

# Holy Child Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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**W**elcome to this week's Newsletter.

Holy Child Primary School is the parish primary school of Dallas, which serves the suburbs of Coolaroo, Meadow Heights, Dallas, Upfield, Campbellfield and parts of Broadmeadows.

The Josephite Sisters established Holy Child Primary School, Dallas, in 1965 (Parish Reg). The Josephite ethos of pastoral care and community involvement are the hallmark of the Holy Child community.

St. Mary MacKillop, in full, Saint Mary Helen MacKillop, also called Saint Mary of the Cross, (born 15 January 1842, Melbourne , Victoria, Australia - died 8 August 1909, North Sydney , New South Wales , Australia and canonized 17 October 2010. St Mary MacKillop's Feast day is 8 August.

We are proud that Holy Child Primary was the first in Australia to start a children's Mary MacKillop group!



## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday 5 April

Student led Learning Conferences

3.45 - 6.00pm

All students to attend online learning conferences

Prep Families will participate in phone conversations

### Thursday 6 April

#### Holy Thursday

*Term 1: Last Day, Student Free*

Student Led Learning Conferences,

8.45- 1.00pm

All students to attend online learning conferences

Prep Families will participate in phone conversations

### Friday 7 April

Good Friday

*Let us show this love in our acts bearing with  
one another, forgiving and forgetting.*

– Mary MacKillop  
Australia's first Saint

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Holy Child Families,

Last Friday 17 March we commemorated St Patrick's Day. For the first time since 2019 Catholic Schools in the archdiocese of Melbourne were invited to attend Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in East Melbourne. Mrs Ann Toma and I were fortunate to take along our Holy Child School Captains, Vice Captains, Religion Captains and Wellbeing Captains.

Our captains proudly represented our school community through their attendance and by displaying our Holy Child banner for everybody to see. I know that all our captains were able to appreciate coming together as a large Catholic congregation and I pray that they may always find comfort in knowing that they belong to a larger Catholic community.

St Patrick started Christianity in Ireland. Catholic schools in Australia being started by the Irish settlers means that the day is significant to our larger Catholic school community.

Well done captains, from a proud Deputy Principal.

Guy Toomey  
Deputy Principal / Religious Education Leader

[Pastoral Care of Students relating to Gender Policy](#)



### The excitement of leaving school early and travelling on the bus

First of all, I was excited to go to school and on the bus early because we got to go inside the school before anyone else. I was also excited because I got to sit with my friends on the bus looking out the window for interesting things that caught our eye. I saw that the St. Dominic's kids got on the bus with us, but it was a bit boring since the kids never sat or tried to communicate with us. I thought about what was going to happen after we arrived and how many schools would participate in the cathedral on a special day. On the bus, I wondered which schools were on the bus with us since schools I hadn't seen before were with us.

### The Mass

Before we went inside the mass, I looked at the building thinking to myself, "I didn't expect the church to be this big." At the Mass, I saw lots of people and their schools. I loved greeting and meeting new people, I loved asking them questions and trying to understand and get to know them. When every school had got to their seats, I wondered who and where the schools were from since the only school I have ever been to is Holy Child.



## The picnic at the park

Before anything else, in my opinion the picnic at the park was the most enjoyable. When we walked to the park right around the corner, I saw concerts and people playing fun activities such as soccer, tug of war, etc. I thought about which schools would sing and later realised that high school students would sing some great songs for us. It was also entertaining because we got to sing along and dance close up to the stage. I wondered if we could go play against other people / schools in the activities listed before, but the one sport I love personally and was wondering about was soccer.

*By Peter Butruss*

## The excitement of leaving school early and travelling on the bus

### What did I see?

**Lila:** We all played soccer in the morning before school and we saw the school with no other kids except us in the building. We saw many people walking, on the tram, driving etc. to work.

