

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL HEATHCOTE

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Dear Parents,

It is so easy to talk about the ideals of our Christian faith but so difficult to live them. Reconciliation, forgiveness and acceptance of one another are easy to talk about, but, when confronted with the huge diversity of people in our society, they are so difficult to live out. It's not easy to demonstrate love to a person with whom we have a personality clash or whose behaviour we find difficult to accept. Yet, God's love says to us, "I love you unconditionally, no matter what you have done". These words are a wonderful encouragement to keep plugging away and not to be disheartened by failure.

It is of great importance that we give our children a proper perspective of the **value of education**. From the time we are born we are all learners. From our earliest years we take in information that keeps us from harming ourselves and enables us to ask for assistance. Throughout our childhood and adolescence, we acquire skills that equip us to achieve our independence as individuals and to take our place in our family as people in our own right. Going to school is not always exciting, interesting or necessarily something to be happy about. Ongoing education after school is probably not much better. However, we need to keep plugging away and be idealistic about what we can achieve through our personal development.

Possibly, the single most important quality we can help our children to develop and that will enhance every part of their lives, is the **value of integrity**. To have integrity means that you are totally honest and truthful in every part of your life. In order to be totally honest with others, you firstly have to be totally honest with yourself. If you are always honest and true to yourself, you cannot be false to anyone else. What a different society we would have if everyone had integrity as a personal ideal.

It is our job as parents to keep putting before our children an optimistic view of life, to encourage them to see things as they might be – and can be - if they keep striving for their ideals. What better ideals than to encourage our children to ongoing education, integrity and compassion.

Peace & Best Wishes,
Noel Dillon
Principal



**Flying Start Program/
Transition
for 2016 Foundation students**
Term 4 dates will start in week 2:
Monday, 12th October from
8.45am – 10.45am

and will be held every Monday, except for the following dates.

Monday 2nd November - Report Writing Day and
Monday 30th November, as there will be an orientation day on Tuesday 1st December.
There will be no transition dates in weeks 10 and 11 of the term

Please pass the word around to families in Heathcote that have a child starting school next year. The transition program is an excellent way to transition the children into school.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I will be on Long Service Leave for the first four weeks of Term 4. Bernie O'Keefe will be Acting Principal in this time and Liz Tobin Acting Senior Leader. Jodie Leechman will be in the Grade 5/6 classroom during this time.

"CONFIRMATION / EUCHARIST PREPARATION"

Dear Parents / Carers,

After the holidays we will come together for our last gathering on Wednesday, October 7th.

Yours in Faith,
Bernie O'Keefe.

**TERM 3 ENDS TOMORROW
FRIDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER
AT 2.15PM.**

**TERM 4 COMMENCES ON MONDAY
5TH OCTOBER
AT 8.45AM**

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**CHANGEOVER TO SUMMER UNIFORM
WILL BE ON DAY ONE, TERM 4**

TERM 3 DATES FOR 2015

September

- Thursday 17th : School Disco : 5.00pm - 6.30pm
 Friday 18th : Footy colours day
Term 3 ends 2.15pm : School bus at 2.15pm

TERM 4 DATES FOR 2015

October

- Monday 5th : First Day Term 4
 Latrobe students Teachers in the school for 3 weeks
 Wednesday 7th : Last Sacramental session 3.3-pm
 Friday 9th : Bowls 5/6 1.45pm
 Monday 12th : Regional Athletics Bendigo
 Transition 8.45am – 10.45am
 Wednesday 14th : Golf Foundation – Grade 6
 Friday 16th : Bowls 5/6 1.45pm
 Monday 19th : Transition 8.45am – 10.45am
 Friday 23rd : 5/6 Bowls 1.45pm
 Monday 26th : Transition 8.45am – 10.45am
 Friday 30th : Bowls 5/6 1.45pm

November

- Monday 2nd : Report Writing Day School Closure Day
 Tuesday 4th : Heathcote Show Day Holiday
 Friday 6th : Grandparents and Special Friends Day
 9.30 Mass - 10.30am Morning Tea and class visit
 Monday 9th : Transition 8.45am – 10.45am
 Monday 16th : Transition 8.45am – 10.45am
 Monday 23rd : Transition 8.45am – 10.45am
 Monday 30th : Swimming begins

December

- Tuesday 1st : Orientation day and last session Transition
 Wednesday 9th : Graduation mass 6.30pm
 Friday 11th : Swimming Sports
 Wednesday 16th : Term 4 ends for students' 3.15pm
 Thursday 17th : Planning Day at School
 Friday 18th : Last day of term for Staff



SPECIAL FRIEND'S DAY
 Friday, 6th November

Tomorrow we will hold a 'Footy Day'. You are welcome to wear the colours of whichever footy team you like. This will be a gold coin donation, with funds going to support families in our school community

BREAKFAST CLUB
WILL RECOMMENCE
WEEK TWO, TERM 4

MJR is 24/7 MAKING JESUS REAL Teamwork



Team Work Makes The DreamWork—

When everyone in a team situation gives their all, the end result or 'dream' is achieved.

