

HOLY CHILD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



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Namaste

Did we miss your language? Please let us know

KEY DATES

Thursday 15 December

Students' last day; finish at 1:40pm

Christmas Masses

Saturday 24 December at 6:00 pm

Family Mass

Parish Mass: English 9:00 am | Vietnamese 11:00 am

2023

Staff return: Friday 27 January

Students return: Tuesday 31 January 2023

Dear Holy Child Families,

'Jesus responded to the disciples of John the Baptist, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."' [Matthew 11:4-6]

In this passage Jesus is responding to John's uncertainty about whether or not he is the Messiah. Jesus does this so that John's disciples can answer that question for themselves. He invites the disciples of John the Baptist to look at 'what you hear and see'.

Already in Matthew's Gospel we have seen the blind receiving their sight (Matthew 9:27-31), the lame walking (Matthew 9:2-8), the deaf hearing (Matthew 9:32-34), and the poor having good news brought to them. Jesus also alludes to the fulfilment of Isaiah 35:5, "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped." These are signs of the proclamation of the 'Good News' as promised by God and fulfilled by Jesus.

The Good News has been offered to each of us; if we choose to accept it we too can live in the love of God, as promised and fulfilled in Jesus. Each of us is personally loved and personally known, and God is with each of us in every situation. Knowing this is like a treasure that we are to bring into the world, just as Mary did.

May you know the treasure of Jesus' love each and every day.

God bless and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year.

Regards,

Guy Toomey
(Deputy Principal/Religious Education Leader)


Students return to school on Tuesday 31 January 2023



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	FOOD AND DRINK
<p>GATES OPEN 8:30 AM</p> <p>GATES CLOSE 3:40 PM</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Holy Child Primary School is a Smoke-Free Zone</p> 	<p>Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world.</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Holy Child is a SunSmart School and we enforce NO HAT NO PLAY.</p> <p>Children must wear the school hat during the break times at school.</p>	<p>During warmer weather DRINK MORE WATER</p> <p>As the weather warms up it is important that our children drink regularly. Children will need a clearly named and refillable drink bottle.</p> <p>Please do not send food that needs re-heating. Due to health and safety, we are unable to heat children's food at school.</p> <p>During cooler weather</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Beanies are available for purchase at the School.</p>

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.

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**.

COMMUNITY NEWS

On Tuesday night our community celebrated our Year 6 Graduation. A big thank you to our Year 5/6 Teachers; Maisam Markas, Caroline Marchione, Deborah Stewart and Julia Robertson. To reflect on one of the Prayers of the Faithful as read by Tom Toma (Mariel's Dad)

We pray for all our sons and daughters in Year 6 as they make the transition from primary to secondary school.

May they have the courage to share their gifts with others, experience new things and make the most of all the opportunities that their new schools will provide.

Lord hear us. **All: Lord hear our prayer.**

We wish our Year 6 students all the very best for 2023 and beyond.

Congratulations 6 CM Graduates



Congratulations 6 MM Graduates



Congratulations 6 DS Graduates



Congratulations 6 JR Graduates



We ask for God's continued blessings on the following families leaving Holy Child Primary School. As well as the following students Ankita and Arnav Sapkota, Christopher Akoch, Rowan and Roben Bijja, Stella Eeso and Karik Nguyen.

FAMILIES LEAVING HOLY CHILD

JR	CM	DS	MM
Aziz	Andirious	Awdesho	Butres
Eeso	Bijja	Hill	Franso
Garlick	Poulis	Orozco	Mansour
Messo	Yonan	Tallo	Nguyen
Toma			Sapkota
Tayler			Toma
			Yako

An extremely BIG thank you on behalf of our teachers, students and parents to Mr Alan Smith. Alan leads Holy Child school with such commitment, dedication and passion. Whether Alan is addressing a large audience of our staff or a small number of parents. Holy Child Primary school is achieving great results with our students under his leadership.



Thank you, Alan.

Congratulations to our Graduate Teachers this year. Miss Ellie Chepanidis, Miss Stephanie Spirowska, Miss Julia Robertson, Mr James Cassar, Miss Emma Marcetic and Mrs Sofia Mitsilias. These fine teachers have just completed their first year of teaching and have done a wonderful job with their students. Wishing them all the best for their teaching careers here at Holy Child.



Regards,

Guy Toomey
(Deputy Principal/Religious Education Leader)

Congratulations!

