

# HOLY CHILD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



Hello | Wominjeka | Kudual | Chào | Γεια σας | Ciao | Bongu | مرحبا | Merhaba | Hola | Ayubowan | أهلا | Kamusta | Namaste

*Did we miss your language? Please let us know*

## KEY DATES

### Monday 25 July

Prep Excursion to Bundoora Park Farm

### Wednesday 27 July

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Workshop for **parents** and children at 6:30 pm

### Friday 5 August

100 Days of Prep Celebration

### 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

### Monday, 22 August Book Week Commences

Theme: Dreaming with eyes open  
Children wear their pyjamas to school

### Friday, 26 August

9.00am Book Week Parade on the Oval

### Thursday, 15 September

Student Led Learning Conferences  
Commence: 3.45pm - 6.15pm

### Friday, 16 September

Student Led Learning Conferences  
Commence: 8.30am - 1.00pm

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear All,

We welcome the completion of our Holy Child Kindergarten. Building. This has been a dream of mine and Mr Martin Prior for a number of years. We have worked with the Victorian Government and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools to provide the best possible opportunities for our school. We at Holy Child are the first Catholic School in Melbourne to achieve this great honour. These opportunities come only with the commitment of staff and families. I would like to formally thank Martin Prior for his sustained enthusiasm and support in the visioning, planning and delivery of this facility to our school, without Martin we could not possibly have achieved our new Kindergarten. I thank you Martin on behalf of our whole community.

This term we will have our second Parent Advisory Council Meeting. If parents have anything they would like the council to discuss, can they please contact the office so the item can be added to the next council's meeting agenda. Once an item has been discussed at the Advisory Council, we will communicate the outcome of the discussion to the community via our newsletter.

This term the staff at Holy Child will continue to focus on goal setting and seeking feedback to improve our practices and actions as a school. We will continue developing student goal setting and giving them feedback on their goals in literacy but particularly writing. We will continue to prepare for our review beginning later this term by analysing the claims, evidence and reasoning in our school assessment and other data. We will continue to provide Rapid Antigen Tests to parents and staff on a voluntary basis ensuring that our community can let us know if they have tested positive for COVID.

We will again be providing Hand Sanitizer on entry to our school and throughout the day to ensure school remains a safe and healthy environment. We will continue to ask everyone to Socially Distance themselves appropriately and wear masks if they are inside the school buildings. This will help us all stay safe.

This Term we will also open the Area 1 where our junior playground has been restored after the builders have used it. Our Preps and Grade Ones and Twos will be able to play in this area now. Please be reminded that the front of the school is changing and the new drive way will be supervised closely. Please, park your cars in the Blair St Carpark and the children can walk over the road at the school crossing. This will reduce the traffic congestion on Blair Street. Many thanks for your help.

May God Bless us All,  
Mr Smith

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term Three!

I hope you had a relaxing holiday and made the most of the opportunity to switch off and have some family time together.

Thank you for taking the time to read your child's report carefully when it was sent home at the end of second term. It is very important that if you are unsure of any information about your child's learning that you please contact the classroom teacher. Do not wait until the parent teacher interviews at the end of the term.

Thank you also to the parents who returned feedback to the school - 'What parents would like to know more about.' A number of parents requested more information about 'Ways to talk to my child about their school day.' I know how frustrating this can be as a parent when you ask your son or daughter, "What did you learn about at school today?" and the response usually is "Nothing" when you know that this certainly is not true!

Here are some suggestions for you....

- Instead of asking "Did you learn anything at school today?" try **"Did you ask a good question today?"** This will encourage your child to be more invested in the types of questions they ask at school.
- When you talk to your child about their homework, take a moment to ask your child what the purpose of each homework task is, and what they think the teacher wants them to get better at as a result? Then monitor the learning, not the work.
- Lastly, (my favourite) when your child gives you a response, be sure to ask them **"What makes you say that?"** This can be used for anything....e.g. "I like fishing from a boat rather than a pier"..... (What makes you say that?)

At Holy Child we are here to work in partnership with you to provide the best possible learning outcomes for your child. Thank you for entrusting us with the education and care of your child every day. It certainly is our privilege.

God bless,  
Guy Toomey

## SCHOOL GROUND HOURS

GATES OPEN 8:30 AM

GATES 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.

Holy Child Primary School  
is a Smoke-Free Zone



## 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.

**During cooler weather**

As the weather cools, ensure children are appropriately dressed for cold rainy days and if they are wearing a beanie or gloves that they are navy blue or black.