We are often in Team situation and if we are conscious of our role as team workers, not receivers or takers, we can give of ourselves and make our team work so much better for everyone.

Together everyone Achieves More (TEAM)

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset ... Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome

Melbourne weekend dates: 23-25th October (last one for 2015), 8-10th April, 17-19th June, 19-21st August, 11-13th November in 2016.

Starts 7.00pm on Friday. Ends 5.00pm on Sunday
Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings:

PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997

Email: vicbookings@www.me.org.au

NAPLAN COLLECTION

NAPLAN assessments have arrived at school for our Grade 3 and 5 children. Parents were requested to collect these directly from their child's classroom teacher at the parent/teacher interviews. If you were unable to attend the interviews, NAPLAN may be collected from the classroom teacher.

**BLUEARTH HEALTH & FITNESS PROGRAM
TERM 4
EVERY EVEN WEEK
COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER**

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS



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.

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. Notification can also be made via the school phone app.

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

POSITIONS VACANT

We will be advertising shortly for replacement teachers for 2016.

1. Deputy Principal to replace Bernie O'Keefe
2. Classroom Teacher, Maternity Leave replacement for Nicole McDermott.

**Change over to summer uniform
will be as of day one Term 4 -
Monday, 5th October, 2015**

BOYS

School polo shirt
School windcheater
Grey orts (NO CARGO)
Black shoes or ndals
Grey ankle socks
School hat

GIRLS

School windcheater
Blue/White check dress
Black shoes/sandals
White ankle socks
School hat



HATS ON AT HOLY ROSARY

Our Holy Rosary Sunsmart Policy notes that all children will be required to wear school hats during Terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside. However, if the UV is 3 or above it is recommended hats be worn for protection. With this in mind, Holy Rosary School is asking all students to wear their hats from Week 8 (Monday August 31) of this term.

Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.

Parents will be encouraged to model Sunsmart behaviour when participating in school functions that are held outdoors.

Please click on the following link for more Sunsmart information <http://www.sunsmart.com.au/>

Be SunSmart - 5 things to remember from September!

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. More than 1,700 people die from skin cancer every year - that's more than the national road toll. In Victoria, from September through to the end of April, average UV levels are 3 and above, which is when UV radiation can damage skin and eyes and lead to skin cancer.

So, when the UV Index is 3 and above:

Slip on sun-protective clothing

Slop on SPF30+, broad spectrum, water resistant sun-screen - put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards

Slap on a hat - that protects your face, head, neck and ears

Seek shade

Slide on some sunglasses - make sure they meet Australian Standards.

From September to April, just a few minutes of UV exposure to the face, arms and hands or equivalent area of skin should be enough for most people to maintain vitamin D levels. However people with naturally very dark skin may need 3 to 6 times the exposure level. For the times of the day that sun protection is needed, check the SunSmart UV Alert in the weather section of daily newspapers or at www.sunsmart.com.au. During the day live UV levels for Melbourne can be found at www.arpana.gov.au. Particular care should be taken between 10.00am and 2.00pm (11.00am and 3.00pm daylight saving time) when UV Index levels reach their peak.

RANTERS DRAMA WORKSHOPS

FREE

Grade 6 -Year 9

*Heathcote @ the RSL Hall these
holidays 4 One week*

MONDAY 21st - FRIDAY 25th September



Capital Venues & Events are supporting these workshops for young people, presented by Ranters Theatre.

These workshops are aimed at young people Grade 6 to Year 9, living in the City of Greater Bendigo.

Everyone has a talent or a skill and a story to tell

Ranter's Artistic Director Adriano Cortese and the Ranter's ensemble provide a supportive, creative and nurturing environment, to allow young people to create, build skills and confidence to allow take forward into day to day life.

Workshops have limited places, depending upon numbers places will be allocated to provide a creative mix of participants.

To apply - complete the on line application by 14 September -

Applicants will be confirmed by 16 September

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event>

Or if you have trouble registering on line please call the

Heathcote Community House on 5431 0930

CHILDCARE FOR HEATHCOTE



"What services would you support?"

- ▣ 1. Long Day Care
- ▣ 2. Occasional Care
- ▣ 3. Outside Of School Hours Care
- ▣ 4. School Holiday Programs
- ▣ 5. Extended Library Services

Name: _____

Best contact: _____

Phone number/email/address:

Return email: childcare4heathcote@gmail.com

Keep up to date and in contact via our Facebook Page: [Childcare for Heathcote](#)

School Holiday Fun Day—Monday 28 September

Croc Stars

Reptile Shows with Facepainting and Balloons



Show Times

11am and 1pm

1 hour meet and greet at 12
Midday

Come and Join the **FREE**
family fun

Hargreaves Mall

Free Face-painting and
Balloons

For more information
please call 0434 8000



