

HOLY CHILD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6 February 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Monday 16 - Friday 20

Swimming Week Years 1-6

Wednesday 18

Ash Wednesday

All Wednesdays in February

No school for Prep students

safe, happy and ready to learn

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our 2026 School Year!

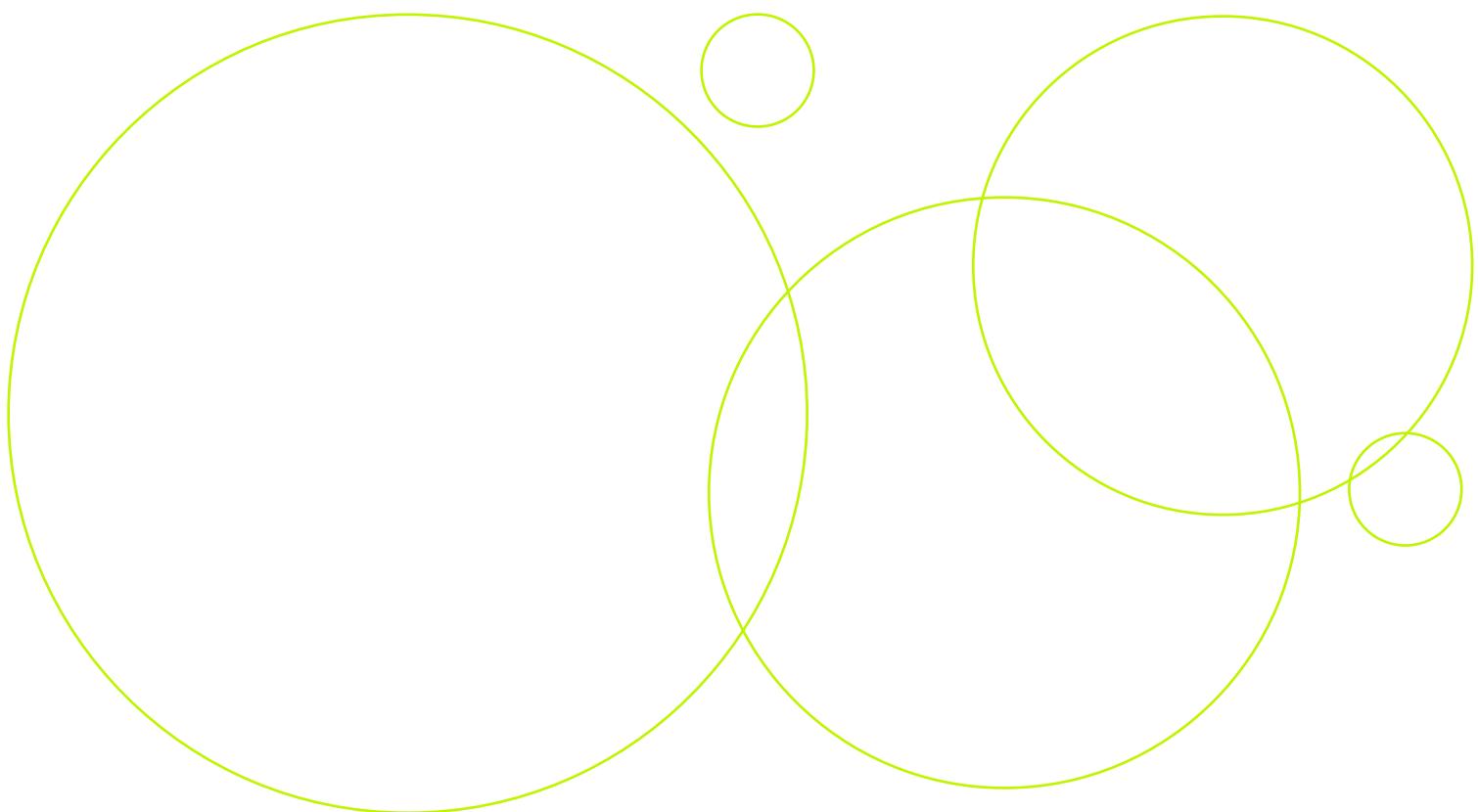
I look forward to working together, guided by our shared values and the example of Christ, as we continue to nurture each child's learning, wellbeing and faith journey.

The generosity of this community reminds me of a recent message by Pope Leo XIV:

“Only in God do the meek, the merciful, and the pure of heart find joy, because he is the fulfilment of their expectations..."