Beanies are available for purchase at the School.

## 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](mailto:oshc@campaustralia.com.au).

## FACE MASKS

Current advice from the Victorian Government on the wearing of face masks is available here:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks>.

It states:

- *wearing a face mask can help protect you and those around you. Face masks stop droplets spreading when you talk, cough, sneeze and laugh, which lowers your chance of spreading or catching the virus*
- this information is especially important for those who are medically at risk
- the advice also strongly recommends the wearing of face masks in indoor settings (noting that exceptions to the recommendation apply to teaching circumstances when clear enunciation or visibility of the mouth is essential)
- schools should communicate this advice clearly to staff, students and families
- household contacts attending school who are over 8 years of age are required to wear face masks indoors unless they have a valid exception. See updated close contact requirements below
- everyone including students aged 8 years and above must wear a face mask when travelling on public transport, taxis or ride share vehicles.



## PREP INCURSION

### ASCENT SHOELACE TYING INCURSION

On Monday 6th June, Shane from Ascent visited Holy Child to run a shoelace-tying incursion for the junior students (Prep to Grade 2).

The students were very excited because they were given shoe shaped pencil cases with special colour coded shoelaces, to help them learn how to tie them. Shane was an enthusiastic and funny presenter who immediately engaged the students in learning how to tie shoelaces.

You can practise with your child at home on YouTube by using this [link](#).

We would like to thank Mr Toomey for organising this fun learning experience for the junior students.



## UNIFORM

Dear Parents,

The Uniform Shop now has EFTPOS available.





NOTICES



**KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE**  
[www.kolbecc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.kolbecc.catholic.edu.au)



## **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN GRADE 4, 5 AND 6**

Come and have fun in a real Science Laboratory in these interactive one hour workshops themed around particular areas of Science.

This is a 4 WEEK program commencing Thursday 4 August 2022.

**DATES:**

Thursday 4 August 2022  
Thursday 11 August 2022  
Thursday 18 August 2022  
Thursday 25 August 2022

**TIME:**

4.30pm - 5.30pm

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW**

[www.trybooking.com/CAMML](http://www.trybooking.com/CAMML)

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

**THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS PROGRAM**

For more information contact Kolbe Catholic College on 8339 3060



# DISCOVER MERCY OPEN DAY



Meet our Principal, explore the facilities and chat with our students and staff.

**Wednesday 20th July- 9:30am and 6:00pm**  
**Saturday 23rd July- 10:00am**

*Talk and tour takes approximately 90 minutes.*  
760 Sydney Road Coburg entry via Gate 1.

Book online or call 9319 9299  
[mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au](http://mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au)

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**PLEASE JOIN PENOLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE IN CELEBRATING**



**MONDAY 8 2022**  
**AUGUST 8**

**3.45PM**  
**to 5.15PM**



**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**  
**RIDES: DODGEM CARS,**  
**THE SIZZLER, THE CYCLONE,**  
**GIANT SLIDE AND AN**  
**INFLATABLE ACTIVITY CENTRE**  
**HANDS ON ART AND CRAFT**  
**ACTIVITIES ALSO**  
**ON SITE PARKING**

**SENIOR CAMPUS 29 GIBSON STREET, BROADMEADOWS**

**Confirm your attendance**

Email [marketing@penola.vic.edu.au](mailto:marketing@penola.vic.edu.au)

Subject: Your Family Name / School / Number Attending



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CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
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### SPLASH JAM Dance Party

A special dance party for parents and children to come along and enjoy a fun filled hour of music and dancing to your favorite tunes.

Splash Aqua Park and Leisure Centre (SPLASH)

Ages: 2 to 5 years                      3pm–4pm

Ages: 6 years to 12 years              4.30pm–5.30pm

Dates: Saturday 2 July, Saturday 24 September, Saturday 3 December

Cost: \$10 per person

**To enrol and pay for any of our programs please visit:**

<https://envibe.hume.vic.gov.au/>

Or you can come into one of the leisure centres and speak to our friendly customer service team.

**(BALC) Broadmeadows Aquatic and Leisure Centre**  
41-85 Tanderrum Way, Broadmeadows  
Phone: 9205 2670

**(SALC) Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre**  
20 Ligar Street, Sunbury  
Phone: 9356 6820

**(SPLASH) SPLASH Aqua Park and Leisure Centre**  
60 Central Park Avenue, Craigieburn  
Phone: 9356 6800

