

THE GIFTS OF Christmas

* HOPE * LOVE * JOY * PEACE

Holy Child Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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THE WORD

gave life

to everything that was created,
and HIS LIFE

brought light

TO EVERYONE

JOHN 1:4



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Hello Families,

Last Sunday marked the feast of Christ the King. Pilate asks Jesus, "So you are a King?" Jesus answered "You say that I am a King. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Jesus the teacher, as so often, replies not with an answer but another question. Though under arrest, he appears to be in control of the conversation. We are challenged to learn from Jesus, 'How do we react when things are out of our control?' This reading and the teaching we learn from Jesus is even more important in our lives today after the experiences and consequences we have been challenged with during this COVID period.

In the pressing times of struggle where **we** have faced 'Pilate' in our own lives we are reminded of the Jesus of Truth. The One who shows us compassion, love, healing and welcome. As we move into Advent, Christmas and the 2022 New Year may we be called to deepen our relationship with Jesus.

I pray for the community of Holy Child to continue to be followers of the Truth through the One who lives and reigns, forever and ever.

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

DECEMBER		
Thursday	2	2022 Prep Transition Day - Session 2 (Groups 4, 5 & 6)
Wednesday	8	Reports sent home
Monday	13	Year 6 Excursion
Tuesday	14	Year 6 Graduation Prayer Service
Wednesday	15	Last day for students, finish at 1pm
JANUARY		
Friday	28	Staff begin
FEBRUARY		
Tuesday	1	Students begin

UNIFORM

UNIFORM ORDER FORM



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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	
Girl's Winter tunic			\$55.00		\$60.00	
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: Gold, Red, Blue, Green			\$20.00		\$25.00	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 الذي المدرسي مع النقود في ظرف مع طفلك (لا يتوفر EFTPOS) سيتم تعبئة الطلب وسيتم إرسال الزي المدرسي مع طفلك.						
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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						

UNIFORM SALE - 20% OFF

All clothing items only, i.e. jackets, t-shirts, and dresses

From: Friday, 28 January

To Friday, 4 February

Cash only

UNIFORM OPENING DAYS 2022

In 2021, the School Uniform Shop will be open as follows:

28 January 11:30am to 1.00pm

31 January 10.30am to 1.00pm

1-4 February 8.30am to 9.00am

Please come to the school office, and Mrs Grace will be available to help you with uniform purchases.

Thank you.

NOTICES

VACCINATION PROOF ASSISTANCE

Hume Libraries are providing free in-person assistance to set up your vaccination proof on your phone or provide a printed copy at your local community centre on the dates below.

<https://www.humelibraries.vic.gov.au/About-Us/Latest-News/Help-with-Vaccination-Proof>

Bookings essential. Please call the centre to book your place.

Date- Tuesday 7 Dec

Time- 10am-1pm

Greenvale West Community Centre

7 Ventura Way, Greenvale 3059

9356 6880

Date- Wednesday 8 Dec

Time- 10am-1pm

Aitken Hill Community Centre

40 Waterview Blvd, Craigieburn 3064

9356 6870

Date- Tuesday 14 Dec

Time- 10am-1pm

Newbury Child and Community Centre

440 Grand Blvd, Craigieburn 3064

9356 6729

Date- Wednesday 15 Dec

Time- 10am-1pm

Broadmeadows Community Hub

180 Widford St, Broadmeadows 3047

9356 6160

Reading to Children at Home

Reading with your child at home each day is an invaluable activity with multiple benefits; several studies have shown that parent involvement with reading in the home has a positive effect on children's language and reading acquisition. Students in year levels as young as prep may bring home readers to read at home in order to practise their reading skills, that is sounding out letters in words (segmenting) and putting them together to make a whole word (blending). Here are some tips in order to get the best out of your child's reader and encourage essential skills required in order for children to be happy, confident readers.

- Start the reading session by saying "let's read your reader/this book" so that the child understands this will be a team effort, which can be particularly comforting for children who find reading daunting.
- After reading the title, suggest what the book might be about and see if your child has any ideas.
- Encourage your child to sound out letters. Point to each letter and look expectantly at your child. For example, if your child is trying to read the word 'dog', the child should say each sound individually: d-o-g. If your child is unable to blend these sounds together to say the word 'dog', you can say: "d-o-g. That's right that makes the word 'dog'!" If a sound is incorrect or unknown, point to letters and provide the correct sounds.
- Repeat the sentence being read once your child has successfully decoded a word, this time so the child can understand it. It can be a good idea to ask for a prediction. For example if the sentence is "the dog is lost", ask where your child thinks the dog may have gone.
- Focus more on letters and sounds rather than relying only on pictures. As the child reads more challenging texts as they progress through the school system, there will be less and less pictures to rely on. Being able to sound out words means they will be able to pick up any book and read it, with or without pictures.
- Enjoy funny parts, surprising twists and happy endings! Reading can be really fun!

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