### What did I think?

**Lila:** I was thinking about what the Mass was going to be like and what we would see there.

### What did I wonder?

**Lila:** I was wondering how many schools were going to be there.

**Peter:** First of all, I was excited to go to school last Friday. I was excited to go inside the school before anyone else and on the bus early in the morning. I was thrilled because I got to sit with my friends on the bus looking out the window for interesting things that caught our eyes. I saw that the St. Dominic's kids got on the bus with us, but it was a bit boring since the kids never sat or tried to communicate with us. I thought about what was going to happen after we arrived and how many schools would participate in the cathedral on a special day, St. Patrick's Day.

## The Mass

### What did I see?

**Luke:** In the St. Patrick's Day Mass I saw a lot of different schools and some of the schools I didn't know existed.

### What did I think?

**Luke:** I think the Mass was very interesting because I found out new things about St. Patrick.

### What did I wonder?

**Luke:** I wonder how long it took to get the Mass ready for all the different schools.

**Peter:** Before we went inside the Mass, I looked at the building thinking to myself, "I didn't expect the church to be this big." At the Mass, I saw lots of people coming from different schools. I love greeting and meeting new people, I love asking them questions and trying to understand and get to know them. When every school had gotten to their seats, I wondered who and where the schools were from since the only school I have ever been to is Holy Child.

## The picnic in the park

### What did I see?

**Eliana:** I saw many catholic schools while going to the picnic, I also saw many entertaining activities for the primary students to be amused. There was a band of high schoolers singing while encouraging the younger students to dance along.

**Akuol:** I saw many schools that were coming and even saw Mr Toomey's old school he used to go to. We had lots of amazing times seeing the festival, and stuff people really enjoyed.

### What did I think?

**Eliana:** I think that it was a very enjoyable excursion. I think that we as a community of catholic schools should do this more often. I think

**Akuol:** I was thinking about if some students or teachers that used to come as holy children were there but I'm pretty sure that not all of them came.

### What did I wonder?

**Eliana:** I wonder how long it took to set up this excursion, inviting all the catholic schools that are a part of our community. I was pleasantly surprised at how many schools there were. I wonder who decided to do this for St. Patrick's Day.

**Akuol:** I wonder how long it took to get the church in place and how they created an olden day's photo when Jesus was in BCE and AD in his past time. It's actually surprising to make everything stay in place and everyone could come to see the church.

**Peter:** In my opinion the picnic at the park was the most enjoyable part of the day. When we walked to the park right around the corner, I saw concerts and people playing fun activities such as soccer, tug of war, etc. I thought about which schools would sing and later realised that high school students would sing some great songs for us. It was also entertaining because we got to sing along and dance close up to the stage. I wondered if we could go play against other people or schools in the activities listed before, to play my favourite sport soccer.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD

Class	Student of the Week <i>and Reason</i>
Prep AM	<b>Milana Elyas</b> for always demonstrating persistence during Maths and learning to recognise collections of dots on a die and 10s frame. (Subitising) Well done Milana!
Prep RR	<b>Pierre Aiqas Ishaq</b> for persistently being ready to learn and listening carefully when learning at school
Year One JC	Marcus Metti for challenging and building on your own thinking, You have been adventurous with your thinking and have adjusted this to best suit your own needs. Keep up the amazing work Marcus. Very proud of you!!  Savannah Lasek for her ongoing persistence in all of her learning. You have been able to create a detailed Information Report by incorporating the writing process. Keep up the amazing work!!
Year One CY	Marcella Hawel for being a collaborative member of our class. You know how to work with others and support them in their learning. Well done Marcella.
Year Two EM	Mena Metti for showing excellent listening skills in class and being a respectful, engaging learner. You are a great role model Mena, congratulations!
Year Two SB	Mirla Adam: Well Done Mirla on your fantastic work in Grade 2! You have demonstrated great persistence and have had a 'ready to learn' attitude. Keep up the good work Mirla!
Year Three/Four SS	Savannah Calleja for showing persistence and determination to complete all tasks including homework. You have made such an improvement in your spelling and other areas of your learning and we are all very proud of you. Keep up the great work Savannah!
Year Three/Four SW	Gabriel Dos Santos for persisting in writing with your persuasive writing. Your skills have greatly improved. Well Done!
Year Three/Four EC	<b>Veli Bahar</b> for being brave by giving everything a go and working extremely hard in your tests. You have persistently shown you are ready to learn and listen carefully when learning at school. Congratulations!
Year Five/Six JR	<b>Natalie Mesho</b> for her persistence within all learning areas. Natalie, you are a focused and dedicated learner, your work ethic is admirable. Keep up the great work.
Year Five/Six MM	<b>Marcelo Hirmiz</b> for Improved listening in the classroom and working hard at his table. Well done Marcelo!
Year Five/Six CM	<b>Isabella Mahfouz</b> for always being a supportive classmate who is willing to help her peers. Well done Isabella!
Year Five/Six DS	<b>Sival Mya</b> for working really hard during maths when learning about adding fractions with uncommon denominators.
Visual Arts	<b>Lyan Alkaseer</b> listens to the instructions and works hard to complete her artwork. This week, Lyan worked hard to draw and paint her Autumn artwork. Well done Lyan!  <b>Joseph Younan</b> is an extremely focused artist. He listens and completes his artwork. Great work Joseph!



