

HOLY CHILD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY,
WELLBEING AND PROTECTION OF THE CHILDREN IN OUR CARE



KEY DATES

Sunday 22 May
Sacrament of Confirmation (2:30pm at Holy Child Primary School)

Monday 23 May
Prep Excursion - Melbourne Zoo

Friday 27 May
School closure
Professional Practice Day for the staff

Friday, 10th June
School closure
Professional Learning Day for the staff

Monday, 13 June
School closure
Public Holiday

Wednesday, 22nd June
Semester 1 School reports sent home

Tuesday (14 -17) June & (21 - 24) June
Grade 3/ 4 - Swimming Program

Friday, 24 June
Last day of term
School finish time: 1.40pm

Monday 11 July
First day of term
School resumes

Wednesday 27 July
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Workshop for parents and children at 6:30 pm

Saturday 6 August (evening) and Sunday 7 August (morning)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Reconciliation Commitment Masses

Wednesday 17 August
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6:30 pm

A NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

This weekend students from our school and Parish will receive the 'Sacrament of Confirmation' and be 'Sealed with the Gift of The Holy Spirit' this Sunday 22 May. Through class lessons, sacramental workshops and meetings with Fr Vincent and Bishop Terry Curtin, these students have an understanding of the sacrament. Being sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit means they will use the gifts - Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence and Wonderment and Awe in His Presence - throughout their lives as they deepen their relationship with God.

Sometimes as humans, we deny our gifts and personal talents. When we do this we are acting falsely and not acknowledging the generosity of God. At the other extreme when we are arrogant and boastful, we convince ourselves that all good things are done by and are 'of' ourselves and deny the glory of the gifts that The Lord gives us. Therefore when we speak the truth about what God has done to us and *forus* we need to do so with humility and gratitude.

I pray this prayer on behalf of our Confirmation candidates:

Generous God, thank you for all you have given me.
Help me to use my gifts and talents well, for your honour and glory and
the benefit of all humankind.

God bless you all.
Guy Toomey



SCHOOL GROUND HOURS

GATES OPEN 8:30 AM

GATED CLOSE 3:40 PM

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.

SUNSMART

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 **NO HAT NO PLAY**.

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

FOOD AND DRINK

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.

Holy Child Primary School is a Smoke-Free Zone



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



Before School Care and After School Care is available at Holy Child every school day

Regular Bookings

Before School Care is available from 6.30 am to 8.45 am and **costs \$2.40** after Child Care Subsidy is applied. After School Care is available from 3.20 pm to 6.00pm and **costs \$3.30** after Child Care Subsidy is applied.

Casual Bookings

Before School Care is available from 6.30 am to 8.45 am and **costs \$2.85** after Child Care Subsidy is applied. After School Care is available from 3.20 pm to 6.00pm and **costs \$3.75** after Child Care Subsidy is applied.

You need to register your child once before you use the service. Please call the school office, leave your name with Reception and someone will call you back to assist with registering your child.

You need to register before you can use the service.

If you are interested, contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 or oshc@campaustralia.com.au.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD

WEEK 10, TERM 1

Class	Student of the Week <i>and</i> Reason
Prep AM	Umut Bahar for showing persistence in writing by beginning to write a sentence on his own. Well done Umut!
Prep RR	Yeshua Isho for demonstrating persistence and for challenging himself especially in reading & writing.
Year 1JC	Jonathan Mesho for his ongoing persistence with his reading. His commitment to always trying his best throughout all manners of learning and social skills. Jonathan, we are very proud of all the hard work you have been able to do this year. Keep up the amazing work!!
Year 1MW	Mira George - Welcome to the Holy Child Community. You are a blessing: Smoothly adapting to the classroom setting and with curiosity and persistence have written your first narrative - Unicorns Forever. Congratulations!
Year 2CY	Annabella Khaie for finding lots of High Frequency Words in our room! Well done Annabella.
Year 2EM	Soloman Mahfouz for always being respectful to his peers, showing resilience and patience in class and determination to do his best. Congratulations Soloman!
Year 3/4 SS	Joseph Younan for being an active and persistent learner who always strives to do his best. Keep up the good work Joseph!
Year 3/4 SW	Fadi Alkaseer for settling well into Holy Child Primary school and being an enthusiastic and dedicated learner.
Year 3/4 EC	Matthew Bungum for being a persistent and dedicated learner and giving everything a go!
Year 5/6 JR	Elianna Yokhanna for being a persistent and active learner with every task.
Year 5/6 CM	Marcelle Mahfouz for being a self-managing learner who challenges herself in all tasks
Year 5/6 AI	Gabrial Shambo for always being polite and respectful and using his manners.
Year 5/6 MM	Adrian Markus for his great work in writing and being focus and interest to achieve his best in all areas of learning. Congratulations!

