

# 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 Parents,

I'm writing to you because of some disturbing information that has been shared with me by teachers, parents and children.

I have been told that families in our school are going out and visiting other families, sharing meals together and children are having sleepovers at other houses. This is very shameful behaviour. If this continues and members of our community get ill, it will mean that our children will have to spend more time learning from home.



I am responsible for the safety of our teachers and their families. I need to make sure that all our children are safe. I cannot do this alone. I have been told by one of our teachers that a close family friend passed away because of the virus 3 weeks ago. Seeing our families ignoring the rules makes this teacher and myself feel very angry, sad and disappointed.

Please help our teachers feel safe to come back to school and teach our children.

To do this you need to, please obey the rules, stay in your homes, wear masks when you are outside, wash your hands and use sanitizer.

Love your children enough to show them how to follow the rules. If we do, we will be back at school very soon. If not, lockdown will go longer.

Alan Smith  
Principal  
Holy Child Primary School Dallas

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## Deputy Principal Message

### Mrs Bernadette Venables

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here we are, almost at the end of Term 3. Thank you for all of the ways you have supported your child to learn at home this term.

Next week is the final week of learning before the school holidays. **The last day for the children will be Thursday 17 September.** We will then have two weeks of school holidays.

Friday 18 September and Monday 5 October will be pupil free days so that the teachers can put the necessary arrangements in place for Term 4, which will include both remote learning and learning at school.

At this stage, the information we have about learning in Term 4 is as follows:

- **Monday October 5** is a PUPIL FREE DAY at Holy Child with no remote learning
- **Tuesday October 6** Learning from home begins. Daily Schedules will be posted on Google Classroom. Children who have permission to learn at school (those who are coming to school now) may continue to learn at school.
- **Monday October 12** is a staged return to learning at school for children in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 begins. We will share more information about this when it becomes available.
- **Monday October 26** It is possible that students in Years 3-6 may begin returning to the classroom, depending on public health advice.

Thank you for all you do!

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## Education in Faith News

September 6-12 is Child Protection Week so let us pray for our precious children.

Perhaps you could pray this prayer as a family, and place the sign of the cross on your child as you pray for their eyes, ears, mouth, heart, shoulders and mind.

God bless your eyes: May you see what is beautiful in the world, in others and in yourself.

God bless your ears: May you truly listen to the needs of others and to God's plan for your life.

God bless your mouth: May your words be kind and may you always speak the truth.

God bless your heart: May you offer love generously and receive it easily from others.

God bless your shoulders: May they bear your burdens well and may you be unafraid to ask for help along the way.

God bless your mind: May you always believe you are dearly loved by God no matter what challenges life may bring or what doubts may arise.

You are precious in God's eyes. Always, you are blessed!

Amen.

## Upcoming Events

September		
Month of prayer for the Care of Creation		
18	Friday	Pupil Free Day - No Home Learning. School holidays begin! Stay home. Stay safe.
October		
5	Monday	Pupil Free Day - No Home Learning
6	Tuesday	Home Learning for all students. Children with permission to learn at school may do so.
12	Monday	Staged return to learning at school for Prep, Year 1 and Year 2. More information to follow.
24	Saturday	Our Lady of Fatima statue will be at Holy Child as part of a Parish celebration of our Lady
26	Monday	Remote learning and potential staged return to learning at school for Years 3-6. More information to follow.
November		
December		

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# Scholarships

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