

# 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

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,

Our school year is rapidly drawing to a close. Thank you for all you have done this year to support your children and our school. The final day of school for 2020 will be Wednesday 16 December at 1:00pm.

Although the year will soon be over, every day at school is important for your child. It is the law that children between the ages of 6 and 17 attend school every day unless they have an important reason to be absent. Being sick is a reason to stay home. If your child is unwell in any way, please keep them at home to rest and call the school (or send a Seesaw message to your child's teacher) to let them know.

Recently we have had parents collecting children from school early. You are only able to collect your child from school early if you have an important reason. Examples of important reasons could be:

- your child is sick
- your child has an appointment with a doctor, nurse or dentist
- to attend a funeral
- a religious reason

If you do not have an important reason to collect your child, they should be at school until the end of the day.

In other news, our school Privacy Policy has recently been updated. It will be available on our school website or you may request a copy from the office.

### Education in Faith News

On Sunday 13 December a number of our Year 5/6 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these children in your prayers as they make their final preparations for this important step in their faith journey.

We are now in the season of Advent!

St Pope John Paul II reminds us that Advent is a time for us to not only celebrate that Jesus came to us as a baby so long ago, but to also be mindful of the ways that Jesus comes to us every day. Our Year 5/6 students have been reflecting on the presence of God in their lives. Perhaps this is something that we could all benefit from this Advent - particularly amidst the challenges of 2020!

May this Advent season remind us all of the hope, peace, joy and love found in Christ.



# 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).

### Easy Plan Ahead Lunch Box Ideas

Nutrition Australia says that "Packing a healthy school lunchbox 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.**



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**NO**  **Hat**  
**NO**  **Play**

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## Upcoming Events

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## **Fees and Levies**

Parent/Carer

**PAYMENT  
OVERDUE**

A reminder that all fees and levies are now overdue.

If you do not pay through direct debit, please pay at the very latest by 29 November, in particular, families that are not returning to Holy Child.

If you are having difficulties, please make an appointment to see Mr Smith as soon as possible.

## **Is your child returning to Holy Child in 2021?**

If so, please come to the School Office and fill out the form for your child/children who WILL NOT be returning to Holy Child next year.

DO NOT FILL out if your family has a Year 6 student leaving only.

# UNIFORM ORDER FORM

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

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## COLLEGE SPORTING ACADEMY (BASKETBALL) MALE AND FEMALE

This program aims to assist talented young basketballers, who are enrolled at Kolbe Catholic College, to achieve at the highest levels of performance and to help them with their personal education, vocational development and sporting aspirations through:

-  strong partnerships with community organisations, sporting clubs and universities
-  balancing sporting ambitions and academic studies
-  developing advanced skills, knowledge and an understanding of pathways that lead to VCE, VET and VCAL programs
- ✓ **Skill Development**
- ✓ **Sports Nutrition**
- ✓ **Sports Leadership and Sports Psychology**
- ✓ **Strength and Conditioning**
- ✓ **Athlete Management, Coaching and Umpiring**



**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW FOR 2021 AND 2022**



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



**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



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