Peace be with you all,

Aaron
Principal



FEES + LEVIES 2026

NON-HEALTH CARE CARD HOLDERS

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| 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

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| <i>One Child</i> | |
| 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

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| 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

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| 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 سداد القنوات في التاريخ المورجع المفع |
| 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 العائلات التي تزيد تعليمها المدرسي عن أكثر من \$1000.00 وتم إتمام جميع التفاصيل المعرفية عليهم لسنة 2026 (رسوم ومتطلبات) تحصل على خصم \$100.00.

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

كل الذين يحصلون على التفاصيل المعرفية من طريق السحب المباشر من حسابهم المصرفي (direct debit) في خلال (أيام العطل) . إذا تم إتمام جميع التفاصيل المعرفية على كل فصل دراسي. سوف يحصلون على الخصم المذكور أعلاه.

سوف يحصل الذين يحصلون على التفاصيل المعرفية من طريق السحب المباشر من حسابهم المصرفي على مكمل \$50.00 خصم إضافي يحصلون على في بداية السنة الدراسية.

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 (أسبوعي، كل أسبوعين أو شهري). يرجى الدفع من مسدد الأقساط بشكل منتظم، وذلك لتجنب دفع مبالغ كبيرة في الفصل الدراسي 4.

UNIFORM

Opening Hours



Normal hours resume – 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club

DUE

Wednesday 11 February

SWIMMING



SHOOL PHOTOS



Photo Day

Monday, 2 March

Please make sure your child is wearing their summer uniform.

SUMMER UNIFORM

GIRLS

- School dress
- School windcheater or jacket
- White socks / Black shoes
- School hat

BOYS

- School grey shorts
- School gold s/s polo
- School windcheater or jacket
- Grey socks / Black shoes
- School hat

HEALTH CARE CARD

Parents with Health Care Cards

To be eligible for a school fee concession you are now required to fill out the attached form from the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS).

This form must be handed in with a copy or the original Health Care Card, (which then the office staff will take a copy), to the front office as soon as possible.

If you do not return the form with your Health Care Card, you will be required to pay the full amount of school fees.

Phu huynh lưu ý với thẻ chăm sóc sức khỏe

Để đủ điều kiện được giảm học phí, bạn phải được yêu cầu điền vào mẫu đơn dinh kèm từ Trường Công giáo Tổng giáo phận Melbourne (MACS).

Mẫu đơn này phải được nộp cùng với một bản sao hoặc Thẻ Chăm sóc Sức khỏe bản gốc (sau đó nhân viên văn phòng sẽ sao chép) cho văn phòng lễ tân càng sớm càng tốt.

Nếu bạn không gửi lại mẫu đơn của bạn với Thẻ Chăm sóc Sức khỏe, bạn sẽ phải trả toàn bộ học phí.

ملاحظة: لأولياء الأمور حاملي بطاقة الرعاية الصحية

لكي تكونوا مؤهلين للحصول على خصم على التuition المدرسي، يجب عليكم ملء الاستمارة المعرفة من أبرشية ملبورن الكاثوليكية (MACS).

يجب تقديم هذه الاستمارة مع بطاقة الرعاية الصحية الأصلية إلى استعلامات المدرسة بالسرعة وفقط ممكن (حيث يقوم أحد موظفي الاستعلامات باخذ نسخة من بطاقة الرعاية الصحية واصطحابها لاحقاً).

إذا لم تقوموا بتسليم الاستمارة مع بطاقة الرعاية الصحية الخاصة بك إلى المدرسة، سوف يطلب
منكم دفع المبلغ كاملاً بدون أي خصم.



MEDICAL ACTION PLANS



For the safety of our children

Dear Families,

Reminder – Medical Action Plans

To keep your child safe at school, we need **up-to-date medical action plans** for any health conditions like **anaphylaxis (serious allergies), asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, or other medical needs.**

Anaphylaxis (serious allergies)

If your child has an allergy or risk of anaphylaxis, please give the school an ASCIA Action Plan signed by your doctor or nurse. This plan must include a recent photo of your child. Plans need to be updated every year and before school camps, excursions, or travel. Please also send your child's EpiPen or other medication that matches the plan. You can read more about this in the *MACS Anaphylaxis Policy* [Item 5.1 – ASCIA Action Plans](#).

