

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

2024 Prep Transition Days
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 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

This week's newsletter message is from the Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter Comensoli.

"Might we seek conversion of our souls and choose pathways where we learn to listen and speak with one another as sisters and brothers."

God bless all students and families of Holy Child,

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

11 November 2023

Dear friends of good will,

The explosion of explicit antisemitism in parts of Australian society – on university campuses, in street protests, in mainstream and social media, and even among some claiming Christian belief – is shocking and deeply distressing. It speaks of the re-emergence of a latent distrust and culpable ignorance of the People of Jewish heritage, fuelled by deliberately fostered hatreds and loathing, and tied into dishonest agendas from extreme standpoints, both from the left and from the right.

None of the horror of what was perpetrated in Israel, nor any of the tragedy of what is unfolding in Gaza, justifies the perpetration of antisemitism in Australia. It does not teach our children of justice and mercy. It does not uphold and respect the dignity of people and peoples. It does not foster truth, which is necessary to set us free. The language of hatred and spite, of innuendo and slogan, is language emanating from a poisoned soul. It wounds and frightens; it belittles the lives of our neighbours.

The great Abrahamic religions believe in a God who is the Creator-Father of all human beings in His image and likeness. I also believe in his Divine Son, the man Jesus Christ, of Jewish heritage, who took upon himself this evil, so that we might be rid of it ourselves. Might we seek conversion of our souls and choose pathways where we learn to listen and speak with one another as sisters and brothers. It is the only way to achieve reconciliation and peace.

May the Creator of all humanity reign in our hearts.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli Archbishop of Melbourne



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

Term Four Week 7

Class	Student of the Week <i>and Reason</i>
Prep AM	Maryam Khan for showing persistence by stretching out and saying all the sounds she hears as she reads. Keep up the fantastic effort Maryam!
Prep RR	Ian Nguyen for demonstrating persistence and always trying his best to improve his learning
1 JC	Puyol Butruss for being an exceptional leader in the classroom. You have shown great leadership qualities over the course of the year. Keep up the amazing work. Gabriella Gambin for being able to show great improvements in her reading assessments. Gabriella, you have shown great improvements in all areas of your learning. Keep up the amazing work.
1 CY	Greyson Taulapiu for his outstanding performance during our reading assessments. Greyson, you have shown a great commitment to your learning. You should be extremely proud of the work that you have completed this year.
2 EM	Messi Jameel for demonstrating persistence with your reading and writing and showing engagement during learning by always asking questions and participating in class discussions. Keep up the good work!
2 SB	Tony Nguyen for demonstrating persistence in all areas of learning. Tony, you have demonstrated an amazing effort in your learning. Well done! Valentina Koria for being able to show great improvements in her reading and spelling. Valentina, you have shown great improvements in all areas of your learning. Keep up the amazing work!
3/4 SS	Ornella Markus for showing determination and always trying her best in all areas of her learning. Ornella, you have demonstrated the benefits of having a positive outlook towards your learning. Keep up the amazing work! Karlisa Warda for showing persistence and determination in all areas of her learning. Karlisa, you have demonstrated an amazing effort in your learning, keep up the great work!
3/4 SW	Jhasmin Macale for consistently demonstrating creativity and persistence in Learning. . Congratulations on concentrating on your self-managing skills while writing. Lila Vo for consistently demonstrating creativity and persistence in Learning. . Congratulations on concentrating on self-managing behaviour in the classroom.
3/4 EC	Andrella Sanaty for demonstrating great persistence and creativity in your persuasive and narrative writing! You have been very open with teacher feedback and have shown great determination in improving your learning. Well done! Zainab Faisal for demonstrating great curiosity in your learning! You always ask insightful questions and always strive to improve your learning. Congratulations!
5/6 JR	Mirella Sanaty for demonstrating a mature approach to her learning. You are constantly setting and achieving your own personal learning goals. Congratulations!
5/6 MM	Malak Saqat for showing good progress in Reading and Mathematics. Congratulations and well done Malak!
5/6 CM	Melissa Ammanowel for being a motivated learner this week who has done tremendous work with her magazine writing. Well done, Melissa, keep up the amazing work!
5/6 DS	Tony Nguyen for incredible growth in your reading and writing this term. Well Done!!
Mary MacKillop Award	Umut Bahar for following in the footsteps of Saint Mary MacKillop by demonstrating commitment to their learning in Religious Education and being a living example of their faith.



Meadow Heights Care Community Visit the Preps at Holy Child

On Monday November 13, the Preps had a visit from some residents from the Meadow Heights Care Community. The Preps prayed with the residents and serenaded them with the *Butterfly Song*. Then the Prep classes took turns playing card games with the residents and reading to them. We had also set up some fun interactive activities including; Balloon Tennis with fly swatters and a Bean Bag game. It was at this point that we couldn't work out who was having more fun, the residents or the students? It was fabulous to hear the laughter and see the happy smiling faces of both the residents and the students. Later on, the Preps showed off their dancing skills by doing the Hokey Pokey dance for the residents. Then the residents joined the Preps in singing and dancing to a rousing rendition of *If You're Happy and You Know It*. This valuable learning experience could not have happened without the support of Ms Judy, Mrs Juanita and the lovely ladies from the Legion of Mary. Special thanks to Bernadette from Meadow Heights Care Community for organising the visit. Heartfelt thanks to Bev, Andrew, Betty, Giuseppe and Reheem, the residents who came and had fun with the Preps. Thanks to Mr Smith for understanding the value of such a visit and for his idea for us to set up fun physical activities for the Preps and residents to do together. The Preps reflected on their experience and said that "they felt happy because they could see the residents were happy." We are grateful that we have been able to connect with members of our community and hope to continue to maintain this connection in the future. The Preps have not stopped talking about their new friends. I hope that they will carry their memories of this experience in their hearts forever.

Written by Miss Richardson



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.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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How can I help my child with narration skills?

Having good narration skills is an important type of discourse that has clear ties to socialisation, classroom discourse, and early literacy' (Gillam, 2018).

Engaging in narration skills at home with your child will help move them towards grade-level listening and reading understanding as well as speaking and story-telling skills. Narrative skills help children when talking with peers, being able to engage in classroom discussions and in their early reading skills.

As parents, your role is important in helping develop your child's narration skills.

1. Begin reading a story with your child.
 - Ask questions about each page. Who is the story about? Where are they? What are they doing? How does the person feel?
 - Talk more about what is going on in the picture than the words on the page.
 - Once you've read the page and asked questions, have your child re-tell what's going on in the story.
 - Do this with each page of the story.
2. After you've finished reading the story ask your child to re-tell the story to you while looking back at the pictures.
 - See if they can use the correct character, setting, action, and feelings of the characters.

Examples of how goals can be targeted during narration.

Speech- If your child has a speech sound error, use narration skills to practice that sound. If you're reading a book with your child, emphasise that speech sound. "The Lion is the king of the jungle", "Lions hunt for prey." Then, when your child is re-telling the story you can help them emphasise the speech sound they have in error.

Vocabulary- When working on narration skills while reading with your child, select 1-2 new words in the story and talk about what they mean. Once you are done with re-telling the story you can look up the words/pictures for more understanding.

There are many opportunities to work on narrative skills with your child! Even telling them your own personal stories is incredibly important.

Here is a link to help work on narrative skills with your child:

<https://www.speechsproutstherapy.com/2018/04/how-to-improve-narrative-skills-in.html>

Reference:

Sandra L. G. (2018) Improving Narrative Production in Children With Language Disorders: An Early-Stage Efficacy Study of a Narrative Intervention Program. *American Speech-Language-Hearing Association*