

# HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL HEATHCOTE

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## NEWSLETTER No . 13 : 14th May 2015

Dear Parents,

*Congratulations to all involved in the Mother's Day Luncheon held last Friday. This was a wonderful day for Holy Rosary School with a strong sense of community present throughout the day. This is a further example of the telling of the Holy Rosary story and the vision of excellence in our community. Thank you to Fiona and Steve Bradshaw for the coordination of the event, and the many school and community members who assisted before, during and after the event.*

*A more detailed report of the day is included in this newsletter.*

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of in between moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

Peace & Best Wishes

Noel Dillon

Principal



*Congratulations to Mikayla Hogan who celebrated her graduation ceremony last Thursday. We congratulate Mikayla on her wonderful achievement.*

Mass to celebrate the

Feast of Mary Help of Christians 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This will be a school parish mass

celebrated on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

This is a major event in our school and parish and will involve a 10.00am Mass, which will include involvement from the students and staff. The mass will be followed by a BBQ lunch and entertainment from the children.

In recognition of the anniversary and the Sunday Parish School Mass, Father Antony has announced Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May as a school holiday. It is important that all students and families attend the mass on the Sunday.

## OPEN DAY

An information morning will be held for all parents and children entering Foundation in 2016. Tours of the school will be available and the children will participate in activities.

As of Term 2, we will be offering our Flying Start Program for students moving into Foundation in 2016 to help support their transition process.

Next session : Monday, 15th June : 8.45am - 10.45am

## CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross country run with the Heathcote Primary School will be held tomorrow, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. The Foundation and Grade 1 students will complete the event at school from 9.00am

The Grades 2 – 6 will compete at the Heathcote Primary School from 12.00pm starting with the 8yr olds then working up through the groups.

Students will walk to and from the Heathcote Primary School, departing the school at 11.30am.

## RECONCILIATION

This is for children in Grade 3-6 who would like to receive the sacraments this year. Our next gathering will be held on Wednesday, 20th May at 3.25pm in the O'Dee Centre. Please feel free to come along and join in. Bring some afternoon tea to share. The session should last about 45 minutes. Any questions, please contact Bernie O'Keefe or myself. All welcome.

Noel Dillon  
Principal

### TERM 2 DATES FOR 2015

#### May

- Friday, 15th : School Cross Country  
Friday, 22nd : Walk to school day  
Sunday, 24th May - School and Parish Mass to celebrate the  
Feast of Mary Help of Christians Anniversary\  
Monday, 25th : SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOR OUR LADY OF CHRISTIAN'S ANNIVERSARY  
Thursday 28th : Reconciliation

#### June

- Monday 1st : SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - REPORT WRITING  
Monday 8th : PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Queen's Birthday  
Monday 15th : Gym : Grade F-2  
Thursday 18th : Gym : Grade F-2  
Monday 22nd : Gym : Grade F-2  
Thursday 25th : Gym : Grade F-2  
Friday 26th : End Term 2 : School finishes at 2.30pm - Reports sent out



#### NEW STUDENTS

We welcome Belinda and Hollie who began at Holy Rosary last Tuesday. Please make them and their family welcome in our school.

#### WELCOME

We welcome students from LaTrobe University, Jillian Brierley and Matthew Plathe who will be on placement at Holy Rosary from 11th - 22nd May in Grs 3/4 and 5/6

#### STUDENT ABSENCES

Please contact the school by 10.00am if your child is not attending school for the day. On returning to school, students must bring a signed, written note explaining their absence and give it to their classroom teacher.

#### BREAKFAST CLUB TERM 2

The Breakfast Club will run from 8.00am - 8.30am each Thursday and will be held in the O'Dee. (No breakfast club in week 11)



Last week's Brekky Club was a blast, so get in early or miss out on the good stuff.

Next week's special :

Egg & Bacon Quiches & Raisin Toast & Smoothies  
Spaghetti, Toast and Cereal

We welcome parents to be part of the Thursday morning breakfast. The community aspect of the morning is as important as the breakfast itself. Please come along and join in with your child.

#### Annual Report to the school community for 2014

The Annual report to the school community is available on our website. A copy may also be found at the school office. Please take the time to read over the report, as it lists our school year for 2014 with successes and future planning.