Rosemary Hawel
on your
Scholarship Award



WELLBEING

HELP YOUR CHILD BE HAPPY and ACTIVE!

Physical activity can promote positive body image. Physical activity has many benefits for a child's wellbeing and development.

It can improve:

- mood
- stress management
- bone density
- heart and lung health
- muscle development
- flexibility and coordination
- body confidence - especially if the focus is on what the body can do – not how it looks.

Many children can benefit from more physical activity. With more screen-time and less time playing outside children are moving less. But as they grow and develop, so do their interests, energy levels and abilities.

Help your child find non-competitive activities that they can enjoy at every stage and age, and role model this yourself. Fun physical activity improves body image. But also, the happier a person is with their body, the more active they are likely to be.

Tell your child about the many benefits of moving, and that healthy, fit bodies come in a range of shapes and sizes. All bodies can enjoy physical activity!




SCHOOL UNIFORM

As of 1 January 2023 uniform prices will increase, see **Uniform Order Form** on the next page.

2023 Opening Hours

Friday 27 January	10:00am to 12:00pm
Monday 30 January	10:00am to 1:00pm
Tuesday 31 January	8:30am to 9:00am
Wednesday 1 February	8:30am to 9:00am
Thursday 2 February	8:30am to 9:00am

Normal opening days/hours from week commencing 6 February 2023.

From Friday 27 to Thursday January to 2 February there is  20% off all clothing items only.



Uniform Order Form

Date _____

Student's Name _____

Gender ☐ F ☐ M

Year Level _____

UNIFORM ITEMS	SIZE	COST	ORDER	AMOUNT
School Windcheater	4-10	\$45.00		
School Windcheater	12-18	\$50.00		
School Jacket	4-10	\$55.00		
School Jacket	12-20	\$60.00		
Short Sleeve School Polo Top	4-10	\$30.00		
Short Sleeve School Polo Top	12-16	\$35.00		
Short Sleeve School Polo Top	S - L	\$40.00		
Long Sleeve School Polo Top	4-10	\$35.00		
Long Sleeve School Polo Top	12-L	\$40.00		
School Hat/ School Beanie		\$15.00		
School Bag		\$40.00		
School Raincoat		\$55.00		
Boys				
School Grey Long Trousers	4-10	\$45.00		
School Grey Long Trousers	12-18	\$50.00		
Grey Shorts	4-10	\$20.00		
Grey Shorts	12-18	\$25.00		
Girls				
Girl's Summer Dress	4-10	\$50.00		
Girl's Summer Dress	12-20	\$55.00		
Girl's Winter tunic	4-10	\$60.00		
Girl's Winter tunic	12-18	\$65.00		
Girl's Pleated Pants	4-10	\$50.00		
Girl's Pleated Pants	12-20	\$55.00		
Sport				
Sport – Navy Shorts	4-16	\$25.00		
Sport – Navy Shorts	SM -3XL	\$30.00		
Sport – Navy Track Pants	4-10	\$40.00		
Sport – Navy Track Pants	12-20	\$50.00		
Sport – Team Colour T-Shirt	4-14	\$20.00		
Sport – Team Colour T-Shirt	16 – 3XL	\$25.00		

Please return Order Form, pay in cash or EFTPOS

يرجى إعادة استمارة الطلب ، والدفع نقدًا أو EFTPOS (بطاقة البنك)

Vui lòng gửi lại Đơn đặt hàng, thanh toán bằng tiền mặt hoặc EFTPOS

Uniform List

Uniforms are purchased from the School Uniform Shop only
Open: Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30am to 9.00am

SUMMER UNIFORM	
Girls	Boys
School dress	School grey shorts
School windcheater or jacket	School gold s/s polo
White socks / black shoes	School windcheater or jacket
School hat	Grey socks / black shoes
	School hat
WINTER UNIFORM	
School pleated trousers	School grey long trousers or grey shorts
School winter tunic	School windcheater or jacket
School gold polo top (long sleeve)	School gold polo top (long sleeve)
School windcheater or jacket	Grey socks / black shoes
White socks / black shoes	School hat
School hat	
SPORTS UNIFORM GIRLS and BOYS	
Summer	Winter
School windcheater or Jacket	School navy shorts or school tracksuit pants
School navy shorts	School long sleeve team colour t-shirt
School team colour t-shirt	White SOCKS / RUNNERS
White socks / runners	
OPTIONAL EXTRAS	
School bag	
School fleeced raincoat/jacket	
School beanie	

Ensure that all items of clothing are **CLEARLY LABELLED** as much of lost property ends up in the "LOST PROPERTY BASKET" and is never claimed. If all clothing is labelled, it will eventually find its way back to its owner.

