Holy Child Primary School NEWSLETTER

Issue 8 | 1 June 2023



Welcome to this week's Newsletter.

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

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.

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. St Mary Mackillop's Feast day is 8 August.

We are proud that Holy Child Primary was the first in Australia to start a children's Mary MacKillop group!

Let us show this love in our acts bearing with one another, forgiving and forgetting.

– Mary MacKillop Australia's first Saint



Upcoming Events

Friday 2 June School closure - NO STUDENTS

Thursday 8 June 2.30pm Year 5/6 classrooms Year 5/6 Celebration of Learning All Families welcome

Monday 12 June King's Birthday Long Weekend School Closure - NO STUDENTS

Grades 5/6 Swimming Dates Tuesday 13 - Friday 16 June, 2023 Session 1: 11.45-12.30 - Grade 5/6 JR and 5/6 CM Session 2: 12.30-1.15 - Grade 5/6 MM and 5/6 DS

Tuesday 13 June 2.30pm Year Prep classrooms Year Prep Celebration of Learning All Families welcome

Wednesday 14 June 2.30pm Year 3/4 amphitheatre Year 3/4 Celebration of Learning All Families welcome

Monday 19 June ACARA Year 5 NAPLAN Item Test

Tuesday 20 June ACARA Year 3 NAPLAN Item Test

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Wednesday 21 June 2.30pm Year 1/2 classrooms Year 1/2 Celebration of Learning All Families welcome School Reports sent home

Friday 23 June Last Day of Term 1.40pm Finish

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Hello Holy Child Parents,

"Now when it was late that same day, the first of the week, and the doors were shut, where the disciples were gathered together, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them: Peace be to you."

Last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday. All Christians receive the Holy Spirit when they are baptised. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit when we are baptised and we continue to receive this gracious gift each time we are open to the goodness of God in our daily moments. It can be easy to miss moments which have been graced by the movement of God or to take these moments for granted.

What impact does this gift of grace continue to have in our lives? The Pentecost story describes a power and transformation that changes fearful disciples into bold proclaimers of the Word of God.

How can we reclaim this same energy and drive in our own lives?

We need to open our hearts and minds to be filled with the Holy Spirit, letting go of our fears and believing that the same power that enlivened the disciples is available to us, here and now. Let today be a good day to deepen our awareness of how the Holy Spirit guides, protects, encourages, comforts, sustains and draws us toward a more complete union with our Creator.

In Jesus' name we pray... Bearer of Gifts, Celebrate your presence within our lives. May your power be at the source of our actions, In all our moments....

May God bless you all.

Guy Toomey Deputy Principal / Religious Education Leader A visit from the Chaldean Priests...



Fathers Thair Sheikh, Mahir Murad, (Guy Toomey) and Sami Markhaya





An invitation was extended on behalf of Holy Child's Year 5/6 Teachers and Students to the Chaldean Priests to speak with students in relation to their Inquiry Unit. The main focus of their talk to the students was for students to:

- 1. reflect on ways to build just and compassionate relationships
- 2. explain the Church's understanding of human dignity

At the heart of their presentation was for students to remember the 'Golden Rule' from (Matt 7:12) "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

I encourage our Years 5/6 students to continue to lead by example in everything they do. Students are always reminded that '*leadership is an action'* and this verse from Matthew's Gospel is a reminder for not only our students but how we treat each other in our Holy Child school community.

We are certainly very blessed to have had Fathers Sheikh, Murad and Markhaya come and share their wisdom with us. They share our school's values of 'Wisdom, Knowledge and Grace' and have a significant impact on a number of our students who are part of the Chaldean Church community. Thank you for visiting Holy Child.

Reconciliation...

To introduce you to Father Vincent Nguyen! Father Vincent is the Parish Priest of Holy Child. I would like to personally thank Fr Vincent for his commitment and love in helping to prepare our Year 3 students for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which was held in the Holy Child Church on Wednesday 24 May. Through our Family Faith Night, Commitment Masses and finding an opportunity to speak with students in his own time, Father Vincent helped to ensure that our students were guided in the right direction in being ready to participate in this sacrament of healing.

Thank you very much Father Vincent!

Psalm 106:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.



Well done to our students who were involved in the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year and a BIG thank you to our Year 3/4 Teachers: Miss Ellie Chepanidis, Ms Samantha Wickramasinghe and Miss Stephanie Spiroska.



Community building....

