

HOLY CHILD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Safe, happy and ready to learn



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 MacKillops 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

NOVEMBER

Monday 17 November
School Closure Day

Thursday 20 November at 9:30am - 2:30pm
Community Hub: Excursion

Thursday 27 November
Year 1/2 Excursion to Latrobe Wildlife Sanctuary

DECEMBER

Monday 1 December - Thursday 11 December
Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming Program

Thursday 11 December - La Trobe Sports Center
Year 6 Celebration Excursion

Tuesday 16 December
Grade 6 Graduation- 6pm

Wednesday 17 December at 12:20pm
Last day of Term 4 (Students)

Thursday 18 December
Last day of Term 4 (Staff)

JANUARY 2026

Wednesday 28
Staff return

Friday 30 January
Students return

HELLO



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Families,

As we continue our journey together this school year, we are reminded of the importance of staying strong and faithful through challenges. Life, both in school and outside, can present us with unexpected obstacles. Yet, in moments of difficulty, we can find hope and strength through faith, as Jesus teaches us in Luke 21:5-19.

In this passage, Jesus speaks to His disciples about the trials and difficulties they will face. He warns them about times when they will encounter persecution, hardship, and suffering. Yet, Jesus assures them that these struggles are not the end, but part of a greater purpose. He encourages His followers to "stand firm, and you will win life." Jesus promises that even in the face of adversity, He will be with them, offering guidance and strength. The journey may not always be easy, but like Jesus' disciples, we are reminded that we are not alone. With patience, perseverance, and faith, we can overcome the difficulties we encounter.

Just as Jesus encourages His followers to stand firm in their faith, we are called to stand firm in our commitment to learning, growing, and supporting each other. The obstacles we face in learning a new language and adapting to a new culture are opportunities for growth, and we can trust that God is with us every step of the way, guiding and strengthening us.

Prayer

Let us pray:

"Dear God, thank You for Your constant presence and guidance in our lives. Help us to stay strong and faithful, even when we face challenges. Give us the courage to continue learning and growing, knowing that You are always with us. May we stand firm in faith, trusting that You are guiding us towards hope and victory. Amen."

With blessings,
Guy Toomey
Deputy Principal / RE Leader

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

GRADE	STUDENT
Prep EC	Nicholas Al Numany for showing persistence in learning the names of letters and the sounds they make! Congratulations and well done on your learning!
Prep AM	Simon Oshana for your efforts using number tracks in Maths and using the words 'before', 'after' and 'in between' to identify numbers. Keep up the great learning Simon!
1 KF	Leona McGregor for showing incredible growth in your learning; your hard work and determination really shine through! It's wonderful to see how you approach everything with such a positive attitude and kindness toward others. Keep up the amazing work!
1 BC	Anthony Rofael for his enthusiastic participation in the Year 1 singing practice. Well done Anthony on giving it your best and encouraging others to do so as well. Keep it up!
2 BD	Halena Youkhanna for your ongoing positivity in our lessons. You always try your best and love to help others. Keep up the amazing work Halena.
2 SV	Shariel Esho for always being respectful, kind, polite and generous with your friends, teachers and the people around you. We love to see that you challenge yourself with your learning and are always eager to come to school to achieve! Keep up the incredible work! Mira Polus for making huge progress in your clarity, consistency and improved pronunciation in your reading ability. We can see that you are always doing your best and working extremely hard in everything that you do in school with a positive attitude! Keep up the amazing work Mira! Ashuraya Rasho for showing increasing responsibility and respect in the classroom. Your ongoing effort to follow rules within the classroom is admirable and we love to see you doing your best in every lesson and not giving up! Well done Ashuraya!
3/4 CM	Christopher Williamson for showing incredible growth in his reading. We can all see how much you have achieved this year. You should be so proud. Well done Christopher. Savannah Lasek for working incredibly hard in writing. You have been able to independently write your persuasive arguments using high modality language. You should be so proud of your efforts. Well done Savannah! Gabriella Gambin for trying really hard and focussing in mathematics. We can see how much you have been focussing and growing in maths. Well done Gabriella!
3/4 JC	Sharokeen Kapi for showing continuous persistence in all areas. Your ongoing commitment to your learning must be admired. You have shown that with a little independence your learning can flourish. Keep up the amazing work!! Mirla Adam for creating a deep and meaningful persuasive essay about 'Why dogs are the best animal'. Keep up the amazing work! Ghazal Alnasser for always persisting even when the work is challenging. Always having a go to help you become the best learner you can possibly be. Keep up the amazing work!!
3/4 SM	Dilon Daniall for choosing to make the right choices to show respect and kindness to teachers and his peers.
5/6 JR	Thao Phan for being a persistent learner this Term. You have demonstrated that hard work pays off! Keep up the great work! Joseph Hadavand for consistently trying your best in all learning areas. You have demonstrated great growth in your learning this year. Great job Joseph!
5/6 MM	Aayam Limbu for showing great persistence and making strong progress in both Mathematics and Literacy. Keep up the excellent work Aayam! Sudil Shrestha for consistently showing determination and achieving impressive growth in both Mathematics and Literacy. Well done Sudil!

