

# 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

### DECEMBER 2025

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

**Thursday 4 December**  
Prep Celebration of Learning from 9:00-10:00am

**Tuesday 9 December**  
Year 1/2 Celebration of Learning from 9:00am-10:00am

**Thursday 11 December**  
Year 6 Celebration Excursion, La Trobe Sports Centre

**Tuesday 16 December**  
Grade 6 Graduation at 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



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## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

### Celebrating 60 Years of Holy Child Primary School

Last Friday, 28 November, our school community came together to celebrate an extraordinary milestone — **60 years of Holy Child Primary School**. It was a joyful day filled with laughter, colour, memories, and a deep sense of gratitude for everyone who has shaped our story since 1965.

Students, staff, and parents enjoyed a **Silent Disco** in the morning, and it was wonderful to see all ages dancing together, headphones glowing and smiles shining. In the afternoon, the oval came alive for our vibrant **Colour Run**, with clouds of bright colour marking the fun, energy, and spirit that make Holy Child such a special place. Thank you to all parents who attended, volunteered, or supported the day — it was a fitting celebration of our shared legacy.

As we head toward the end of the year, we also want to **gently remind families** of the new **national social media legislation** soon to come into effect across Australia. This law will prohibit children under the age of 16 from having social media accounts. We ask parents to ensure that children are not using social media under a parent's login or shared account, as this can place them at risk and goes against the purpose of the new legislation.

Our goal is always to partner with families to keep children safe, informed, and protected online. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to guide our young people through an ever-changing digital world.

Special thanks to Ms Previtera who safely organised and planned the day, thanks also to Mr and Mrs Marchione and Mr Cassar who helped with the timing and running of the day and also reminding all members of staff to ensure everyone had a lovely safe day.

With blessings,  
Alan Smith  
Principal

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## **Last Week of School**

MACS SeeSaw post to parents about social media age restrictions

10 December 2025

Downloads (from the eSafety Commissioner) that you can use with this text:

- [SMMA newsletter tile.png](#)
- [SMMA newsletter banner.png](#).

## **How to support your child under 16 with the new social media age restrictions**

From 10 December 2025, the *Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024* will require social media platforms to:

- prevent children and young people under 16 from having a social media account
- deactivate or freeze existing accounts held by people under 16.

Delaying access to social media protects the health and wellbeing of young people and gives them extra time to build real world connections and digital literacy skills.

The responsibility will be on the social media platforms, not parents, carers, children or schools, to implement these new restrictions.

Most popular social media platforms will be age restricted. These include Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), Reddit and YouTube.

Messaging services and online games, as well as apps and platforms that support health and education, can still be used.

## **How to help under 16s prepare for the change**

Parents and carers play an important role in supporting their children to be safe online.

To help get under 16s ready for the social media minimum age requirements, you can go to the [eSafety website](#) to learn more about the social media age restrictions and find [tips on how to talk about social media age restrictions with young people](#).

## **What the change means for our school**

At our school, most age-restricted social media platforms are blocked for student use on the school network. Our school allows student access to YouTube in a logged-out state. However, this access is restricted so mature content cannot be viewed.

To keep up to date about the new social media age restrictions, visit the [eSafety website](#) and [subscribe](#) to their newsletter.



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JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF

# CHRISTMAS CAROLS

PRESENTED BY HOLY CHILD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE  
HOLY CHILD PARISH CHOIR  
ON THE SCHOOL OVAL

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025**  
**HOLY CHILD PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**SCHOOL OPENS: 4:30PM**  
**SINGING WILL BEGIN AT 5:00-7:30PM. PLEASE BE THERE BY**  
**4:40PM**

YOU CAN WEAR RED OR GREEN CLOTHING, A CHRISTMAS OUTFIT OR  
ANYTHING CHRISTMAS COLOURS OF YOUR CHOICE.  
BRING ALONG A PICNIC RUG, CHAIRS (OPTIONAL), FOOD AND DRINKS FOR  
YOUR FAMILY.



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## Why Holy Child school is the best?

In Grade 3/4 the children have been learning about how to write a Persuasive Essay. One of our students decided that the topic they would like to write about is our school Holy Child and why it is such an amazing school. In light of our 60th anniversary, the students gave permission for her work to be published for the community to read.

