

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

Principal Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

As the term holidays approach, we hope you're looking forward to spending quality time with your children. We know how important their safety is to you, and we'd like to share a few key tips on keeping them safe during the break—whether in the car, online, or in the local community.

1. Car Safety

Holidays often mean road trips, so it's crucial to ensure your child's safety when traveling by car:

- **Seatbelts & Car Seats:** Make sure your child is always properly secured in their seatbelt or car seat, appropriate for their age and size.
- **Plan Breaks:** On long trips, plan regular stops to avoid driver fatigue and allow children to stretch their legs.
- **Keep Valuables Out of Sight:** Ensure any valuables (including electronic devices) are hidden to deter theft when parked.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Have a small emergency kit in the car, including water, snacks, and a first-aid kit.

2. Online Safety

With more free time, children may spend extra hours online. Protecting them in the digital world is just as important:

- **Set Screen Time Limits:** Encourage healthy screen habits by setting time limits and making time for offline activities.
- **Monitor Activity:** Stay involved by knowing what websites, games, and apps your child is using. Parental control settings can help monitor content. (Please refer to the article https://www.bark.us/blog/dangerous-apps-kids/?srsltid=AfmBOop3ZNutzU4OWDPkRy1u6sSu3vgMyeF5fH4X2o4_SPiTDqc6cLeC)
- **Online Privacy:** Teach your children to never share personal information (like addresses, phone numbers, or school names) online, and ensure their social media accounts are age appropriate (Not Discord, TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram) and are set to private.
- **Cyberbullying & Stranger Danger:** Talk to your children about the importance of reporting any uncomfortable online interactions and encourage them to come to you if they ever feel uneasy.

3. Local Area Safety

Whether your child is playing in the park, visiting friends, or exploring your neighbourhood, it's essential to remind them of a few basic safety rules:

- **Stay in Groups:** Children are safer when they are with friends or family. Encourage them to stay together and avoid isolated areas.
- **Know Safe Routes:** Make sure your child is familiar with safe walking or cycling routes and knows not to take shortcuts through unknown areas.
- **Trusted Adults:** Discuss which adults (neighbours, family friends) are trusted in case your child needs help. Make sure they know never to accept rides or gifts from strangers.
- **Emergency Numbers:** Ensure your child knows how to reach you and understands when and how to dial emergency numbers.

Final Reminder:

While holidays are a time for fun and relaxation, staying mindful of safety will help ensure your child enjoys them without any worries. By taking small precautions, we can make sure they have a fun-filled and secure holiday break.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday.

Warm regards,
Our Staff at Holy Child

Coming Up

SEPTEMBER

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

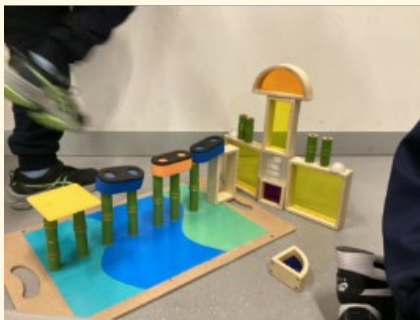
Prep Scienceworks Excursion

On Wednesday September 11, Prep EC and Prep AM went on an excursion to Scienceworks. In Inquiry we have been learning about Innovation and Design, and our visit to Scienceworks helped us with this area of learning.















We went into the STEM lab and worked in teams to problem solve and build a large tower and bridge. Another highlight of the day was our visit to the 'Ground Up' exhibit where we experimented with many different materials and played on a construction site. We also had a chance to walk around and explore the sport activities too.

Thank-you to our staff, volunteers and parent helpers who supported our children with their visit to Scienceworks.

Mr Marchione and Miss Chepanidis





	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
A M	<p>Supported Playgroup مجموعة ألعاب Nhóm chơi được hỗ trợ 9:30 - 11:30</p> 	<p>Playgroup مجموعة ألعاب Chơi nhóm 9:30 - 11:30</p> 	<p>Computer Class تعلم 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 SIGN UP</p> <p>Parent Classroom</p> 
P M	<p>Tuning into Teens SIGN UP Learn about teen behavior 29th July - 2ed June 6 Sessions 9 - 11</p> 	<p>English Class درس 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>Excursions</p> 
	<p>Family Support With Melissa دعم الأسره وانخفاض الخدمات Hỗ trợ gia đình 1:30 - 2:30</p> 	<p>Family Support With Van and Melissa دعم الأسره وانخفاض الخدمات Hỗ trợ gia đình 1:30 - 2:30</p> 		<p>Coffee Making Training SIGN UP Thursday 29th & Friday 30th August 9:15 - 2:30</p> 	
	<p>Parents Chat & Coffee يتحدث الآباء 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> 

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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

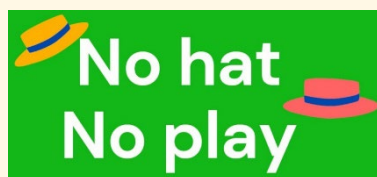
Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world.

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.

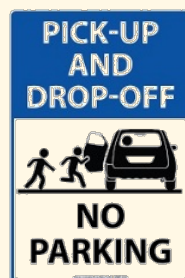
During cooler weather

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

 info@campaustralia.com.au

 [Online registration](#)



\$5 BASKETBALL PROGRAM

ONLY \$5 PER WEEK PER CHILD*
***\$10 MAX. FAMILY 2+ CHILDREN**

FRIDAYS AFTER SCHOOL - TERM 4

GROUP 1 - 4.15-5:00PM. GROUP 2 - 5.00-5.45PM

STARTING 18 OCTOBER 2024

Broadmeadows Basketball Stadium**

6-12 year olds

**Tanderrum way, Broadmeadows
[next to leisure centre]

MUST REGISTER - PLACES LIMITED:

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/75ec8a>

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



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