GRADE	STUDENT
5/6 SW	Andrella Sananty for improving in PAT testing. Your hard work has shown in your results. Well done Andrella. Maldino Yousif for consistently working hard to achieve excellence in all areas of learning. Well done on achieving excellence in PAT testing! Jacob Mansour for achieving excellent results in Numeracy and Literacy PAT tests. Well done on your achievements.
LOTE	Ashley Isho for always willing to have a go at reading new Italian words and phrases
Visual Arts	2 BD Serdar Ilhan for always giving 100% in Art. Keep up the great leadership. 3/4 CM Gabriella Gambin for her consistent effort and positive attitude to Visual Arts. 3/4 SM Addai Rofael for always being helpful, caring and kind in Art. 5/6SB Aleen Alwansi for always producing incredible art that inspires others. Keep up the great work.

No Hat, No Play - Stay Safe in the Sun!

From October to April, all children must wear their hats during any outside activities.

If a student doesn't have a hat, a new one can be bought from the uniform shop.



BOOK CLUB



DUE DATE

Monday
24 November 2025

UNIFORM

New Sports Polo – Coming Term 1, 2026

We're excited to let you know that a **new Sports Polo** will be introduced from **Term 1, 2026**.

Please see below for a preview!

- **Cost:** \$30.00 (available in sizes 4 to Large)
- **Available:** From the start of the 2026 school year

👉 **Good news!** You are **not required** to purchase the new Sports Polo straight away.

Students can continue to wear their **existing Sports T-shirt** until it needs replacing.



2026 UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours

SPECIAL OFFER – 20% OFF SELECTED ITEMS

Wednesday 28 January

10:00 AM – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday 29 January

10:00 AM – 1:00 p.m.