At Holy Child Primary School, we enrol the whole family and not just your child! Presenting some of the faces from our school community from our Hub's Cooking Class which runs on Thursdays! (My favourite day of the week!). Our Mums and Dads have been practising their cooking skills. Most importantly our hub sessions are a great way for members of our Holy Child community to meet one another!



Our Community Hub provides cooking classes, English classes, children's playgroups, coffee making classes and parenting classes. Information on any of these programs can be found in the foyer of the Church and the foyer of Holy Child School. These classes are **free of charge**. Please call Van Bui or Melissa Young at Holy Child on 9309 1620.



Official opening of our Kindergarten...



Last Friday 26 May the kindergarten on our Holy Child school site was officially opened. We welcomed our local Mayor, Councillor Joseph Haweil, the Honourable Ingrid Stitt and our local council member Mrs Kathleen Matthews-Ward.

In 2022 we opened our kindergarten with twenty-two students. This year, 2023 we have thirtythree students and are at capacity. This means we have 55 children and families that have already had a massive boost to their learning!

I would like to thank Mr Martin Prior and Mr Alan Smith for their hard work in making this a reality. They have worked tirelessly over the past five years to make this dream come true.

Finally, to thank the parents who were able to attend. Also our Student Captains of Holy Child, Lila Addamo, Ashur Oshana, Peter Butruss and Eliana Yokhanna. These students did a fantastic job in helping to showcase our kindergarten. Well done!

	STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD
Class	Student of the Week and Reason
Prep AM	Charlie Bezzina for showing persistence in reading by stretching out his sounds and continuing to learn his golden words. Keep up the great work Charlie!
Prep RR	Queen McGregor for demonstrating persistence and working hard to learn high frequency words
1 JC	Fatima Nematollahi for her ongoing persistence in her learning. Fatima you have been able to use many different strategies that have enabled you to become a more independent learner. Keep up the amazing job.
1 CY	For his persuasive writing piece about living in Hume. Yeshua wrote that living in Hume was fantastic because Broadmeadows Town Park has a memorial to remember the soldiers who have died in the war.
2 EM	Gizelle Kula for showing enthusiasm and effort in her writing and for her continual encouragement of others. Gizelle you take care in the presentation of your work and your kind words to your classmates have not gone unnoticed. Keep up the great effort!
2 SB	Rachel Tran: Congratulations Rachel on your work in Grade 2! You have a growth mindset that has given you the confidence to persevere with determination, seizing every opportunity to continue deep learning.
3/4 SS	Marilena Shabo for showing persistence across all areas of learning. You are constantly contributing and trying your best. I am so proud of your efforts. Well done, and keep up the great work!
3/4 SW	Gizelle Hena for showing persistence in her reading both at home and at school. Congratulations on achieving success with your reading!
3/4 EC	Beren Ilhan for showing determination and perseverance in your learning. You consistently participate in all class discussions. You attempt all questions and try your very hardest! Keep up the amazing work!
5/6 JR	Gabriella Warda for showing great initiative around the classroom. Gabby, you are always willing to support students and encourage them to do the right thing. Gabby has also displayed her creativity through Canva when publishing her lab reports in writing. Keep up the great work Gabby.
5/6 MM	Teresa Nguyen for her excellent listening skills and her thoughtful participation in our class discussions. Well done Teresa!
5/6 CM	Akuol Domar for trying really hard in her work and making great improvements in her maths
5/6 DS	Lamita Noya for setting a great example of what an independent learner looks like during maths. In particular Maths Online. Well done Lamita - keep it up!



PREP BUTTERFLY ADVENTURES INCURSION On Wednesday May 17, Prep RR and Prep AM were lucky enough to have a wonderful butterfly incursion. The incursion began with Sharon discussing the life cycle of a butterfly using posters. The Preps were able to demonstrate their knowledge about butterflies from our Museum excursion and from reading nonfiction books and learning facts about butterflies. haron asked for a volunteers to be dressed up as a butterflies. Rozita and Joseph wore the costumes that helped us to understand more about the parts of a butterfly's body. Now we know about the proboscis, the four scaly wings, the compound eyes, the antennae they smell with and the legs they taste with. Next, we separated into small groups and moved through different activities. We, read books, looked at plastic insects, used magnifying glasses to analyse butterflies, we drew our favourite part of a butterfly's life cycle and drew caterpillar patterns on strips of paper. Lastly, we all got to go into the tent to hold, look at and feel the real Monarch butterflies. This was the most exciting part and it was so delightful to see the children enjoy the experience and be filled with utter joy. They giggled with delight, exclaimed that the butterflies' legs were ticklish and were ecstatic to be surrounded by real butterflies. Written by Miss Richardson





Why is wellbeing and mental health important?

