

NEWSLETTER

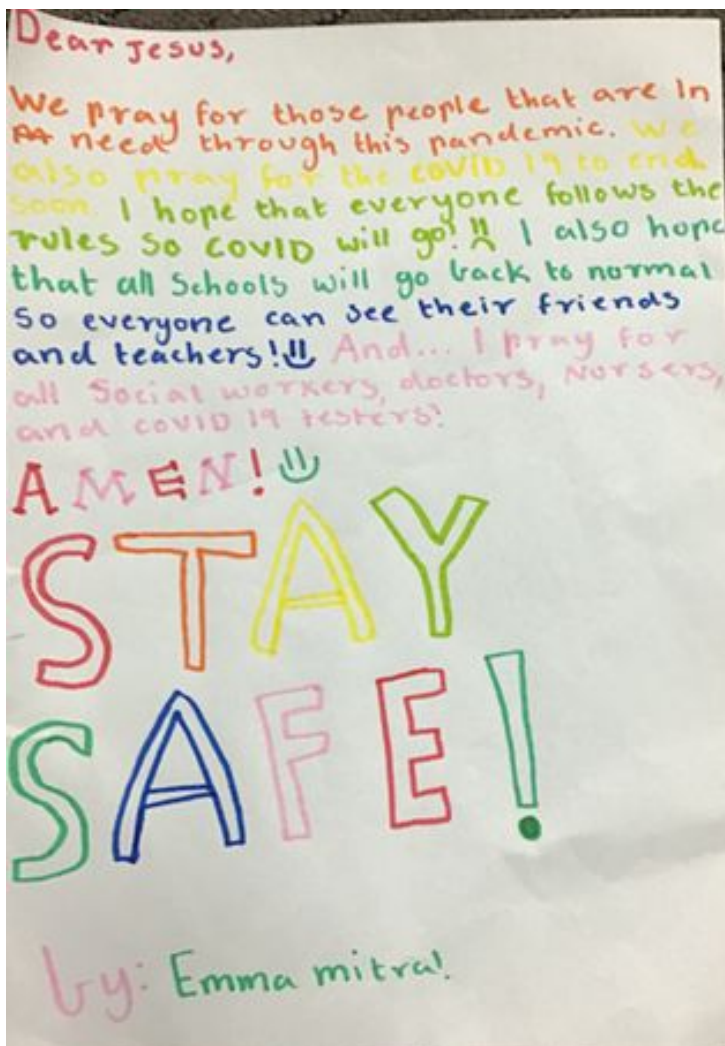
Term 3 - 21 August 2020

IMPORTANT DATES	
TERM 3	
AUGUST	
Fri 28th	PUPIL FREE DAY DEB SUKARNA WHOLE STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY.
SEPTEMBER	
Fri 18th	Last day of Term.
TERM 4	
OCTOBER	
19-23	BOOK WEEK
Tue 27th	SCHOOL PHOTOS

On August 20, the Church celebrates the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The celebration of the "Queenship of Mary" was created by Pope Pius XII in 1954.

This memorial provides us with an opportunity to continue our celebration of the Assumption of Mary (celebrated on August 15) and to honour the special place that Mary has within the communion of saints.



O God, who made the Mother of your Son to be our Mother and our Queen, graciously grant that, sustained by her intercession, we may attain in the heavenly Kingdom the glory promised to your children. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MR PAUL DULLARD

Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

PUPIL FREE DAY - STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Next Friday (28th August), our teachers have a full day of professional learning. As a school, we will continue our learning of the Deb Sukarna model for writing and further understand how to conduct meaningful conferencing with learners and the importance of feedback.

As such, next Friday will be a pupil free day, with no students on site and no assigned work tasks or Meet sessions.

REMOTE LEARNING

This week, we continued our Google Classroom online learning. Our teachers continue to plan lessons and provide support for our families. Thank you again for the support that you have provided the children and staff throughout Term 3 of their schooling.

Please be sure to check in with your child and discuss what tasks they are working on. This will help their learning and consolidation of concepts.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to the assigned work, please feel free to contact the pastoral teacher.

GOOGLE MEET

Thank you for all those families who have supported the children to log on and attend the scheduled Google Meet sessions with their pastoral teachers and peers. What a great opportunity for the students to see their friends and continue to grow their social development, albeit in quite a different context. At the moment, video conferencing seems to be the new 'norm'. This is also one of the platforms in which our staff have their weekly meetings and access Professional Development.

There may be some slight changes to the timings for Google Meet sessions for some students next week. The teachers will clearly communicate their times through Google Classroom.

FACE MASKS/TEMPERATURE CHECKING

Staff on site will continue to wear face masks and children who work on site will be temperature checked at the beginning of each day, as will any visitors to our school if they are permitted. So far, we have found this to integrate seamlessly into our daily routine.

A VIRTUAL TOUR OF HOLY ROSARY

We have had some very positive feedback from those who have viewed our Virtual Tour. It really does highlight our vibrant learning spaces and programs we run. Take a look and tell us what you think. Click on this link below.

