



NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Thurs 30	Class Mass (Gr 5/6 & F/1) – 9.00am
Fri 31	Easter Play @ School – 1.00pm
Fri 31	Last Day Term 1 – 2.15pm Dismissal

APRIL

Sun 9	Palm Sunday
Fri 14	Good Friday
Sun 16	Easter Sunday
Mon 17	Easter Monday
Tues 18	First Day Term 2
Thurs 20	Grade 3/4 Camp
Fri 21	Grade 3/4 Camp
Mon 24	Oral Health Screening @ Holy Rosary
Tue 25	Anzac Day
Thurs 27	Class Mass (Gr 3/4s) – 9.00am
Fri 28	District Sports Day/Cross Country

MAY

Tues 2	PSG Meetings
Wed 3	Sacrament Meeting – 3.30pm
Thurs 4	PSG Meetings
Fri 5	Whole School Mass – 11.30am
Tues 9	NAPLAN (Gr 3 & 5)
Tues 9	Learning Conversations
Wed 10	NAPLAN (Gr 3 & 5)
Thurs 11	Class Mass (Gr 4/5 & 1/2) – 9.00am
Thurs 11	Learning Conversations
Thurs 11	NAPLAN (Gr 3 & 5)
Fri 19	School Photos – Winter Uniform
Wed 24	Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians Mass – 11.00am

JUNE

Thurs 1	Class Mass (Gr 5/6 & F/1) – 9.00am
Fri 2	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Thurs 8	Class Mass (Gr 3/4s) – 9.00am
Mon 12	Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday
Fri 30	Last Day Term 2

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (JOHN 11:1-45)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus learned that a friend of his named Lazarus had died. When Jesus arrived at the village, Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha and Mary showed him the tomb, Jesus wept. Jesus then asked some of the onlookers to take away the stone from the entrance to the tomb, and then he prayed to his Father in heaven (he did this so that the people gathered would believe that it was the Father who had sent him). Jesus called for Lazarus to come out of the tomb, and he did.

Lord Jesus, as you gave of yourself so generously to others, may we also look for ways to serve others. Let us use our time and talents and resources to help the hurting. Open our eyes to see people who are lonely and need a healing touch. Even if it may not always be convenient, teach us to open our hearts and homes to those who long for someone to be kind to them. Let us put the needs of others above our own self-serving interests. Let us be gracious examples of your love for the needy. Amen.

PROJECT COMPASSION

This week I visited all classrooms to remind everyone about the importance of giving to people less fortunate than ourselves. This week is the last chance to give to our Project Compassion appeal. Heartfelt thanks to those who have already done so. The theme for Project Compassion 2017 is "Love your neighbour".

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

All children who are taking part in the Sacramental program should have brought home a letter with important dates. If you did not receive this and you would like your child to receive their sacraments, please contact Liz Tobin.

Our first meeting is Wednesday 3rd May at 3:30pm. It is expected that all parents/guardians whose children are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attend this important meeting. This meeting will be presented by Fr Peter.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week marks the final week of Term One- hasn't it flown!?

As I mentioned to the children at Assembly on Monday afternoon, it is important that the children end the term in a positive and respectful way, ensuring they remember our school expectations right up until they leave the school on Friday afternoon.

Last week, Paul and I attended the VACPSP (Victorian Association of Catholic Primary School Principals) Principal and Deputy Principal Conference in Lorne. The theme was "Courage is the Key" and I'm sure I can speak for Paul when I say, it was one of the best conferences we have attended! The keynote speakers were inspiring, sharing their own stories with us and how they relate to our role as leaders in a Catholic Primary School.

Also last week, our children represented Holy Rosary at the Community Games at Barrack Reserve. The children had a fun day participating in a variety of different activities. Thank you to the children who tried their best and represented Holy Rosary in such a positive way.

Just a reminder that Paul Dullard is on Long Service Leave this week, where he will spend a week in New Zealand, before beginning his course at Auckland University next week. I will be acting Principal in his absence.

For the first two weeks of Term Two I will be on Long Service Leave as I will be getting married!

Rowan and I will be tying the knot on Saturday 22nd of April, at St Kilian's Church Bendigo, at 3pm. All are welcome to come to the Church if you would like to see me on my wedding day!

When I return to school in week three, I will be "Mrs Nankervis".

If you can, please remember to join us this Friday for our Easter Play at 1pm and a special Assembly at 1:30pm. School will be dismissed an hour early at 2:15pm.

Term Two will commence on Tuesday 18th April at 8:45am.

On behalf of all the staff, we hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday and Easter break with family and friends!

Lauren Mitchell
Deputy Principal

LAST DAY OF TERM: Friday 31st March

FREE Breakfast - 8am

Early Lunch - 12.30pm

Easter Play - 1pm

Special Assembly (all invited) - 1.30pm

Dismissal - 2.15pm

GRADES 3/4 CAMP

Last week all Grade 3/4 children received information in regards to their camp which is planned for Thursday 20th and Friday 21st April (Week 1, Term 2). The camp will be held at Camp Curumbene Corop and the children will travel by bus.

As per our recent 5/6 Camp, the theme of the 3/4 camp will be for students to challenge themselves and to discover a new sense of achievement. Camp Curumbene offers guided activities that will support students to safely get out of their comfort zone and gain a greater understanding of how they can face challenges.

We have had fantastic feedback about the 5/6 Camp and very much look forward to our 3/4's gaining a similar experience.

ORAL HEALTH SCREENING

Community Dental Services at Bendigo Health is sending a team to Holy Rosary Primary School Heathcote to conduct oral health screening for students on **April 24th, 2017**.

