

NEWSLETTER

Term 2 - 26 May 2021

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IMPORTANT DATES	
TERM 2	
MAY	
Wed 26	National Sorry Day
26-27	Grade 3/4 Camp - Corop - cancelled
Fri 28	Dental Consent Forms due back
JUNE	
Tues 1	SCHOOL PHOTOS - CANCELLED
Mon 14	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	World Refugee Day

NATIONAL SORRY DAY



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This week we commemorate National Sorry Day which marked the beginning of Reconciliation Week. We could all take to heart the message of John Paul II to the Aboriginal People on his visit to Alice Springs, when he said:-

"If you stay closely united, you are like a tree, standing in the middle of a bushfire sweeping through the timber. The leaves are scorched and the tough bark is scarred and burnt; but inside the tree the sap is still flowing, and under the ground the roots are still strong. Like that tree, you have endured the flames, and you still have the power to be reborn". (JPII)

Let us encourage one another to be as strong as that tree by promoting Reconciliation and Peace ...
Let us pray for our Aboriginal brothers and sisters, asking God to bless our Indigenous races with new hope ...

Father of all, You gave our Aboriginal People the Dreaming.
You have spoken to them through their beliefs,
You then made your love clear to them in the person of Jesus.
We thank you for your care of these people.
You own them. You are their hope.
Make them strong as they face the problems of change.
We ask you to help us, the people of Australia,
To listen to them and respect their culture.
Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people So that you can be at home in all of us,
And so that we can make a home for everyone in our land.

Amen.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MR PAUL DULLARD

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

COVID - 19 LOCKDOWN

It has once again this week been emphasised to us how this virus is hanging around and that it will continue to disrupt our lives and place communities at risk for some time. We trust that all families can embrace Remote Learning again and get the most out of the situation as they can.

It is very disappointing and a huge disruption, but we are guided by the authorities and if we can all do the right thing we will be back to 'normal' sooner than later.

CAMP

On Wednesday we had to postpone the Grade 3/4 camp to Corop due to COVID-19 procedures and protocols. It is such a beautiful build up to your child's first camp and the whole family gets a buzz out of a sibling heading off. This has been true forever with my adult children still remembering camps and excursions. So it was no surprise that there were sad kids and parents, however we really appreciate the positive response and the support we received once the decision was made.

Credit to **Mr Geary**, **Mrs Malavisi** and **Mrs Hodder** who made Wednesday a great day for the children at school. And we WILL reschedule the camp for a later date.



PHOTOS- POSTPONED

As a result of the announcement of the 7-day lockdown across Victoria, SchoolPix have made the decision to reschedule school photography to Term 3.

This is for the safety of your school community and our SchoolPix team, and we hope that this will minimize the need for further rescheduling.

We have tentatively rebooked your upcoming school photography to **Tuesday 3rd of August.**

UNIFORM - IMPORTANT

Keep up the great work in assuring that our students look fantastic in the correct uniform. Staff have been identifying students who are out of uniform and explaining to them the correct options. The main thing we are picking up on is children wearing runners with the full uniform or sports gear on the wrong day.

REMOTE LEARNING

We wish everyone in the Holy Rosary Heathcote community the very best for the coming week as we embrace Remote Learning. Our staff have prepared work for the students for Monday to Thursday and this was emailed out today.

Staff will check in with each family this week so if you get a call with **No Caller ID** on the screen it could in fact be your child's teacher.

Once again I thank our Leadership Team for a calm and timely response to these current changes, our Admin team who behind the scenes keep us all in line and the communication flowing, and I acknowledge the teachers who on very short notice have been able to support your child's learning for this period of Remote Learning.

But a very special acknowledgement of you, the parents, carers and friends who support your children so well. You will do a great job of Remote Learning and you know that your teachers are there at the end of an email if you need support or clarification.

I love coming to school each day at Holy Rosary and it won't be the same without the buzz of the children, but Mr Ryan and I will use this time to get on top of a few things, to keep the communication rolling and to prepare for a return to school at the end of next week.

Thanks everyone and stay well.

THERE IS ONLY ONE PLACE THAT THE SCHOOL DEEMS SAFE FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE DROPPED OFF OR PICKED UP AND THAT IS THE CARPARK EITHER THROUGH THE DROP OFF ZONE OR BY PARKING IN THE BAYS AND ESCORTING YOUR CHILD TO THE SCHOOL. ALL OTHER AREAS ARE NOT CONDONED BY OUR SCHOOL.

