



Holy Child Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Issue 17, November 2021

Month of the Souls in Purgatory

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven.

Excerpted from Liturgical Meditations, The Sisters of St. Dominic.

Duration of Purgatory

Purgatory is not eternal. Its duration varies according to the sentence pronounced at each particular judgment. It may be prolonged for centuries in the case of the more guilty souls, or of those who, being excluded from the Catholic communion, are deprived of the suffrages of the Church, although by the divine mercy they have escaped hell.

Prayer for the Dying

O most merciful Jesus, Lover of souls, I pray Thee, by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart, and by the sorrows of Thine Immaculate Mother, cleanse in Thine Own Blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their agony and who are to die this day. Amen.

PRINCIPAL AND DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Child,

It was with much excitement that we welcomed our children back to school today. The colourful balloons flying in the wind at each gate was a sign of the celebration. We have several weeks to go and look forward to the great learning our children can undertake before we close for the end of 2021. Thank you for your understanding with the inclement weather school closure last Friday. The damaged trees are being removed today. We appreciated your support in working with us to ensure that everyone was safe.

We also warmly welcome Mr. Guy Toomey as Deputy Principal / Religious Education Leader. Guy will join our staff in Week 7 Term 4.

A few reminders; it is extremely important that if your child is unwell that they DO NOT attend school. All children in Years 3-6 will be expected to wear a mask, unless a certificate is provided naming them, as exempt. Hand sanitisation is also expected to be used. If we all work together we will be able to safely keep our school open for each day of the remaining year.

The Sacramental Program will sadly not see our students making their First Holy Communion or Reconciliation this year due to the COVID restrictions. As you are aware Mr. Guy Toomey commences in Week 7 to take over the role of Deputy Principal and Religious Education Leader. Guy will support all our families through the Sacramental Program in 2022.

Please be assured that our teachers are working hard at ensuring the children are well settled back into school. Our final testing assessments will commence soon and we look forward to sharing your child's learning growth with you soon via the school report.

Have a lovely week.

Kind regards,
Principal and Acting Deputy Principals

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.

FEES AND LEVIES

Parent / Carer

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.

PAYMENT
OVERDUE

Is your child returning to Holy Child in 2021?

If not, 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER		
Friday	5	*NEW DATE* 100 Days of Prep Celebration
Thursday	11	Remembrance Day
Wednesday	24	2022 Prep Transition Day (To be confirmed)
Thursday	25	2022 Prep Transition Day (To be confirmed)
Friday	26	PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday	30	P-2 Swimming Program commences (To be confirmed)
DECEMBER		
Wednesday	1	2022 Prep Transition Day (To be confirmed)
Thursday	2	2022 Prep Transition Day (To be confirmed)
Wednesday	8	Reports sent home
Tuesday	7	P-2 Swimming Program continues (To be confirmed)
Tuesday	14	Year 6 Graduation Prayer Service (To be confirmed)
Wednesday	15	Last day for students, finish at 1pm
JANUARY		
Friday	28	Staff begin
Monday	31	Students begin

UNIFORM

The Uniform Shop will be closed until further notice.

If you need to buy Uniforms for your child please put money in an envelope with your order. Your order will then be filled and returned to your child. Please add sizes you need and your child's name and class.

Thanks Mrs Grace



UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Date _____

Student's Name _____

Sex F M

Year Level _____

UNIFORM ITEMS	QTY	SIZE 4-10	SIZE 4-10	SIZE 12-18	SIZE 12-18	MONEY ENCLOSED
School Windcheater			\$40.00		\$45.00	
School Jacket			\$45.00		\$50.00	
School Polo Top (S/S)			\$25.00		\$30.00	
School Polo Top (L/S)			\$30.00		\$35.00	
School Grey Long Trousers			\$45.00		\$50.00	
Girl's Summer Dress			\$50.00		\$55.00	
School Girl's Pleated Pants			\$45.00		\$50.00	
Grey Shorts			\$20.00		\$25.00	
School Hat			\$15.00		\$15.00	
School Beanie			\$15.00		\$15.00	
School Bag			\$40.00		\$40.00	
School Raincoat			\$55.00		\$55.00	

Sports Uniform

School Navy Shorts			\$20.00		\$25.00	
School Track pants			\$40.00		\$45.00	
School Team Colour T-Shirt			\$20.00		\$25.00	

- Please return Order Form with cash in an envelope with your child
- Order will be filled and the uniform will be sent with your child

يرجى إرجاع استمارة الطلب للذي المدرسي مع النقود في ظرف مع طفلك (لا يتوفر EFTPOS)
سيتم تعبئة الطلب وسيتم إرسال الزي المدرسي مع طفلك.

