## HOLY CHILD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



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Did we miss your language? Please let us know

#### **KEY DATES**

Monday, 21 November Scholastic book club orders due

Friday, 25 November No School

Monday, 12 December Year 6 Celebration Excursion

Monday, 28 November - Thursday, 1 December Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming Program

Monday, 5 December - Thursday, 8 December Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming Program

**Tuesday, 13 December at 6:30 pm** Year 6 Graduation and Para Liturgy

Wednesday, 14 December at 7:00 pm Reconciliation before Christmas

#### CHRISTMAS MASS

Saturday, 24 December Family Mass 6:00 pm Parish Mass: English 9:00 am | Vietnamese 11:00 am

#### A NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Hello Holy Child Families,

The year is quickly closing in and what a year it has been!



We have been very lucky to have been able to have our students with us for the whole year without having to teach and ask students to learn from home. Let's count our blessings!

On Friday 11 November our students and staff stopped for our National Day of Remembrance - Remembrance Day. This reflective service commemorates that after four continuous years of fighting, at 11.00am on the 11th of November 1918, the guns fell silent and all countries agreed peace to mark the end of World War One.

This year, 2022, marks the 104th Anniversary of Armistice, when Australians remember those who fought and died for our country in war and armed conflicts. Last Friday Holy Child came together to remember the men and women who have devoted their lives to the protection and safety of our country and their involvement in helping protect countries in need throughout the world.

Members of the Australian Armed Forces have been involved in war, police actions and peace keeping forces throughout the world. They have fought for the rights of Australians and most importantly for the rights of those people who aren't strong enough to defend themselves.

Australians live in a democratic, free nation that allows us to live our lives as we choose. We welcome people from other nations to come and share in our good fortune.

Descendants who paid the sacrifice in battles fought long ago would be at peace

knowing our multicultural country of Australia today is welcoming, embracing and loving. This is evident in the smiles and laughter day in and day out that I am lucky to witness in your children. We are truly blessed!

LEST WE FORGET

Guy Toomey Deputy Principal/Religious Education Leader





A reminder to everyone that **parking your car at the front of the school gate is not allowed** due to keeping all our students and staff safe. Please park across the road (opposite the school in J Culpin Reserve). Or in the car park at the soccer club and walk.

One last reminder is that all other times if you do use the kinder driveway then you must turn left. Again this is for your safety and the safety of all other motorists.





### SCHOOL GROUND HOURS

## SUNSMART

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



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 <u>oshc@campaustralia.com.au</u>.

### FEES AND LEVIES

Dear Parent / Guardian / 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 25 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.



## IS YOUR CHILD RETURNING TO HOLY CHILD IN 2023?

If not, please come to the office and fill out this Form for your child/children who WILL NOT be returning to Holy Child next year.

DO NOT FILL out if your family only has a Year 6 student leaving.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD

#### Class Student of the Week and Reason

Class	Student of the week and Reason
Prep AM	Christella Elyas for showing persistence during Maths by collecting data during Maths and asking children questions about what they like. Well done Christella!
Prep RR	Vana Nguyen for demonstrating persistence in improving her understanding of what she reads. Well done Vana!
	George Oshana for working hard to extend his skills in mathematics. You are a mathematician in the making!
Year One JC	Dilon Danial for his ongoing persistence, Dilon you have been able to use different strategies that have enabled you to help with your Reading. Keep up the amazing work!
Year One MW	Mena Metti for being a self-managing learner by taking the time to listen and plan every task whilst thoughtfully considering others around him; peers and teachers. Thank you Mena for all your efforts.
Year Two CY	Skye Nasan for always contributing to classroom discussions and being a collaborative learner especially in our small groups. Well done Skye.
Year Two EM	Joseph Hadavand for being a persistent, collaborative learner and showing excellent teamwork skills when participating in group activities. Joseph you are engaging more in classroom discussions which has been great to see. Congratulations Joseph!
Year Three/Four SS	Amar Bittar for her ongoing persistence to always try her best in all areas of her learning especially during reading. Well done Amar, we are so proud of you!
	Christian Misho for showing persistence to better his learning across all areas and always being a polite and respectful member of our class. Keep up the great work Christian!
Year Three/Four SW	Melissa Amanowel for working hard in all areas of learning which has shown through in recent PAT R and PAT M tests. Well done!
	Tony Nguyen for working hard in all learning areas. Congratulations for working quietly to achieve your goals. Well done Tony!
Year Three/Four EC	Marcellia Youhanna for improving on a personal goal to confidently contribute to class discussions more frequently and being a collaborative learner. Thank you for always having a go and sharing your insights!
	Isabella Mahfouz for your ongoing persistence to try your best in all your learning areas and always undertake new challenges with a positive mindset. Well done!
Year Five/Six JR	Ameel Ghareeb for showing enthusiasm and determination when completing a class debate. Ameel your creativity and persistence was shining through in class this week. Keep up the good work.
	Malak Saqat for her persistence when presented with a learning goal. Malak your reading levels have improved immensely. Keep up the hard work!
Year Five/Six CM	Christian Pires for showing persistence and confidence during our class debate this week.
	Manuella Yaakob for being a collaborative learner who contributes thoughtful ideas during reading group discussions
Year Five/Six DS	Mary Tallo for working really hard and showing a lot of maturity!
	Kevin Akoch for working really hard during Maths and achieving great results!
Year Five/Six MM	Sival Mya for her excellent responsible attitude to all her learning, especially in key subject areas. She is a cooperative and helpful student in class.

### NOTICES



Opportunity at Holy Child Parish

The Parish is looking for support of a volunteer bookkeeper who will be trained to use the system as a way to build their capacity.

Please contact Melinda at the Parish office for further information on 9412 8409 or <u>dallas@cam.org.au</u>.



World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year **to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare**.

## The 2022 theme is Inclusion, For Every Child

# Help your child be BRAVE against teasing

Ways to help comfort a child who is being teased:

- When your child tells you what happened, listen; don't judge. Then thank them for telling you.
- 2. Take a deep breath before responding.
- Explain the comments are the problem, not them. For example: "You did not deserve to be teased. It's not your fault" "That was a mean thing to say/do"



- 4. Don't just say the comments aren't true. For example: "You're not fat! You're just healthy" "You're beautiful" "You're prettier/thinner/better than..."
- 5. Create a safe strategy with your child to respond if it happens again. For example: Ask the person to stop, Walk away, Tell a trusted nearby adult (e.g., a teacher)



6. Create a positive strategy with your child to manage their feelings (e.g., a cuddle, music, art/craft, having a walk, going to the park.