*In a world full of schools there's one that is the best. Do you know what it is? This school is very helpful. This is a fun school and we have so much at school. In addition, it has book week as well as AFL. All of these activities are fun. As well as it attracts every student from each running out with joy and happiness out of the classroom. Holy Child is a fun school; it is so much fun; you will have such a fun time in Holy Child. And this school is Holy Child!!! Holy Child is amazing you and your friends should come to Holy Child!!!*

*Holy Child is a fun school it's a friendly school, as it includes being nice and lovely to one another. In Holy Child there is one big church. When we go inside the church the priest prays and gives us the bread and wine to some of us. Holy Child allows "parish priest to focus" "Holy Child is part of the Dallas parish" Which meant it is part of Broadmeadows. Holy Child is the best school everyone will get along. Holy Child has a lot of activities the activities are very fun!! These activities include being nice to the teacher and student. Holy Child has been open for fifty years and it is still opened.*

*Holy Child school is the best you will be include nice people. Holy Child is a fun school if you enter your emotion will explode into happiness and excitement. Moreover, Holy Child will include nice teachers, nice students and a lot of classrooms. Holy Child is a very helpful school don't be scared to ask. Holy Child can bring happiness most school has activities but Holy Child has more. Holy Child has many subjects and sports like math, read, spelling and for sport is art tabloid sports, Italian and there can be so much more.*

*Holy Child has so much subjects Holy Child is so much fun you can always make lots of friend and have nice loving teachers. Holy Child is the friendliest school in my opinion. Holy Child is an fun and easy school to learn and it can increase the children mindset by allowing them to be smarter and better in high school. High school will get harder and harder you grow up. Holy Child is the best school to learn many subjects. These subjects are good for you to learn the bigger you grow the harder the learning is. Holy Child is very good it attracts about one hundred students. Moreover, Holy Child is very lovely, friendly and nice Holy Child can include being nice to each other.*

*Holy Child is very friendly, Holy Child is a nice school. Besides, Holy Child has a lot of students everyone will always have fun in Holy Child. Holy Child will always have fun activities this school is one of the best school. Holy Child is very fun it always makes all the students happy and kind so they will belong together. Do you know what Holy Child means? Holy Child made this this name because means "Jesus Christ from his birth to the age of 12". Holy Child always have nice students and will behave we will always get along together and love each other.*

*Holy Child includes helping the students to have "skill and hope" lots of students will be very nice all of the students will always have fun a lot of students will be so nice and loving. Holy Child will include all of the students to be happy. Holy Child is so much fun everyone loves Holy Child. Holy Child has a lot of students that are nice you each other and everywhere. In addition many students sometimes say Holy Child is bad but you're wrong Holy Child has many subjects and activities. Holy Child is very fun most people should come to Holy Child.*

*Holy Child activities it attracts so many students. Holy Child is very meaningful and helpful Holy Child is so fun you can always have fun in Holy Child. You will always have a fun time in Holy Child. Holy Child is so much fun once you enter you will make so much friend and have so much energy. Holy Child will welcome you and you will have so much fun. Holy Child is fun it has so many things you can play with. You should come to Holy Child!!!*

Anna Le  
Grade 3/4 Student

## 2026 FEES AND LEVIES

### NON-HEALTH CARE CARD HOLDERS

Yearly School Fees per family:	\$1,335.00	(\$340 per term 1 to 3, \$315.00 for term 4)
Excursions/Sports /Tuition Levies:	\$235.00	per STUDENT

### HEALTH CARE CARDHOLDERS

#### One Child

Yearly School Fees	\$810.00	(\$200.00 per term 1-3, \$210.00 for term 4)
Excursions/Sports/Tuition Levies	\$235.00	per STUDENT

#### Two or more children

Yearly School Fees per family	\$1,260.00	(\$300 per term for 4 Terms)
	\$235.00	Excursions/Sports/Tuition Levies per STUDENT

CSEF of \$400.00 per child will be paid by the Government for Camps/Sports and Excursions

Term 1 Fees	by 25 March 2026	\$20 discount if paid by the due date
Term 2 Fees	by 17 June 2026	سوف تحصل على خصم \$20 إذا تم تسديد الدفعات في التاريخ المتوجب الدفع.
Term 3 Fees	by 27 August 2026	
Term 4 Fees	by 4 November 2026	

Families, whose school fees are over \$1000.00 and who finalise all 2024 school financial commitments (Fees & Levies) by Wednesday 25 March 2026, will receive a discount of \$100.00 off their fees.

