



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 4 where the Winter conditions continue. I trust you all had a great break over the holidays and spent some quality time with family.

I know that many have expressed how much they enjoyed the finals series of the football and how the underdog Bulldogs win has been an inspiration for them. I would have to agree on how a great team effort with plenty of passion can galvanise a club or community (or school) and success can be celebrated in so many different ways.

On Monday, the staff spoke to the children about setting themselves explicit goals for what they wish to achieve by the end of the year. How they want to grow as a person and as a learner. The teachers will revisit these goals throughout the term

An emphasis for each child is for them to participate to the best of their ability. To give something to every occasion and to be an active listener and learner. Such participation at whatever level allows our children to be successful and on Tuesday our staff expressed how they were seeing success around them in their class. This ranged from how the class has settled, to how students react to change, to respect they show for others, themselves and their belongings. Our teachers will continue to talk about success with their students as a celebration of how they are working towards their goals.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulation to Jess Dawson who has informed me that she has been successful in her application for Family Practitioner at CatholicCare in Bendigo. This is a great opportunity for Jess and I am sure you will support me in wishing her the very best for this new aspect of her career in caring for those in most need and for three years of great service to the Holy Rosary community. Jess finishes on Friday 14th October.

SCHOOL START TIME CONCERNS

School start time is 8.45am; however, there is an increased number of families arriving at school after this time. This impacts greatly on the Learning and Teaching in every classroom. Teachers prepare the day's lessons for an 8.45am start and it is important that all students are settled in their class before that time.

The car park drop off zone is attended by staff at 8.30am and this finishes at 8.45am when staff have to attend class. Please use the drop off zone between these times.

I have spoken to the students about how they share the responsibility to be organised and on time in the mornings to assist those that are driving them to school.

The staff are very grateful of support in this area.

SCHOOL FEES

A statement has been sent to all families this week outlining the balance of fees due. There has been a very good response to fees being paid over the past two terms by some families and I encourage all families who have not attended to either a direct debit arrangement or intentions to pay in a lump sum, to do so this term.

Our school fees assist our school to open the doors and provide the children with extra resources hence our consistent communication on this matter for the past two terms.

As always please call in and see me if you wish to discuss payment options. Families who are facing financial difficulties are always supported at Catholic Schools when required.

READERS AND BOOKS

It has come to our attention that a number of library and classroom books have not been returned to school. These resources are important to our school. Can you please have a search at home and send any lost books back to Holy Rosary. Your child can simply hand them to their teacher.

It is also evident to our staff that students who are borrowing books are often taking them home in their school bag and not in a protective reader bag. From Dec 2nd (Week 5) I am requesting that all children have a reader bag in their school bag and that any borrowed books from school are carried in that bag for protection.

This is common practice at any other school and considering how precious our reading resources are here at Holy Rosary, I feel we need to enact this rule. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Reader bags are available at the uniform shop. (Grade 5/6 students can use their laptop bag)

DATES FOR TERM 4

Remember to check our website and SkoolBag app for up to date information on key events this term. Whilst we make every effort to include important dates in our newsletters, sometimes things can be missed. Our online calendars provide the most current information!

Yours Sincerely



Paul Dullard



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4 2016**OCTOBER**

Wednesday 12 th	-	CFA Visit
Friday 28 th	-	School Fun Run
Monday 31st	-	Pupil Free Day - Report Writing

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1st	-	Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup
Friday 4 th	-	Whole School Mass - 11.30am
Tuesday 8 th	-	School Board Meeting – 5.30pm
Wednesday 16th	-	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Tuesday 22 nd	-	Caritas Leadership Day (Gr 5)

DECEMBER

Thursday 1st	-	Pupil Free Day – Staff Spirituality
Friday 2nd	-	Pupil Free Day – Staff Spirituality
Thursday 15 th	-	Gr 6 Graduation Evening
Friday 16 th	-	Last Day Term 4

TRANSITION PROGRAM

During Term 4, Holy Rosary will continue to offer Transition mornings for students moving into Foundation in 2017. The goal of this program is to better prepare students through structured activities to help support the transition process.



Monday Oct 10	8.45am—11.30am
Monday Oct 17	8.45am—11.30am
Monday Oct 24	8.45am—11.30am
Monday Oct 31	NO TRANSITION
Monday Nov 7	8.45am—11.30am
Monday Nov 14	8.45am—11.30am
Monday Nov 21	8.45am—11.30am
Monday Nov 28	8.45am—11.30am
Tuesday Dec 2	8.45am—1.30pm

SUMMER UNIFORM

A reminder to all families that Term 4 means students should be wearing their full **summer uniform**. There will be a two week change over period where students may still wear their winter uniform. As of Monday 17th October (Week 3), all students are expected to be wearing their summer uniform. If for any reason, you feel your child will be unable to wear a full summer uniform from this date, please make a time to come and see Paul. **Remember, NO HATS NO PLAY.**

