while we watch a new to DVD movie release and more.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Bungee Day - YAY! It's BUNGEE DAY! Launch into sky on our bungee. Lots more fun activities and games throughout the day.

Friday 10th No Program due to Staff Training

EVERY DAY INCLUDES GYMNASTIC ACTIVITIES ©

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#### June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup> Monday – Friday 8.00am – 6.00 pm

## \$44.90 per day

Book online for \$5 discount per child per day Additional family discounts apply

> Jets Gymnastics Bendigo 41-73 Hattam Street, Golden Square 3555 03 5444 1119



# Catholic College Bendigo



## Sunday 3 May, 2015 12.00 noon - 2.30 pm

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Families are warmly invited to visit us on Open Day. Join a student-led tour, look around and chat to our Principal, staff and parents about our learning community. Find out more about:

- Confident transition from primary to secondary
- Contemporary learning and technology
- Faith development and social justice programs
- Experiences beyond the classroom
- Partnership between students, staff and parents
- Pastoral care and our Houses

## www.ccb.vic.edu.au

Enquiries & Enrolment Information: Mrs Trish Martin, College Registrar 5449 3466; tmartin@ccb.vic.edu.au

Enrolment closing date for Year 7, 2016: Friday 19 June 2015 A Ministry of Mercy Education Ltd ABN 69 154 531 870 Storytime for kids

At the Bendigo Visitor Centre

Join Narelle Stone and 'Peggy' the chicken on their big city adventure

Sing and dance along to this fun fiction activity based on the children's book 'Peggy' by author Anna Walker.

#### Aimed at children aged 4 - 10 An adult must accompany children

Dates: Wednesday 1st July & Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Time: 10.30am – 11.15am (45 mins)

Cost: \$6 per child

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#### Bookings essential! Limited places available. PH: 5434 6060

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I have attached a copy of the letter sent to families last Friday

# To: Holy Rosary Heathcote School families

# Re: Principalship Holy Rosary Heathcote

Dear families,

I am writing on to inform you that Mr Noel Dillon has been appointed to the position of Principal at St Therese Primary School Torquay effective from the commencement of the 2016 school year. St. Therese School is situated on the surf coast near Geelong and has a current student enrolment in excess of 500.

Noel has been a significant leader within our Diocese for the past eighteen years, having been principal of St Josephs Quarry Hill and more recently as principal of Holy Rosary Heathcote. He is currently a member of the Sandhurst School Education Board and chair of the Western Deanery Principals and Northern Plains Cluster. He has been instrumental in the reshaping of the professional and collegiate network for Principals across the Diocese.

Noel has been deeply committed to developing strong partnerships with the parish and the wider community of Heathcote. He was a participant in the inaugural study tour to Santa Fé New Mexico with his school board chair (Dean Bibby) in 2014 with a focus on parental and community engagement. He is highly regarded within the Holy Rosary and Heathcote community.

Noel has demonstrated through his Principalship his ability to successfully guide Holy Rosary to achieve positive results in many areas. He has been able to instigate, facilitate and support new curriculum initiatives, model good teaching practice, lead teams and maintain a strong focus on learning and teaching.

During Noel's time as Principalship at Holy Rosary the school has shown significant growth in enrolments with an increase of approximately thirty students during the past three years, with a current enrolment of 93 students.

Our congratulations are extended to Noel on his appointment to St Therese's Torquay and we extend our best wishes to him as he continues his leadership journey in Catholic Education. We wish Noel and his family well in the transition to Torquay. Noel will complete his Principalship at Holy Rosary Heathcote at the end of the 2015 school year.

The process for the selection and appointment of a new Principal for Holy Rosary for 2016 will commence shortly and will be facilitated by Mrs Julie Cobbledick Educational Consultant for the Western Deanery on my behalf.

Yours sincerely

Fr. Antony Joseph Canonical Administrator Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Heathcote