

WELCOME TO OUR

Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!



A Little History ...

**Our School Motto
Wisdom Knowledge and Grace**

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!

Wominjeka
Indigenous

Hello
English

أهلا
Arabic

Yiasas
Greek

Bongu
Maltese

Kudua
Dinka

Kamusta
Filipino

Namaste
Indian

Xin-chào
Vietnames

Ciao
Italian

Merhaba
Turkish

Ayubowan
Sri-Lankan

مرحب
Arabic

Hola
Spanish

Deputy Principal Message

Mary MacKillop 1842 - 1909



Mary MacKillop worked for over 40 years helping the poor. She began an Order of teaching nuns and opened schools, refuges and orphanages across Australia. The Government at that time did not help people who were sick or poor, and without Mary's work many would have die.

Mary was born in Fitzroy, but her parents had come from Scotland. She was the eldest of eight children and the family was quite poor, but Mary had been well educated by her father. Mary first started working as a governess, then as a teacher.

With the help of a good friend, Fr. Julian Tenison Woods, Mary began an Order of nuns, known as the Sisters of St. Joseph. The main aim of the nuns was to serve God by providing an education for poor children. Mary opened a school in an old stable in Penola in South Australia, because there was no money to build a proper school. Later Mary opened another school in Adelaide and with the help of the sisters who had joined her Order, soon opened many other schools in Australia and later in New Zealand.

In 1871, there was a clash between Mary and the Bishop of Adelaide, who wanted Mary and the sisters to make some changes. Mary was not prepared to compromise as the changes were likely to disadvantage the poorer children, so Mary was excommunicated, which means she was no longer allowed to receive the Eucharist. This broke Mary's heart, because she loved God so much and the Eucharist was very important to her. This lasted for 5 months, but finally the Bishop realised he had been wrong and lifted the excommunication just days before he died. Mary must have been so sad during those 5 months, but she was determined to stand up for the poor even if it meant suffering for her. She showed great courage throughout this ordeal.

Later Mary also set up a home for homeless and sick people, orphanages for boys and girls, and a home for single mothers and their babies. Despite being very ill in later life, Mary continued to work for God right up until her death in 1909. The move to have her declared a saint began in 1926 and continued for many years. Following the visit to Australia by Pope John Paul in 1995 she is now known as Saint Mary MacKillop.

Reminders

Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

Sacrament of Eucharist: Sunday 11 August at 11 am

On behalf of Holy Child Primary School and Holy Child Parish, we look forward to 'walking in faith' with your children in their faith daily. We also walk alongside our families as the first providers of faith education to their children.

Regards,
Guy Toomey
Deputy Principal/Religious Education and Faith Leader

Coming Up

AUGUST

Sunday 11 August, 11:00am
Family Eucharist Mass

Monday 12 August, 9:00am - 11:00am
Class 3) Tuning into teens - For grade 5&6 parents
Learn how to support growing teenagers

Thursday 15 August
Feast of Assumption
9:15am English Mass held at Holy Child, Dallas
7:00pm English Mass held at Holy Child, Dallas
4:00pm Vietnamese Mass at Meadow Heights

Monday 19, August, 9:00am - 11:00am
Class 4) Tuning into teens - For grade 5&6 parents
Learn how to support growing teenagers

Tuesday, 20th August
Book Week Parade - 9.00am Hall

Thursday, 22nd August
Snuggle Up and Read
Wear your PJs to school day

Mondays 26 August, 9:00am - 11:00am
Class 5) Tuning into teens - For grade 5&6 parents
Learn how to support growing teenagers

Thursday 29 August 9:15am - 2:30pm
Day 1) Coffee training
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Friday 30 August 9:15am - 2:30pm
Day 1) Coffee training

SEPTEMBER

Monday 2 September, 9:00am - 11:00am
Class 6) Tuning into teens - For grade 5&6 parents
Learn how to support growing teenagers

Tuesday 9th September 3.40-6.30pm
Student Led Learning Conferences - All students to attend by appointment

Wednesday 10th September 3.40-6.30pm
Student Led Learning Conferences - All students to attend by appointment

Friday 20 September
3:20pm Last day of Term 3 (Staff and Students)

OCTOBER

12 and 13 October
Parish Feast Day

- Special Feast Day Weekend Masses
- Dinner (Saturday)

Times and location TBA closer to dates

Prayer for the Feast of Saint Mary Mackillop

Mary MacKillop,
woman of faith
woman of the poor
teacher and educator
pilgrim on the way
woman of the cross
woman of community
woman of the gospel
woman expanding boundaries
woman of charism.

