

HOLGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Newsletter 4 November 2021

Up and coming events

Event	Year	Date	Note Due/Cost
Round 1 Captaincy 2022	Year 5	Monday 8 November	
Captaincy speeches 2022	Year 5 nominees	Tuesday 16 November	
Captaincy final round	Year 5 nominees	Friday 26 November	

Up and coming events will be advertised when notification is updated from the Department of Education.

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Class Awards – Academic Achievement Award

- K/1:** **Sierra D:** for sharing objects to make equal groups
Rose D: for concentrating on using capital letters and full stops correctly
- 1N:** **Ariana S:** for a vast improvement in writing
Andy O: for determination and improvement in writing tasks
- 2/3:** **Harlow G:** for returning to school with a ready to learn attitude
Hugo S: for returning to school and trying his best in all learning areas
- 3/4:** **Jake S:** for making a clever text to world connection during reading
Ivy K: for fantastic use of imagery when writing descriptions
- 4/5:** **Abbey J:** for attempting challenging tasks
Caitlyn R: for attempting challenging tasks

5/6: Dash B: for using symbolism examples to understand the message of a text

Joey G: for using his knowledge of mass units to accurately convert

Positive Behaviour for Learning Award - PBL

K/1: Evie M: for being a happy and positive role model to others

1N: Ruby K: for being a strong, engaged and successful learner

2/3: Cleo M: for showing strong, safe, respectful learning qualities in the classroom at all times

3/4: Amelia D: for approaching each day with a positive attitude and smile

4/5: Amelie V: for always following class and playground expectations

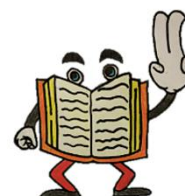
5/6: Eamon C: for trying his personal best in all lessons. Way to go!

Read and Discover Awards (RAD)

Bronze (50 Nights): Abbey F; Ruby K;

Silver Award (100 Nights): Annabelle G; Flynn G; Charlotte G;

Gold Award (150 Nights): Bella N;



Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Carers

We are back!

How wonderful it is to have all staff and students back learning face to face. The buzz of the school has amplified again among the chatter, laughter and enthusiasm of the students and staff. Witnessing students reconnect with friends and their teachers has been lovely to see and the positive vibe felt as you pass the classrooms is amazing. Staff and students are to be commended for their flexibility and smooth transition adjusting to our three cohort bubbles. These are imperative as we continue to navigate COVID and minimise risk to our staff, students and families.

Wonderful new books

Recently new reading resources were purchased to support the teaching of reading. 126 levelled readers and 305 decodable readers have arrived at Holgate Public School. The P&C made a contribution toward the purchase of these books and we would like to say a big THANK YOU! Our GA, Mark, built a new home for the books so they can be accessed easily by staff. New resources are very welcome and these are already being utilised for teaching.



Canteen is operational

The canteen has been back in operation since students returned face to face. Last Friday was exceptionally busy as all cohorts returned and the weather turned out to be very warm. The students brought their 'A game' manners and were very patient as we navigated our first canteen day with the three cohort bubbles. Richard did an amazing job of serving and feeding our excited students, thank you. Great to have you back and the canteen operational!

End of year student Fun Day

A change to some restrictions has allowed plans for our annual end of year Fun Day to begin. Motiv8 Sports are coming with fun activities and team building games in Week 10. Stay tuned for more details as another surprise will also happen on this day for students.

Important COVID update

On Tuesday 2 November the Minister of Education and Department of Education announced that from 8 November all schools will move onto updated Level 3 settings that bring schools more into line with what is allowed in the community. The changes support a greater range of activities to go ahead and also allow fully vaccinated providers, parents and carers and visitors on school sites to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations.

- **Parents and carers on site to support school operations**

Fully vaccinated parents and carers will be allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, student wellbeing activities and school operations (for example reading support, canteens and uniform shops). Parents and carers must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site.

- **Assemblies**

Assemblies and presentations will be allowed outdoors on site. Cohorts will be separated with physical distancing in place. Care must be taken to avoid mixing and mingling of cohorts when entering and exiting the assembly or presentation. Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if completing a specific role (such as presenting) and at the invitation of the school. All visitors must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination.

