

Holy Child Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Our school motto:
Wisdom, Knowledge and Grace



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

MRS BERNADETTE VENABLES



Hello everyone,

Here we are, almost at the end of another term and this is the last time I will write in a Holy Child newsletter.

I would like to take a moment to thank you for welcoming me into this community. I have greatly appreciated your support - particularly during this very challenging time of home learning and restrictions.

I feel blessed to have been a staff member at Holy Child and am sad to leave - especially because it means saying goodbye to your beautiful children. I have absolutely loved working with them and thank them for the joy they have brought to my work. They truly have enriched my time at Holy Child and I have learned much from them.

I would also like to publicly thank the staff, and in particular Mr Smith, for their support and encouragement. I will certainly miss the opportunity to work with, learn from and laugh with them each day.

Although I am sad, I am also excited to take on this new role at St Luke's and look forward to the adventure ahead!

Starting next term, Mrs Vesna Curmi will take on the role of Religious Education Leader. Ms Linda Kelly will be our Literacy Leader and Learning and Teaching Leader. The Deputy Principal position has been advertised and we will share the news of this appointment as soon as we can. I wish Vesna and Linda all the best in their new roles and thank them for the great work I know each will do. I know that you will welcome and support the new Deputy Principal just as you have me and look forward to hearing of the wonderful work they will do with the Holy Child community.

As I say goodbye, in this Year of St Joseph, I pray as St Mary MacKillop did, "May St Joseph shower many special graces upon each and every one of you." (24.2.1900)

God bless,
Bernadette

Important Reminders

From 11:59pm tonight, masks are no longer required to be worn outside as long as you are able to keep a distance of 1.5m from others. This means that from tomorrow (Friday 18 June) when you drop off or pick up your child at the school gate you do not need to be wearing a mask but **must keep your distance from others**. If you come into the school office, masks still need to be worn. If you are visiting Holy Child for more than 15 mins you must **sign the COVID-19 register**. Thank you for your support.

Term 2 concludes for our children at 1:40pm on Thursday 24 June. Friday is a professional day for our staff. Term 3 begins on Monday July 12 and the school gates will be open from 8:30am.

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.

Education in Faith

We are still collecting donations for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. If you are able, please send in a non-perishable food item (eg pasta or canned foods). I will take them to St Vincent de Paul next week. We do understand that this is a particularly challenging time and that some families are unable to donate.



Next term our school and parish will celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Of course, COVID restrictions mean that we can't give exact details around the ceremony yet (e.g. numbers of people who may attend). However, I can announce that we intend for the celebration to take place on Sunday 29 August at 2:00pm. Our Family Evening for this sacrament is still scheduled for Wednesday 11 August at 6:30pm.

If your child is not enrolled to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist this year and you believe they should be, please contact the school office before the end of this term.



A Prayer for Families from the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Calgary

Heavenly Father, you have placed in us the care of each other and our children.

Give us the strength and patience to cope with the many ups and downs of family life. Grant us the grace to be deeply thankful for its many laughs, joys, and blessings.

Let our children come to know of your love through our love for them.

Help us as we try to make ours a home where love dwells, a home like that of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. When we fail each other and when we hurt each other, soften our hearts so that forgiveness and reconciliation comes quickly and easily.

Protect our home, Lord, and let it flourish in your light and in your love.

Amen

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE		
Monday	21	Barista Training Course CANCELLED
Tuesday	22	Barista Training Course CANCELLED
Wednesday	23	School Reports sent home
Thursday	24	Students finish at 1.40pm
Friday	25	Professional Learning Day - No School
JULY		
Monday	13	Term 3 begins. Gates open at 8:30am
Thursday	15	Prep Excursion to Bundoora Park Farm (TBC)
Friday	16	Reports cards go home

JOB VACANCY

Learning Support Officer Position

Part-Time Fixed Term position for Term 3 2021 only

Approx 15.13 hrs per week (working Mon-Wed from 8:50am - 1:40pm each day)

Role Description

We seek an enthusiastic and highly capable Learning Support Officer with a passion for working with students from diverse backgrounds.

We are an outward facing school, embracing learning partnerships with all stakeholders. Applicants will need to be willing to work in a team and to support the ethos, vision and strategic direction of Holy Child.

Applicants will be able to demonstrate the following:

- a growth mindset and a passion for learning;
- the ability to work in partnership with teachers to support differentiated student learning;
- willingness to work collaboratively and in dialogue with others;
- positive behaviour management techniques to support learning engagement;
- a strong desire to support the learning and growth of students with additional needs;
- a commitment to Catholic education and to the safety and wellbeing of children;
- appropriate academic qualifications; and
- a commitment to the Holy Child Primary School, child safety policy and staff code of conduct.

Written applications should include a current Curriculum Vitae and an accompanying cover letter which outlines your suitability for this position.

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

Special Requirements

The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate:

- the ability to support students in working towards individual and small group learning goals;
- the ability to collect data for teacher analysis;
- the ability to work in a variety of team situations;
- a commitment to ongoing personal and professional learning;
- a strong work ethic; and
- the ability to build and maintain positive relationships with children and staff.

Application Procedures

Applications should be made in writing and forwarded via email to the Principal, principal@hcdallas.catholic.edu.au.

COMMUNITY HUB

HUB programs have been cancelled for the remainder of this term.

Term 3 programs will be updated in the coming weeks based on the Principal's plan and directions.



KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

www.kolbecc.catholic.edu.au



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN GRADE 4, 5 AND 6

Come and have fun in a real Science Laboratory in these interactive one hour workshops themed around particular areas of Science.

This is a 4 WEEK program commencing Thursday 5 August 2021.

DATES:

Thursday 5 August 2021
Thursday 12 August 2021
Thursday 19 August 2021
Thursday 26 August 2021

TIME:

4.30pm - 5.30pm

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

www.trybooking.com/BQYVB

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

**THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS
PROGRAM**

For more information contact Kolbe Catholic College on 8339 3060

HOLY CHILD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO THE
SAFETY, WELLBEING AND PROTECTION OF THE CHILDREN IN OUR CARE



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