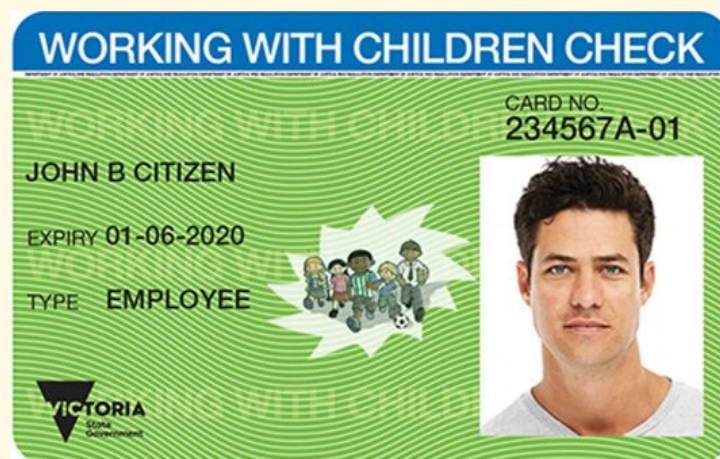
Pray with us.



Please ensure your Working With Children Check card is current.

If you need to renew, click [here](#).

Example



100 Days of Prep

On Friday July 26, the students in Prep AM and Prep EC celebrated 100 days of Prep. We had counted down the days by putting a sticker on a chart every day. During reading and writing time this week, we did activities related to 100, such as cutting out 100 words from magazines, writing down 100 different words on a chart and making a collage in the digits for 100. In mathematics we made groups of different amounts using 100 Unifix blocks, made a domino show with dominoes and played Race to 100. We made portraits of what we will look like when we are 100 years old using paper and cotton wool to collage. The Prep students walked around the school, visited Mr Smith's office and did a mini parade in each classroom to show everyone their amazing outfits. Thanks to everyone who helped the teachers prepare resources for the day. Special thanks to the parents who helped by organising great costumes for their children and creating our balloon wall displays in the classrooms. They were the cutest little old people in town!

Miss Chepanidis Prep EC and Mr Marchione Prep AM



Bundoora Park Farm Excursion

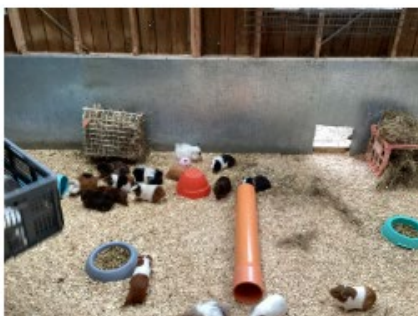
On Wednesday 24 July, children in Prep AM and Prep EC went on an excursion to Bundoora Park Farm. We went to the farm because we wanted to learn more about living things and what they need to survive. As part of our learning in Religious Education, we have talked about how to care for God's gift of Creation and visiting the farm helped us to understand this better too!

The weather was kind to us for most of the day, with a little bit of wind. Lucky we all had our gumboots on as it a bit muddy. We participated in many activities including:

- a farm tour,
- feeding many animals including cows, chickens, guinea pigs and sheep,
- we had a lesson about living things in the farm classroom,
- composting by scooping up and mixing animal poo and hay; it was very smelly!
- a tractor ride around the park and farm where we were able to see kangaroos and emus up close
- sowing broad bean seeds that we were able to take home.

The children had a fantastic time and were wonderful. Thank-you also to the staff, volunteers and parent helpers for your support on the day.

Miss Chepanidis Prep EC and Mr Marchione Prep AM



Student Wellbeing Leaders Report

by Roselinda and Sapumi

Holy Child can change the world. Be an environmental champion.

Say 'NO' to plastic bags! Use a reusable shopping bag when you can. They are strong and easy to use! You can reuse them hundreds of times!

Did you know a plastic bag can take up to 500 years to decay in the ground?

At Holy Child we say "NO" to plastic bags. They can cause permanent damage to the land, waterways and ecosystems, and all the rubbish looks yucky as well.

We are what we do!

Help keep the environment clean and wildlife safe. Say "NO" to plastic bags. Be kind to others, yourself, wildlife and the earth.

Recycle, Reuse, Reduce, Refuse.