- Vui lòng trả lại Mẫu đơn đặt hàng, và gửi bằng tiền mặt, trong một phong bì với con của bạn (không có sẵn EFTPOS)
- Đơn hàng sẽ được sắp xếp và đồ đồng phục sẽ được gửi cùng với con bạn



3-year old
and
4-year old

KINDERGARTEN 2022

**Call 9306 1662
to enrol**

**A brand new Kindergarten
located at Holy Child
Primary School, Blair St, Dallas**



Free or low cost kindergarten available
3 and 4 year old sessional programs
Before and after care programs
High quality learning
Smooth transition to school
All children and families welcome!



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Community Hub Online Programs

Term 4

Tuesday	Playgroup	9.30 am – 11.30am
Wednesday	English Class	9.30 am – 12.30pm
Wednesday	Vietnamese Parenting Support Group	10.00 am – 12.00 pm
Thursday	Support Playgroup	9.30 am – 11.30am
Friday	English Class	9.00am – 11.00am

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





The Catholic Contribution

Presented by Professor John Haldane

The aim of this series is to understand the nature, development and self-understanding of Roman Catholicism and its contribution to the culture of Europe and beyond, not just historically but through to the present day and into the future.

Main Points

- *The Catholic Contribution* is a six-lecture series by Professor John Haldane, co-presented by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) and the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.
- The series aims to help participants understand the nature, development and self-understanding of Roman Catholicism and its contribution to the culture of Europe and beyond, not just historically but through to the present day and into the future.
- The third lecture in the series, 'Rebuilding of the West' <https://sites.google.com/cem.edu.au/haldane/lecture-series/lecture-3-rebuilding-of-the-west?authuser=0>, is available on The Catholic Contribution website. In this lecture, Professor Haldane explores the development of Christianity from the 5th to 15th centuries and the contribution made to rebuilding the West following the fall of the Roman Empire.
- From next week, five-minute summaries will be available to schools for professional learning purposes.
- Following Professor Haldane's summary, two related questions will be posed for reflection and discussion.
- The other lectures in the series are also available on The Catholic Contribution website, <https://sites.google.com/cem.edu.au/haldane/>.

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Camp Australia Holy Child Primary School OSHC – October Newsletter



Dear Parents,

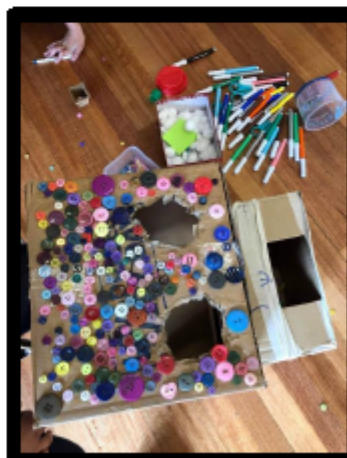
Welcome to Term 4. We are excited to see children returning back to on-campus learning. Camp Australia is eager for another memorable term filled with meaningful experiences that guide your children's growth.

What's been happening?

During Before and After School Care, children have been enjoying some of the coolest funky and crazy science experiments. Did you know that it is easy to turn ordinary milk into a rainbow of crazy colours? Using only four common kitchen items, children were thrilled to learn this and experience amazing explosion of colour! Did you also know that it is possible to pick up ice with only an untied string? We showed children how. These science activities provide children with opportunities to develop and practice many different skills and attributes. These include communication skills, collaborative skills, team working and perseverance, as well as analytical, reasoning and problem-solving skills.



Children have also been absorbed in a range of arts and crafts. We love implementing recycled materials for children to communicate their creativity and imagination. All our arts and crafts activities are designed to improve children's coordination and fine motor skills, self-expression, critical thinking skills and problem-solving abilities.



To register and book, visit www.campastralia.com.au

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What's coming up next month?

