

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL HEATHCOTE

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Last week was NAIDOC week. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. This celebration occurs nationally in the July school holidays. During NAIDOC celebrations, our country is called to remember with respect and understanding the long history of our Aboriginal people. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognize the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

*Prayer for Unity**Living God, draw us into unity.**Creator of all things, both seen and unseen,
speak to us in your great wisdom.**Make us strong as we seek your help and guidance.**Teach us to love all people regardless of race or colour or belief.**May we listen with great care to the heartbeat of this land and to its people who cared for it so well and for so long. May the peace these people and their land have always enjoyed continue to be strengthened and preserved by all who wish to come and be part of this country and its**'Ancient Dreaming'.**Glory to you, God of Life, Creating, nurturing, reconciling.**Glory to you forever.**Amen**- Liz Tobin REC*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and the start of Term 3. I can't believe we are beginning Term 3, and at the same time I cannot believe so much has happened in two terms this year. In the few days that we have been back at school I have noticed a calmness across all classrooms as the students settle back into routine and begin new initiatives planned by the teachers.

The teachers, specialists and teaching assistants have been very active in planning engaging curriculum for Term 3. On Tuesday I visited all classes during our specialist classes and was very impressed with how the students were respectful and vibrant.

‘Celebrating the joy of discovery and the excitement and achievement of learning’ is one of our Graduate Outcomes and our staff will be encouraging exactly that during the term through vibrant and exciting lessons.

There has been a great deal of activity around the school over the holiday period which includes:

- Our office space being built within the library.
- General maintenance and OHS actions around the school.
- Dangerous tree removal
- Child Safe Car park construction, layout and signage.
- General cleaning including windows.
- Major de-clutter day for Holy Rosary.

I would like to briefly write about our de-clutter day and how we had all staff that didn't have other commitments plus many parents and students, come in for three hours to clean up our school last Thursday.

As a group we were able to go from one end of the school to the other and organise resources into classrooms, resource rooms, send to other schools, return to the parish or discard. This de-clutter initiative has made a huge improvement to the safety of our school as we do lack proper storage areas, and the overflow of unused resources was hindering access to many rooms.

The day was a great success and all involved were very impressed and could get a sense of how we are all on the same page to make Holy Rosary, safer, cleaner and more functional. Again thanks to all involved.

Our car park has been redesigned to ensure that the children are safe in our school. Despite the wet weather over the holidays the car park has worked well over the first three days of the term. Thank you to everyone for your patience as we navigate our way around the new design.

Just a few reminders:

- Speed limit is 10 km per hr.
- Parents need to be extra alert where the car park is shared with pedestrians.
- Cars give way to pedestrians at the crossing.
- Children must disembark from the passenger side of the car.
- Children may disembark from both the first and second car in the drop off zone.

Fr Antony Joseph our Canonical Administrator will be moving to Eaglehawk on 27th July. Father has been at Heathcote for five years and has been a great supporter and friend of our school and parish. We will acknowledge Father in the next few weeks before he heads off. Fr Peter Dell'Avo will be our new Administrator and we will make him welcome at a Mass later this month. Fr Peter comes from Rochester and will join us at Heathcote on 27th July.

It was fantastic to see our netball team participate in the primary school carnival in Bendigo yesterday. Thanks to Miss Mitchell and Mr Geary for organising the day. As I've said before, our students always represent Holy Rosary very well when they are out at an event, and I hear that yesterday was no exception. Well done girls.

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Holy Rosary will be participating in a Whole School Review on August 10th and 17th. The key feature of the review is Catholic Identity and how our school portrays the Catholic Ethos. This is what our school stands for and how our children learn about the Gospel values. Our Vision and Mission encompasses this and our Graduate Outcomes are evidence of how our school incorporates such values into every day happenings. The review will also be around compliance measures in regards to policy and procedures as well as Occupational Health and Safety around the school. As much as our efforts to improve the safety of our school will assist us in the review, it is also important to ensure that all that come onto our school property are safe and well at all times.

Yours Sincerely



Paul Dullard





IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

FAREWELL FATHER ANTONY

Come farewell Father Antony

On Sunday July 24th

Mass 10am followed by

BBQ Lunch at O'Dee Centre

ALL WELCOME

Sandhurst Netball Carnival

On Wednesday 13th of July Holy Rosary participated in a netball carnival at Golden City netball centre in Bendigo. We had 9 girls from grades 3 to 6 play against other schools from the Sandhurst diocese. The girls played 7 games over the course of the day. The girl progressively improved throughout the day and ended up winning a game towards the end of the carnival. For a team of girls that have never played together before this was a huge success. We all had an enjoyable day.



Children's Chatter Matters



9. After reading with your child, get him/her to describe something from the book using the five (5) senses to guide i.e. what it... *looks* like / *feels* like / *smells* like / *tastes* like / *sounds* like. You may need to prompt your child with questions and brainstorm different words together.

E.g. Birthday Cake: Looks – round and can be different colours, though is usually brown. Feels – spongy, soft, and moist. Smells – So good, it makes your mouth water. Tastes – sweet and yummy.

Family meetings

Strengthening the family bond can prove to be challenging even for the most dedicated parents. One of the best tools to achieve this goal is holding a weekly family meeting. This has proven to be one of the most effective and bonding things families can do to create greater harmony and experience more depth and connection with those they love.

Keep it up-beat.

