WELCOME TO OUR

Newsletter ne'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 Ballas, which serves the suburbs of Coolaroo, Meadow Heights, Ballas, Upfield, Campbellfield, and parts of Broadmeadows.

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

St. Mary Mac Killop, in full, Saint Mary Welen Mac Killop, 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 Mac Killop group!



Namaste

Indian

















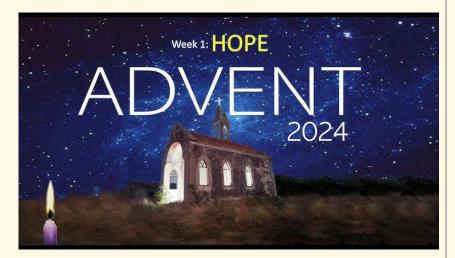








Deputy Principal Message



Advent begins this Sunday, 1 December. Advent Week One marks the beginning of the Christian season of preparation for the birth of Christ, and the theme for the first week is *Hope*. During this time, we reflect on the hope that the coming of Christ brings to the world—a hope rooted in God's promises and the belief that, through Jesus, the world can be transformed. The prophets of the Old Testament spoke of a Messiah who would bring salvation, peace, and justice. For Christians, Advent Week One serves as a reminder that hope is not merely a wish or desire, but a confident expectation that God is at work in the world and in our lives, even when things seem uncertain.

Living out the hope of Advent means carrying this anticipation and trust into our daily lives. It encourages us to act with faith, to stand firm in the belief that God's plans are unfolding, even when we cannot see the full picture. This hope should shape how we engage with the world around us—by showing kindness and compassion, by seeking justice, and by living with a sense of purpose and resilience. Hope in Advent is not passive; it invites us to actively participate in God's redemptive work, working toward a better world while trusting that God's presence will guide and sustain us through challenges. This hope leads to a life marked by joy, peace, and the confidence that God's love is always with us, now and in the future.

Let us pray together that we can fill the world with hope this Advent through spreading kindness in both our words and actions.

God Bless,

Guy Toomey (Deputy Principal/Religious Education Leader)

Coming Up

DECEMBER

Monday 2 - Thursday 12 December
Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming program

Thursday 12 December

Year 6 Celebration excursion School Carols night at 5:30pm

Tuesday 17th December

Year 6 Graduation 6pm

Wednesday 18 December

Last day of school for students at 12:20pm Last day of school for staff at 1:00pm

Advent begins

Leader: Advent is the first season of the Church year where we prepare ourselves to celebrate the wonderful feast of Christmas.

Let us begin by praying the Sign of the Cross... In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Reader: A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God Leader: From this reading, let us reflect on the ways we love each other. Let's take a moment to ask for God's help when this is difficult... (Pause for silent reflection)

Together let us pray:

All: Lord, we are so often overwhelmed by the busyness of this time of year.

O come Emmanuel, come into our hearts and show us by your light the beauty of your way of love.

We are your people, Lord, and we are waiting for your return.

Come Lord Jesus.

Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

Amen.



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Picking up children early



Dear Parents / Guardians / Carers,

Due to staff shortages, we strongly discourage you from collecting your children during these break times:

- first break, which is between 11am until 11.40am
- second break, which is between 1.40 pm until 2.20pm
- after 3:00 pm, unless it is an emergency.

Please note that if you do show up during break times, you will need to wait until children return to their classrooms.

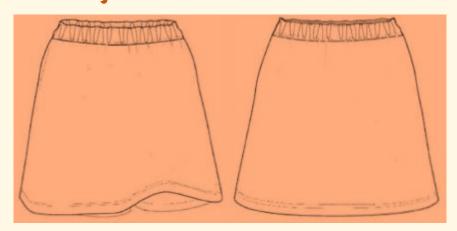
Please understand that staff will be unable to help you until the children have returned to their classrooms.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Alan Smith, Principal



New Uniform Item Now Available



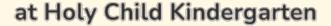
Features:

- Elastic waistband
- Internal bike shorts
- Zip
- Sizes 4-18 at \$25.00 each





Enrol now for 2025



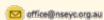
Located at Holy Child Primary School

- Free 15-hour kindergarten programs for 3 and 4-year-old children
- Newly constructed facilities & playground
- · High-quality early learning
- · Smooth transition to school



Call **9306 1662** or scan the QR code to enrol. Application forms are also available at the school office.











