

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL HEATHCOTE

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Luke 13:22-30

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that merely claiming an acquaintance with him is not sufficient. We are challenged to have a deep and loving relationship with him. Entrance is through the *Enter* narrow gate and we cannot expect privilege or assume we have the rights. The last will be first and the first last.

Heavenly Father, we are thankful that you loved us so much that you sent Jesus, your only Son, to be the door through which we can enter into heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

- Liz Tobin REC

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday this week we had our final Whole School Review day at Holy Rosary. The panel of experienced educators from across the diocese met with our students, parents and leadership while also undertaking a learning walk through the school lead by a representation of students from Grades 4-6.

The review was around the Catholic Identity of our school and the panel were very keen to hear from all stakeholders about how our school cares for each other, runs supportive initiatives and celebrates our Catholicity. It was a very affirming process and a day that we should feel very proud of. The panel were supportive of where the school felt it is at in all areas being reviewed and were able to make many recommendations for further improvement.

The staff met to hear the summary of the reports from both review days and it is absolutely clear that all staff are committed to continuing to ensure that our school is of a very high standard in all areas and continues to improve every day. This is best done in strong partnerships with all of our community.

I particularly wish to thank Mrs Tobin and Miss Mitchell who have been very much involved in the preparation for these reviews. They have committed many after school hours. Thanks to Liarna Bradley and Mrs Hamilton for their consistent work over 14 weeks to ensure we were ready for the reviews from the administration side.

Our students who lead prayer or the tour were fantastic. Johanna, Riley, Rebecca, Zavia, Charlie, Eve and Alice. And finally to our two mums Sian and Helen who shared the Holy Rosary story so well to the panel and really gave them an insight into the challenges, successes, vision, changes and culture of our community. Thank you.

Professional Learning

School leaders and teachers need to keep abreast of research findings that are relevance to their professional role and of the practices that emerge from an increasing understanding of young people, their context and how learning takes place for them. They need to be able to incorporate these practices into the schools and their classrooms. Engaging in professional learning is the primary vehicle for ensuring that the practices of schools and teachers are continually refreshed in ways that ensure their ongoing effectiveness of the learning that today's and tomorrow's young people will value and need.

Our staff travelled to Melbourne last Friday night to enjoy some fellowship around a meal in Lygon St Carlton and an over night stay before attending a Reading Comprehension workshop on Saturday run by renowned educator Deb Sukarna.

This day hit the nail on the head for our staff as it absolutely reinforced where we are heading with our Reading Comprehension goals and practices. Miss Mitchell, Leader of Learning has set the staff some solid 'homework' to complete and our two meetings this week were focused on the explicit findings of the day.

Staff will work on these goals and their homework on Monday 22nd as it is a Pupil Free Day.

As mentioned above, Professional Learning is key to a successful school. Our staff are very committed to attending such days as Saturday with this one being the fourth for some of our teachers. Of course every time we attend these events it is so that we can deliver better educational initiatives for the students of Holy Rosary. I can see the benefits of such learning as I work in grades each week. If you get a chance, ask your child about the reading strategies they use in class. They really do make sense and assist our students to comprehend their reading better. Thank you staff at Holy Rosary.

School Fees

All families will receive a Fees Statement today which will outline their progress with paying these. Thank you to those families who have contacted me to discuss a payment option and to those who have instigated a direct debit plan. Such a plan has ensured that families are paying what they can and has taken a lot of pressure off them at home.

Our school fees are essential to running our school. Every family has made a commitment to paying the fees when they enrol their child into our Catholic School. Of course if families are facing a challenge to pay, then we can have a conversation to assist.

Please contact myself to make an appointment if you feel you need to do so. **Please check the website for dates coming up in August.**

Father's Day. Sunday Sept 4th 2016

It is tradition for Holy Rosary to celebrate Father's Day in some form or another. Please stay tuned for details about Father's Day 2016. There will be an update early next week on the website and skoolbag app. In regards to proceedings

Yours Sincerely



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LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Learning Conversations will be taking place on Tuesday 30th August (2-6pm) and Thursday 1st September (2-7pm). Each child is expected to attend a Learning Conversation with a parent/guardian.