Talking together as a family is something that will make everyone involved feel better. Talk about the good things that happened during the week and ask the kids about the funniest thing that happened at school or around the neighbourhood. Remember to keep your sense of humour. The family meeting is about communication, and it's much easier to communicate when you're having a good time.

Don't try to control participation.

Let everyone in the family join in, but don't expect children who are three and under to participate fully and do expect a few challenging moments. While encouraging attendance for teenagers, don't make it compulsory. In a very short time they will attend just to see what they may be missing - and make a bit of a fuss when they do attend.

Encourage every person who lives in the home to join the meeting.

If you live with in-laws, or a nanny they are all part of the family and so they need to be part of the meeting. Make sure everyone involved gets some air-time. If one member is not talking use some gentle questioning. You could simply

ask, "What was the best thing that happened to you this week?"

Be creative with the meeting space.

Find a place where everyone is comfortable, the kitchen or dining room may be best for this. Don't be afraid to experiment with different locations such as the back yard or even a park.

Give everyone a chance to lead/record the meeting.

This will help your kids feel validated and realize that what they think matters. Make a record of the decisions reached so you can refer back to agreements made. You can post the minutes of the weekly meeting on the refrigerator so everyone can be reminded of plans for the week. Make sure you follow through, as parenting is best done by example.

Be creative with the agenda.

Being flexible with the Family Meeting is a key component to making it work for everyone. Kids can have a low boredom threshold so if your meeting is too much like school or the parents are preaching the whole time, it won't work.

Examples of some typical family meeting agenda topics:

- What happened last week
- What's happening this week and future/holiday plans.
- Money stuff (There's always money stuff)
- Something wonderful my family did for me
- Something wonderful I did for my family
- Questions/comments about anything that anyone needs or wants to talk about

End each meeting with a fun experience.

This will encourage everyone to attend and participate. Plan your experience as a group and remind the kids that if they don't get to do what they want this time there will be another opportunity next week. You don't have to go somewhere and spend money in order to have fun. Try playing games, cooking or watching something interactive on TV.

Help each other resolve any issues.

Keep talking about things until everyone agrees or at least agrees that it's okay to disagree. Getting support and talking about choices will teach your children about fairness and about being a family. In areas where there have been difficulties, point them out gently and don't be punitive. This will encourage everyone to ask for help where he or she needs it.

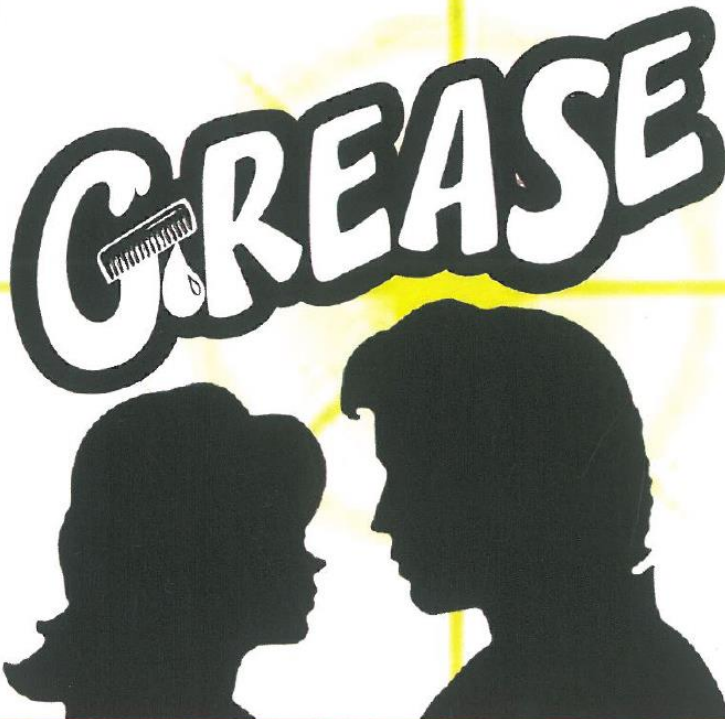
Make the first meeting about planning some family fun.

Holding a weekly family meeting will be one of the highest return investments you will ever make. So make your plans to hold the best meeting you will ever attend, with the people who you love the most. It's a great way to spend an evening and a greater way to raise a family.

Source: Barton Goldsmith www.psychologytoday.com

Taken from Catholic Care newsletter Term 3.

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Parents and Friends Committee



SCHOOL CANTEEN



IMPORTANT REMINDER

No lunch orders will be served in the first week of Term 3.

Our **new lunch program** will start in Week 2 of Term 3.

Lunches will be provided as part of our free lunch program, however you still need to hand in an order form by the Wednesday. Drinks can be purchased for \$2 & snacks for \$1. (These items do not need to be ordered)

Breakfast Club



There will be **NO** Breakfast Club in Week 1 of Term 3

Breakfast club will resume in the Week 2 of Term 3.

24TH JUNE

Get your onesies on.... Its PJ day!!!



Wear your favourite PJs to school on the last day of term.

PJ Day

A movie will be shown in the O'Dee at lunch time with popcorn, cookies and hot chocolate.

Gold coin donation
Slippers may be worn in class but shoes are required for outside.

P&F SECRETARY POSITION OPEN

We would like to thank Catherine Lonergan for her contribution to the P&F. Unfortunately due to other commitments, Catherine has resigned from the role of P&F secretary.

If you are interested in joining the Parents & Friends Committee either as a general member or to fill the Secretary Position please contact one of the P&F Committee members below.

Nominations must be handed into the office by 13th of July and position will be announced on 15th July.

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