The wellbeing and mental health of people around the world has been heavily impacted by many pressures they have had to endure in recent times. It is important to acknowledge and address the fact that individuals, families and communities have faced some difficult times.

Having good mental health makes life easier. It helps us to calm and comfort ourselves when we're upset, to cope with the losses, changes, fears and uncertainties in life, to make and keep good relationships with other people and to learn. Having good mental health does not mean feeling good all the time. While it's not always easy, being grateful for the positives in life can have a profound impact on your mood, outlook, and overall well-being.

Gratitude involves showing appreciation for the things in life that are meaningful or valuable to you. Taking a moment to notice and acknowledge the things you're grateful for each day can brighten your outlook, boost your mood, and help you feel more positive in the face of challenges.

You can help keep your children safe and healthy by ensuring they are dressed suitably for the weather. As the days are getting colder your child needs to be able to stay warm! Don't forget to talk with your child about their day and enjoy and be grateful for sharing time with them.



NOTICES

GATES OPEN 8:30AM GATES CLOSE 3:40PM

School begins	8:45am sharp	Children playing outside the school grounds, before and after school, are not supervised until 8.30am before
Lunch	10:50am to 11:40am	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'
Recess	1:40pm to 2:15pm	drop-off and pick-up. We are not able to supervise your children in these areas.
School ends	3:20pm	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.

SUNSMART

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world.

In Victoria, from September through to the end of April, average UV levels are 3 and above, which is when UV radiation can damage skin and eyes and lead to skin cancer. When the UV Index is 3 and above:

- 1. Slip on sun-protective clothing
- 2. Slop on SPF30+, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards
- 3. Slap on a hat that protects your face, head, neck and ears
- 4. Seek shade
- **5.** Slide on some sunglasses make sure they meet Australian Standards.

Holy Child is a SunSmart School and we enforce **NO HAT NO PLAY**.

Children must wear the school hat during the break times at school.

FOOD AND DRINK

During warmer weather, DRINK MORE WATER

As the weather warms up it is important that our children drink regularly.

Children will need a clearly named and refillable drink bottle.

Please do not send food that needs reheating.

Due to health and safety, we are unable to heat children's food at school.

During cooler weather

As the weather cools, ensure children are appropriately dressed for cold rainy days and if they are wearing a beanie or gloves that they are navy blue or black.

Beanies are available for purchase at the School.



IMPORTANT DRIVEWAY REMINDERS

DO NOT park your car in front of this gate and shed. This impacts any cars trying to turn out or back out of the car park.





THIS is the only gate to exit from (turn your vehicle left out of). Remembering our driveway is a one way 'drive through' driveway

THREE important reminders

- In the morning and the afternoon drivers are to move as far down the driveway as they can. You must be aware of other vehicles driving behind you.
- Children must get into and out of the car on the **passenger side** of the car (**NOT** the door behind the driver!) as this will stop students from walking between two cars.
- School bags **must** be inside the car with students and **not** in the boot of the car.

Please remember these reminders for the safety of all as we begin Term Two.

Thank you, Mr Alan Smith and Mr Guy Toomey

Uniform List

Uniforms are purchased from the School Uniform Shop only Open: Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30am to 9.00am

SUM	SUMMER UNIFORM					
Girls	Boys					
School dress School windcheater or jacket White socks / black shoes School hat	School grey shorts School gold s/s polo School windcheater or jacket Grey socks / black shoes School hat					
WINT	TER UNIFORM					
School pleated trousers School winter tunic School gold polo top (long sleeve) School windcheater or jacket White socks / black shoes School hat	School grey long trousers or grey shorts School windcheater or jacket School gold polo top (long sleeve) Grey socks / black shoes School hat					
SPORTS UNIF	ORM GIRLS and BOYS					
Summer School windcheater or Jacket School navy shorts School team colour t-shirt White socks / runners	Winter School navy shorts or school tracksuit pants School long sleeve team colour t-shirt White SOCKS / RUNNERS					
OPTIC	ONAL EXTRAS					
School bag School fleeced raincoat/jacket School beanie						

