

HOLY CHILD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



KEY DATES

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 PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

This has been a very busy term for all our teachers and children. We have seen a lot of learning growth in English and Mathematics across our school. Teachers are now using this information to write the children's reports for semester one this year. The reports will be delivered to you by the end of term, 24 June, and we will be holding Student Learning Conferences early next term. (Please ensure you book your conference time early.)

The last couple of weeks have also been very challenging as staff are ill and have needed time at home to get better. This has put a lot of pressure on other members of staff so please consider sending them a nice message via SEESAW to boost their spirits.

This term we will have our first Holy Child Advisory Council Meeting. In this meeting the members will continue their induction and be introduced to the newly released Child Safety Standards for schools. These have grown from Seven in 2018 to Eleven in 2022. The standards outline the way teachers, volunteers and contractors need to act around our children and explain the laws associated with each of these standards. The new standards will be implemented from the 1 July 2022.

Mr Toomey and I will be interviewing for a new teacher at Holy Child. This process has been extended due to COVID-19 expectations and restrictions. We have advertised three times and received a number of inquiries about the position; however, none of the previous candidates were suitable for our school. We hope to choose a new teacher this week. However, we may need to wait for a little while for the teacher if employed to give notice at a current school. Mr Toomey and I will keep you notified of as we receive new information.

Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed Children. We were very blessed to have Bishop Terry Curtin to preside over our ceremony this year. He said in his homily that we need to seek out and find hope and beauty in our world as these two gifts when actioned make our world a better place to live. Please continue to pray for our children that their actions demonstrate both Hope and Beauty in our community.

May God Bless us All.
Mr Smith

A NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Last Sunday 22 May was the Sacrament of Confirmation celebration at Holy Child Catholic Church. We were honoured to be graced with the presence of Bishop Terry Curtin who was assisted by our Parish Priest, Fr Vincent for this special sacrament.

The Sacrament of Confirmation stands with Baptism and Eucharist as part of the Rites of Christian Initiation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church informs us that the unity of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist must be safeguarded (1285). These sacraments lay the foundations of every Christian life (1212).

Each sacrament uses signs, words and symbolic actions. The visible signs of Confirmation are the Laying on of Hands and the Anointing with Chrism. Through the prayer of the Laying on of Hands we learn the implications of our new life in the Holy Spirit: (Rite of Confirmation)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.

*Biblical origin of these seven gifts is found in Isaiah (11: 1-1)

As the community of Holy Child we extend our congratulations to the newly confirmed: Cornelius Lay, Selina Nguyen, Ximena Orozco, Phoenix Hill, Mikayla Ho, Natalie Nguyen, Jasmine Taylor, Jessica Nguyen Tran, Thomas Garlick, Lila Addamo, Ngoc Pham, Jayden Wright-Nguyen, Isabella Falvo, Jasmine Eastley and Angel Eastley. I would also like to thank Bishop Terry Curtin, Fr Vincent, Mr Alan Smith, Staff and families for attending this special sacrament.

Lastly, to acknowledge and congratulate Rev. Fadhel Alqass Ashaq who was recently appointed as the Monsignor of the Syriac Catholic Church. Well done on being ordained a Monsignor and wishing you every success in leading the Holy Spirit Church of the Syriac Catholic Community.