FEES AND LEVIES 2023

NON-HEALTH CARE CARD HOLDERS

Yearly School Fees per family:	\$1,100.00	(\$275.00 per term for 4 terms)
Excursions/Sports/Tuition Levies:	\$200.00	per STUDENT

HEALTH CARE CARDHOLDERS

One Child

Yearly School Fees	\$780.00	(\$195.00 per term for 4 terms)
	\$125.00	Excursions/Sports/Tuition Levies per STUDENT

Two or more children

Yearly School Fees per family	\$1,100.00	(\$275.00 per term for 4 Terms)
	\$125.00	Excursions/Sports/Tuition Levies per STUDENT

CSEF of \$125.00 per child will be paid by the Government for Camps/Sports and Excursions

Excursions/ Sports & Tuition Levies \$200.00 per Student due by Thursday 27 April 2023

Term 1 Fees	\$250.00	by 29 March 2023	\$20 discount if paid by the due date	
Term 2 Fees	\$250.00	by 7 June 2023		تم تسديد الدفعات في التاريخ المتوجب الدفع لكل ف سوف تحصل على خصم \$20 إذا دراسي
Term 3 Fees	\$250.00	by 30 August 2023		
Term 4 Fees	\$250.00	by 1 November 2023		

Families, whose school fees are over \$1000.00 and who finalise all 2023 school financial commitments (Fees & Levies) by Wednesday 29 March 2023, will receive a discount of \$100.00 off their fees.

ان العوائل التي تزيد دفعاتهم المدرسية عن أكثر من \$1,000 والذين انهوا جميع الدفعات المالية للمدرسة المتوجبة عليهم لسنة 2023 (رسوم ومتعلقات) في يوم الأربعاء المصادف 29 آذار لسنة 2023 , سوف يحصلون على خصم \$100 من دفعاتهم.

DIRECT DEBIT INCENTIVES

All fee payers who pay by continuous direct debit (including holidays) will receive the above discounts, if each term's fees are finalised by that term's due date.

As a bonus for Direct Debit payers, there is an extra \$50 discount given at the beginning of the following year if direct debits payments were continuous from the start of the previous year.

DIRECT DEBIT فوائد الخصم المباشر من الحساب المصرفي الخاص

لكل الذين يسددون الرسوم باستمرار عن طريق السحب المباشر من حسابهم المصرفي (direct debit) حتى ضمن (أيام العطل) سوف يحصلون على الخصم المذكور أعلاه. إذا تم إنهاء تسديد الدفعات كل فصل دراسي في تاريخ المتوجب الدفع. كمكافأة للذين يسددون عن طريق السحب المباشر من حسابهم المصرفي. هناك خصم إضافي \$50 تعطى لهم في بداية السنة القادمة.

إذا استمرت الدفعات عن طريق السحب المباشر من الحساب المصرفي من بداية السنة السابقة

If paying by instalments (weekly, fortnightly or monthly), please ensure that all payments are made regularly, to avoid large amounts owing in Term 4.

4. إذا كان التسديد بالتقسيم (أسبوعياً, كل أسبوعين أو شهرياً). يرجى التأكد من تسديد الأقساط بشكل منتظم, وذلك لتجنب دفع مبلغ كبير في الفصل الدراسي

HUB



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Dear Families,

This is a wonderful time of the year for our School Community Hub to come together and celebrate Christmas and acknowledge everyone's contributions, commitments and achievements in 2022.

We are fortunate enough to have the school-based community hub where we deliver programs and activities that improves lives and strengthens community connections.

