

# Holy Child Primary School



# NEWSLETTER

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**OUR SCHOOL MOTTO**  
Wisdom, Knowledge and Grace



*"Always remember to love one another."* Sr Mary MacKillop

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## Our School

The Josephite Sisters established Holy Child Primary School, Dallas, in 1965 (Parish Reg). The Josephite ethos of pastoral care and community involvement are the hallmark of the Holy Child community.

Holy Child School is part of the Dallas parish, which serves the suburbs of Coolaroo, Meadow Heights, Dallas, Upfield, Campbellfield and parts of Broadmeadows.

Early in 2015, we celebrated 50 years, our silver jubilee, marking a significant milestone in our parish history.

St. Mary MacKillop, in full Saint Mary Helen MacKillop, also called Saint Mary of the Cross, (born 15 January 1842, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia - died 8 August 1909, North Sydney, New South Wales, Australia and canonized 17 October 2010. Feast day 8 August, religious figure, educator, and social reformer who was the first Australian beatified by the Roman Catholic Church and the first Australian to be recognised as one of its saints.

The staff and children of Holy Child School, Dallas are proud that their school was the first in Australia to start a children's Mary MacKillop group!

### *Australia's first Saint*

"Let us try to keep God with us by charity of thought, word and act."

15 September 1890



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## Principal Message

### Mr Alan Smith

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Dear All,

Thank you to our Mums and Dads for your help in looking after the children and staff at Holy Child Primary School. The way our parents have been patiently waiting for myself, Mrs Mahady, Mrs Venabes and Mr Marra to open the gates on our tennis courts and the front of the school has been amazing. Your awareness to socially distance from one another has meant we have had no cases of COVID-19 in our school community so far. Please continue to support us, the children and other families in our community to remain safe by standing on the crosses and ensuring you are away from other adults.

This is Mrs Maggie Toma's last week at school before she begins her maternity leave. Mrs Toma has been a wonderful member of staff who has been a great contributor to our community not only by her teaching but through her family connections. Thank you Maggie for all the great learning you have been able to provide for our children. We wish you and your family many blessings as you wait for your new baby. I know little Jacob will be a great big brother and we wait in anticipation to hear of the birth of your new baby. Much love from the children, staff and families of Holy Child, may God bless you always.

We also welcome Ms Jayneen Howes to our school. Ms Howes will replace Mrs Toma in 3-4 MA. She has taught in schools both in the North and East of Melbourne and has extensive experience of teaching across all levels of the school. Ms Howes will start teaching at Holy Child on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from next term and we are looking forward to her working alongside Ms Angela.

Early next term, we will be giving our parents your children's reports. These have been based on what the children learned during Term 1 and what they did at home and at school during Term 2. This week and next week we are continuing to test the children so that we can give as accurate a picture of their learning this year as possible. We then plan to have Learning Conferences in Week 6 next term, this is where you will be able to talk to your children's teacher about their learning growth and what we will do to extend their learning for the rest of the year. Early indicators are showing the children who were working and submitting their activities online have made progress in their learning. This is due to the support you as parents gave to your children.

We welcomed back to school Ms Brittany who is our Speech Pathologist and Ms Eva who helps counsel our children, staff and families. I am very pleased to have them back at Holy Child and thank them for their support which helps our children to have the best life opportunities we can provide.

God Bless,  
Alan Smith

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## Deputy Principal Message

### Mrs Bernadette Venables

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#### Important Reminders

**School Attendance:** Information was sent home earlier this week about the closure of St Dominic's. It is important to remember that the staff at Holy Child are working together to make our school as safe as possible for everyone. Although we know that there are cases of COVID-19 in the suburbs around us, the government has not closed our school and students must come to school every day unless they are unwell or if they have a certificate from the doctor. If your child is not at school you must either telephone the office or send a message on Seesaw.