What to do:

1. Ask your child's doctor for a current plan.
2. Give the plan to the school office – you can bring it in or email it to admin@hcdallas.catholic.edu.au.
3. Send any needed medicine (for example, EpiPen or inhaler) with the plan.

It is the family's job to give these documents to the school.

Thank you for helping us keep your child safe.

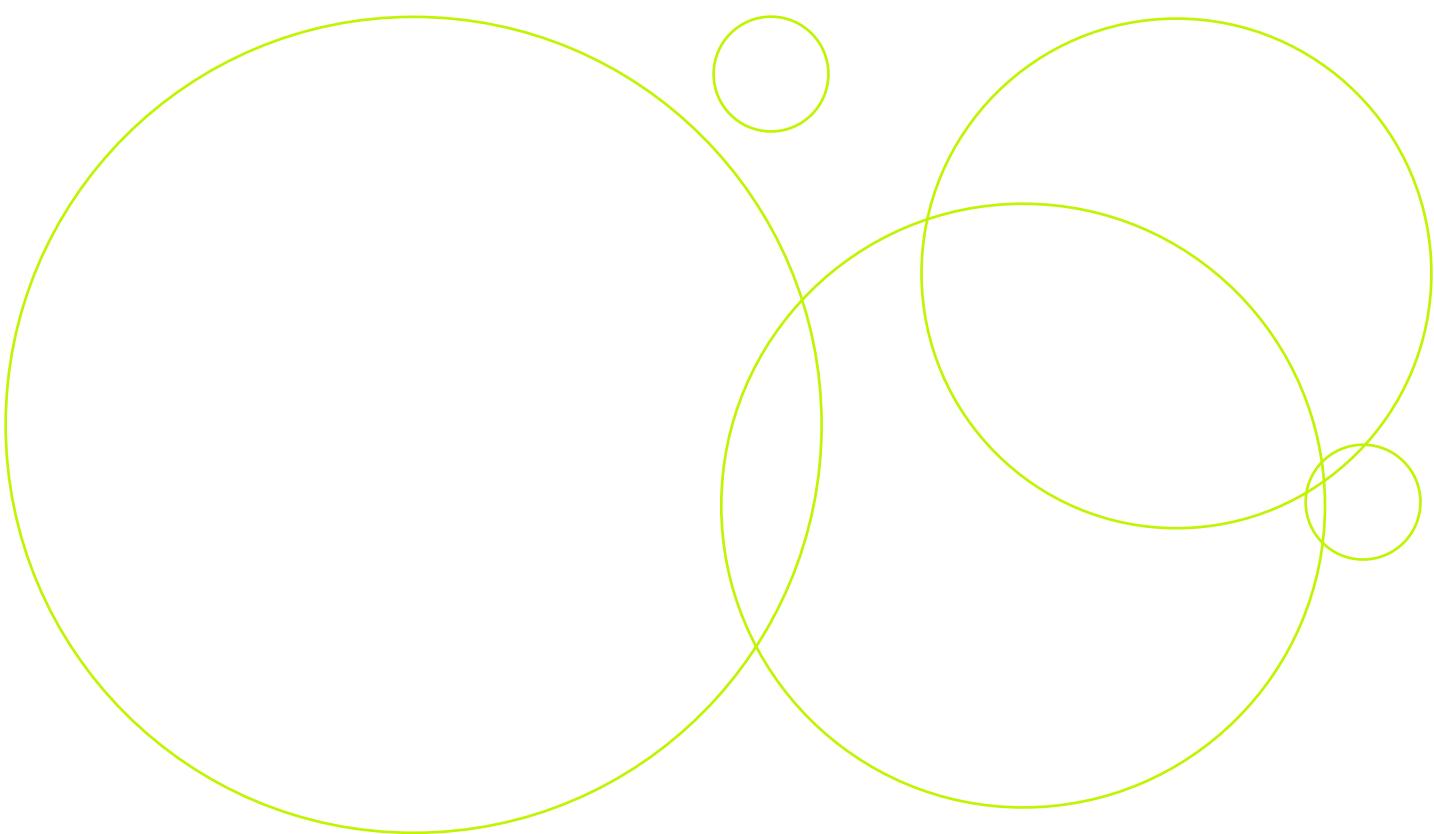
Holy Child Primary School



Why We Use a Behaviour Matrix at School

Our behaviour matrix helps students understand how to make positive choices each day. It:

- clearly shows what respectful, safe behaviour looks like in all school settings
- teaches important social and emotional skills
- provides consistent expectations from all staff
- encourages students to take responsibility for their actions
- creates a calm, safe environment where everyone can learn and thrive
- together, we can support children to build lifelong positive behaviour habits.



