



Holy Child Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Issue 7, May 2021

The Church teaches that Mary is the greatest Christian saint of all.

Christians have always loved and honoured Mary from the beginning of the story of the Church. The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

They have prayed to her for help from the earliest times.

Mary is a true model of discipleship within our Church.

We know how much Jesus loves her. Mary always leads us to her Son, Jesus.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is
the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

MRS BERNADETTE VENABLES



Hello everyone,

As the weather gets colder and the days get shorter it can become more and more difficult to get out of bed. We've noticed that there are quite a few children arriving at school after 8:45am. This really is too late. **Our gates open at 8:30am and all children should be at school by 8:40am when the first bell rings.** Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students for their work in NAPLAN last week. A big thank you to all of the staff who worked together to prepare the students and ensure the testing process ran smoothly.

Important Reminders

Our prep numbers for 2022 continue to increase. If you have a child who turns 5 by 30 April 2022 please collect an enrolment form from the school office and book an interview time. It is very important to enrol your child early so that they don't miss out on a place in prep next year.

The Year 5/6 camp is next week - how exciting! We know the children are going to have a wonderful time! A reminder that Holy Child is still open for students in Prep - Year 4.

Education in Faith

Being a Catholic School is incredibly important to us at Holy Child. This year, as part of our school review process, staff, students and parents are asked to complete the **Enhancing Catholic School Identity** surveys. The surveys are completed online and ask questions about your own faith as well as how you see Holy Child and what you would like to see happen with our Catholic school in the future.

These surveys are completed all over the world. They are extremely important as they help us understand the Catholic identity of our community. With this information we can make choices that will support us to remain a strong Catholic school into the future.

We would like as many parents as possible to complete the surveys. They take approximately one hour to complete. You can record your own username and password so that you can come back to the survey (if you don't have an hour to complete the survey, you could do it in two sessions). An instruction sheet (in English only) will be sent home on Seesaw. If you are able to follow these instructions to complete the survey, please do so at home by Monday 31 May.

Website: www.ecsi.site/au/user

Password: Ghj654

Survey Access Code: rGa547

If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 they may be able to help you as they have completed the surveys at school.

If you would like to complete the survey, but need support to do so - perhaps you don't have a computer at home, or need help to follow the instructions or support with translation - please come into school at one of the following times and there will be people available to help you:

- Monday 24 May - 9:00am - 3:00pm
- Thursday 27 May - 9:00am - 3:00pm
- Friday 28 May - 11:00am - 3:00pm (Vietnamese Interpreter available)

If you need an interpreter to help with the survey, please call the office and book an appointment time so that we can be sure interpreters are available. If you need a Vietnamese interpreter, please make a booking for Friday 28 May.

Thank you for supporting our school community.

God bless,
Bernadette

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.

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>

SUN SMART

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



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

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

TERM 2

Children should commence wearing their winter uniform.

Uniforms can be purchased from the Uniform Shop every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30am to 9.00am

USED UNIFORM



Prices from \$5.00 to \$10.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Monday	24	Year 5/6 Camp
Wednesday	26	Year 5/6 return from Camp 4pm
Friday	28	NO SCHOOL - Staff Professional Day

JUNE

Friday	4	Professional Learning Day- No School
Wednesday	8	Yr. 3/4 Swimming Program Commences
Monday	14	NO SCHOOL - Queen's Birthday
Monday	21	Barista Training Course
Tuesday	22	Barista Training Course
Wednesday	23	School Reports sent home

TERM 2- 2021 PROGRAMS

You are invited to participate in a variety of onsite classes in Term 2. You may find all the commencement dates in the table below.

Class	Commencement Date		Time
Computer Class	Monday	26 April	9.15am-11.15am
	Cancelled until further notice		
English Conversation Class	Tuesday	27 April	9.15am -11.15pm
Playgroup	Tuesday	20 April	9.30am- 11.30am
Sewing Class	Tuesday	20 April	1.00pm - 3.00pm
English Class	Wednesday	21 April	9.30am-12.30pm
Cooking Class	Thursday	22 April	9.15am -12.00pm
Playgroup	Thursday	22 April	9.30am- 11.30am
English Class	Friday	23 April	9.00am- 11.00am
Vietnamese Parenting Program	Wednesday	5 May	12.00pm- 3.00pm
Barista Training Course	Monday &	21 June	9.30am - 3.30 pm
	Tuesday	22 June	

There is limited space available in order for us to adhere to COVID-19 safety measures. If you are interested in any of the above classes, please contact Van Bui to register

Phone: 9306 1620 on Tuesday & Thursday
 Email: vbui@hcdallas.catholic.edu.au



OUR LADY OF LA VANG

The Statue will be at the Holy Family Centre
133 Malmsbury Dr, Meadow Heights



Our Lady appeared to the Vietnamese parishioners in moments of extreme misery, culminating in La Vang. La Vang is a name derived from the name of a deep forest in central Vietnam (now Quang Tri town), where there are many types of plants called La Vang (Leaves Vang).

A daily Service will be held from 6.30pm - 7.30pm

~ All Welcome ~



Holy Child Hub will be offering a free course for anyone seeking Australian Citizenship. The course is centred around studying the questions contained in the test. The course is free and commences in Term 3.

CITIZENSHIP COURSE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

To Make a Booking: Call Van Bui on 93091620 - Tuesday & Thursday or
Email: vbui@hcdallas.catholic.edu.au



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Craft & Jewellery Making Workshop

When: Thursday 3rd J and 17th June 2021
Time: 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Where: Holy Child Hub

Holy Child Hub will be offering a free workshop to learn how to make jewellery and experiment with different crafts. Supplies will be provided for everyone. Registration is required so please contact Van if you are interested.

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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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