**End of Term:** Thursday 25 June is the last day of school for Term 2.

Year 5/6 students (and those who come in the same car) will finish at 3:10pm

Year 3/4 students (and those who come in the same car) will finish at 3:15

Prep - Year 2 students will finish at 3:20pm

**There is no school on Friday 26 June.** Term 3 begins on Monday 13 July. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break!

#### Education in Faith News

Friday 19 June is the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pope Francis tells us that this is a "feast of love" and that there are two important parts to love:

1. Love is shown best through our actions, not words
2. There is more love in giving than in receiving

This year we are unable to celebrate this feast through donations to St Vincent de Paul as we normally do. However, we can celebrate the love of God through our actions every day.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your heart broke open with such a depth of love  
that you gave your very life for your people.  
May we love others as you have loved us.  
Gentle our hearts so that we, too, may bring Life to the world.  
We ask this prayer in the Spirit of your love.  
Amen.

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# IMPORTANT

## SCHOOL GROUND HOURS

**Gates Open 8.30am**

**Gates Close 3.40pm**

Children playing outside the school grounds, before and after school, are not supervised until 8.30am before school and up to 3.40pm after school. Many children are going to the Jack Culpin Car Park\Reserve and Gibbs Reserve, before and after school, to wait for their parents' drop-off and pick-up. We are not able to supervise your children in these areas.

Please ensure that your children are collected from the School Grounds in Area 1 . If your child is not collected by 3.40pm they are to be collected from the Reception Foyer .

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE** is available, contact **Camp Australia** directly on 1300 105 343 or [oshc@campaustralia.com.au](mailto:oshc@campaustralia.com.au).

## Upcoming Events

June				
21		<b>Suspended until further notice</b>	<del>Sacramental Dates 2020: Confirmation (usually celebrated in Year 5 or 6)</del> <del>Sunday: Sacrament</del>	
25	Thursday	Last day of Term 2 for students		
26	Friday	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b> Teacher professional learning day		
July				
13	Monday	First day of Term 3		
17	Friday	Semester 1 Report Cards sent home		
August				
1-2		<b>Suspended until further notice</b>	<del>Sacramental Dates 2020: Eucharist (usually celebrated in Year 3)</del> <del>Saturday and Sunday: Commitment Masses</del>	
4-9		<b>Suspended until further notice</b>	<del>Sacramental Dates 2020: Eucharist (usually celebrated in Year 3)</del> <del>Wednesday: Family Evening</del>	
21	Friday	Enrolment Applications close		
September				
13		<b>Suspended until further notice</b>	<del>Sacramental Dates 2020: Eucharist (usually celebrated in Year 3)</del> <del>Sunday: Sacrament</del>	
October				
24	Saturday	Our Lady of Fatima statue will be at Holy Child as part of a Parish celebration of our Lady		
November				
December				

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## Sacramental Dates 2020

**Due to Covid19  
all sacramental dates are suspended until further notice**

Eucharist (usually celebrated in Year 3)

- Commitment Masses: 1-2 August
- Family Evening: 19 August
- Sacrament: 13 September

Confirmation (usually celebrated in Year 5 or 6)

- ~~Commitment Masses: 2-3 May~~
- ~~Family Evening: 27 May~~
- Sacrament: 21 June

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# Enrolments

## **Year 7 2022 Enrolments Now Open**

### **Penola Catholic College**

Applications close Friday, 21 August 2020

Limited enrolment places for some years levels are available for 2021

## **Year 7 2022 Enrolments Now Open**

### **Kolbe Catholic College**

Applications close Friday, 21 August 2020.

Due to COVID-19, enrolments will be accepted and processed remotely. For further details, email [registrar@kolbecc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@kolbecc.catholic.edu.au) or call 8339 3060.

# Scholarships

## **Kolbe Catholic College**

Academic Scholarships available now for Year 7 2021

For more information, contact: 8339 3060 or [registrar@kolbecc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@kolbecc.catholic.edu.au)



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To celebrate the end of a very crazy term the student leadership team have organised a very....