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| <h2>RESPECT</h2> <p>Show proper respect to everyone. (1 Peter 2:17)</p> | <p>PENNY THE KOOKABURRA</p>  <p>KOOKABURRA: Lives in close-knit family groups, takes turns, and values each member.</p> | <p>I WILL ALWAYS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> think before I speak and act towards others make safe choices use respectful words and listen tell the truth respect the personal space of others care for our school environment and put rubbish in the bin | <p>IN LEARNING SPACES I WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> arrive to school on time and be ready for learning listen and follow instructions respect the learning of others and use an inside voice try my best and keep going be safe by walking and using equipment carefully sit down to eat my own food | <p>WHEN OUTSIDE I WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> take turns and play fairly be safe and careful when playing with others ask for help when I need it listen and solve problems respectfully line up quickly when the bell rings | <p>IN THE DIGITAL SPACE I WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> carry devices carefully, and keep them clean only go on websites my teacher says are okay only post content that is positive and constructive keep personal information about myself, my friends and my family safe and private ask permission before posting images or content about others | <p>IN THE COMMUNITY I WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listen to teachers and help keep public areas clean go straight back to class after a visit to the office, First Aid, or the toilet wear my school uniform with pride |
| <h2>KINDNESS</h2> <p>Be kind and compassionate to one another. (Ephesians 4:32)</p> | <p>COCO THE KOALA</p>  <p>KOALA: Gentle, calm, and peaceful; moves carefully and shows care for its environment.</p> | <p>I WILL ALWAYS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be safe by looking after myself, and telling a teacher if I feel worried use kind words and gentle hands be a good friend by cheering others on and making sure others are okay be a respectful learner by listening, staying on task, and asking when I need help | <p>IN LEARNING SPACES I WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be careful and let everyone learn safely walk safely and take care of our classroom use kind words and speak nicely to solve problems notice others and be a caring friend | <p>WHEN OUTSIDE I WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> play safely and wait my turn use kind words and ask for help care about my friends walk safely and take care of our playground and gardens | <p>IN THE DIGITAL SPACE I WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> always try my best to use technology responsibly | <p>IN THE COMMUNITY I WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be kind and behave responsibly say thank you to the helpers |
| <h2>GENEROSITY</h2> <p>Give, and it will be given to you. (Luke 6:38)</p> | <p>EDDIE THE ECHIDNA</p>  <p>ECHIDNA: Shares habitat space with other wildlife and contributes to the ecosystem by spreading seeds and insects.</p> | <p>I WILL ALWAYS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> help friends be generous and include others notice what my friends need | <p>IN LEARNING SPACES I WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> share ideas help my friends try my best cheer for others | <p>WHEN OUTSIDE I WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be friendly and include others use friendly strategies to solve problems share equipment and help my friends have fun | <p>IN THE DIGITAL SPACE I WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> show friends how to use devices correctly tell a teacher if something is wrong or doesn't feel right use my device positively to learn | <p>IN THE COMMUNITY I WILL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be a positive role model take care of shared spaces in public places |

