

Holy Child Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome 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!

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

– Mary MacKillop
Australia's first Saint



Upcoming Events

Monday 6 November

Professional Practice Day
School closure

Tuesday 7 November

Melbourne Cup Day
Public Holiday

2024 Prep Transition Days

Thursday 9 November
Friday 10 November
Thursday 16 November
Friday 17 November

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Year 5/6 parents invited to class session on Human Sexuality

Friday 24 November

Professional Learning Day
School Closure

Wednesday 29 November

Year 3/4 Celebration of Learning, 2.20pm

Monday 27 November to Friday 8 December

Year 2 commence Swimming Program

Thursday 30 November

Year 5/6 Celebration of Learning, 2.20pm

Wednesday 6 December

Year 6 Breakup Excursion Day

Thursday 7 December

Hub Families Excursion

Wednesday, 13 December

Year 5/6 Graduation

Tuesday 12 December

Reports Home

Friday 15 December

Students Finish

Monday 18 December

Staff Finish

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

At Holy Child Primary School our children are very precious to us. However, sometimes children have arguments with each other that they can fix by themselves or with a little help other times they may need adults to intervene. Still other times when children have arguments with each other adults **do not need to be involved**.

At school I am concerned that some of our parents are currently getting involved with children's arguments and misunderstandings. So, parents please stay out of children's arguments that happen on the playground. This is not helpful for your child or the school.

Teachers are trained to deal with these things, and we do so on a daily basis. To help you understand how we do this let me outline some of the processes we need to go through when supporting children:

1. We set rules and follow them.
2. When arguments occur, children need time to cool off. We give them time out; this may be 5 minutes on a playground seat or time out area. They may also be sent to the office.
3. We model for our children what to do and teach them how to problem solve and negotiate. We may reteach this several times.
4. When children are practicing what we have modelled for them we acknowledge their efforts
5. We remind our parents that they can't step in and fix the situation for their children because parents getting involved could be seen as bullying of the child or children by an adult and this could lead to many families being upset or authorities being involved.
6. If the situation escalates then we will give further time out, speak to parents, have our counsellor support the child/children
7. Work with our families to ensure they are supporting our partnership
8. We may engage authorities if required or as expected of us.

These are evidence-based practices that work for the majority of the time for the majority of our children. Parents, please trust us to ensure your children are safe. If you are concerned about an issue, please make an appointment to speak to me. Most time you may not see directly what is being done for your children because good schools work on the problems and don't embarrass or shame children or families

Many thanks,

Alan Smith
Principal
Holy Child Primary School

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Welcome Holy Child Families....

On the feast of All Saints, we are asked to reflect on the lives of the saints. We can often think of saints as perfect people, but their greatest witness is how they coped with the ordinary difficulties of their life, and how they courageously showed the love of God to others.

We also remember and pray for all those who have died on the feast of All Souls. Some of these people may only be known to God. Others are people whose love, sacrifice and fidelity we have seen for ourselves and who have inspired us. They saw God in this world and are now fully alive to him in the next.

We ask the support of all your saints who by their persistence and example have shown us how to live and love in Your ways. Give us strength to cope with the daily routines that wear us down.

Help us to act as your witnesses when we respond to each other with love, not with impatience, carelessness, rudeness or fear. In your love, we can find our way forward into your promised heaven. We ask this together through Christ Our Lord. AMEN

Guy Toomey
(Deputy Principal/Religious Education and Faith Leader)



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 9 December, particularly 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 2024?

If not, please come to the school office and fill out the form for your child/children who WILL NOT be returning to Holy Child next year and return as soon as possible.

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

Thank you.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD

Class	Student of the Week <i>and Reason</i>
Term 4 Week 5	
Prep AM	Celene Stewart for showing persistence by stretching out and writing down all the sounds she hears as she writes. Keep up the fantastic effort Celene!
Prep RR	Samantha Ghareeb for demonstrating persistence and working hard to improve your writing by stretching out the sounds in words independently
1 JC	Bella Nguyen for being mindful and caring towards her peers. Bella, you have shown a can do attitude to your learning and have continued to grow in all areas. Keep up the amazing work!!
1 CY	Savanna Franco-McDonald for making a great effort to come to school on time with a smile on your face. You enjoy reading and you write scary stories that make us laugh. Well done, Savanna.
2 EM	James Danyal for demonstrating persistence and dedication with your writing. You have been working very hard to improve and make it better, keep up the great work James! Dilon Danial for showing excellent listening skills and showing enthusiasm with your writing. Dilon it has been fantastic to see your face light up with pride every time you write. Congratulations! Well deserved!
2 MB	Addai Rofael: well done Addai for working hard on your spelling words! You have demonstrated great persistence and have had a 'ready to learn' attitude. Keep up the good work Addai!
3/4 SS	Preyonce Bhandari for consistently showing dedication and persistence in all areas of her learning. Preyonce, you show a great attitude to your learning and have worked extremely hard all year. Keep up the amazing work Preyonce! Emily Calder for persistence and determination in all areas of her learning. Emily, you have demonstrated a tremendous effort this semester. Keep up the amazing work Emily!
3/4 EC	Naya Hanna for demonstrating creativity and persistence in designing a life timeline. Congratulations Naya on achieving great success on your reading assessment.
5/6 JR	Maryana Polus for displaying great self-management skills and always being willing to give everything a go! You have been very respectful to new teachers as well as your peers. Keep up the amazing effort Maryana! Indie-Marley Sang-Yum for showing great determination and persistence in your learning. You have worked exceptionally hard this semester and have a great attitude to your learning, especially in our persuasive writing recently. Congratulations!
5/6 MM	Rosemary Mikhael for being a determined and persistent learner across all subject areas. Rosemary has been setting and achieving learning goals all term. Congratulations Rosemary!
5/6 CM	Mariyam Gorgees for Working so cooperatively with her learning partners during her Inquiry Business Plan Project and Presentation, and for being a great helper in class. Well done, Mariyam!
5/6 DS	Eliana Yokhanna for being a determined and self-managing learner in reading demonstrated through her testing this week. Well done, Eliana, keep up the amazing work! Janessa Adam for incredible growth in your reading assessments. Well Done!! Mikayla Ho for incredible growth in your reading assessments. Well Done!!