#### SCHOOL TIMES

- 8.45am-10.45am - Class time  
10.45am-11.30am - Recess  
11.30am-1.30pm - Class time  
1.30pm - 2.15pm - Lunch  
2.15pm - 3.15pm - Class time

#### AWARDS

This week's awards will be presented at Assembly on Monday in the O'Dee at 8.45am

##### Respect for Self

Micah Hamilton Allie Robinson  
Belinda Temby Alkeira Craig  
Sonnie McDonald

##### Making Jesus Real (for excellent manners)

Hudson Pianta-Cook Jamie-Leigh Hearne  
Gracie-Jade Dingwall Ethan Kelly

**Due to school closure days and holiday, we will not be able to have our usual Monday morning assembly in weeks 7, 8 and 9 of this term. Therefore, assembly will be on a Wednesday those weeks. Wednesday assemblies will be on 27th May and 3rd and 10th June.**

### CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

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It is important for your child to make longer sentences by joining two sentences together. This can be achieved by using conjunctions/joining words. The conjunctions *but*, *however*, *whereas* help to *compare* two things. Generate sentences with your child to compare how you and your child look e.g. I have brown hair but you have blond hair. I have green eyes however your eyes are blue. I am tall whereas you are short. Then read 'Elmer the patchwork elephant' by David McKee. Generate sentences with your child to compare how each elephant looks.



### MJR is 24/7

Making Jesus Real: Our focus for weeks 5 and 6 is positive and negative language.

Your attitude is like a motor in your car, if you have a good attitude you will go places in life. If your car is in neutral (don't care) or reverse (negative attitude) you won't go far. The late Steve Irwin was a classic example (both in what he said and his body language) and there are people in your school and in your life (home, your interests, music, drama, sports etc.) who also provide examples of how a positive attitude to life takes you places. If you wish to have a positive attitude to life, hang out with positive people. If on the other hand you hang around with moaners and groaners (at times we all moan and groan), you will be dragged down by that Negative Attitude to people and life.

Whatever the dream we have is: Happy Family, Happy class, Happy sporting team, Happy school.

We are often in a team situation and if we are conscious of our role to play as team workers not receivers or takers, we can give of ourselves and make our team work so much better for everyone. At life, at home and at school with our friends, the 1 "percenters" are WEST – it's the small things like remembering to say please, thankyou, sorry and excuse me, holding the door open for people and welcoming smile when we meet someone. Small things in life are the Very Important things. You can make someone's day with these small acts, and they help you to become a Giving person.

### PLAYGROUP

Learn. Laugh. Love.

You are invited to come along and join the Parent-Child Playgroup in the O'Dee Centre at Holy Rosary School, Heathcote. For parents and their children 0-5 years.

Thursdays : 10.00am - 11.00am

For more information, please phone Jess on 0409 967 997 or Email:

[jdawson@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jdawson@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au)

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

The uniform shop will open only on

Mondays after assembly until 10.00am

Urgent orders : txt Natt on 0437 628 626

to arrange another time or leave order at office

All children should be in full winter uniform

Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform at all times. Runners with school uniform is not correct uniform. Sports uniform is only to be worn on sports days. We appreciate that there are times where full uniform cannot be worn. Please send along a note to the classroom teacher informing them of the situation. This will avoid unnecessary embarrassment to your child

SPECIAL : Size 12 sport track pants with ribbing

Buy one for \$15.00 get one FREE

This size only : Limited stock

### SMOKING REGULATIONS

New smoking bans to apply on school grounds and at school entrances

From **13 April 2015**, smoking will be banned within the school grounds of, and within four metres of an entrance to, all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, as well as all Victorian childcare centres, kindergartens and pre-schools, under an amendment to the *Tobacco Act 1987* (Vic.).

The new bans are enshrined in legislation and will apply to all schools in Victoria, thereby ensuring a consistent approach across the government and non-government sectors.



ON SALE AT THE OFFICE

Tomato Relish - \$2.00 per jar

### *Mother's Day Luncheon*

#### 2015 Mothers Day Luncheon

Wow, what an incredible day. As you know, this year's theme was 'Brides of Heathcote' and did all the ladies come together for a magnificent display! The RSL Hall was transformed by 46 Wedding, Debutant, Bridesmaid, Mother of the Bride and Flower Girl dresses and the catwalk was alive with 14 more totaling 60 gowns from across our community, which is more than I could ever have imagined.

I have received so much positive feedback from Friday's event about the day itself, the gowns and, most of all, the perfect behavior of our students. Children have been praised for their courtesy, how well presented they all were and how marvelous their performance was. Congratulations to all of you, including Mums and Dads; our kids do not get that way by themselves.

Keep your eyes on this week's McIvor Times for Bronwyn's update and photos of the event.

Days like Friday do not come together easily, there was a lot of hard work and dedication from a number of people and those people are:

Steve Bradshaw	Jodie Bruce	Carly Anderson	Lisa Foster	Mem Luscombe
Catherine Lonergan	Brendan Roberts	Kylie Sauvarin	Helen Naylor	Joan Short
Prue Harris	Noel Dillon	Jodie Koeleman	Dean Bibby	Sharon Bibby
Nat Craig	Ellen Eickert	Mary Beedle	Hayley Tobin	Tania Malavisi
Bernie O'Keefe	Prue Harris	Students for their art work		

A special thank you to Rheannon Willoughby, Taylor Harvey, Rose Taylor, Imogen, Tia, Alice, Jack and Brady for your amazing catwalk performances and to all the students of grade 5 /6 for your table service. You definitely earned your keep and thank you all of you for your patience and fantastic behavior.