YOUTH myki



Under 18s travel free on all public transport with a Youth myki



Buy a Youth myki

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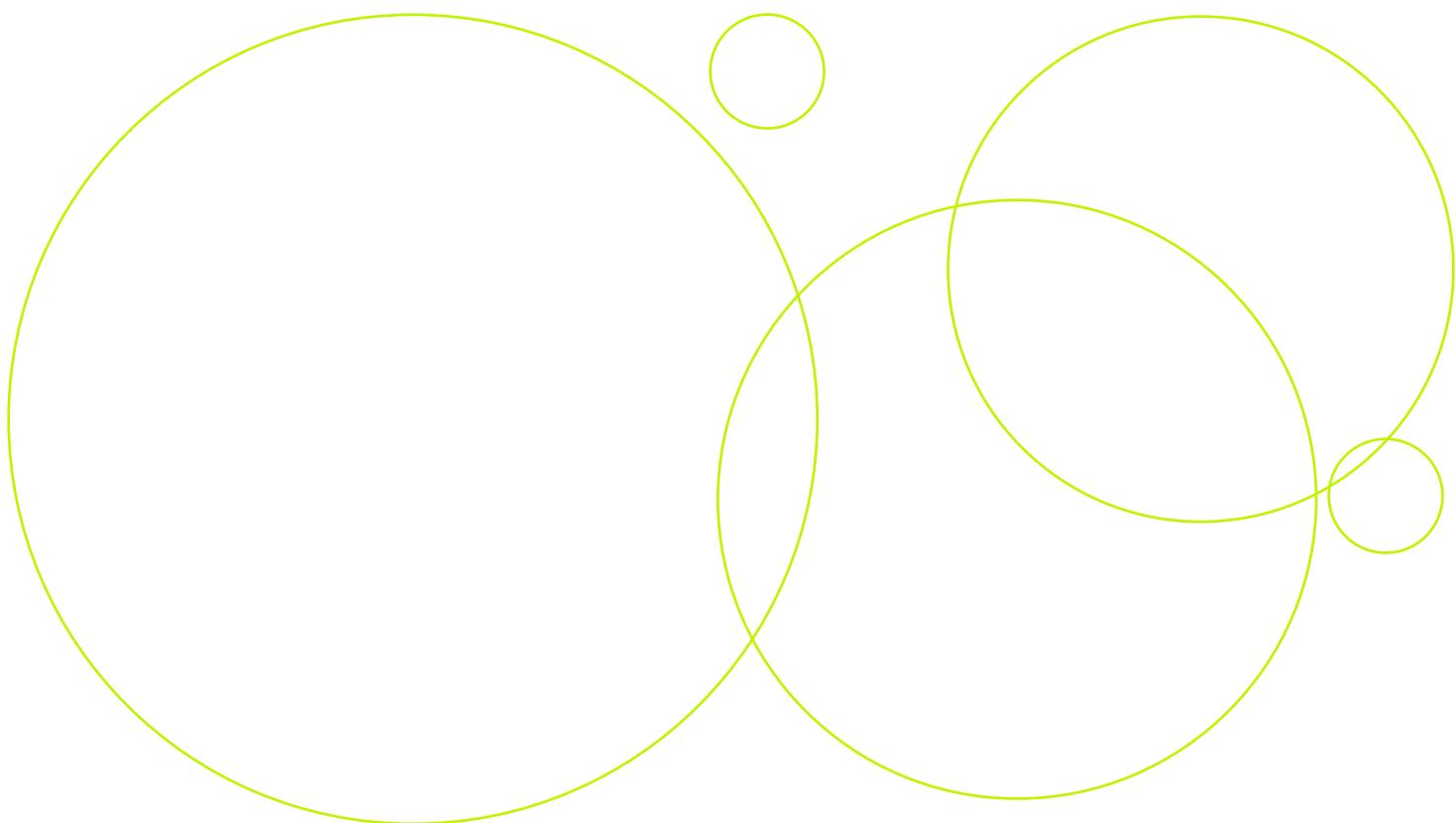
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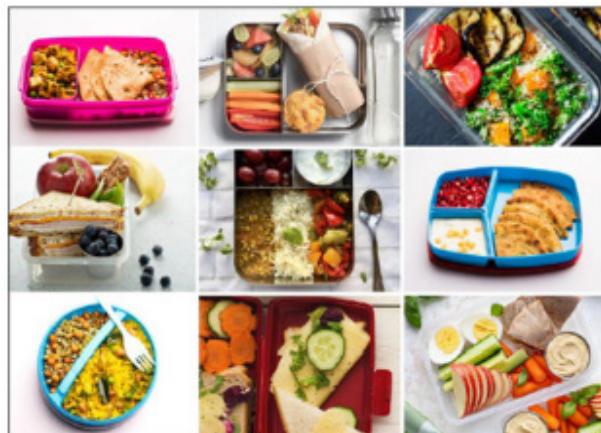
NO HAT, NO PLAY

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.