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

Yours sincerely



Principal

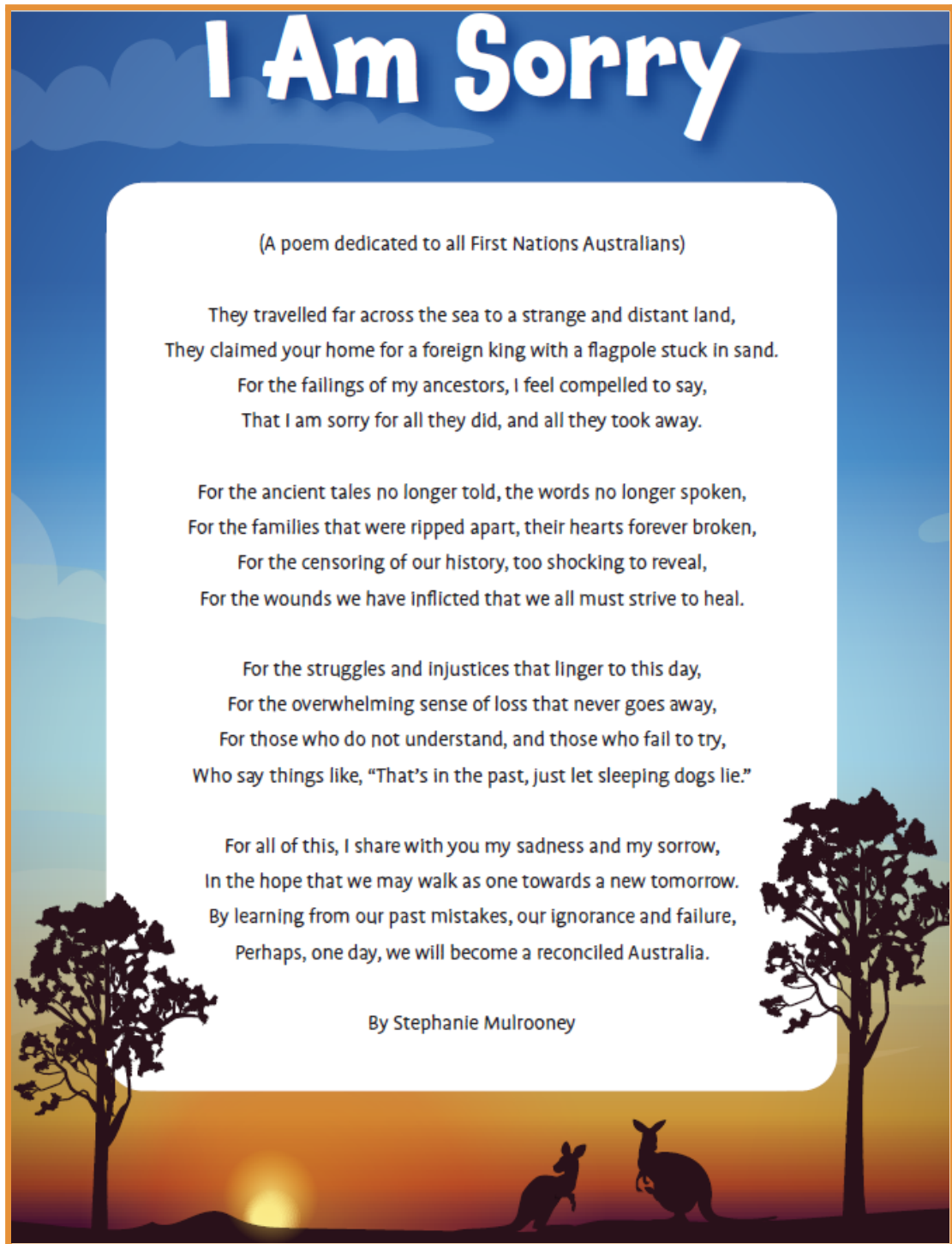
NATIONAL SORRY DAY

Being a staff member at Holy Rosary Heathcote, we have a privileged position, allowing us time to share conversations, lessons, understandings and reflections each day with our learners.

Often these learners are our teachers, our leaders and our insight into the 21st century and the journey that leads to greater outcomes. Many of our students have shared their understanding of why National Sorry Day is important and the meaning it holds for people, regardless of their background. We have shared stories, political speeches, human experiences and artistic depictions of how colonisation affected generations of Australia's First People.

Please share these conversations with your children, they have wisdom and insight into our future.

Mrs Angela Fiske-Kealy





WELCOME JUNE KNIGHT

Congratulations to Lucy and Nick Knight on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl, June Knight.

Weighing in at a healthy 8.5 pounds, June made her entrance into the world on Monday 24th of May at 2:23pm.

June is a much loved baby sister to Isla, Pippa and Clem.

We are all looking forward to meeting June.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Focus: Understanding instructions

Assist your child to understand instructions by using actual objects or gestures. Here are some ideas:

- Point to your shoes when you are asking your child to get their shoes,
- Gesture with your hands for concepts like under, first,
- Point in the direction of Grandma's house,
- Point to your watch if you are telling your child to hurry up.

In addition to this, teach your child to repeat instructions back to themselves to support comprehension. Model this self-talk yourself and prompt your child to do the same by asking, 'Now tell me, what do you have to do?'.



FORTNIGHTLY ASSEMBLY PRESENTATIONS FOR TERM 2

Each **fortnight**, one of our classes will be “presenting” at our Monday Assembly, which will be held on the COLA. Parents are encouraged to attend assemblies, especially on the week their child’s class is presenting.