Uniform Order Form

Date	
Student's Name	Gender 🗆 F 🗆 M
Year Level	

UNIFORM ITEMS	SIZE	COST	ORDER	AMOUNT
School Windcheater	4-10	\$45.00		
School Windcheater	12-18	\$50.00		
School Jacket	4-10	\$55.00		
School Jacket	12-20	\$60.00		
Short Sleeve School Polo Top	4-10	\$30.00		
Short Sleeve School Polo Top	12-16	\$35.00		
Short Sleeve School Polo Top	S - L	\$40.00		
Long Sleeve School Polo Top	4-10	\$35.00		
Long Sleeve School Polo Top	12-L	\$40.00		
School Hat/ School Beanie		\$15.00		
School Bag		\$40.00		
School Raincoat	6 - XL	\$60.00		
Boys				
School Grey Long Trousers	4-10	\$45.00		
School Grey Long Trousers	12-18	\$50.00		
Grey Shorts	4-10	\$20.00		
Grey Shorts	12-18	\$25.00		
Girls				
Girl's Summer Dress	4-10	\$50.00		
Girl's Summer Dress	12-20	\$55.00		
Girl's Winter tunic	4-10	\$60.00		
Girl's Winter tunic	12-18	\$65.00		
Girl's Pleated Pants	4-10	\$50.00		
Girl's Pleated Pants	12-20	\$55.00		
Sport				
Sport – Navy Shorts	4-16	\$25.00		
Sport – Navy Shorts	SM -3XL	\$30.00		
Sport – Navy Track Pants	4-10	\$40.00		
Sport – Navy Track Pants	12-20	\$50.00		
Sport – Team Colour T-Shirt	4-14	\$20.00		
Sport – Team Colour T-Shirt	16 – 3XL	\$25.00		

Prefoved Uniforms FOR SALE

Prices start from \$5.00

See Mrs Grace Marchione in the Uniform Shop



Outside School Hours Care

at Holy Child Primary School - Dallas

At Camp Australia, we provide tailored enrichment to children before school, after school and on their holidays. Our engaged educators foster a safe, inclusive environment where the children can relax, have fun and grow.

To find out more information on Holy Child Primary School - Dallas's fees and policies, visit https://www.campaustralia.com.au/schools/details/A3E3

Fees accurate as of February, 2023

Fees and Times

Program	Times	Recurring (full Fee)	Recurring (after max. CCS*)	Casual (full Fee)	Casual (after max. CCS*)
Before School Care	06:45 AM - 08:45 AM	\$20.66	\$3.10	\$23.66	\$6.10
After School Care	03:15 PM - 06:00 PM	\$28.34	\$4.25	\$31.34	\$7.25
Program	Times	Early (full Fee)	Early (after max. CCS*)	Late (full Fee)	Late (after max. CCS*)
Rock eteers Vacation Care	06:30 AM - 06:00 PM	\$60.00	\$9.00	\$70.00	\$19.00

Casual Bookings

Casual Booking notice: none Casual Cancellation notice: 2 days in advance No minimum number of bookings

Recurring Bookings

Recurring Booking notice: 48 hours in advance Recurring Cancellation notice: 7 calendar days in advance Minimum number of 2 bookings made at the same time, as recurring booked days over 2 or more weeks.

Rocketeers Late Booking Fee

Late booking fee applies if a booking is made with less than 7 day's notice. Bookings made at least 7 days in advance of the session day are charged the early fee.

Sick child? No charge

No matter the cancellation rules, we operate a standing policy that there is no charge for a sick child. Simply let us know when cancelling a booking outside the cancellation window, provide a doctor's certificate and there will be no fee charged.

Child Care Subsidy* (CCS)

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. Your eligibility is determined by your family's annual adjusted taxable income, the type of childcare you use, and your activity level. To find out if you're eligible, contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.



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COMPUTER CLASSES



WHEN: TUESDAYS TIME: 9:15AM TO 12:15PM WHERE: HOLY CHILD COMMUNITY HUB COST: FREE (REGISTRATION NEEDED)