Yours sincerely,
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 5, TERM 2

Class	Student of the Week <i>and Reason</i>
Prep AM	Anna Le for being a fantastic wild explorer on our excursion to Melbourne Zoo! Congratulations Anna!
Prep RR	Arnav Sapkota for being an enthusiastic learner and for trying his best to listen and learn at the zoo
Year One JC	Messi Jameel for being an enthusiastic learner in all aspects of his learning. Messi you have increased in your reading, you have made a commitment to not only improving this, but also in regards to your attitude within the classroom environment. We are very proud of you!
Year One MW	Mirla Adam because Mirla is 'Student of the Week' every week by consistently demonstrating citizenship in our classroom. Particularly this week she faced many challenges with courage. Being a persistent learner she achieved her goals in Literacy and now is collaborating with others to improve their writing. Congratulations Mirla you are a "Blessing" to our Holy Child Community!
Year Two CY	Marilena Shamoun for being an enthusiastic writer. Your stories have a beginning, a middle and an end and they are very interesting. You are also a collaborative learner who likes to share your ideas. Well done.
Year Two EM	Alissa Hana for continuously participating in all learning areas with enthusiasm and motivation to learn. This is reflected in your work and it is great to see! Congratulations Alissa!
Year Three/Four SS	Logan Addamo for being an active learner and consistently working hard to do his best in all areas of his learning. Well done Logan!
Year Three/Four SW	Maribelle Nahas for consistently working hard with your writing. Your perseverance and determination shows in your persuasive piece. Keep up the great work!
Year Three/Four EC	Mary Bui for being a positive and enthusiastic learner and consistently participating in class discussions. You always complete your work to a high standard and challenge yourself. Keep up the hard work!
Year Five/Six JR	Lila Addamo for being a positive and active learner and always giving tasks a go. Lila continues to challenge herself and this is reflected through her work. Keep up the good work Lila!
Year Five/Six CM	Andrew Yonan for challenging himself and working well in reading. Andrew achieved a great result in his reading assessment.
Year Five/Six AI	Ashur Oshana for showing great self- control, patience and organisational skills in his learning and for being a great role model to his peers.
Year Five/Six MM	Ankita Sapkota for her excellent attitude to all learning tasks. Ankita contributes great ideas and is a kind friend to others. Well done!
New Arrivals Melina Alessi	Rahaf Saqat (5/6 MM) for demonstrating perseverance and working hard to complete her writing. Rahaf is a highly motivated student.

PREP AM

CLASSROOM PRAYER

Loving God,

You care for us and share your love every day.

Thank-you for our special friends in Prep AM and those here at Holy Child School, where we learn.

Help us to be kind to everybody and guide us to make sure we are always ready to learn.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

EXCURSIONS

PREP ZOO EXPLORERS

On Monday May 23, the Preps were elated to be going on their first school excursion to the zoo. They excitedly clambered on the bus and took in the scenery on the journey there.

We could not have wished for a better day weather wise. It was so lovely to walk around the zoo exploring the animals in the sunshine. We were lucky enough to have a special lesson and were able to explore the Learning Space with magnifying glasses and binoculars. There we explored animal patterns, furs, feathers, footprints, insects, habitats and animal poo. We found out that elephants do about 80kg of poo a day! Wow! Then we met and had a close encounter with a tortoise called 'Stella', who had star shaped patterns on her shell.

Afterwards, we continued our zoo adventure and found gorillas, lemurs, elephants, otters, kangaroos, koalas, giraffes, wombats, zebras, seals, meerkats and orangutans, to name but a few of the animals we saw.



A highlight of the day for Prep RR was going into the butterfly house because we had been learning about butterflies last week. George was very lucky to have a butterfly land on his beanie.

Prep AM were thrilled when the baby orangutans came up right next to the window and knocked on the glass as we stood there. It was amazing!

We would like to thank Mrs Vicki, Mrs Doris, Mr Marra and Miss Tyra for coming with us and helping the Preps have the best zoo experience ever.

Miss Richardson
and Mr Marchione

GRADES 5/6

National Gallery of Victoria (NGV)

On Monday 16th of May the 5/6 students went on an excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria looking at international art.

We looked at artwork from several different countries and cultures such as, Japanese, Chinese, Hindu, Egyptian and European.



In the Great Hall the roof is made of 70 thousand stained glass pieces. It's the largest stained-glass artwork in the world. It took the artist Leonard French 4 years to build and put together.



Before going to the gallery, we discussed and learned about some of Pablo Picasso's artwork. When we went to the gallery, we joked that one of our classmates was related to him: Peter Picasso.

We saw the Weeping Woman painting. The story behind the painting was that it was made during a war in Spain. It showed a woman who was crying because her baby passed away during the war.

When we returned to class, we learned that the painting had been stolen and was found 2 and a half weeks later at a train station. The culprit was never found. It is still a mystery.