GRADE 3/4 EC

CLASSROOM PRAYER

Dear God,

We pray that we have a safe and happy day,

Full of great learning and magnificent listening.

We pray to keep our school and world community clean.

That we make lovely and kind friends,

And help each other as Jesus helps us every day.

Amen.



HOLY CHILD

Primary School | Dallas

18 May 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians / Carers,

I am writing to let you know about changes to the provision of rapid antigen tests (RATs) in our school for the remainder of Term 2.

RATs will continue to be distributed to you as they have been throughout this school year for the remainder of this term.

However, from Monday 23 May 2022, we do not recommend that your child complete a RAT twice a week as previously advised.

RATs will continue to be required by students who are household contacts to attend school (five negative tests over a seven-day period) or who have symptoms.

The ongoing supply of RATs to families in our school will ensure that parents and carers have tests should they need them if their child is a household contact or has symptoms.

Families must continue to notify the Department of Health and the school if their child returns a positive RAT result. Additionally, you should inform us if any of your children are household contacts.

Thank you to all families who have gotten their child vaccinated. Vaccination continues to remain the best way to protect students and staff in our school.

Getting vaccinated is easy and bookings can be done via the Department of Health's website <https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au>. If you have any questions about the vaccines, I encourage you to speak to your GP or a health practitioner.

Thank you again for your ongoing cooperation and support during this time.

Alan Smith
Holy Child Primary School
Principal



KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE GREENVALE



COLLEGE TOUR

Wednesday **15 June** at **9:30am**

We are delighted to invite you into our College to meet the Principal and tour our facilities.

Register online now.

www.kolbecc.catholic.edu.au

Please note: Applications for Year 7 2024 close on 19 August 2022.
Applications received after that date will be placed on a waiting list.




HUME CITY COUNCIL POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS RESILIENT FAMILIES PARENTING PROGRAMS

Join our interactive seminars or online workshops where parents and carers will learn how to build positive relationships with their children and young people. Workshops and webinars are designed for parents/carers of 0–24 year olds.

All sessions are free, but registrations are essential.

PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Healthy Relating: Sexuality, Respectful Relationships & Consent
Join Vanessa Hamilton, of Talking the Talk Sex Ed, for an informative seminar for parents and carers. You will be supported to understand more about sexuality in children and young people; alongside how to support your child to form respectful, healthy relationships.

Date: Thu 26 May 2022, 10.30am - 12pm

Location: Hume Global Learning Centre, 75-95 Central Park Avenue, Craigieburn 3064

[Register here](#)

What's Your Parenting Style? How to Ditch the Fads and be the Best Parent Possible.

Join our interactive webinar with Dr Justin Coulson from the Chanel 9 show Parental Guidance. Dr Coulson will outline parenting styles and answer your parenting questions live.

Date: Tue 21 June 2022, 7 -8pm

Location: Webinar via zoom

[Register here](#)

'Be Wise' End the Coward Punch

'Be Wise' webinar presented by the Pat Cronin Foundation empowering teenagers and young adults to make wise decisions when confronted with potentially violent situations such as the coward punch.

Date: Mon 6 June 2022, 6 – 7.30pm

Location: Webinar via zoom

[Register here](#)

Body Confident Children & Teens

A relaxed and informal webinar for parent, carers and community members to give knowledge, practical information and tips on promoting positive body image in the home throughout childhood and adolescence.

Date: Tue 9 June 2020, 7 - 8.15pm

Location: Webinar via zoom

[Register here](#)

PARENTS, CARERS & YOUNG PEOPLE 15+

The Green Light Initiative with Fit to Drive

Join the team from Fit2Drive for this interactive road safety education program. The Green Light Initiative is suitable for teens aged 15+ and their supervising driver. The Green Light Initiative is a great first step to assist teens and their families to begin navigating the path to becoming a licensed driver. Discussion, quizzes and activities are designed to take you through the GLS from a learners permit through to a full licence. The driving partnership will learn, discuss, share and prepare together.

Date: Thu 15 June 2022, 7-9pm

Location: Hume Global Learning Centre, 44 Macedon Street, Sunbury 3429

[Register here](#)