ان العوائل التي تزيد دفعاتهم المدرسية عن أكثر من \$1000 وفاموا بتسديد جميع الدفعات المترتبة عليهم لسنة 25 March 2026 (رسوم وممتلكات) خصم دفعاتهم.

### DIRECT DEBIT INCENTIVES

All fee payers who pay by continuous direct debit (including holidays) will receive the above discounts, if each term's fees are finalised by that term's due date.

As a bonus for Direct Debit payers, there is an extra \$50 discount given at the beginning of the following year if direct debits payments were continuous from the start of the previous year.

**DIRECT DEBIT** مكافأة للذين يتم سحب الدفعات المدرسية مباشرة من حسابهم المصرفي لكل الذين يسددون الدفعات باستمرار عن طريق السحب المباشر من حسابهم المصرفي

( direct debit حتى خاتل ( أيام العطل ) ، إذا تم إنهاء تسديد الدفعات المتوجبة الدفع لكل فصل دراسي. سوف يحصلون على الخصم المذكور أعلاه.

سوف يحصل الذين يسددون الدفعات المدرسية عن الطريق السحب المباشر من حسابهم المصرفي على مكافأة \$50 خصم إضافي تعطى لهم في بداية السنة القادمة ، إذا استمر تسديد الدفعات من بداية السنة الماضية.

If paying by instalments (weekly, fortnightly or monthly), please ensure that all payments are made regularly, to avoid large amounts owing in Term 4.

إذا تم الدفع بالتقسيط ( أسبوعيًا ، كل أسبوعين أو شهريًا). يرجى التأكد من تسديد الأقساط بشكل منتظم، وذلك لتجنب دفع مبلغ كبير في الفصل الدراسي ٤.

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

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

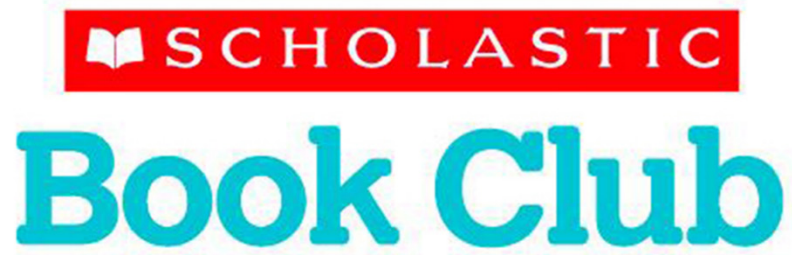
If a student doesn't have a hat, a new one can be bought from the uniform shop.





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**BOOK CLUB**



**DUE DATE**

**Monday**  
**24 November 2025**

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# 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.



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## LIBRARY

# 2026 UNIFORM SHOP

## Opening Hours

### **SPECIAL OFFER – 20% OFF SELECTED ITEMS**

#### **Wednesday 28 January**

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

#### **Thursday 29 January**

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

#### **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

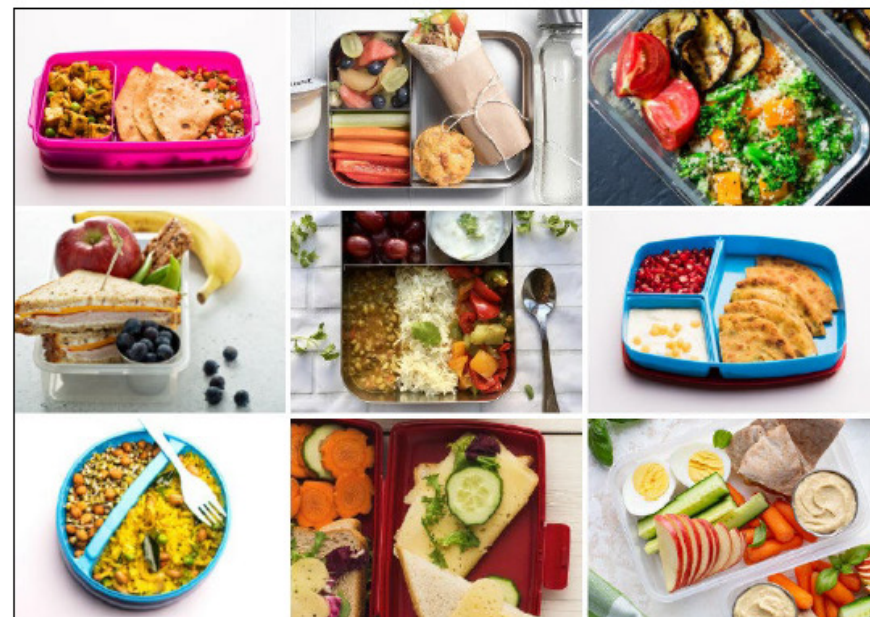
*please*  
**RETURN**  
YOUR  
**LIBRARY**  
**BOOKS**  
by next  
**Wednesday 3 December**