Students of the Week

Prep AM	Gabriel Antwan for demonstrating persistence by learning most of your letters and some of the sounds they make. Keep up the great effort Gabriel!
Prep EC	Alessandro Dawood for demonstrating persistence with your reading and having a positive attitude to learning! Congratulations Alessandro!
1 JC	Alizain Saiyed for displaying great confidence in his learning. You have shown a great commitment in all areas of your learning which has allowed you to create meaningful pieces. Keep up the amazing work!!
1 KA	Aisen Salim for showing great persistence in his Reading and Mathematics. You have shown determination to your learning. Well done and keep it up!
2 EM	Yeshua Isho for showing enthusiasm and creativity in your learning. You demonstrate interest and creativity in our Inquiry learning and display the ability to think outside the box. Keep up the great work!
2 SB	George Oshana for demonstrating positive attitude to learning and fantastic work in all subject areas. Keep up the great work!
3/4 CM	Mena Metti for being a persistent learner in literacy and showing what you have learned on your whiteboard. Well done on your achievements and keep up the good work! Sudil Shrestha for being a self-managing learner in mathematics and showing your knowledge of the timetables and challenging yourself with 13 and 14 timetables. Well done on your achievements and keep up the good work!
3/4 SW	Valentina Koria for persisting with your goals and being adaptable in all learning. Well done Valentina for always showing an open mind in all your learning.
3/4 SM	Chanel Elyas for demonstrating a growing understanding with your learning by managing the daily tasks. With this positive growth mindset, Chanel, you have improved and strengthened your Mathematics fluency. Extraordinary Effort. 🏆 We celebrate your success!
5/6 JR	Letesea Albahro for being a persistent learner who consistently tries her best in all learning areas. Keep up the wonderful work Letesea!
5/6 MM	Ornella Markus for being a cooperative, caring and enthusiastic student, working well in all classes. Well done Ornella.
5/6 DS	Dut Domar for demonstrating great persistence completing Maths Online activities and showing respect to visiting teachers. Well done Dut! Sapumi Wijayathunga - For demonstrating great persistence and time management and completing her Animal Migration project on Antelopes on time. Well done Sapumi!



Holy Child Catholic Church Dallas 2024 Parish Feast Day Fundraising Dinner

For upkeep and maintenance of Holy Child Catholic Church, Dallas.
Contact Fr Joseph Truong 9412 8409 Email: dallas@cam.org.au

Mary MacKillop Hall, 227 Blair St Dallas
Saturday 12/10/2024
6pm admission for 6.30pm start



- **Buffet**
- **Live entertainment**
- **Prizes to be won**

\$40

4-12 years old
Half price

Lunchtime Club for Girls

Holy Child Girl's lunchtime club happens every Wednesday during recess. It is a safe and supportive space where students get many opportunities to make new friends, have fun, learn new skills, and become independent. Lunchtime clubs help build connections, confidence, social skills, engagement, and inclusion for all students at Holy Child.

Students made medals for the Olympics, celebrating each student's own special gift with happy smiles.





BOOK WEEK

You are invited to our:
BOOK WEEK PARADE

ON: Tuesday 20 August 2024
AT: 9:00am in the School Hall

The theme of 2024 Book Week is "Reading is Magic", so come along and join us for a fund day of book magic and imagination.

Come to school dressed as a book or movie character.

Don't forget to dress up on the day!



Thursday, 22 August 2024
2:20pm in your child's classroom

**SNUGGLE
UP AND
READ**



What do we need?

Pyjamas - Pillow - Teddy Bear
Blanket - Slippers - Book

Let us know ...

What is your favourite book?



Volunteers at Holy Child

Families are starting their volunteer journey at Holy Child by getting a free Working With Children Check card, supported by Melissa, the Community Hub Leader.

This card has given the community the opportunity to be a Classroom Helper, support teachers on excursions, be a Barista in school events, grow food in the garden, and set up for events like Mother's Day. Holy Child is proud to be in partnership with our families in creating a learning community.

See Example on previous page

Parent Classroom Helpers

Holy Child families are volunteering in classrooms as Parent Helpers. They support the teacher by helping students with activities. Many parents have joined and said it is a great experience where they learn many skills. Holy Child is proud to work together with parents and by being a Parent Helper you can see how classrooms work in Australia and help create a strong school community. If you want to be a Parent Classroom Helper, please ask at the office to talk with Melissa.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
A M	<p>Supported Playgroup مجموعة اللعب Nhóm chơi được hỗ trợ 9:30 - 11:30</p>	<p>Playgroup مجموعة اللعب Chơi nhóm 9:30 - 11:30</p>	<p>Computer Class تعليم الكمبيوتر máy tính 9:15 - 12:15</p>	<p>Cooking Class دروس تعلم الطبخ Lớp học nấu ăn 9:30 - 12:30</p>	<p>Parent Helper</p> <p>SIGN UP</p>
	<p>Tuning into Teens</p> <p>SIGN UP</p> <p>Learn about teen behavior 29th July - 2ed July 6 Sessions 9 - 11</p>	<p>English Class فهرس الأنكليزي Lớp tiếng Anh 9 - 12</p> <p> English ></p> <p>Sewing Alteration برنامج الخياطة وتصليح الملابس Sửa quần áo 12:30 - 2:30</p>			<p>Classroom Helper</p> <p>Excursions</p>
P M	<p>Family Support With Melissa دعم الأسره والخلفائى الخدمات Hỗ trợ gia đình 1:30 - 2:30</p>	<p>Family Support With Van and Melissa دعم الأسره والخلفائى الخدمات Hỗ trợ gia đình 1:30 - 2:30</p>		<p>Coffee Making Training</p> <p>SIGN UP</p> <p>Thursday 29th & Friday 30th August 9:15 - 2:30</p>	
		<p>Parents Chat & Coffee يتحدث الأباء ويتناولون القهوة Chà mẹ Trò chuyện và cà phê 2:30pm - 3:30pm</p>			<p>Walk to Assembly Every 2 weeks 2 - 3:15</p>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Recess 1:40pm to 2:15pm

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.