صناديق الغداء الصحية | HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES



| CREATE A FUN LUNCHBOX EVERY DAY - CHOOSE SOMETHING FROM EACH FOOD GROUP | |
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|  Fruits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apple Banana Mandarin Pig Berry Fruit salad Thinned fruit juice, no sugar |  Vegetables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soups and soufflé soufflé (green beans, carrots, corn, peas, etc.) to keep it warm for lunches Raw or lightly steamed vegetables (carrots, asparagus, broccoli) Steamed or grilled corn/cobs Salad with a creamy dressing |
|  Dairy and Alternatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk Low-fat sugar yogurt (frozen overnight) Cheese cubes Cheese dip Cottage cheese Calcium fortified soy milk |  Water <p>Take a water bottle (not refilling throughout the day).</p> <p>Top Tip: Use right to keep both cool in lunchbox</p>  |
|  Grain and Cereal Food <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filt bread and rolls Pasta shapes |  Meat and Protein Alternatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needles Hot dog or sausage Pot pie Homemade pizza Whiskered (Egg) based |
| <p>Curries, soups and stews mix into many of the above food groups, they are healthy lunchbox options.</p> <p>For more healthy eating information call 1330 234 265 to make an appointment with a DPH Health Dietitian or visit www.health.vic.gov.au/health/healthy-lunchbox for Lunchbox ideas.</p> | |

Tips for Planning a Healthy Lunch Box

1. Prepare school lunches the night before. It gives you time to take a look at the foods you're including and makes the morning routine quicker (use a grill).
2. Freeze tubes of yogurt or water bottles to help keep food cool until lunch time (and to help children learn how to open their lunch box and containers by themselves). This will ensure they have enough time to eat their meal and wash and dry their hands to wash their fingers.
3. Look after the environment, pack sandwiches and other items in reusable containers. This requires less energy, encourages reuse and reduces waste.
4. Remember to involve your children. Take them shopping and let them help choose fruits and vegetables for their lunches. Let them help prepare and pack their own school lunches.
5. Water is the best drink for your child. Encourage your child to drink a whole bottle of water throughout the day to stay hydrated as they can focus and learn in class.
6. Try and keep fresh fruits and vegetables in season; they will be better quality and cheaper than out-of-season produce.



NOTICES

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 school hats 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 car park at the front of the school is to be used for drop-off and pick-up only.
- No cars should be parked 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 until 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 | \$2.40 | \$29.20 | \$2.90 |
| After School | 3:30PM - 6:30PM | \$33.20 | \$3.30 | \$38.20 | \$3.80 |





SEASON 2026

**CALLING ALL
JUNIOR
PLAYERS!**

AUSKICKERS

UNDER 8S

UNDER 10S

UNDER 12S

UNDER 14S

UNDER 16S



SIGN UP HERE

OR USE THE LINK: [HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/AFL/REGISTER/7A4D1F](https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/7A4D1F)
OR

ALL INQUIRIES CALL 0430486480

Up to **\$200 Vouchers** and
reimbursements are available for
eligible families and activities.
<https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/apply-for-vouchers>

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DALLAS FOOTBALL CLUB
COACHING



Cyber Safety

Protect your children in the digital world!

Join our Cyber Safety Program, an exciting, practical and fun workshop designed specifically for children aged 10-12 and their parents. Together families will explore how to stay safe online and build healthy digital habits at home. The program aims to:

- Raise awareness about online safety and responsible technology use
- Support parents to recognise early signs of online harm
- Build parent-child communication on digital wellbeing
- Enjoy a free lunch and get a \$100 family voucher!
- Open to CALD families in Hume with children aged 10-12



Kindly RSVP to

Jeanette: jhourani@vicsegnewfutures.org.au
Bushra: bimtiaz@vicsegnewfutures.org.au



Sun 15 Feb 2026
11am – 2pm



VICSEG New Futures
Craigieburn Campus:
Level 1, Office 2C,
Building D, 420-440
Craigieburn Rd
(Craigieburn Junction)

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services in collaboration with Uniting Vic Tas' Communities for Children Hume Program.



FAWKNER NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE PRESENTS...

PRIMARY YEARS HOMEWORK CLUB

THURSDAYS, 4PM – 5PM

79 JUKES RD, FAWKNER

(THE ORANGE BRICK HOUSE LOCATED BETWEEN THE SKATEPARK AND THE LEISURE CENTRE)

Our friendly volunteers are here to help with schoolwork, answer questions, and make learning easier.

Arrive at 3:50pm, have a snack, and work on your homework in a welcoming, supportive space.

DATES FOR TERM 1, 2026:

- 5 February
- 12 February
- 19 February
- 26 February
- 5 March
- 12 March
- 19 March



FREE!



REGISTER

<http://events.humanitix.com/primary-school-homework-club>

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