I must also thank Maree Hingston for a marvelous job as our MC, Narelle Lee for the last minute dash to get Brady and Jack outfitted and button holed for the day, Heathcote Lions Club for the display stands, Heathcote Pool Committee for tablecloths, platters and serving utensils, Pauline McCarthy for tirelessly searching for mannequins and display models for me, Catherine Lonergan for her beautiful singing as our models graced the catwalk, Tania Malavisi and Doug Bruce for their performances and Tania and Rob Malavisi for the sound system. The following businesses across town also supported us, so please support them where you can:

Skilly's Tyre and Auto	Just for Woman PT	Yoga Time	Kylie Sauvarin Nails
Condie Estate	BP Heathcote	Melts by Jayme	Heathcote Flowers
Bendigo Bank Heathcote	Flynn's Wines	Pure Indulgence	Living Quarters
Bendigo Party Hire	The Good Guy's Bendigo	Malavisi Electrical	

And last but not least, our gowns, photo's and accessories:

Aileen McCarthy	Janet Stobaus	Alison Campbell	Ann McLennan
Dianne Dailey	Bron Lumsden	Catherine Lonergan	The McNutt Family
The Doak Family	The Connally Family	Liz Tobin	Janine Fisher
Hannah Thompson	Robyn McCarthy	Carly Anderson	Anne Sales
Lexy Virgona	Lyn Hough	Mary Beedle	Narelle Lee
Lorraine Binney	Judy Eickert	Jodie Wright	Nanna Koeleman
Terri Johnston	Joan Lang	Marilyn Gough	Joan Short
Sharyn Butler	Heathcote Historical Society		

And anyone else I have forgotten...

It was amazing for me to have the opportunity to meet so many new, incredible people and I would like to extend my sincerest thank you to not only our school but our entire community for getting behind this event. I hope you all had an amazing Mother's Day!



**HEATHCOTE JUNIOR FOOTBALL  
NETBALL CLUB**

will be holding NET SET GO for  
Kids aged 5-10  
at Barrack Reserve Wednesdays  
4.00pm - 5.00pm  
commencing 27th May  
Cost of \$60.00 running for ten weeks  
Please come down to the stadium  
on any Wednesday for more information  
Or call Julie Gellatly on 0401 490 845

**ANIMALS AT SCHOOL**

At our recent School Board meeting a motion was passed to avoid injury to children in the school from animals,.

NO ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SCHOOL GROUND OR BUILDINGS UNLESS PRIOR APPROVAL IS SOUGHT FROM THE PRINCIPAL



There are ten vouchers to be won.

**MAY IS NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH**

Snap a picture of your self and family members (pets too) in front of your favourite bookshelf and you could win a \$100 Book Club Voucher.

How to enter: Simply tell us in no more than 25 words what makes your bookshelf look so good.

Email your answer to shelfie picture to [competitions@scholastic.com.au](mailto:competitions@scholastic.com.au) with subject line 'Share a Shelfie Competition'. Include your first name, surname, age, school name and state. Closes: May 15, 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I am planning on running Seasons for Growth within our school. The Seasons for Growth is a program for children, young people or adults who have experienced significant change or loss.

Seasons for Growth is based on the belief that change, loss and grief are a normal and valuable part of life. We examine the impact of changes such as death, separation and divorce upon our lives, and explore how we can learn to live with and grow from these experiences.

The core intentions of this program are the development of resilience and emotional literacy to promote social and emotional wellbeing. The program is educational in nature and does not provide therapy.

We use the imagery of the four seasons to illustrate that grief is cyclical, not a linear journey with a clear end. Peer support is a key element of the program, and confidentiality is strongly emphasised.

The program runs for approx 1 hour (withdrawal from class) for 8 weeks. If you may be interested in your child/children participating in this program, please return the attached 'expression of interest' form to the office, or email Jess, [jdawson@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jdawson@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au)

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any other questions you may have about the program.

Kind Regards,  
Jess Dawson  
Student Wellbeing Worker

Seasons for Growth: Expression of interest

Child/children:

Parent/s:

Signature:

*FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS*

*200 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE 1815 - 2015*

*SUNDAY, 24TH MAY, 2015*

*COME CELEBRATE MASS AT 10.00AM ON OUR SPECIAL DAY*

*FOLLOWING MASS THERE WILL BE A  
PROCESSION TO THE O'DEE CENTRE WHERE THE  
STATUE OF MARY WILL BE CROWNED*

*THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A BBQ LUNCH WITH  
ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL CHILDREN*

*N.B.* *EITHER A SALAD OR A SWEET WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED*

*PLEASE ALL COME HELP CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL DAY!*