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:

- **Slip** on sun-protective clothing.
- **Slop on** SPF30+, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen; put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards.
- **Slap** on a hat that protects your face, head, neck, and ears.
- **Seek** shade.
- **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.

Parent Parking

- This is a reminder for all parents that the parking at the front of the school is to be used for drop off and pick up only.
- No cars should be parking there for more than 10 minutes allowing enough time to pick up or drop off your children.
- You should **not** be parking in the disabled parking bay nor should you be parking in front of the gate. The gate needs to be clear at all time for emergency access.



Holy Child Primary School is a Smoke-Free Zone



Before and After School Care

Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians,

In case of an emergency where your child requires before or after school care, you first need to register with Camp Australia. There are no costs involved until you need to use the service.

As a licensed childcare provider, all parents, carers or guardians are required to complete the mandatory registration for a child to attend their care. This registration is a legal requirement for Camp Australia to accept children into their care and provide them with all the necessary information they need so they can provide the best care for each child.


Registration is free and can be done online, via this [link](#) or contact them directly on 1300 105 343 or by email info@campaustralia.com.au.

Thank you.

2024 FEES

Holy Child Primary School - Dallas OSHC	Before School Care			After School Care		
	Term 1 2023	Term 1 2024	Diff	Term 1 2023	Term 1 2024	Diff
Parent Fee	\$20.66	\$23.20	\$2.54	\$28.34	\$31.80	\$3.46
Avg Net Parent Fee After CCS ¹	\$5.17	\$3.48	(\$1.69)	\$7.09	\$4.77	(\$2.32)
Net Parent Fee After Max CCS	\$3.10	\$2.32	(\$0.78)	\$4.25	\$3.18	(\$1.07)

Contact:

 1300 105 343

Orthographic Mapping & Sight Words

What?

Orthographic Mapping is how our brains learn to read and store written words. It is the connection between speech sounds and the letter/s that represent that sound, and their word meanings (Ehri, 2014). When we first learn to read, we begin to map sounds to letter/s and store this information in our brains. We use this mapping system to allow us read, spell, and understand words.

Sight words are words that are recognised and read immediately (Ehri, 2014). Because we recognise the word so quickly, it is almost as if we have read it by 'sight', but in actual fact, it is due to the strong connection we have made between the sounds, letters, and word meaning (Orthographic Mapping) as beginning readers that we can do so. Without prior mapping of the sounds to letter/s, words are not recognisable by 'sight'. As we become more efficient readers, the aim is that almost all words will be 'sight' words (Ehri, 2014)

So what?

Orthographic Mapping is important for learning to read (Ehri, 2014). Through practice and repeated exposure to what sounds map onto what letter/s, this connection is 'engraved' into our long-term memory, and we become more reliable and quicker at reading words without thinking too much. For example, beginner readers see the word 'sat' and may break it into its individual sounds 's-a-t' so they can read it. With more experience, the brain uses the repeated exposure to the sound-letter combinations and can retrieve and read words, like 'sat', and unlock its meaning instantaneously.

Now what?

The research shows that the best way to support Orthographic Mapping is through Systematic Synthetic Phonics (Ehri, 2020). This is because this approach explicitly teaches what sound/s map onto what letters/groups of letters. This explicit teaching means that the connection between sound/s and letter/s can be stored in the brain for rapid retrieval, leading to fluent, skilled reading. Some strategies that can be used in the home to support Orthographic Mapping include:

- Talking about sounds and what letters may represent them – E.g., The 'a' sound is shown by this letter <a>
- Bringing your child's awareness to written words and talking about the sounds that the letters make
- Encouraging your child to sound out unfamiliar words and push the sounds together to read the word.

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Please join Penola Catholic College in celebrating

ST MARY MACKILLOP • FEAST DAY •

THURSDAY 8 AUGUST • 2024

Senior Campus 29 Gibson Street Broadmeadows

3.30pm - 5.00pm

RIDES: CYCLONE, THE SIZZLER, DODGEM CARS,
HURRICANE, MUSIC TRIP,
SAUSAGE SIZZLE, ULTIMATE GAMES,
PERFORMANCES FROM DIDGERIDOO AUSTRALIA

Confirm your attendance

Email: marketing@penola.vic.edu.au

Subject: Your Family Name / School / Number attending



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