I wish you many blessings, much happiness, and even more love. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

Warm Regards,

Van Bui
Hub Coordinator

Melissa Young
Hub Assistant



NOTICES



SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2023:****Barista Training**

Time: 9am – 4pm

Age: 14 – 18

Location: Youth Central

33 – 37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows VIC 3047

Bookings are essential, limited spots available

TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2023:**Nutrition Education Skills Training (NEST)****Cooking Program**

Time: 12pm – 2:30pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Roxburgh Park Youth Centre

75 Lakeside Drive Roxburgh Park VIC 3064

Bookings are essential, limited spots available

Movie/Games Night

Time: 3pm – 7pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Sunbury Youth Centre

51 – 53 Evans Street, Sunbury VIC 3429

Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2023:**Mural Painting (Paint by Numbers)**

by Just Another Agency

Time: 12pm – 3pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Sunbury Youth Centre

51 – 53 Evans Street, Sunbury VIC 3429

Bookings are essential, limited spots available

THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2023:**Giant Colouring Board - Art Program**

Time: 12pm – 3pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Youth Central

33 – 37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows VIC 3047

Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

FRIDAY 20 JANUARY 2023:**Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games**

Time: 1pm – 5pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Sunbury Youth Centre

51 – 53 Evans Street, Sunbury VIC 3429

Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

Create a Vision Board - Plans & Dreams

Time: 1pm – 3:30pm

Age: 10 – 14

Location: Broadmeadows GLC

1093 Pascoe Vale Road, Broadmeadows Victoria 3047

Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

FRIDAY 20 JANUARY 2023:**Youth Mental Health First Aid Training (Day 1)**

Time: 9am – 5pm

Age: 16 – 24

Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre

59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn VIC 3064

Bookings are essential, limited spots available

*Must attend both training days to receive certificate

MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2023:**Youth Mental Health First Aid Training (Day 2)**

Time: 9am – 5pm

Age: 16 – 24

Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre

59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn VIC 3064

Bookings are essential, limited spots available

*Must attend both training days to receive certificate

WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2023:**Spot the Species! STEM Program**

Time: 1pm – 3:30pm

Age: 10 – 14

Location: Mickleham North Community Centre

82-90 St Georges Blvd, Mickleham Victoria 3064

Bookings are essential, limited spots available

Nutrition Education Skills Training (NEST)**Cooking Program**

Time: 12pm – 2:30pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Sunbury Youth Centre

51 – 53 Evans Street, Sunbury VIC 3429

Bookings are essential, limited spots available

FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2023:**Movie Night**

Time: 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Age: 12 – 18

Location: Youth Central

33 – 37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows VIC 3047

Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

BOOK NOW!
SCAN BELOW



For further information, please contact us at:
youth@hume.vic.gov.au
or phone 03 9205 2556





Free Holiday Camps for Kids

Doxa Youth Foundation will be running camps during the summer and term 1 holidays. We are a not-for-profit organisation that is committed to ensuring that all kids regardless of their family's means have the opportunity to go on camp. We are all about campers having fun and learning and creating unforgettable memories. We would appreciate your assistance in referring children who you think would benefit from a holiday camp.

 [2023Holiday Camp Application 5.docx](#)

WHAT IS ON OFFER

During the summer and term 1 holidays, Doxa will be running camps in both the city and our bushland camp in Malmsbury. They will cater for children from 10 to 12 years old.

City Camp

Located in the heart of the CBD, our City Camp will offer participants the opportunity to discover all the things that our vibrant city has to offer. From the large iconic attractions to hidden gems of Melbourne's laneways, sporting activities and even an amazing race, the experience they have will be like no other.

Malmsbury Camp

Our Malmsbury Camp is located in idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria where campers will have exciting outdoor adventures. Onsite there are all sorts of facilities including a giant swing, a climbing wall and trampolines and we visit stand out local attractions such as steam train.

Dates for both Camps

January 9 to January 13; January 16 to January 20
April 11 to April 14; April 17 to April 21

TRANSPORT

To ensure that our camps are accessible to all children, we provide transport from central pick points at the Southern Cross Station in Melbourne and from the regional towns of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong and Traralgon. Parents can also drop off and pick up their child from camp.

COST

During summer and term 1, our camps will be free as campers will be paid for through the Victorian Government Positive Start Programme.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

For further information, to book or for help for parents to register for a free camp with The Victorian Government Positive Start, email: info@doxa.org.au or phone: Marianna Anthony on (03) 9046 8200 or see our website

<https://doxa.org.au/holiday-camp/>

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DATES FOR BOTH OUR MALMSBURY & CITY CAMP

January 9 to January 13
5 days and 4 overnights

January 16 to January 20
5 days and 4 overnights

April 11 to April 14
4 days and 3 overnights

April 17 to April 21
5 days and 4 overnights

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