<https://360schoolvirtualtours.education/VirtualTours/Holy%20Rosary%20Heathcote/index.htm>



LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Throughout the week, you may have received a call from your child's pastoral teacher for a learning conversation. These form an integral part of our assessment and reporting process. They also provide families and students time to reflect on learning, monitor growth and plan goals for future learning. These conversations will continue to occur next week during Week 7 also. Please be aware that the scheduled teacher phone call may come from a 'private number'.

INSIGHT SRC SURVEY - Due Friday 31st July. WE WILL ARRANGE TO EXTEND THIS SO THAT HARDCOPY SURVEYS CAN BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL AFTER OUR SHUTDOWN.

Please feel free to complete the survey online or hold on to your hard copy till after remote learning.

Kind regards,
Paul Dullard and Vin Ryan

*Holy Rosary School Heathcote is a Child Safe School.
We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.*

HOMESCHOOL PROJECT: Match The Lids



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following students who celebrated
their birthdays this week a very special
"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

Angus Villella who turns 7 TODAY!!

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I'M NOT SURFING, I'M E-LEARNING



By: Tanya Brnjak

Like every other school across Victoria, Holy Rosary Primary School, Heathcote has returned to online learning as part of stage 3 lockdown requirements.

When the first stage 3 lockdown came into place, it was sudden, and school staff had to learn quickly how to develop and apply an online learning program.

A lot of work took place in the background, such as ensuring all students have access to video presentations and ensuring the email list was up to date. Holy Rosary staff had to develop skills in the use of 'Google Meet' and 'Google Classroom' and had to plan different ways of making these work for their students in an online learning environment.

Thanks to systems already having been put into place during the first lockdown, when the most recent lockdown came into effect, it was much easier as everything was already ready to go and staff were confident as to their duties and their roles.

Principal of Holy Rosary Mr Paul Dullard stated, "Systems are great and only work to the full potential if a great procedure is in place."

The school has implemented the same strict routines and procedures for online learning as were in place during the initial lockdown and parents had to obtain the necessary devices to enable online learning via the school's drive through once again.

Mr Dullard is immensely proud of

all how well his staff and students have adapted to online learning. Akira Doley is a grade 5 student at Holy Rosary Heathcote who has adapted well to learning online.

"Online learning is good as you can choose what subject you want to work on first," Miss Doley said.

But there are drawbacks. "I miss seeing my friends," she said. "But at least I can still say 'Hi' to them via the chat board, and this is where I can get help from my teachers, if Mum can't help."

Akira's favourite subject is mathematics and she is eagerly looking forward to returning to the classroom.

But not all students are learning from home. Mr Dullard said that 10% of their student population are still attending classes at school as their parents are essential workers or they are considered to have vulnerable needs. Although the classrooms and corridors are not completely empty, Mr Dullard commented on the foreign environment: "Schools are meant to be busy and classrooms are meant to be full of laughter and energy. Schools are not meant to be this way."

Mr Dullard also spoke about the challenges of online learning, with both teachers and students alike experiencing some level of anxiety from not having the physical contact they are accustomed to in the classroom.

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INSIDE TODAY

□ Akira Doley enjoys online learning but misses seeing her friends

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Online learning the new norm for Holy Rosary students

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The foundation (prep) students are likely to be finding online learning particularly difficult and are perhaps finding it more challenging than other students. Having just started their educational journey, they were in the process of developing a routine, beginning to learn how to read and write, had just started to meet new friends, and their parents had just started getting to know the other parents, and then bang, that was all taken away and online learning was put back into place. They haven't attended school in person for two-thirds of the year and that would make it quite different for them.

"School is where students and parents make long life friends, this must be hard on everyone," Mr Dullard stated.

By this time of the year, most grade 6 students would have had a chance to take on extra leadership responsibilities and would have had a chance to explore the secondary school they are likely to attend in 2021, however Covid has put a stop to this.

"As educators, we need to ensure all students' mental health is looked after, as the younger students will remember more how they felt, rather than what they have learnt," Mr Dullard said.

We need to ensure we look after each other during this difficult time, he stated. Communication and being positive is the key for helping each other and ensuring all students can succeed with Remote Learning 2.0.

We all need clarity and everyone from Holy Rosary would like to thank the town for its amazing support, especially when the school became aware recently, that one of its student had been in close contact with a person who had tested positive to the virus.

Holy Rosary would also like to thank Heathcote Health and Heathcote and District Community Bank for all their support.

For anyone who would like to tour the school or to enrol their child, you can now undertake a virtual tour of the school via <https://www.hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au/virtual-tour>.

And, as for whether the virus is genuine, Mr Dullard had the following message to convey to the community: "Covid is real! We have seen it, as our school had to close prior to the lockdown."



Students whose parents are essential workers or have vulnerable needs are still in the classroom

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The seniors Art Task was to investigate flags around the world and then design and draw their own personal flag.