The screening team is made up of fully a qualified Oral Health Therapist and Dental Assistant, who both work for Bendigo Health. All members of the team have 'Working with Children' checks. This service will be provided free of charge.

Why are they doing oral health screens?

They will be looking for any signs of tooth decay or gum disease.

Up to half of school-aged children can have tooth decay and gum disease. It can develop without any pain. If tooth decay and gum disease is detected early, children can avoid losing teeth.

Permission forms are available at the school office.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS – SAVE THE DATE

These will be held at school on:

- Tuesday 9th May 3.30pm - 6.30pm
- Thursday 11th May 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Booking forms will be set up online in Term 2.

EYE TESTING

On Monday 27th March Wide Open Road Optometry visited Holy Rosary to conduct free eye testing for our students.

Unfortunately, not all students were seen due to time constraints. The optometrists will be visiting again to complete testing next Term.

Any other students who wish to have their eyes tested may return a form and be seen on this day.

ASSEMBLY PRESENTATIONS & NEWSLETTER INSERTS – TERM 2

Each week, one of our classes will be “presenting” at our Monday Assembly. In the following newsletter (Thursday), the class will include a one page insert. Parents are encouraged to attend assemblies, especially on the week their child’s class is presenting.

Week	Assembly Date	Class
2	24 th April	Choir
3	1 st May	1/2 BS
4	8 th May	F/1 MT
5	15 th May	4/5 MO
6	22 nd May	5/6 OG
7	29 th May	3/4 KS
8	5 th June	3/4 MH
9	12 th June	NO ASSEMBLY – Public Holiday
10	19 th June	TBA
11	26 th June	TBA

CHILDREN’S CHATTER MATTERS

Ten activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child’s grade level. If you have any questions you can contact Sheryn Long, Ed. Speech Pathologist through the School’s Special Education Coordinator, Liz Tobin. Good luck and most importantly enjoy this very special time with your child.



9. The game ‘Sound Thief’ is a great way to support your child to develop their manipulation of sounds in words (deleting, adding or swapping sounds). Use real objects or pictures to represent words, then take turns to steal a target sound. The other player/s need to identify the word and the “sound stolen”. *For example: hat → “at” (you stole the “h” sound from hat).*
As a harder task, try swapping a sound in a word. *For example: back → “ban” (you changed the ‘k’ sound to a ‘n’ sound).* Decide with your child first the position of the sound to swap – beginning / middle / end.
10. Swapping sounds or playing a game of spoonerisms is an excellent way to develop your child’s sound awareness and pre-spelling skills. Start by having fun with their names for example: Miles Jones – Jiles moans. Paul Jennings has developed a wonderful book with many pictures of the various spoonerisms so the students can see the different meanings each spoonerism conveys. **To catch a hat – to hatch a cat** or trickier ones – **A dragon fly – a flagon dry**. These are also a great way to extend your child’s vocabulary at the same time. Encourage your child to draw their own spoonerism pictures.
Bugs are slurping – slugs are burping!!!

P&F NOTICES

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our School Breakfast Club is on **FRIDAY** morning! Come along from 8am!

Each week we will have a special breakfast of **Hot Cross Buns** as well as cereal, toast, yoghurt and fruit! Be on time to get the goodies before they run out!

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS

This week's Free Friday Lunch will be Large Spring Rolls!

These lunches are free. The P&P will visit classrooms on Friday morning to take orders.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

NET SET GO – HEATHCOTE JUNIOR FNC

The Heathcote Junior Football Netball Club will be running a NetSetGo program starting next term.

The NetSetGo programme has been designed to:

- Provide positive encouragement in a welcoming, fun atmosphere, where children share activities, make friends and develop important social skills, along with netball skills
- Help children build team skills and friendships, something they will benefit from for life
- Give children confidence, not only in their netball skills, but in social interactions, motor skills and life skills



Coordinator: Helen Naylor

Phone: 0418 509 782

Registrations: Wednesday 19th April (4pm – 5pm)

Commencement Date: Wednesday 26th April

Time: 4 – 5pm

Venue: Barrack Reserve Stadium

Ages: 5 – 8

Cost: \$60 per child, includes a NetSetGo pack from Netball Victoria

FOOTY CLINIC - APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Strathfieldsaye Football netball club are excited to announce that VIDA Footy will be holding a football clinic at the Strathfieldsaye Recreation Reserve, Tannery Lane during this school holidays!

The clinic will run on Monday 3rd April and Tuesday 4th April from 9.30am – 12.30pm and. The program is offered to children aged 6 to 14 years, with all skill levels welcome.

Cost \$55.00 per day or \$99.00 for both.

Registrations can be made online now by visiting www.vidafooty.com.au. For more information email info@vidafooty.com.au.



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YMCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Enrolments are now open for the YMCA school holiday program. Holiday Programs are run in Bendigo, Kangaroo Flat, Castlemaine and Moama.

Holiday Program booklets and enrolment forms are available at the school office or can be found online at www.bendigo.ymca.org.au



School Holidays Program for kids

At the Bendigo Visitor Centre

Paper Lantern Workshop



Kids have fun creating paper lanterns!

Aimed at children aged 4 - 10 yrs. An adult must accompany children

- ♦ **Cost:** \$8 per child
- ♦ **Time:** 10.30am – 11.30am (1 hour)
- ♦ **Date:** Wednesday 5th April 2017
Wednesday 12th April 2017
- ♦ **Bookings essential!** Ph: 5434 6060

Limited places available




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