Enrolment information in community languages



Arabic

قم بالتسجيل لعام 2025 في روضة الطقل المقدس. الموجودة في مدرسة الطقل المقدس الابتدائية. يرامج بياض أطقال مجانية مدتها 15 ساعة الأطقال. يحمر 3 و4 سؤات. مرافق وطاعيد مظورة حديثاً. تطليم مبكر عالي الجودة. الانتظار السلس إلى المدرسة. INSEY على الرقم 9306.

Urdu

ہولی چائلڈ پرائمری اسکول میں واقع ہولی چائلڈ گنڈرگارٹن میں 2025 کے لیے اندراج گزیں۔ 3 اور 4 سال کے بچوں کے لیے مقت 15 گفتنے کنڈرگارٹن پروٹگرام۔ نئے آپ گریڈ شدہ سہولیات اور کھیل کے میدان۔ انسکول میں بموار متفلی۔ انسکول میں بموار متفلی۔ انسکول کوڈاسکوں گزیں۔ پاکاراج کے لیے 1862 اکس کو 1662 9306 پر کال گزیں۔

Turkish

Kutsal Çocuk İlköğretim Okulu'nda bulunan Kutsal Çocuk Anaokuluna 2025'e kaydolun. 3 ve 4 yaşındaki çocuklar için 15 saatlik ücretsiz:anaokulu programları. Yeni iyileştirilmiş tesisler ve oyun alanları. Yüksek kaliteli erken öğrenme. Okula sorunsuz geçiş. Kayıt olmak için 9306 1662 numaralı telefondan NSEY ofisini arayın veya QR kodunu tarayın.

Punjabi

ਹੋਲੀ ਚਾਈਲਡ ਪ੍ਰਾਇਮਰੀ ਸਕੂਲ ਵਿਖੇ ਸਥਿਤ ਹੋਲੀ ਚਾਈਲਡ ਕਿੰਡਰਗਰਟਨ ਵਿਖੇ 2025 ਲਈ ਦਾਖਲਾ ਲਓ। 3 ਅਤੇ 4 ਸਾਲ ਦੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਮੁਫਤ 15 ਘੰਟੇ ਦੇ ਕਿੰਡਰਗਰਟਨ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ। ਨਵੀਆਂ ਅੰਪਗ੍ਰੇਡ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਸਹੂਲਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਖੇਡ ਦੇ ਮੈਦਨ। ਉੱਚ-ਗੁਣਵੰਤਾ ਦੀ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਆਤੀ ਸਿਖਲਾਈ। ਸਕੂਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਿਰਵਿਘਨ ਤਬਦੀਲੀ। ਨਾਮ ਦਰਜ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ NSEY ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨੂੰ 9306 1662 ਤੋਂ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ. ਜਾਂ QR ਕੇਂਡ ਨੂੰ ਸਕੈਨ ਕਰੋ।















Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
A	Supported Playgroup مجموعه ألعب Nhóm chơi được hỗ	Playgroup مجموعه أنعب Chơi nhóm 9:30 - 11:30	Computer Class تعلم الكمبيوتر máy tính 0:15 - 12:15	Cooking Class دروس تعلم الطبخ Lớp học nấu ăn 9:30 – 12:30	Parent Helper Volunteer
PM	9:30 - 11:30	English Class درس الأنكليزي Lớp tiếng Anh 9 – 12:00 Sewing Alteration برنامج الخياطة وتصليح ألملأبس Sửa quần áo 1:30 - 3:00	9:15 - 12:15	Volunteers Cultural Day BBQ for students 24th Oct 1:45 - 2:20 Wellbeing Session 31st Oct 12:30 - 1:30 Welcome to the Hume	Classroom Helper Excursions
	Family Support With Melissa دعم الأسره والخفاض الخدمات Hỗ trợ gia đình 1:30 - 2:30	Family Support With Van and Melissa دعم الأسره والخفاض الخدمات Hỗ trợ gia đình 1:30 - 2:30	Hub Volunteers Wanted 1:30 - 2:30 School events Hub celebrations Creative projects Barista	Excursion 14th Nov 9 - 2:30 Hub End-of-Year Excursion 5th Dec 9 - 2:30 Hub Christmas Party 12th Dec 9:30 - 12:30	
	Parents Chat & Coffee پتحدث الآباء ويتناولون القهوة Cha mẹ Trò chuyện và cả phê 2:30pm – 3:30pm				Walk to Assembly Every 2 weeks 2:00