TERM 3 - 11TH JULY TO 12TH SEPTEMBER	TERM 2 - 2ND MAY TO 13TH JUNE
 Build confidence for the workplace How to communicate online with workplaces How to use phone apps Setting up professional accounts 	 Online skills for job seekers How to find and apply for jobs online Learn how to use Microsoft Use online programs
Họ c Kỳ 3 – 11 THảng 7 đến 12 THảng 9 Xây dựng sự tự tin cho nơi làm việc • Cách giao tiếp trực tuyến với nơi làm việc • Cách sử dụng ứng dụng điện thoại • Thiết lập tài khoản chuyên nghiệp	 HỌC Kỳ 2 - NGÀY 2 THẢNG 5 ĐẾN 13 THẢNG 6 Kỹ năng trực tuyến cho người tìm việc Cách tìm và nộp đơn xin việc trực tuyến Tìm hiểu cách sử dụng Microsoft Sử dụng các chương trình trực tuyến
الفصل الدراسي ۲- من ۲ ايار الى ۱۳ حزيران مهارات عبر الانترنت للباحثين عن العمل كيفية التقديم وإيجاد العمل عبر الانترنت تعلم كيفية استخدام برنامج مايكروسوفت استخدام البرامج الالكترونية	الفصل الدراسي ٣ - من ١١تموز إلى ١٢ أيلول بناء الثقة في مكان العمل كيفية التواصل مع أماكن العمل عبر الانترنت ف كيفية استخدام تطبيقات الهاتف انشاء حسابات الكترونية محترفة



Healthy Wellbeing Program

Foundation House would like to invite you to attend a Healthy Wellbeing Introduction session for Iraqi and Syrian refugee parents. We will introduce Foundation House and our program. Together we will talk and learn more about wellbeing and ways of looking after ourselves. We will share wellbeing resources in your language.



Time: 10:00am

For more enquiries contact Jwan Takian on 0438484943 or Melissa and Van at the Hub! Phone: 0478-544-193 Email:myoung@hcdallas.catholic.edu.au





HUME CITY COUNCIL - MAY 2023 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT



Our dedicated volunteers Maysoon and Tuyen were given awards by Hume City Council in recognition of their efforts and hard work at our Community Hub



Free English Classes for Adults Lớp học tiếng Anh miễn phí cho người lớn دروس اللغة الإنكليزية المجانية للكبار



Where: Holy Child's Community Hub 227 Blair Street, Dallas When: **Every Friday** 9:00 am – 11:00am Please sign up at this admin window or ask to talk to hub worker

المكان: المركز الاجتماعي للمدرسة Blair Street, Dallas227 الوقت: كل يوم جمعة من الساعة ٩:٠٠ صباحًا- ١١صباحا يرجى تسجيل الحضور عند استعلامات المدرسة أو التحدث إلى موظفي المركز Hub الاجتماعي

Địa điểm: Trung tâm cộng đ`ông của Holy Child 227 Phố Blair, Dallas Thời gian: Thứ Sáu hàng tu`ân 9:00 sáng - 11:00 sáng Vui lòng đăng ký tại cửa sổ quản trị này hoặc yêu c`âu nói chuyện với nhân viên trung tâm



Visit Melissa and Van in the Hub! or 0478-544-193 myoung@hcdallas.catholic.edu.au





Holy Child Hub Timetable Term 2 2023



All Programs are Free All People are Welcome كل البرامج مجانية نرحب بالجميع للمشاركة في برامج المركز الاجتماعي Tất cả các chương trình đều miễn phí Tất cả mọi người đều được chào đón

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Self-Care & Creative Art الرعاية الذاتية و فن الإيداع	Play Group اللعب الجماعي Chơi nhóm	Sewing and Mending Group Nhóm may vá جموعة تعلم الخياطة وتصليح الملاب	Supported Playgroup اللعب الجماعي Nhóm chơi được hỗ trợ
Nghệ thuật tự chăm sóc & sáng tạo	9:30am - 11:30am	9am - 11am	9:30am - 11:30am
9am - 11am	Computer Classes دروس تعلم الCومبيوتر المجانMة Lớp học máy tính miễn phi		Cooking Class دروس تعلم الطبخ Lớp học nấu ăn
	9:15am - 12pm		9:30am - 12:30am
Family Support & Drop in Service With Melissa الدعم الاسري وانخفاض	Family Support & Drop in Service With Van الدعم الاسري وانخفاض الخدمات		Parents Chat & Coffee محادثة الأهالي مع شرب القهوة Cha mẹ Trò chuyện và cà phê
الخدمات Hỗ trợ gia đình 2:30pm - 3:30pm	Hỗ trợ gia đình 2:30pm - 3:30pm		2:30pm - 3:30pm
Friday			
English Class دروس اللغة			

Lớp tiếng Anh 9 - 11am

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Applications for **Year 5** students starting **Year 7** in **2025** are now open.



Applications for Year 7 in 2025 close.



Offers will be posted to prospective Year 7 applicants.

Secure your place by visiting penola.vic.edu.au and completing an enrolment form.





Years 7-8 35 William Street, Glenroy

Years 9-12 29 Gibson Street, Broadmeadows