## Class Prayer from 2 MB

Dear Lord, Father of us all,  
Thank you for today,  
your protection and your love.  
Help us to focus our hearts and minds on what we  
are about to learn.  
In the spirit of humility we are grateful for this  
opportunity.  
Inspired by Your Holy Spirit  
to listen with our hearts,  
Wonder with our minds.  
To discover this awesome World all around.



# Uniform List

Uniforms are purchased from the School Uniform Shop only

Open: Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30am to 9.00am

## SUMMER UNIFORM

### Girls

School dress  
School windcheater or jacket  
White socks / black shoes  
School hat

### Boys

School grey shorts  
School gold s/s polo  
School windcheater or jacket  
Grey socks / black shoes  
School hat

## WINTER UNIFORM

School pleated trousers  
School winter tunic  
School gold polo top (long sleeve)  
School windcheater or jacket  
White socks / black shoes  
School hat

School grey long trousers or grey shorts  
School windcheater or jacket  
School gold polo top (long sleeve)  
Grey socks / black shoes  
School hat

## SPORTS UNIFORM GIRLS and BOYS

### Summer

School windcheater or Jacket  
School navy shorts  
School team colour t-shirt  
White socks / runners

### Winter

School navy shorts or school tracksuit pants  
School long sleeve team colour t-shirt  
White SOCKS / RUNNERS

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

School bag  
School fleeced raincoat/jacket  
School beanie



# 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	6 - XL	\$60.00		
<b>Boys</b>				
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		
<b>Girls</b>				
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		
<b>Sport</b>				
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		

# NOTICES

GATES OPEN 8:30AM  
GATES CLOSE 3:40PM



**School begins** 8:45am sharp

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.



**Lunch** 10:50am to 11:40am

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.



**Recess** 1:40pm to 2:15pm



**School ends** 3:20pm

## 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.



## Outside School Hours Care at Holy Child Primary School - Dallas

At Camp Australia, we provide tailored enrichment to children before school, after school and on their holidays. Our engaged educators foster a safe, inclusive environment where the children can relax, have fun and grow.

To find out more information on Holy Child Primary School - Dallas's fees and policies, visit <https://www.campaustralia.com.au/schools/details/A3E3>

Fees accurate as of February, 2023

### Fees and Times

Program	Times	Recurring (full Fee)	Recurring (after max. CCS*)	Casual (full Fee)	Casual (after max. CCS*)
Before School Care	06:45 AM - 08:45 AM	\$20.66	\$3.10	\$23.66	\$6.10
After School Care	03:15 PM - 06:00 PM	\$28.34	\$4.25	\$31.34	\$7.25

  

Program	Times	Early (full Fee)	Early (after max. CCS*)	Late (full Fee)	Late (after max. CCS*)
Rocketeers Vacation Care	06:30 AM - 06:00 PM	\$60.00	\$9.00	\$70.00	\$19.00

#### Casual Bookings

Casual Booking notice: none  
Casual Cancellation notice: 2 days in advance  
No minimum number of bookings

#### Rocketeers Late Booking Fee

Late booking fee applies if a booking is made with less than 7 day's notice. Bookings made at least 7 days in advance of the session day are charged the early fee.

