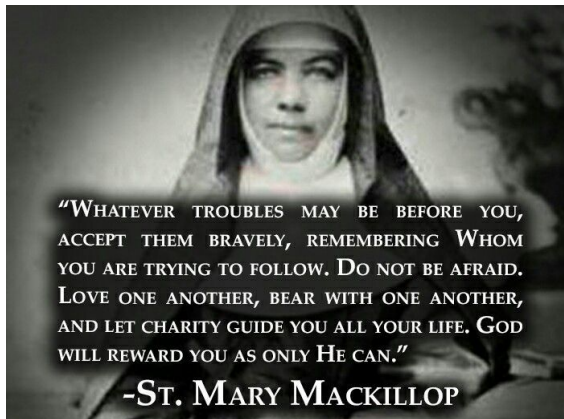


NEWSLETTER

Term 3 - 7 August 2020

| IMPORTANT DATES | |
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| TERM 3 | |
| AUGUST | |
| Fri 28th | PUPIL FREE DAY DEB SUKARNA WHOLE STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY. |
| SEPTEMBER | |
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| Fri 18th | Last day of Term. |
| TERM 4 | |
| OCTOBER | |
| 19-23 | BOOK WEEK |
| Tue 27th | SCHOOL PHOTOS |

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful
to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing
hope and encouragement to those who were
disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence and
through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop.
We ask that you grant the requests we have in our
hearts. We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by
the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may
live with courage, trust and openness. Ever generous
God hear our prayer. We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen



8 August is the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

St Mary MacKillop had a saying:
'Never see a need without doing something about it'.
She embodied characteristics that typify the best of the Australian spirit. There is that sense of "going in to bat" for the battlers of life, to give a helping hand to the needy irrespective of colour, culture or creed; it is that sense of a 'fair go for everyone'. Her example shows us the need for people to stand up for the lives and dignity of the needy and defenceless, the vulnerable and dependent. St Mary MacKillop was canonised on October 17, 2010 at Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome by Pope Benedict XVI.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MR PAUL DULLARD

Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

Thank you for your support as we move back into remote learning. It is something we wished to avoid however it is now something we face for six weeks to ensure our State gets back on the positive side of the virus.

It was great to briefly catch up with a few in the drive through on Wednesday as the devices were being picked up. Once again we will miss the hustle and bustle of the everyday life of Holy Rosary, but if we all do the right thing we will come out the other side in a much better place.

A huge thank you to Mr Geary who has been able to provide a device for every child who has requested one. I believe that the very last suitable device in the school went out to a junior student today. Of course if your child does not have one and needs one, you will need to contact us and we will search the hills of Sandhurst to get you one, but it may take some time.

Thanks to the staff who supported Ollie with this task, as well as connecting with families and preparing for remote learning. The staff planned for two days and are now all set to deliver vibrant learning to all students. We have an ultimate aim of ensuring all children continue to learn through these six weeks now that we have these programs and devices in place.

Thanks to the parents who I know will once again support the learning of their child by assisting them to log on and to complete the tasks. I enjoyed seeing some of the junior Ninja work that staff showed me yesterday that was sent in via email. Keep it up parents.

And finally but not least, a huge thank you to our children at Holy Rosary. It has been the most disrupted year ever and you were all getting into such beautiful learning routines before we closed, but I know you will give it everything you have and make this a memorable time of your schooling.

If we do it right we will have a fantastic Term Four where we can get back to normal life and normal school. Here's hoping anyway.

If you require any clarification around your child's learning please email your child's teacher. If it is a general enquiry, Mr Ryan or Mr Dullard will be attending the office 8.30am to 3.15pm

REMOTE LEARNING

This week, our teachers have been very busy planning for and organising lessons for the students. Great conversations have been had around each child, their individual needs and work programs have been tailored to cater for these. If you have any queries, please email the pastoral teacher for clarification.

GOOGLE MEET

Beginning Week 6, our teachers will be scheduling Google Meet sessions for the students for morning roll, prayer and check in. The teachers will also have a time available for parents or students to log on and ask any questions. More information will be sent by the pastoral teachers over the next week. We have developed strict protocols to ensure that all students feel safe and comfortable during the Meet session. Google Meet is a video conferencing platform that is a safer version of Zoom and is recommended for school use by the CEO.

FACE MASKS

Staff on site plus all visitors are wearing face masks. Children at Holy Rosary are not mandated to wear masks but will be supported by staff if they choose to wear one.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Thank you to those who have booked a time slot with your child/ren's pastoral teacher for a Learning Conversation. Due to the nature of the school closure, we will unfortunately be cancelling and shutting down the School Interviews portal.

During Week 5, Pastoral teachers will be in touch with all families of students within their group to check in, discuss how your child is going and to arrange a Learning Conversation. Please be aware that the teacher phone call will come from a 'private number'.

INSIGHT SRC SURVEY - Due Friday 31st July. WE WILL ARRANGE TO EXTEND THIS SO THAT HARDCOPY SURVEYS CAN BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL AFTER OUR SHUTDOWN.

Please feel free to complete the survey online or hold on to your hard copy til after remote learning.

Kind regards,

Paul Dullard

*Holy Rosary School Heathcote is a Child Safe School.
We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.*

COVID-19 Assistance from the City of Greater Bendigo

The City of Greater Bendigo has a number of services and supports available through a helpline to assist families impacted by COVID-19, including general information and advice, food relief, financial relief information, etc.

The City of Greater Bendigo Helpline information is available 7 days a week on phone **5434 6237** or via email covid19relief@bendigo.voc.gov.au

Information is also available on <https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following students who celebrated
their birthdays this week a very special
"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

Olivia Walker on 6 August turning 6

Isla Mealmaker on 9 August turning 6



In the Art room, the students have been working on a whole class activity.

We have been learning about Indigenous art, and the importance of symbols and patterns to tell a story about the land and environment that we live in.

The students have moved through a process of making individual rough drafts, to small group sketches and then to finally collaborate on a design that represents their whole grade and what is important to them.

When they're finished, these wonderful totems will be on permanent display around the school for everyone to admire and enjoy. 🎨

Mrs Stokes







**OUR SENIOR UNIT DESIGNING AND PAINTING
THEIR TOTEM**



HOME LEARNING



Gracie-Jade all set up at home working hard.
It is so nice to see you wearing your school uniform
Gracie-Jade, great job!

NATURE BRACELETS AT SCHOOL





Welcome to Shine Bright EYM!



HEATHCOTE KINDERGARTEN (SHINE BRIGHT)

2021 "3 & 4" Year Old Enrolments due now

Please feel free to drop in to pick up an enrolment form or apply online at www.lmpa.org.au

Don't miss out, our 3 and 4 year old programs are filling fast!



ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN AT HOLY ROSARY HEATHCOTE

It is our great pleasure to welcome new families into our school community, and we encourage enrolments in any year level.

For further information about enrolling your child, please contact the school.



Holy Rosary School Heathcote

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www.heathcotenagambie.community

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