BOYS:

School polo shirt
School windcheater
Grey shorts (NO CARGO)
Black shoes or sandals (must have a closed toe)
Grey ankle socks
School hat

GIRLS:

Blue and white check dress
School windcheater
Black shoes or sandals (must have a closed toe)
White ankle socks
School hat

Note: Both boys and girls are permitted to wear long trousers with school polo top in summer if weather is cool.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

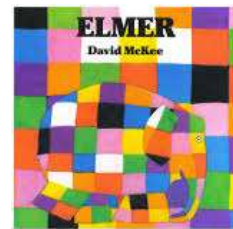
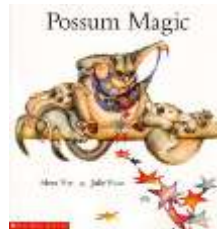
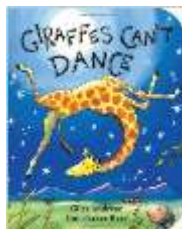
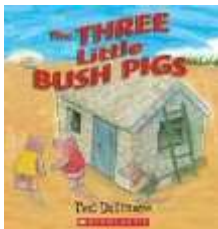
Ten activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy. During Term 4, these activities will focus on targeting your child's knowledge of story grammar. It is important for children to learn that stories generally have parts or a sequence to follow. Knowledge of this will improve your child's reading comprehension and narrative writing. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child's grade level. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Special Education Coordinator, Liz Tobin. Good luck and most importantly enjoy this very special time with your child.

**A story needs to have:**

1. A setting: 'who' the story is about, 'where' the story is taking place and 'when' the story is taking place,
2. A problem which arises in the story,
3. Feelings: how the character feels about the problem,
4. A plan to fix the problem,
5. The action,
6. A solution to the problem.
7. An ending.

1. Here are some fabulous books that you might want to find/ borrow to read with your child. They have a strong storyline, which will help develop your child's comprehension.

- Fearless by Colin Thompson
- The Three Little Bush Pigs by Paul Dallimore
- Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae
- Possum Magic by Mem Fox
- Clancy the Courageous Cow by Lachie Hume
- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
- Elmer by David McKee
- There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly



Parents and Friends Committee

WELCOME BACK

Parents & Friends would like to welcome you all back for Term 4.

New members are always welcome, so if you are interested in joining the P&F, please chat to one of our current members.



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SCHOOL CANTEEN



Our **LUNCH PROGRAM**
starts back next Friday 14th Oct with

PASTA CARBONARA

Lunches are provided as part of our **FREE**
lunch program, however you still need to
hand in an order form by the Wednesday.

These are handed to your children on a
weekly basis.

Breakfast Club



**FREE Breakfast is served from 8am
each Friday. STARTS OCT 14th!**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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ADIDAS SCHOOL FUN RUN

We will be holding the **adidas School Fun-Run** as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on **28th October**! This event is being held to fundraise much needed money towards **Sport & Resources to Promote Health and Wellbeing**.

About the Program

The *School Fun-Run* promotes healthy and active lifestyles while helping us raise funds! It's all about participation, with students treated to a great day and rewarded for their fundraising efforts with fantastic incentive prizes. Family support is key to our fundraising success and we encourage all students to get involved.

How Does My Child Fundraise?

All students will receive a Sponsorship Form where the money collected is to be noted. In the Sponsorship Form you will find many other benefits such as the chance to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet every week (42 to give away)!

Students who raise just \$10 or more will receive a reward for effort. We have educated students on the dangers of door knocking without adult supervision, please reiterate this at home. The best people to ask for sponsorship are people you know (e.g. friends, family, work colleagues and neighbours).

Online Fundraising

The easiest way to help your child raise money is through online fundraising. Students raise an average of \$103.38 using online fundraising, which really benefits all involved; plus you don't have to worry about handling money! To set up an online student profile please visit: schoolfunrun.com.au/students.

Training & Nutrition

Exercise and nutrition are an important part of preparing for any physical event, be it big or small! Visit the Bupa Training Hub for access to training tips to help your child prepare for their fun run, along with healthy and nutritious recipes for your family to try before and after the event! Access the Bupa Training Hub at bupatraininghub.schoolfunrun.com.au or by clicking on the Bupa Training Hub icon in your child's online profile.

Getting Involved on Event Day

Not only can you support the school and participants with your sponsorship – but you can join in on the fun! We would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the *School Fun-Run* event day on **28th October** to help cheer on the students. If you would also like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact me on the details below. I would love to see you at our event.

Ordering Prizes

To reward your child for getting involved, they'll receive a prize based on the total amount they've fundraised. Please help them with *Step 4 – How to Claim Prizes*, this can be found and filled out on the back page of the Sponsorship Form. This will need to be returned along with all money raised to the front office on or before **2nd October**, student prizes will arrive shortly after.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!



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