

## NEWSLETTER

Term 4 - 9 October 2020

| IMPORTANT DATES |  |
|-----------------|--|
| TERM 4          |  |
| OCTOBER         |  |
| Fri 16th        | Flying Start Transition 8.45 - 11.30am |
| 19-23           | BOOK WEEK (Blurbs cancelled)           |
| Thur 22nd       | Book Week PARADE                       |
| Fri 23rd        | PUBLIC HOLIDAY - GRAND FINAL EVE       |
| Tue 27th        | SCHOOL PHOTOS Winter uniform           |
| Fri 30th        | Flying Start Transition 8:45-11.30am   |
| NOVEMBER        |  |
| Mon 2nd         | PUPIL FREE DAY - REPORT WRITING        |
| Tue 3rd         | PUBLIC HOLIDAY - MELBOURNE CUP         |
| Fri 13th        | Flying Start Transition 8:45-11.30am   |
| Fri 27th        | Flying Start Transition 8:45-10:45am   |
| DECEMBER        |  |
| Tues 8th        | Orientation Day - 8:45-11:30am         |

As Catholics and Christians, we are called to show solidarity with all people. This means supporting people, whatever their situation, to help them to live a better life. We are all loved by God and we show this love when we stand with each other through our life's struggles. Let us ask God to help us to support each other every day...

Lord Jesus  
 I give You my hands to do Your work  
 I give You my feet to go Your way  
 I give You my eyes to see as You do  
 I give You my tongue to speak Your words  
 I give You my mind that You may think in me  
 I give You my spirit that You may pray in me  
 Above all, I give You my heart that You may love in me  
 Your Father and all humanity  
 I give You my whole self that You may grow in me  
 So that it is You, Lord Jesus,  
 Who live and work and pray in me  
 Amen



**BOOK WEEK PARADE  
 THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER @ 9AM  
 COLA COVERED AREA**



FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MR PAUL DULLARD

Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,



Welcome back to Term 4 everyone and welcome back to onsite learning. It was fantastic to once again have all staff at the drive through to say hello to families as they came through to drop off their excited children. This is how it should be and we pray that our State of Victoria can move forward in a safe and positive manner to less restrictions..

We took the opportunity for this photo as it is a significant day as we return after the most disrupted year in history. I hope we never have to undergo the restrictions we have been through again.

I am extremely grateful to all parents for how they have been so supportive of their own children as well as our school over this period. These have been uncharted waters we have been crossing and every week presented us with a new set of guidelines or challenges. Your communication with the teachers and effort with your own children has been very much appreciated.

It was fantastic to see how the children stepped out of their cars with a big hello and a smile on Tuesday morning. I know the staff really love these moments in school life. Then to see the children renew their friendships with each other and to gather in small groups, with plenty of chatter.

I especially wish our Grade 6 students a great term as their big final year has been quite a different affair. They look great in their Grade 6 shirts and I think just about everyone of them has grown taller over COVID. Our senior teachers are out to ensure this final term is a memorable one for the big kids.





At the other end of the scale, our littlest children in school and those that have only been here a while have found it hard to have consistency with friendship groups and we will ensure this is a priority in this term.

As you are aware, our adult community is still not able to come onto the school property unless by appointment. This again reduces the risks of any COVID-19 implications, but on a social level it does not allow for all of us to continue or create friendship groups or connections with parents of their child's friends. Let's hope that these restrictions can be eased over the term and we can resume the great community feel at drop off and pick up each day.



Our Foundation boys gravitated to the chook shed before school.

Lots of chatter.

As our students return to school after almost two terms of remote learning we are often unsure of where they are at as an individual with their learning. Therefore, this week we have planned for testing and assessment for all students in numeracy and literacy. The children are aware that this is not a competitive process but an exercise that is all about them and where they are at right now. Teachers will then analyse this data to determine the 'Point of Need' learning for each child. I commend the staff for taking this on and for Mr Ryan for coordinating it all in his role as Leader of Learning.

We have a major goal of ensuring that every child has success with their learning in Term 4. This means individual growth from where they are at right now to where they can aspire to be by the end of the year. Where your child is at right now is the starting point and we aim to see individual growth through small groups, co teaching and collaboration in every child.