Thursday 25th of June

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## Online gaming, and how to manage overuse

A free online opportunity to learn about the benefits and risks of online gaming, and how to manage overuse

The eSafety Commissioner is offering early access to three webinars (BRAND NEW CONTENT) on eSafety's parent's guide to ONLINE GAMING – no cost.

This webinar will cover:

- the benefits of gaming and how to mitigate the risks
- strategies to manage gaming and overuse
- where to find help and support.

Session days and times

- Monday 22 June: 7.30 – 8.30pm AEST
- Thursday 25 June: 12.30 – 1.30pm AEST
- Thursday 25 June: 7.30 – 8.30pm AEST

About the eSafety Commissioner - The eSafety Commissioner works to safeguard Australians at risk from online harms and to promote safer, more positive online experiences. eSafety leads and coordinates the online safety efforts of government, industry and the not-for-profit community in Australia.

About the presenter Greg Gebhart - Join one of Australia's leading online safety presenters. He has provided presentations and webinars to more than 800,000 participants at state, national and international online safety events.

Refer a friend! Feel free to send this email onto friends, family, colleagues, and your school network.

We encourage you to use a personal laptop/PC or mobile device when accessing this webinar. Please refer to the FAQ's attached for more information.

Don't miss out - spaces per session are limited.

**[REGISTER NOW](#)**

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## Refugee Week



Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

Originally celebrated in 1986, Refugee Week coincides with World Refugee Day (20 June) <https://www.refugeeweek.org.au/>

# Uniforms

Winter uniform should now be worn by all students  
Uniform Shop is closed until further notice due to COVID-19

## Holy Child Primary School



Date \_\_\_\_\_

### UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sex  F  M

Year Level \_\_\_\_\_

UNIFORM ITEMS	QTY	SIZE 4 -10	SIZE 4-10	SIZE 12-18	SIZE 12-18	MONEY ENCLOSED
School Windcheater			\$40.00		\$45.00	
School Jacket			\$45.00		\$50.00	
School Polo Top (S/S)			\$25.00		\$30.00	
School Polo Top (L/S)			\$30.00		\$35.00	
School Grey Long Trousers			\$45.00		\$50.00	
Girl's Summer Dress			\$50.00		\$55.00	
School Girl's Pleated Pants			\$45.00		\$50.00	
Grey Shorts			\$20.00		\$25.00	
School Hat			\$15.00		\$15.00	
School Beanie			\$15.00		\$15.00	
School Bag			\$40.00		\$40.00	
School Raincoat			\$55.00		\$55.00	
<b>Sports Uniform</b>						
School Navy Shorts			\$20.00		\$25.00	
School Track pants			\$40.00		\$45.00	
School Team Colour T-Shirt			\$20.00		\$25.00	

- Please return Order Form with cash in an envelope with your child
- Order will be filled and the uniform will be sent with your child

• يرجى إرجاع استمارة الطلب للزى المدرسى مع النقود فى ظرف مع طفلك ( لا بتوفر EFTPOS )  
• سيتم تعبئة الطلب وسيتم إرسال الزى المدرسى مع طفلك.

- Vui lòng trả lại Mẫu đơn đặt hàng, và gửi bằng tiền mặt, trong một phong bì với con của bạn (không có sẵn EFTPOS)
- Đơn hàng sẽ được sắp xếp và đồ đồng phục sẽ được gửi cùng với con bạn

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HUB  
Term 2

**CANCELLED**  
until further notice

## Easy Plan Ahead Lunch Box Ideas

Nutrition Australia says that “Packing a healthy school lunchbox will help children to learn and play well and be happy at school.” For more information please see <https://heas.health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes>

**Please do not send food that needs re-heating.  
Due to health and safety, we are unable to heat children's food at school.**



You know what to do. Do it.



Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide

For further information visit [SunSmart.com.au](http://SunSmart.com.au) or call 13 11 20



Cancer Council  
Victoria



VicHealth

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Holy Child Primary School is committed to the safety, wellbeing and protection of the children in our care.



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