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

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

3:20pm

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, waterresistant 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.



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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 reheating.

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.

Holy Child Primary School is a Smoke-Free Zone





START YOUR FOSTER CARE JOURNEY TODAY

Have you been thinking about becoming a Foster Carer? Are you able to provide Aboriginal children with a positive and nurturing family life?

Are you excited to support a child's cultural and emotional needs?

VACCA is seeking carers who are open to a journey that is both challenging and rewarding. If you've ever considered becoming a foster carer, now is the time to start your foster care journey.



Visit our website to find out more: www.vacca.org



Save on Education Costs and Build Lifelong, Life Changing Savings Habits

Join us for an information session Every Wednesday 1pm _ 1.15pm

To join please register via link below or scan QR Code

Saver Plus Zoom Information Session Registration Link

For further information email _ enquiriessp@bsl.org.au



To be eligible you need to meet these requirements:

▼ Be 18 years or older

Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card

Be studying yourself, have a child in school or starting school next year

☑ Get regular income (can be you or your partner)*

Agree to join free online financial education workshops

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delievered by the Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services. Learn more at www.saverplus.org.au

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MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2025:

Volleyball Tournament

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Age: 12 - 18

Location: Broadmeadows Aquatic and Leisure Centre 1 Tanderrum Way, Broadmeadows VIC 3047

Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2025: Pathways to Health and Community Careers

Age: 16 - 24

Location: Youth Central 33 – 37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows VIC 3047 Bookings are essential, limited spots available

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025:

Chill and Grill - Craigleburn

Time: 3pm -6pm

Age: 12 - 18

Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre

59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn Victoria 3064 Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2025:

Lunchbox Cook Up

Time: 11am - 2:30pm

Age: 10 - 14

Location: Sunbury Youth Centre

51 – 53 Evans Street, Sunbury VIC 3429

Bookings are essential, limited spots available

FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2025: Chill and Grill - Broadmeadows

Time: 3pm –6pm Age: 12 – 18

Location: Youth Central 33 – 37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows VIC 3047

Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

SATURDAY 18 JANUARY 2025:

Hume Youth Makers Market at Craigleburn Central SC

Location: Craigieburn Central Shopping Centre 340 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn Victoria 3064

Walk ins welcome

MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2025:

Photography Workshop Time: 11am - 2pm

Age: 12 - 18

Location: Youth Central

33 - 37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows VIC 3047

Bookings are essential, limited spots available

TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2025: Gymnastics Holiday Fun

Time: 10:30am - 2:30pm

Age: 10 - 14

Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre 59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn Victoria 3064 Bookings are essential, limited spots available

WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2025:

Art Frenzy

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Age: 12 - 18

Location: Craigieburn Youth Centre 59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn Victoria 3064 Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2025:

Cheap Eats Cooking

Time: 11am – 3pm Age: 12 – 18

Location: Roxburgh Park Youth Centre

75 Lakeside drive, Roxburgh Park, 3064

Bookings are essential, limited spots available

Tennis Competition

Time: 10am –1pm

Age: 16 - 24

Location: Hume Tennis & Community Centre 225 Marathon Blvd, Craigieburn Victoria 3064

Bookings are essential, limited spots available

FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2025:

Chill and Grill - Sunbury

Time: 3pm - 6pm

Age: 12 - 18

Location: Sunbury Youth Centre

51 – 53 Evans Street, Sunbury VIC 3429 Bookings preferable, walk ins welcome









Holy Child Primary School is committed to the safety, wellbeing and protection of the children in our care.



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