This term, the duration of each Learning Conversation will be 20 minutes. The same template will be used at last term, however this time, the teachers will be identifying what the students can do in their learning and what they are still learning to do. These statements will correspond with the learning and teaching that is occurring in the classroom, as well as from the child's mid-year report.

Each child's learning goal will be picked by the teacher prior to the Learning Conversation, however there will be discussion around this with the parent and student. How the child can work on this goal at home and school will also be discussed during the Learning Conversation. This will assist you in supporting your child at home.

Once again, each child will also pick a school expectation they believe they do well and one they need to work on prior to the Learning Conversation. Their goal will be discussed, as well ways they can work on it at home and school.

Please remember that this term we are using an online booking system to make appointments for the Learning Conversations.

The website is:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Please enter this code to make your booking:

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Online bookings will close on Friday, 26th August.

If you are unable to access the online booking system at home, there will be an Ipad at the Office for you to access, or please see your child's classroom teacher.

If you are unable to attend either of these dates, please see your classroom teacher to make an alternate time.

DIARY OF A FROG

By Jack Conway

Monday

Freddy went to the Shops when he found a dollar and he went back to my house but I found a stranger. His name was Rodrick, he was poor , I gave my dollar to him. He said thank you but he got eaten by a bird. I said nooooooooo I was sad I had a good idea. I went to the village, I bought some metal bits I brought it back to my home I built a robot, I called him Rodrick it reminds me of my old Rodrick but it blew up. I saw a bird it ate me.

The end.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

Monday 22nd AUGUST - PUPIL FREE DAY

Wednesday 24th August - Blurbs Performing

BOOK WEEK 20TH -26TH AUGUST

Book Week this year is the 20-26th August. The theme is "**Australia! Story Country**".

On Wednesday 24th of August the Blurbs will be performing at our school at 2pm. This will also be our dress up day. We will have a parade first thing in the morning and then do some rotation activities where each classroom teacher chooses a book that has been nominated, and does an activity on it.

Min from the Blurbs would like the kids to start learning the music for the concert.

The link for the songs is:

<http://theblurbsbendigo.wix.com/theblurbs#!media/c1e6o>

Head Lice

We have reports of Head Lice in some classrooms. Many head lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them. We ask all parents to please check their children's hair regularly, especially at change of seasons, and treat if necessary. Once hair has been treated, children can be returned to school. Anyone can get head lice and given the chance head lice move from head to head without discrimination (washed or unwashed hair, it does not matter). Children get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when children play, cuddle or are working close together. They do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.



AUSTSWIM Victoria is thrilled to be offering an AUSTSWIM course at the Peter Krenz Leisure Centre in Bendigo on the 10th and 11th September.

The AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course is available to all with a minimum enrolment age of 16yrs. Consequently it would be wonderful to share the opportunity with your whole school community including parents, teachers and students, 16yrs+. It is a fabulous course that leads to engaging employment for many.





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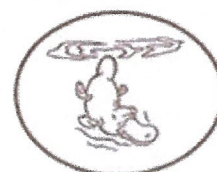
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making and
keeping friends

are more able to
calm down when
upset or angry

have better
concentration at
school



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Term 4, 2016

- When:** Thursday 13th October - Thursday 17th November 2016
- Time:** Arrival and registration 12.15pm
Sessions 12.30pm - 2.30pm
- Where:** Heathcote Primary School, 31 Herriot Street, Heathcote
- Cost:** Free
- Child Care:** Available upon request when booking
- Facilitators:** Jo and Linda (Family Education Services Team CatholicCare Sandhurst)



**For bookings and enquiries phone Megan Haddon on 5433 3090
or haddon.megan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au**

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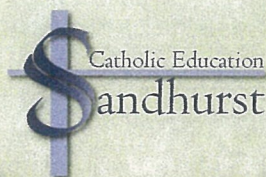
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COURSE INFO

VENUE: Peter Krenz Leisure Centre
Napier Street Eaglehawk, Bendigo VIC

DATE & TIME: Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September, 9:00am - 5:45pm

COST: \$388.00

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