Firefighters Visited the Preps

On Friday the Preps had a visit from the local Firefighters, who brought their fire truck to Holy Child. Fireman Jack spoke to all the Preps about what they had learnt from their previous visit. The Preps remembered about good and bad fires, how to '**Crawl Down Low and Go, Go, Go!**' and to call **000** if there is an emergency. Fireman Jack taught the Preps about what to do if there were flames on their clothing. Charlie modelled how to; "**Stop, drop, cover and roll**" and then we all practised how to do it. Then Fireman Jack took us over to the Fire Truck to show us where all the equipment was and explain what it was used for. The Preps asked questions and were keen to share their knowledge about Firefighters. Afterwards, every Prep student had a turn of using the powerful fire hose. The looks of joy on their faces in the photos tells you how much they enjoyed the visit. A big thanks to Mr M who made sure the visit happened in his absence, to Mr Marra for juggling the timetable at the last minute, to Mrs Chandrika, Ms Jemma, Ms Judy, Mr Alex, Mr Stephen and Mr Chris who helped on the day.

Written by Miss Richardson





All Saints

Leader O God, come to our aid.
All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader You have been my helper
All and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

LITANY

Leader In the gift of his Spirit:
All Christ is seen in his saints.

Leader In the light of grace:
All Christ is seen in his saints.

Leader In the hope of glory:
All Christ is seen in his saints.

Leader In the triumphs of his Gospel:
All Christ is seen in his saints.

Leader In joy and in sorrow:
All Christ is seen in his saints.

Leader In life and in death:
All Christ is seen in his saints.

READING

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. *(Eph 4:11-13)*

Silent reflection

Leader Blessed are the poor in spirit,
All for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader May God give us grace to follow the saints in glory.
All Amen.



ALL children
should be wearing hats during term 4.

If a new hat is required,
it can be purchased from the Uniform Shop.

NOTICES

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



School begins 8:45am sharp



Lunch 10:50am to 11:40am



Recess 1:40pm to 2:15pm



School ends 3:20pm

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.

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.campastralia.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.

Your
OSHC.

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 Need Help? Our Customer Care Team are available 5am-9pm AEST on 1300 105 343

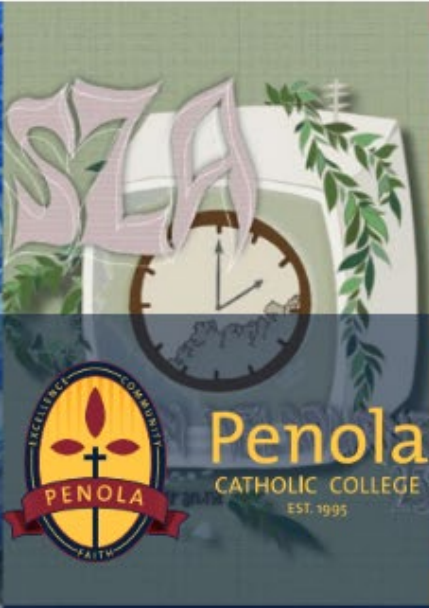


Preloved Uniforms

FOR SALE

Prices start from \$5.00

*See Mrs Grace Marchione
in the Uniform Shop*



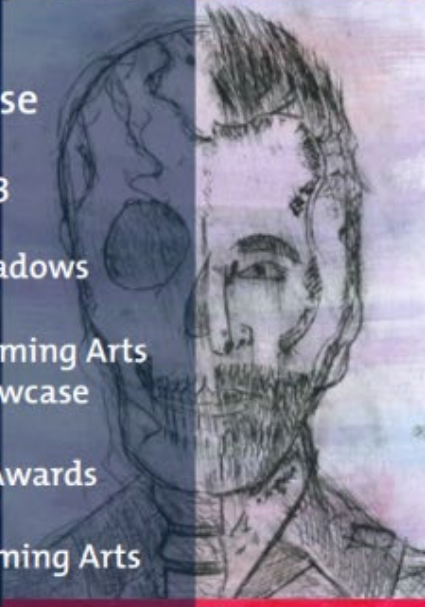
**'Under the Stars'
2023 Visual Arts Showcase**

Wednesday 1 November 2023
Performing Arts Centre
Penola Catholic College Broadmeadows

5.30-6.00pm- 'Under the Stars' Performing Arts
Viewing of Art Exhibition/Showcase

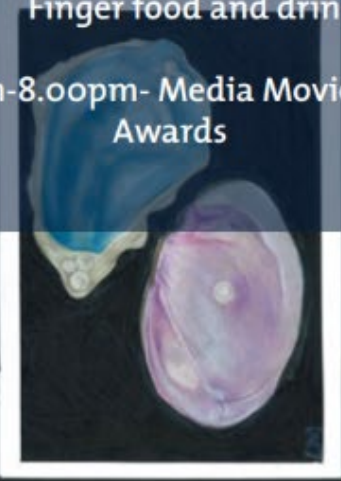
6.00-6.15pm- Opening Speeches/Awards

6.15-7.00pm- 'Under the Stars' Performing Arts



6.15-7.00pm- Viewing of Art Exhibition/Showcase
Finger food and drinks

7.00pm-8.00pm- Media Movie Night
Awards



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