Initial results from the testing have shown that most children have advanced their learning over Remote Learning which is a credit to them and to you as parents/ grandparents and their primary educators. Well done and we look forward to analysing the complete data next week and setting up learning plans for each child.

This week we welcome the **Manderson** family to our Holy Rosary community. **Archer** is in Foundation class and **Max** is in Grade 2. We welcome both boys and their parents **Zoe and Cam** to Holy Rosary. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to come into the school which makes it difficult for new families to meet others, but I am sure our families will look out for the new ones.

#### **ENROLMENTS FOR 2021/FLYING START**

We are currently receiving enquiries from parents in regards to Foundation children for 2021. Any families who require a pack from the office can email myself or ring Donna Neylon in the office. We can then arrange for pick up or postage of the pack. If you know of families new to Holy Rosary please pass this information onto them.

We will be starting Flying Start in Week 2 this Term. Information around this was shared with the Kinders this week. If any family would like to have a conversation about the merits of joining the Holy Rosary family, give me a call or make time to chat through the office. We will offer tours asap after COVID-19.

#### **ENTRANCE/EXIT POINTS INTO THE SCHOOL**

As a further safety measure for families who walk or ride to school we have made the following change to our arrival and departure points of our school.

Any family who rides or walks to school and comes across the crossing can enter the school via the school bus gate. Parents are to drop their children at the gate where they will be met by a staff member but not enter the school.

All families that walk or ride from Mitchell Street are to enter and depart via the car park walking track, where they will be met by a staff member.

We will continue to tweak our plans to best suit the safety of our community.

Once again thank you for your support.

### **STUDENTS WHO FEEL UNWELL**

If your child is feeling unwell, please do not send them to school. If a child complains of, or appears to be sick while at school we will contact parents (or the emergency contact person) to collect the child. Thank you for your understanding.

### **LATE ARRIVALS**

We encourage all students to be dropped off in the carpark drive through between 8.30am and 8.45am. However, if for some reason your child arrives later than 8.45am, they will need to come to the makeshift office which is now situated in the Chapel of the O'Dee, where the admin staff will sign in their child.

Kind regards,

Paul Dullard

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



School Photos this year will be taken on **Tuesday 26 October**.  
Personalised prepaid forms will be sent home shortly with the students

**Parents should return their completed order form to school with the correct money or credit card details on or prior to photography day.**

Orders can be placed online prior to and up to three days after photography. Please use the unique code on your child's envelope.

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL CHILDREN ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR THEIR FULL WINTER UNIFORM AS FOLLOWS:-**

- **Pinafore, long sleeve shirt, grey tights and black shoes.**
- OR**
- **Grey trousers, long sleeve shirt, black shoes.**



We are very excited to welcome our new students, **Max Manderson** who is in Grade 2, and **Archer Manderson** who is in Foundation, together with their parent's Zoe and Cam. I trust you will find your time as part of the Holy Rosary Primary School community very satisfying and rewarding.

## ASSEMBLY PRESENTATIONS – TERM 4

Each week, one of our classes will be “presenting” at our Monday Assembly. In the following newsletter, the class will include a one page insert. ***Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, parents are unable to attend assemblies at this stage.***

| Week    | Date          | Class  |
|---------|---------------|--|
| Week 1  | 5th October   | No Assembly  |
| Week 2  | 12th October  | No Assembly ( <b><i>will still do awards</i></b> ) |
| Week 3  | 19th October  | 2/3 OG & TM  |
| Week 4  | 26th October  | F/1 PH   |
| Week 5  | 2nd November  | Report writing day                                 |
| Week 6  | 9th November  | F/1 FK   |
| Week 7  | 16th November | Year 4   |
| Week 8  | 23rd November | Year 5   |
| Week 9  | 30th November | Year 6   |
| Week 10 | 7th December  |  |
| Week 11 | 14th December |  |