- **Farewell and Presentation**

Graduations and Farewell will be allowed within cohorts, on school site. The school needs to assess the capacity of having fully vaccinated parents and guests attend based on COVID -safe capacity limits.

To keep students and staff safe, we need to maintain cohorting (bubbles) and existing COVID-safe measures must remain at all times. I know many of you have been waiting for updates around school operations and I want to thank you again for your patience. You will find inserted into the newsletter the current roadmap from the Department of Education that outlines school operations at Level 3. As a school we will communicate changes to school events once details of end of year events are finalised in the coming weeks.

2022 Initial Planning has begun

Planning for classes at Holgate Public School in 2022 is about to commence. The formation of classes is a process that teachers go through each year. One thing you can be assured of, is that this is a lengthy and complex process that we spend countless hours trying to get right. We have very strict departmental guidelines to work within and teachers will work collaboratively within these guidelines over the next few weeks and throughout the holidays so we can attempt to form classes as quick as possible next year. We ask that you trust in the teachers' judgement with these class placements and support your child with developing the resilience to accept the changes in teachers and peer groups annually, so they approach

each year with positivity and excitement. Please let us know if you have any intentions of leaving or moving on as this will assist in our preparations.

Leadership nominations for 2022

Miss Nunn and Mrs Rodwell spoke to Year 5 students this week to explain and start the process for leadership places for 2022. The students asked Miss Nunn excellent questions about the process and were very respectful. It was fabulous to see several students show initiative and take on the challenge. While this is just the beginning of the process, we wish all students the very best of luck.

Online assembly Week 5

Connect online this Friday at 9am as our leaders, Archie and Grace host this week's school assembly. Please use the same link that was emailed out previously or check your child's Seesaw for the link.



Summer uniform

Just a reminder that we are in our summer uniform. This includes school hats and jackets or jumpers that are maroon. As we transition to warmer weather, jumpers that are labelled find their owners more quickly rather than spending time in the lost property box. Students are welcome to wear any school sport representative (Southern Central Coast, Sydney North or NSW PSSA) jumpers on sport day only please.

ASIC Review of Banking in Schools

School banking programs will cease to operate in NSW public schools from 2022. This decision was made following detailed consideration of the [ASIC review into school banking programs](#). The review found that the costs of the program outweighed the benefits. While many of the school banking programs are arranged at a local level, and generally via P&C Associations or directly with the school, support materials are being sent to schools to guide the process of ceasing these programs.

High School Selective Placement Year 7 2023

Parents and Carers of students may wish to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2023. Applications open on 19 October and close on 17 November 2021. Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2023 open on 19 October 2021 and close on 17 November 2021 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. All candidates are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on **Thursday 10 March 2022 at Holgate Public School**.

Kind Regards Mrs Gordon and Mrs Rodwell

Administration

Planning

If you/your child will NOT be returning to Holgate Public School for the 2022 year can you please notify the office by the end of this week Friday 5 November. Planning for 2022 has already commenced and staff models a clear indication of student enrolments is required. Parents and carers are asked to either write a note or send an email to the school.

Credit on Student Accounts

Due to the cancellation of excursions, incursions and performances many students now have credits on their accounts. Next week we will send home an updated student invoice so that you can see how much credit you have. This credit can then be used to pay for the upcoming excursion and the Year 6 Formal.

School News

Check in Assessments

All 3-6 students will participate in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning. The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessment will be scheduled during Term 4 Week 8

Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

If there are any concerns, please contact the school.

Cailin Nunn

P&C News

Second Hand Uniform Pool

Due to covid policy the second hand uniform pool is still closed to parents. Michelle Addley our P&C representative for the uniform pool, who is double vaxxed, will be tidying up the space and then processing orders from parents. As we still cannot have parents inside school grounds she will place a table at the school fence where she will leave orders labelled with name and how to pay online to the P&C. This will be accessed from outside the fence. If the item is not what you want you are under no obligation to purchase. Michelle will be accepting orders via email request from next week.

Please fill out the following details and email to Michelle at michelle@havenphysio.com.au

Parent Name:

Item requested and size:

Please be aware that this is an online ordering service only and if DoE policy changes we will let you know.

Tea Towel Fundraiser

Our limited-edition Tea Towel design will be made up of self-portraits drawn by all our children and staff. The pictures and names will be arranged all together as a commemorative design for the whole school then screen printed in maroon onto premium natural coloured 100% cotton tea towels.