In class, we recreated the Weeping Woman. We also made artwork based on Romero Britto who used Picasso's painting as his inspiration.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



Guiding children's growth

Newsletter

Camp Australia Holy Child Primary School Dallas OSHC –
May 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term Two! We hope that the school holiday break has provided an opportunity to spend time with your family or to find a little time to rest. Last term we welcomed few more children in OSHC. We hope these new additions to our OSHC community have settled in well by engaging in routines and forming new and valuable relationships. We are excited to welcome our families for this term with engaging activities and fun filled programs.

What's been happening?

We had lots of fun in science experiment week. Children enjoyed all activities. We were engaged in Science Week activities like Lemon Volcanoes. The citric acid from the lemon juice is reacting to the base of the baking soda creating a gas called carbon dioxide. We celebrated Mother's Day activities. Children express their emotions thoughts and their views through this kind of activities. Our children also participated in "Your OSHC Service Handball Championship".

Child's Voice

I love coming to OSHC because we have lots of fun – Angela Tran

I love to come before care – Christian Misho

We love Cooking and making Activities – Blen and Adonai

Staff Training

Coordinator attended Community of Practice Training for Coordinators.

What's coming up next month?

We are also waiting for exciting activities in upcoming weeks. The children will have the opportunity to build their self-esteem and confidence by Participating. Every child will be included and support guidance will be provided by us. Children are planning and getting prepared for Mother's Day celebration activities. Stay tuned for fun filled activities

We are very excited to have more fun with everyone... Please come and join us in all the fun activities we do!!

Till then Thanks

Krishna

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

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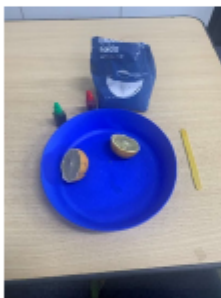
Newsletter



Easter Art activities done by our lovely Kids.



Blen and Angela are enjoying cooking Activity



Children enjoyed the Lemon Volcanoes experiment



Children enjoyed watching Lemon Volcanoes eruption



Rachel loves mixing batter for Pancakes WE love the Pancakes Yum Yum



Rachel made love hearts for mothers day for her MUM..

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Your OSHC.

NOTICES

SPS

speech pathology for schools

Welcome to the second SPS “speech box” for the year. This speech box considers the types of questions you can ask your child to elicit information. Each speech box will cover a different topic and provide information and suggestions for things you can do at home to support your child with their learning. If you would like further information, contact the SPS speech pathologist at the school.



Generating language through questions

There are many types of questions you can ask your child to get information. Often adults ask children closed ended questions which will generate single word responses. Ask open ended questions and try to set up a daily routine for talking about the day. Encourage responses in sentences.

Often when parents ask the questions

- “How was school today?” response - “ok”
- “What did you do?” response - “nothing”

Instead try asking “what was something good that happened at school today and tell me why it was good?”

Rather than asking these questions at the busy, noisy school pick up time try asking it at the dinner table or as part of bedtime routine. Get everyone to take turns asking the questions and take turns answering them.

Initially you might use a starter phrase

“One good thing that happened today was...”

“It was good because...”

Include “why do you think...” or “what would happen if ...” types of questions that don’t have a right or wrong answer.

Questions can relate to imaginary scenarios “*what do you think would happen if instead of driving home I drove us all to the moon?*”

Children often enjoy nonsense scenarios and can come up with some wonderfully creative responses.

Include a family word for the week that everyone needs to try and use each day. The word for this week could be **/magnificent/**.

*Remember to try and get your child to respond in sentences. Producing good oral sentences in conversation is a precursor to being able to produce good sentences in written work. Make sure you allow enough think time for a response.

MIGRANT REFUGEE DAY

19-25 JUNE 2022

Refugee Week



Coordinated by
Refugee Council of Australia



To all those
who've come
from far and wide,

We're happy you're safe
We're happy you're free
We're happy you're here

Happy Refugee Week
19 – 25 June 2022

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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](#)