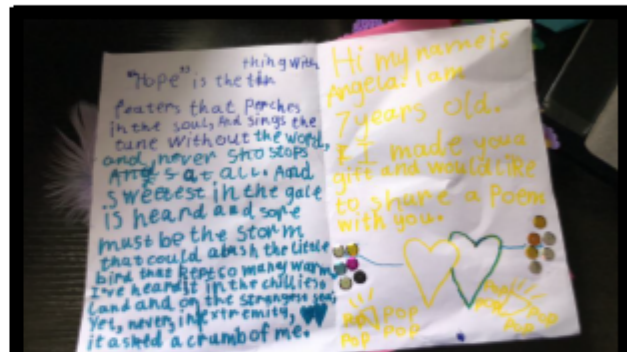
As we are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a great negative impact on nursing homes. As a result, children have joined me in creating letters and hand-crafted gifts for people living in aged-care facilities all over Victoria. While these are delivered by Australia Post, the community program facilitating the project always inform us about the impact it had on the person receiving our special pieces. Sometimes the person will request that we write to them on a fortnightly basis. Therefore, in the upcoming month, children have requested we continue with this community project.

Halloween and Christmas themed activities are also coming up.

We will also be having a Your OSHC Talent Week running on the 22nd to 26th November. The aim is to expose your children to a broad spectrum of experiences that will activate latent talents.

I look forward to continuing working with all my current and new families. I am eager to continue developing learning opportunities for your children that range from cooking, indoor and outdoor play, group games, building, and arts and crafts. If you would like to book your child/ren in please contact Marina on 0411-298-219.

Marina Spiteri
Coordinator



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Your OSHC.

Speech Sounds – what's 'normal'?

Articulation is the ability to produce speech sounds. Children normally learn speech sounds following a developmental pattern. By the time a child starts school, unfamiliar listeners should be able to easily understand their speech. At age 5 years, children are expected to have all speech sounds correct, except for R, V, and TH.

Some common sounds children may have difficulty saying, include:

- the K sound, e.g. saying 'tat' for 'cat'
- the L sound, e.g. saying 'weg' for 'leg'
- the R sound, e.g. saying 'wock' for 'rock'
- the SH sound, e.g. saying 'seep' for 'sheep'
- the S sound, e.g. saying 'thun' for 'sun' (also known as a lisp)
- the TH sound, e.g. saying 'fumb' for 'thumb'

A Speech Pathologist can help with correcting speech sound errors and increasing speech clarity. The below points can be used as a guide for when to seek help for common sound errors. Speech Pathology input is recommended if:

- People outside the family have difficulty understanding your child's speech.
- Difficulty with the K, SH, S*, or L sounds is persisting into Prep.
- Difficulty with the R sound is persisting in Gr. 1.
- Difficulty with the TH sound is persisting into Gr. 2.

**children may struggle with the S sound when they lose their front teeth.*

A Speech Pathologist can do an assessment to determine whether therapy is required, and if so, what approach is suitable. Note that clinical variation does occur and a clinician's decision to treat or not to treat, and which sounds to treat, does depend on an individual child's speech profile. Parents play an important role in participating in speech therapy, but working on speech sounds should only occur under the guidance of a Speech Pathologist.

If you are looking for private Speech Pathology services, you can do so via the Speech Pathology Australia website – 'Find a Speech Pathologist' search tool.

References:

- Kilminster, M.G.E., and Laird, E.M. (1978) Articulation Development in children aged three to nine years. *Australian Journal of Communication Disorders*, 6, 1, 23-30.
- Speech Pathology Australia Fact Sheet: The Sound of Speech: Preschool and School Aged Children



PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Foundation House is providing a Peer Mentorship Program to those from Iraq and Syria and are settling in the Northern and Western regions of Melbourne.

The focus will be about managing the impacts of mental health issues and incorporating self-care strategies as well as raising awareness about mental health and how to access different services.

Information session: Thursday 11 November 2021

Time: 11.00am -12.30pm

Where: Zoom meeting

Presenter: Reem Faiq, Arabic speaking facilitator

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Van.

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Phone: 9309 1620



برنامج التوعية للوافدين الجدد (PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM)

تقدم منظمة فاونديشن هاوس برنامج التوعية عن الصحة الذهنية للوافدين من العراق وسوريا والذين يقيمون في المناطق الشمالية والغربية من ملبورن.

سوف يركز البرنامج على معالجة آثار مشاكل الصحة الذهنية وتجسيد استراتيجيات الرعاية الذاتية بالإضافة إلى رفع مستوى الوعي حول الصحة الذهنية وكيفية الوصول على الخدمات المختلفة المتاحة.

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