*Thank  
you!*



# HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES



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

Fruits	Vegetables	Dairy and Alternatives	Water
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apple</li> <li>Banana</li> <li>Mandarin</li> <li>Fig</li> <li>Berries</li> <li>Fruit salad</li> <li>Tinned fruit in juice, not syrup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soups and lentil curry (pre heat in flask to keep it warm for lunch)</li> <li>Raw or lightly steamed vegetable sticks (carrot, capsicum, cucumber)</li> <li>Steamed or grilled corn cobs</li> <li>Salad with a creamy dressing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Milk</li> <li>No-added sugar yogurt (frozen overnight)</li> <li>Cheese cubes</li> <li>Tabaki dip</li> <li>Cottage cheese</li> <li>Calcium fortified soy milk</li> </ul>	<p>Take a water bottle (for refilling throughout the day). Tip: Freeze overnight to keep foods cool in lunchboxes.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flat bread and naan</li> <li>Pasta dishes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noodles</li> <li>Rice, quinoa or couscous</li> <li>Fruit loaf</li> <li>Homemade pizza</li> <li>Wholemeal (brown) bread</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meat and Protein Alternatives</li> <li>Grilled meats with the extra fat removed (eg. beef, chicken)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tinned tuna or salmon</li> <li>Lentil or veggie burgers (falafel)</li> <li>Boiled eggs</li> <li>Hummus dip</li> <li>Tofu</li> </ul>

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

Register Now by scanning the code



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







## 2026 Discovery Day

Kolbe Catholic College will be holding its **2026 Discovery Day** for Grade 5 students on **Wednesday, 13 May 2026**.


This event aims to provide Grade 5 students with the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a Kolbe Catholic College student. The Grade 5 students will shadow current students and members of college staff, participating in sessions from a wide range of areas including:

- Performing Arts
- Technology
- Manual Arts
- Visual Arts
- Health and Physical Education
- Science
- Languages
- Pastoral Care
- and much more

**Transport will be provided** for all students participating in Discovery Day. On the day of the event, students will be collected from their current school at **9:00 am** and travel by bus to Kolbe. At the conclusion of the event, students will return via bus to their school at **2:30 pm**. Members of the College will supervise students at all times.

At the beginning of next year, Kolbe Catholic College will send information and permission letters to be distributed to Grade 5 parents.

**Important:** If you have any questions regarding this day, please **contact Kolbe Catholic College directly**.

 **Phone:** (03) 8339 3060

 **Email:** [office@kcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:office@kcc.vic.edu.au)



## END OF SCHOOL PARTY AT COBURG OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL!

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December | 3pm – 6pm

Celebrate the end of the school year at Coburg Olympic Swimming Pool! Join us for an afternoon of fun with popcorn, fairy floss, and giant pool inflatable. No need to book – standard entry fees apply.



## CELEBRATING ONE YEAR BACK AT FAWKNER LEISURE CENTRE

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December | 3pm – 6pm

It has been one year since Fawcner Leisure Centre reopened! Celebrate with ice cream, popcorn, fairy floss and pool inflatable. Bring the family and have some fun. No need to book – standard entry fees apply.



## END OF SCHOOL PARTY AT OAK PARK SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December | 3pm – 6pm

Celebrate the end of the school year at Oak Park Sports and Aquatic Centre! Join us for an afternoon of fun with popcorn, fairy floss, and giant pool inflatable. No need to book – standard entry fees apply.