Mrs Stokes



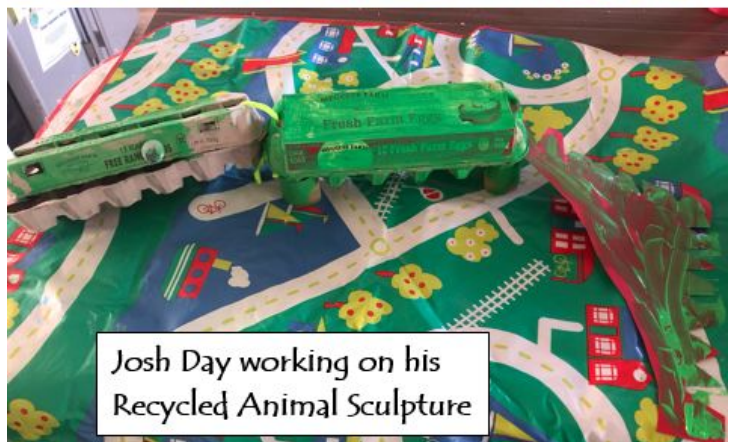
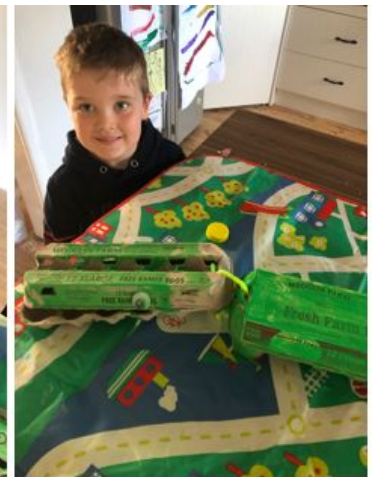
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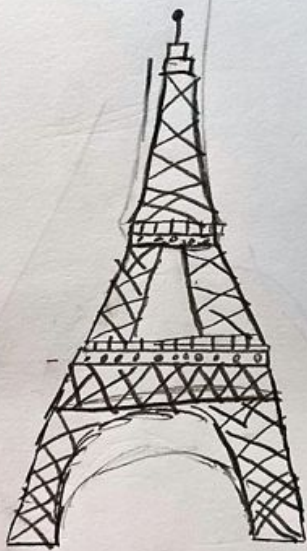


Lola's Animal Paper Collage



Josh Day working on his Recycled Animal Sculpture

Akira Doley's Eiffel Tower

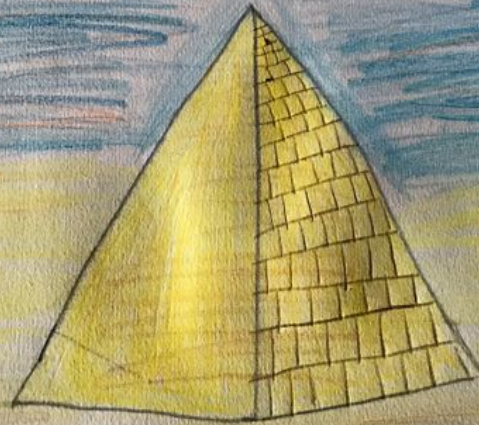


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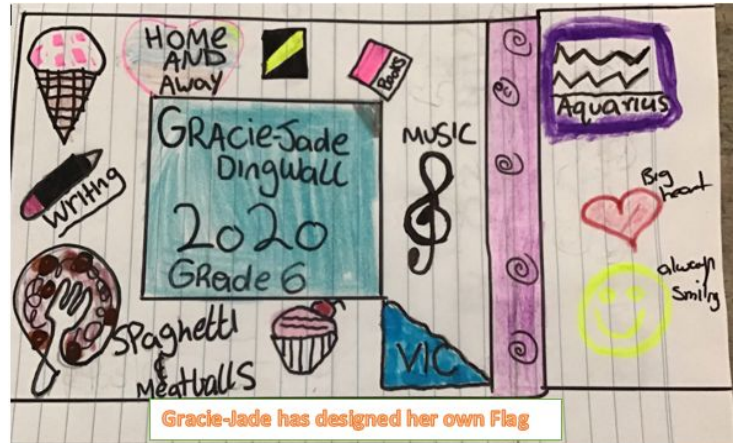
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Gracie-Jade



Gracie-Jade has designed her own Flag

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10 Facts

Macedonia is a country in the
southeastern europe.

The official name of macedonia
is former yugoslav republic of
macedonia due to a long dispute
with Greece.

Alexsander the great, who
was the king of macedonia, was
the first world-size conqueror
who extended his empire across
greece and persia to india and
egypt.

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Information is also available on <https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/>



ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN AT HOLY ROSARY HEATHCOTE

*It is our great pleasure to welcome new families into our school community,
and we encourage enrolments in any year level.*

For further information about enrolling your child, please contact the school.



Holy Rosary School Heathcote

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