Friday 30 January

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

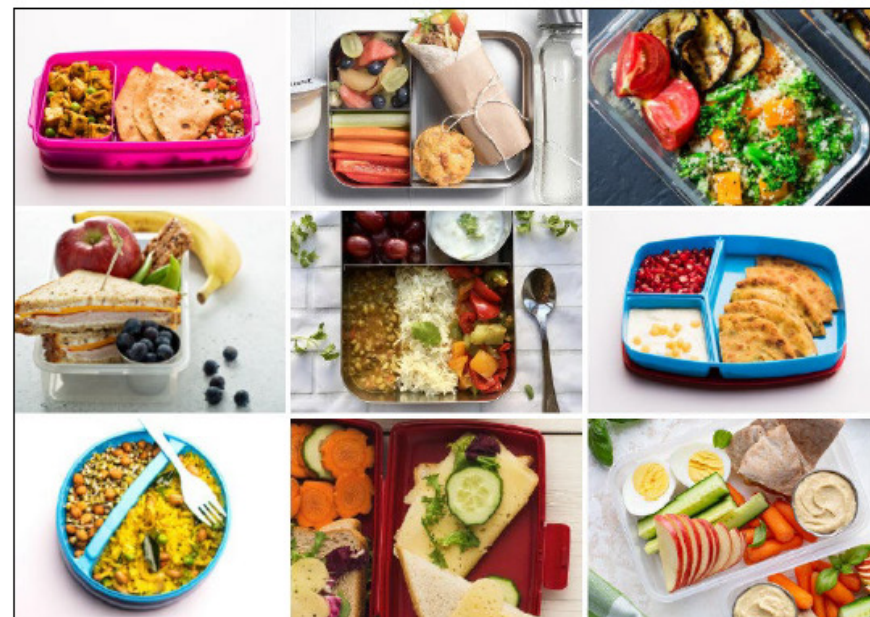
Monday 2 February

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Tuesday 3 February onwards

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES



CREATE A FUN LUNCHBOX EVERY DAY - CHOOSE SOMETHING FROM EACH FOOD GROUP

Fruits	Vegetables	Dairy and Alternatives	Water
- Apple - Banana - Mandarin - Fig - Berries - Fruit salad - Tinned fruit in juice, not syrup	- Soups and lentil curry (pre heat in flask to keep it warm for lunch) - Raw or lightly steamed vegetable sticks (carrot, capsicum, cucumber) - Steamed or grilled corn cobs - Salad with a creamy dressing	- Milk - No-added sugar yogurt (frozen overnight) - Cheese cubes - Tabaki dip - Cottage cheese - Calcium fortified soy milk	Take a water bottle (for refilling throughout the day). Tip: Freeze overnight to keep foods cool in lunchboxes.
- Flat bread and naan - Pasta dishes	- Noodles - Rice, quinoa or couscous - Fruit loaf - Homemade pizza - Wholemeal (brown) bread	- Meat and Protein Alternatives - Grilled meats with the extra fat removed (eg. beef, chicken)	- Tinned tuna or salmon - Lentil or veggie burgers (falafel) - Boiled eggs - Hummus dip - Tofu

Curries, soup and stews mix many of the above food groups, they are healthy lunchbox options.

For more healthy eating information call 1300 234 263 to make an appointment with a DPV Health Dietitian or visit [health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes) for lunchbox ideas.

Tips for Planning a Healthy Lunch Box

- Prepare school lunches the night before:** it gives you time to talk about the foods you're including and makes the morning routine quicker. Give it a go!
- Plan family dinners for the entire week and do one big grocery shop at the start of the week;** it's cheaper than going to the supermarket every night to buy ingredients for dinner.
- Freeze tubs of yogurt or water bottles to help keep food cool until lunch time on warm days.** Make sure children can open their lunch box and containers by themselves. This will ensure they have enough time to eat their snacks and lunch and do not have to wait for help from others.
- Water is the best drink for your child.** Encourage your child to drink a whole bottle during the day. They need to stay hydrated so they can focus and learn in class.
- Look after the environment;** pack sandwiches and other items in reusable containers. This requires less packaging and creates less rubbish.
- Try and buy fresh fruit and vegetables in season;** they will be better quality and cheaper than out-of-season produce.
- Remember to involve your children.** Take them shopping and let them help choose fruits and vegetables for their lunchbox. Let them help prepare and pack their own school lunchbox.

DPV Health

DPV Health offers a range of services for the health and wellbeing of your child and your whole family. To access our services or for more information, call us or visit our website.

1300 234 263
[dpvhealth.org.au](https://www.dpvhealth.org.au)

صناديق الغذاء الصحية





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:

- **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.

Holy Child Primary School
is a Smoke-Free Zone



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 always be clear for emergency access.



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 and 11.40am
- second break, which is between 1.40 pm and 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



OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

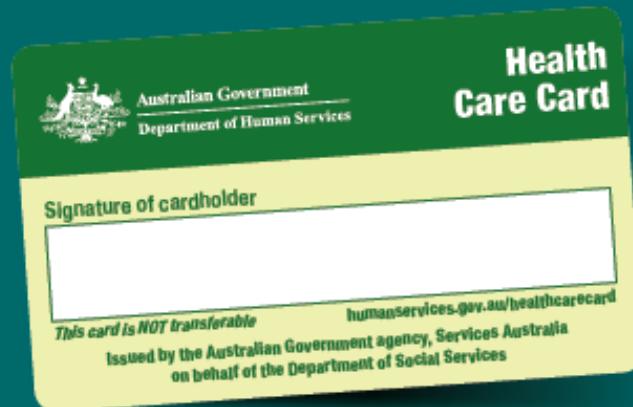
Holy Child Primary School, Dallas

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Program	Times	Permanent (Full Fee)	Subsidy Rebate 90%	Casual (Full Fee)	Subsidy Rebate 90%
Before School	6:45AM - 8:45AM	\$24.20	\$2.40	\$29.20	\$2.90
After School	3:30PM - 6:30PM	\$33.20	\$3.30	\$38.20	\$3.80





Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



1300 610 355

saverplus.org.au