#### Child Care Subsidy\* (CCS)

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. Your eligibility is determined by your family's annual adjusted taxable income, the type of childcare you use, and your activity level. To find out if you're eligible, contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

#### Recurring Bookings

Recurring Booking notice: 48 hours in advance  
Recurring Cancellation notice: 7 calendar days in advance  
Minimum number of 2 bookings made at the same time, as recurring booked days over 2 or more weeks.

#### Sick child? No charge

No matter the cancellation rules, we operate a standing policy that there is no charge for a sick child. Simply let us know when cancelling a booking outside the cancellation window, provide a doctor's certificate and there will be no fee charged.

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## Enrol at Penola for 2024!

Are you ready to experience Real Life Learning?  
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### Reading with your child and reading to your child

In the early years of schooling your child will be bringing books home. The reading practice they get by reading schoolbooks every night is invaluable to reading progress. When reading the books with your child, also take the time to talk about the book. Discuss the cover, talk about the pictures, and predict with your child what might happen next.

Along with reading **with** your child, it is also good practice to read **to** your child. Bedtime stories where a book or part of a book is read each night is a way to encourage children to engage with books and build vocabulary and language skills. Talking about the stories also develops meaningful interactions between parent and child.

### Reference

Studies have shown that the types of interactions between parent and child can result in a more than 30 million words gap between children by the time they are three years old. (Hart & Risely 2016)

# Bilingual Storytime

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# YEAR 7 2025

Applications close on **Friday 18 August 2023**  
for students currently in **Grade 5**

Due to high demand, applications received after the  
closing date will be placed on a waiting list

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# Being a Parent Program

Assyrian / Chaldean / Arabic Community



**FREE 9 week program**



**Monday 1st May  
9:30am - 12:00pm**



**Craigieburn Sth Primary School, 102 Hothlyn Drive, Craigieburn**

## Bring up confident, sociable and happy children in Australia

Topics covered in this **9 week** program include:

- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Clear communication and listening through play
- Discipline strategies and MORE...
- Free childcare provided
- For parents with children 2 - 12 years old

**An opportunity to meet other parents and share the rewards and challenges of parenting.**

This program is facilitated in your language.



**For more information contact:**

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برنامج  
لمدة 9 أسابيع



الأثنين 1 أيار/مايو 2023  
9:30 صباحاً - 12:00 ظهراً



Craigieburn Sth Primary  
School, 102 Hothlyn  
Drive, Craigieburn

يساعد البرنامج في تنشئة أطفال واثقين من أنفسهم،  
 واجتماعيين وسعداء في أستراليا

تتوافر رعاية  
الأطفال مجاناً

تشتمل الموضوعات في هذا البرنامج ولمدة 9 أسابيع على ما يلي:

هذا البرنامج  
للوالدين اللذين  
لديهم أطفال تتراوح  
أعمارهم ما بين 2 -  
12 سنة

- فهم سلوك أطفالكم  
- التواصل الواضح مع أطفالكم والاستماع إليهم من خلال اللعب  
- التعرف إلى استراتيجيات الانضباط وإلى استراتيجيات أخرى

إنها فرصة للقاء أولياء الأمور الآخرين ومشاركتهم النجاحات  
والاستراتيجيات الفعالة في مواجهة تحديات الأبوة والأمومة والتربية  
يقدم هذا البرنامج بلغتكم

لمزيد من المعلومات، الرجاء الاتصال بجانيت على الرقم 0407514432

[jhourani@vicsegnewfutures.org.au](mailto:jhourani@vicsegnewfutures.org.au)



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