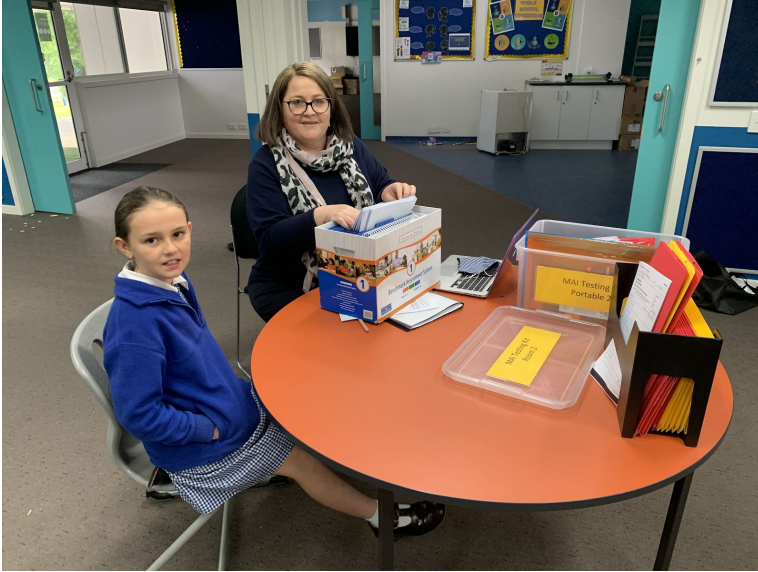


**MONDAY 12 October at 2.30 PM**

| CLASS  | STUDENT            | AWARD                |
|--------|--------------------|----------------------|
| F/1 PH | Archer Manderson   | Respect for Self     |
|        | Indie Purchase     | Shine your Brightest |
| F/1 FK | Kittie Munn        | Respect for Others   |
|        | Isaac Muller       | Respect for Self     |
| 2/3 TM | Tom Harris         | Respect for Others   |
| 2/3 OG | Max Manderson      | Shine Your Brightest |
| 4 SS   | Lyra Damchef       | Shine Your Brightest |
| 5 JM   | Hudson Pianta-Cook | Respect for Self     |
| 6 KS   | Sharnie Day        | Shine Your Brightest |



# TESTING



This week, teachers and students have been very busy conducting testing of reading and numeracy. This will give teachers a baseline for each student and their individual point of need. From this, teachers can plan learning tasks and experiences designed to engage and grow the learning for all children.

So far, our teachers have been very impressed with the learning that has taken place this year. This is a testament to the hard work of families and our teachers.



## LIFE RELATIONSHIPS

There is a requirement for all Victorian Schools to address particular aspects of personal development within their teaching. Our senior students have begun the *Life Relationships Program*, which has been developed in the Sandhurst Diocese and includes a unit of work for Year 5/6 students. The program offers an holistic approach within the context of Catholic teaching to topics such as:

- relationships
- family
- adolescence and puberty
- reproduction.

The Life Relationships Program is an integral part of the *Source of Life, Diocese of Sandhurst Religious Education Curriculum* and the *Physical, Personal and Social Learning Strand of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards*.

The *Life Relationships* program seeks to strengthen the partnerships between parents/caregivers, students and school. One of the main aims of the program is to open or maintain lines of communication and hence foster healthy relationships.

Your child's teacher is available to answer any questions that you may have regarding the program. You might also like to ask to have a look at the resources which we will be using.

*Kellie Scott, REC*



# WHERE'S BRIDIE?

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WINNERS:-**

**COOPER MITCHELL  
ANNABEL JOHNSON  
EMMERSYN SLEE**

**Prizes will be handed out at Assembly on Monday**





# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

*Sofia Masullo on 5 October who turned 7*



## ***A grief and loss program***

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives.

At Holy Rosary we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, children and young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively.

We are therefore offering a very successful program called Seasons for Growth. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

Seasons for Growth runs for eight weeks and each weekly session is 40-50 minutes during school hours. The program concludes with a 'Celebration' session. Later in the year each group will have the opportunity to meet for a Reconnector sessions to build on their earlier learning and to follow up how each child is going.

Seasons for Growth will be facilitated by companion **Catherine Hodder** (Student & Family Wellbeing Worker) who has received special training in the use of this program and has been running this program in other schools for the last ten years.

