

Holy Child Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Our school motto:
Wisdom, Knowledge and Grace



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

MR ALAN SMITH



Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone in our school for the opportunities we have had to continue learning throughout lockdown. We have all worked together to ensure our children could have the best learning experience online. I want to acknowledge that it has been very difficult for our families, juggling adult work and school work and motivating our children to get online each day. This makes the difference. We as teachers have also had a difficult time trying to plan the learning our children will receive, collaborating with other teachers and making sure the learning is challenging and engaging for our children. We have for the most part been successful.

Coming back to school requires us to work together again as the children have not had the same opportunities they would have at school. We will need parents to help us understand what the children have achieved while at home. We will need our parents to talk to us about how the children felt at home and how you felt at home because this will allow us to create the best learning environments that we can at school. Please talk to your child's teacher about their plans for your child's learning for the next part of this year.

We are enrolling students for next year so please if any members of your family have a 4 year old please tell them to come and enrol their child for 2022. We have places in Prep and other grades throughout the school. Currently because there are no families arriving from overseas, we are able to offer enrolment opportunities to families moving into the area so if you have new neighbours please let them know about our wonderful school.

When returning to school please remember to have patience with your children, in the car park and with yourself stay calm and say a Hail Mary when you're feeling stressed.

Please stay safe, use your masks at pick up and drop off, remember 1.5 metres of social distancing and if your child is sick please keep them home.

May God bless us all

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

JULY

Friday	30	Professional Practice Day (School Closure)
Saturday/Sunday	31-4	Eucharist Commitment Masses Cancelled

AUGUST

Monday - Thursday	2-12	5/6 Swimming (2 week program)
Friday	6	Broadmeadows Athletics Day (TBC)
Sunday	8	Mary Mackillop Feast Day
Monday	9	Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion - Prep
Friday	13	Broadmeadows Athletics Day (TBC)
Wednesday	11	Eucharist Workshop Evening at 6:30pm
Thursday	19	100 days of Prep at school - Celebration Day
Friday	20	NO SCHOOL Professional Learning Day \
Monday-Friday	23-27	Book Week. Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds
Sunday	29	First Eucharist Sacrament - 2pm Holy Child Church

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	5	Father's Day
Thursday	16	Learning Conversation (commencing 3.40)
Friday	17	Learning Conversations (9.00am-12.30pm) Camp Australia closed End of Term 3

Prep Excursion to Bundoora Park Farm

On Thursday July 15, the Preps went on their first excursion to Bundoora Park Farm. It was an exciting and fun adventure filled with new experiences and learning. The students had the opportunity to learn about and try the things that farmers do; such as make compost, dig for worms and planting seeds. They learned about what animals need to survive and made sheep art using alpaca wool. One of the highlights of the day was when we had a ride on an electric bus in an enclosure where we saw kangaroos and emus. They also got to feed so many different animals including guinea pigs, sheep, goats, 'Ben' the horse, 'Chelsea' the cow, alpacas, chickens and a llama.

So many of the students declared it had been the best day ever and said that they would love to go back to the farm. Their excitement and the looks of joy on their faces made it the best day ever. Thanks to all those that helped with the preparations and those that came to help us on the day. We are looking forward to our next learning adventure.

Mr Marchione and Prep AM with Prep RR and Miss Richardson



COMMUNITY HUB

TERM 3- 2021 PROGRAMS

Please note that due to the lockdown, most of the HUB programs will be cancelled until further notice.

However, the following HUB programs will run **remotely from 19 July**:

Playgroup	Tuesday	9.30am 11.30am
English class	Wednesday	9.30am -12.30pm
English class	Friday	9.00am - 11.00pm
Vietnamese parenting class	Wednesday	9.30am to 12.30pm
Cooking class	Thursday	9.30am to 12.30pm

If you are interested, please email Van for registration vbui@hcdallas.catholic.edu.au.



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



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