Week	Date	Class
8	7th June	5/6 KS
10	21st June	2/3TM



CLASS	STUDENT	AWARD
F/1PH	Kara Gellatly	Respect For Self
1/2FK	Luca Slee	Shine Your Brightest
2/3TM	Ethan Day	Respect for Self
3/4OG	Thea Tobin	Respect For Environment
5/6JM	Annabel Johnson	Respect For Self
5/6KS	Cody Gellatly	Respect for Self



We wish the following students who celebrated their birthdays recently a very special

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

Ethan Day on 31 May turning 8

Ryan Marks 3 June turning 7

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE TIMES THAT YOU CAN NOT AVOID YOUR CHILDREN MISSING A SMALL PORTION OF THEIR SCHOOL EXPERIENCES. REMEMBER EVERY DAY COUNTS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES. TRY TO LIMIT UNNECESSARY APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS.



**Prioritise Learning Time -
Appointments are not
an excuse**

- non-urgent appointments made before/after school or during holidays
- disrupted learning time disrupts learning

Reconciliation Week 2021

Reconciliation Australia acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples should be aware that this website contains images or names of people who have passed away.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures

2021 marks twenty years of Reconciliation Australia and almost three decades of Australia's formal reconciliation process.



AUSTRALIAN DENTAL HEALTH VIC - DENTAL VAN

The Australian Dental Health VIC Dental Van is coming to Holy Rosary! The Dental Van will be at the school from **Monday 19 July - Wednesday 21 July.**

Australian Dental Health VIC ("ADHV") is an Independent Initiative providing all school students dental treatment beyond the Medicare eligibility criteria, meaning all students are able to participate.

ADHV is an independent, stand-alone company that can see both non-eligible children alongside those who are eligible. The organisation runs on its own accord to ensure all children across the board are receiving vital treatment.

Children will be seen in their school environment, allowing them to feel safe and comfortable. Australian Dental Health standards of oral health co-aligns with the Departments' curriculum to ensure children are properly educated. ADH does this by offering interactive oral health classes.

Consent Forms were sent home with all students on Wednesday. If your child did not receive a form, please let their teacher, or the office know. If you wish for your child/children to be seen by the Dentist, please ensure you return the completed consent form by Friday 28 May 2021.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE & SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Great place to hang out after school and meet new friends

Play with friends, finish your homework then relax when you get home!

- Afternoon Tea provided
- Fun activities each afternoon
- School bus drop off to the front door

To make a booking call 4411 6803 or email heathcote@jennyselc.com.au

From \$30 for 5 afternoons of care!



HEATHCOTE & DISTRICTS
TOWNSHIPS PROTECTION PLAN
LOCAL VACCINATION CLINIC IN HEATHCOTE

The second clinic will be held on

TUESDAY 22nd JUNE
12.30pm to 2.30pm




Appointment times are now available

To book please call
Vicki on 0431 328 421

Further clinics will be made available as and when needed
YOUR FEEDBACK IS VITAL PLEASE CONTACT US
 Website - www.communityengagement.heathcotehealth.org

If you have any challenges with transport or other barriers
 please let us know at the time of booking.

Should you need the clinic available at a later time, on the weekend
 or have further needs, we would like to hear from you to see how we
 can work together to provide support to you as needed.

Working together to support our communities

Recently, currently &/or shortly community members have, are and/or will be receiving the information booklet containing local Covid-19 vaccination information for them to refer to. There are electronic engagement spaces for us all to engage with as well, but these paper copy booklets will ensure everybody has the opportunity to have access to the most up to date relevant and local information. These are being distributed by most of our wonderful local Post Office outlets in our smaller communities.

For us to provide help where needed, we would love to hear from anyone with a question/concern/barrier to receiving a vaccination. Be it about obtaining any information, answer or support & assistance they may have - ie; transportation to get to a vaccination appointment, need access to receiving vaccinations outside of work hours, a carer for someone with a mental illness and/or medical condition or has special needs that need to be taken into consideration for getting to and entering into a vaccination clinic/program/appointment.

With this information we can work with the vaccinators, health services and others as needed to provide the service, support, assistance, answer or information they may require.

We have already heard from a number of people about holding a possible Saturday clinic or one after 6pm so that people returning from work can attend.

This information can be relayed via sending an email via;

1. email at enquiries@heathcotehealth.org,
2. our community engagement page - Heathcote & Districts Townships Protection Plan
<https://www.communityengagement.heathcotehealth.org/>
3. Our facebook page - Heathcote and Districts Township Protection Plan at
<https://www.facebook.com/Heathcote-and-Districts-Townships-Protection-Plan-109735181259566>
4. Or by calling Vicki from the Heathcote Community House on 0431 328 421 to discuss when booking a Heathcote Vaccination Clinic appointment - currently available 7 days from 8am to 6pm