For more information please contact Paul or Catherine at the school and/or express your interest in this program by returning the slip below to the school office in an envelope addressed to Catherine Hodder.

Alternatively email Catherine [chodder@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au](mailto:chodder@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au)

Holy Rosary is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

Kind Regards

**Paul Dullard & Catherine Hodder**



# 2020 FLYING START TRANSITION PROGRAM



As of Term 4, Holy Rosary is offering Transition mornings for students moving into Foundation in 2021. The goal of this program is to better prepare students through structured activities to help support their transition process to school in 2021.

The sessions will run at Holy Rosary each fortnight on a Friday morning from 8.45am – 10.45am. There is no cost involved and the program is open to all students transitioning to Foundation in 2021 even families who are yet to decide on their child's school.

**Children will need to bring a piece of fruit and drink for a snack during the program.**

## FLYING START TRANSITION DATES

**Term 4, 2020**

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Friday 16 October</b>  | <b>8.45am – 11:30am</b> |
| <b>Friday 30 October</b>  | <b>8.45am – 11:30am</b> |
| <b>Friday 13 November</b> | <b>8.45am – 11:30am</b> |
| <b>Friday 27 November</b> | <b>8.45am – 11:30am</b> |

**ORIENTATION DAY: TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER - 8:45-11:30AM**

**For any further enquiries, please contact the Principal,  
Paul Dullard on (03) 5433 2057**

# 2020 'FLYING START' TRANSITION PROGRAM

## COVID-19 ADJUSTMENTS

Hi Everyone,

After much consultation with the Catholic Education Office Sandhurst (Bendigo) as to the guidelines and protocols around transition programs for Term 4 2020, it has been decided that the Holy Rosary Flying Start program will go ahead as normal, with tight COVID -19 protocols in place.

The dates and times for Term 4 'Flying Start' are as follows:

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Friday 16 October</b>  | <b>8.45am – 11:30am</b> |
| <b>Friday 30 October</b>  | <b>8.45am – 11:30am</b> |
| <b>Friday 13 November</b> | <b>8.45am – 11:30am</b> |
| <b>Friday 27 November</b> | <b>8.45am – 11:30am</b> |

When attending 'Flying Start' could the children please:

- *Dress like they would when they are attending preschool.*
- *Bring along a snack, ie. piece of fruit, and their own drink bottle.*

**Mrs Prue Harris and Mrs Angela Fiske-Keely**, our current F/1 teachers will run 'Flying Start' with the occasional assistance of other Holy Rosary staff.

This program is open to any preschool child who is beginning school next year free of charge, but we do ask that your child is registered with the school prior to the start of the program by emailing the office at - [admin@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au)

The program has been very popular for many years and with additional restrictions placed on schools currently due to COVID-19 it is essential that we have your booking by **Wednesday 14 October**.

COVID-19 has presented some additional challenges for Holy Rosary to host 'Flying Start' this year, but we are intent on making this school familiarisation program happen for the preschool children of Heathcote and district.

Due to COVID-19 we will be implementing the special instructions listed below:

- **Drop off and pick up will happen in the school car park**, where cars will enter the middle gate and park in the bays provided.
- Parents are welcome to walk their preschool child to the gathering space where the teachers will be. This will be away from the school drop off zone.
- Families who have both school age children and a Flying Start child will be required to drop their school children off through the drive through then go out on the road and re-enter the carpark for Flying Start.
- Staff will be in the car park to greet parents and kinder kids.
- Unfortunately schools are operating under a '**Non Essential Visitors**' restriction and that includes parents and guardians, so there will be no parents/guardians allowed past this point.
- Whoever is responsible for the dropping off and picking up of each preschool child will need to sign an attendance record sheet each time which will be at the drop off point.
- Holy Rosary has strong protocols in place around reinforcing good hygiene practices, ie. use of hand sanitizer and the 'Flying Start' children will follow these same protocols.
- 'Flying Start' children will not be mingling with Holy Rosary children and will learn for the two hours in the Club House or under the COLA.

I am looking forward to seeing you on 16 October and please call the school on 54332057 or email myself on [pdullard@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pdullard@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au) if you need to know more information.

Please be aware that during these uncertain times, directives and guidelines provided to us by the CEO and relevant Ministers can change very quickly. If there is any alteration to the above we will ensure you are updated promptly.

Kind regards,

**Paul Dullard**  
Principal

### **CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND**

CSEF will once again be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. Further details are below. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.

**The annual CSEF amount per student will be \$125 for primary school students**

#### ***How to Apply:***

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/csefapplicationform.pdf>

Closing Date - You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by **5 October 2020**.

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### **CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE**

Conveyance Allowance is paid to eligible parents for student travel if you reside 4.8km or more from your NEAREST school or bus stop. If you believe that you may be entitled to claim for the Conveyance Allowance please contact the school to discuss the application process.

## **Planning for 2021**

We will be looking at classes and staffing for next year over the next few weeks. If you are leaving the school at the end of this year, could you please let me know as soon as possible?

The numbers are very important as we look at class sizes etc.



### **ENROLMENTS FOR FOUNDATION 2021**

If you know of a family who is considering enrolling their child for 2021, please let them know that enrolments are open at Holy Rosary, and they are most welcome to put in an application for enrolment.

They can contact the office on 5433 2057 or by email: [admin@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au) for more information.

### **STUDENT ABSENCES NOTIFICATION**

The Department of Education requires parents/guardians to notify the school of their child's absence **as soon as possible on the day of absence** by either using the **Skoolbag App** or phone the school.

All schools are required to contact parents on the same day of an unexplained student absence if they haven't heard from parents/guardians. The Skoolbag App is the preferred method as this sends us an email which can be kept as proof of contact.

### **Reminder For New Parents To Download The Skoolbag App**

Skoolbag is one of Australia's most trusted school apps, empowering schools to engage parents through a simple and central communication platform. The easy-to-use desktop and mobile app streamlines all aspects of organising school life, from newsletters and events to student attendance and documentation.



Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- ★ School newsletters
- ★ Notices
- ★ Events
- ★ Cancellations
- ★ Reminders
- ★ ...and more!

**INSTALLATION  
INSTRUCTIONS**

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!



### **BUS TRAVELLERS**

We ask all parents/carers to make sure their child/ren are clear about whether or not they are travelling on the afternoon bus. If you can make a point of letting your child/ren know the arrangement each morning it would be greatly appreciated. We often have students asking us if they are on the bus!

I spoke to the children on Monday who travel on the bus about how the bus driver's job is to drive them safely. Steve and Suze should not be distracted by poorly behaved children. Please speak to your child about the importance of their best behaviour. Please note that parents are required to be at the bus stop 15 minutes before the bus arrives in the morning and afternoon.

**If you do need to alter the arrangement please call the school before 2.30pm to allow time for the message to be passed on. Late calls may mean your child does not get the message in time before the bus leaves.**



### **GREAT NEWS!**

#### **MARIAH MCCARTHY'S PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS HAVE RESUMED**

Mariah will be resuming her lessons from this week going forward.

Mariah offers private music lessons at Holy Rosary. Lessons can be arranged for Guitar, Piano, Voice or Ukulele.

If your child is interested in music tuition, please call Mariah on **0439 338 773** to discuss.



### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

If you wish to order uniforms, please contact the Uniform Co-ordinator, Leanne Slee either on 0458 651 007 to arrange an appointment, or email her your order at - [marcus.leanne.slee@gmail.com](mailto:marcus.leanne.slee@gmail.com).



## **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***

For any further enquiries please contact Donna or Tania in the office  
on (03) 5433 2057 or email: [principal@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au)  
18 Pohlman Street, Heathcote



One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

## What you need to know

### 1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

### 2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

### 3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) they must isolate until they receive clearance from the Department of Health and Human Services. Read the [What to do if you've tested positive for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (PDF) for more information.

If a person is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) the Department of Health and Human Services will get in contact to tell them they are a close contact of a person who is confirmed to have coronavirus (COVID-19). A close contact must quarantine at home. Read the [What to do if you have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (Word) for more information.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

### 4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

**Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.**



This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services