Don't forget to order a few extras for family members and your keepsake box. Tea towels can be ordered by completing the form attached and returning with payment to the office in an envelope clearly marked "TEA TOWEL".

Bank account details for payment are on the flyer (sent home this week) or on our SkoolBag app and also can be found on the email sending out this week's newsletter. **This is not to be paid through the school online payment system. It is paid through the P&C account.**

Canteen Report

Well, it's been an eventful few months and it's so good to see the kids back at school, smiling and once again excited that the canteen is open.

Last Friday was a test operationally with the bubble system in place. It took a little longer than normal to get all the kids served and a big thanks to Mrs Rodwell for speeding the recess service up. She also doubled as my volunteer for the packing of the orders and did a fantastic job. Miss Nunn also helped at lunch to serve the masses loads of cool and healthy treats. Thank you.

I am now allowed one parent volunteer from 12.30 to 1.30pm to help and I put a post on Facebook and in a couple of hours I'd filled four of the five dates. Thank you to the four ladies who have volunteered their time. We will all have to adhere to the schools COVID plan, sign in via the app and prove vaccination status plus have completed a Working with Children Check Declaration for Volunteers and Non-Child-Related Contractors to help. **I'm still on the lookout for someone for this week.** If you're free, send me a message on Facebook and let me know. It's pretty good fun and you get to see your kids at school.

Thanks again for everyone's continued support of the Holgate canteen. See you on Friday.

WE ARE A HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEEN for 2021.

Don't forget to checkout our Facebook page.



Search **Holgate P & C Canteen** or follow the link to find us and keep up to date with what's going on. Please complete lunch orders on a brown lunch bag (**no small zip lock bags**) with **CHILDS NAME, CLASS and ORDER** with prices and please include payment.

- Recess items on the menu are **only** sold over the counter at recess. **Please don't** order recess items on lunch orders. Just come at recess and say g'day and it will be ready.
- Ice blocks, chips and drinks will all be sold over the counter at lunch. Drinks can be ordered on the lunch order and will be placed in the bag with lunch.
- Canteen menu is available on the school website and SkoolBag app.

Thank you.

Richard Shedden - Canteen Co-ordinator



Book Club LOOP

for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. **The parent survey will be conducted this term and close on November 26.**

More information about the survey is available at: education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm.

To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/holgate2021>

The survey is available in 23 languages.

Your time and opinions are very much appreciated.

Thank you

Rebecca Rodwell – Assistant Principal

Vanessa Gordon - Principal



NSW Department of Education

Term 4 roadmap

From 8 November

- All schools will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4.
- School sports allowed
- Inter-school sports allowed outside of school hours
- Assemblies and presentations allowed outdoors on-site
- Excursions allowed outdoors
- Dancing and some music classes allowed
- Fully vaccinated visitors allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations
- Community use allowed (including P&C meetings)

From Term 1 2022

We can look forward to more freedoms as schools return in 2022.

Keeping us all safe

A combination of layered safety measures allow us to prioritise student and staff wellness while we keep schools open.

- Stay home if unwell**
 - Do not attend or participate if unwell, even with mild symptoms.
- Vaccinations required**
 - All adults must be fully vaccinated.
- Always check in**
 - All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.
- Wear masks indoors**
 - Masks are required indoors for all staff, visitors and students in Year 7 or above, and strongly recommended indoors for primary students.
 - You can take your mask off when eating or exercising.
- Physically distance**
 - Maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.
- Maximise ventilation**
 - Activities and events should be held outdoors where practicable.
 - Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees.
- Stick to your cohorts**
 - Avoid mingling with other groups when moving around the school.

For the latest information, refer to education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19.

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expressions
fundraising

Holgate Public School are fundraising with Tea Towels!

What a great gift for family at Christmas

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Thank you for your support!

Contact: Peita Mazaroli: peitapie@gmail.com



This is not our individual design.



Only \$15 each

Get 3 for \$40!

Orders are due back
with payment by:

Wednesday 10th November



TEA TOWEL ORDER FORM

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact Name _____ Phone Number: _____

Number of Tea Towels Ordered: 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ or more → _____

Please enclose payment with your order: TOTAL enclosed \$ _____

☐ Cash

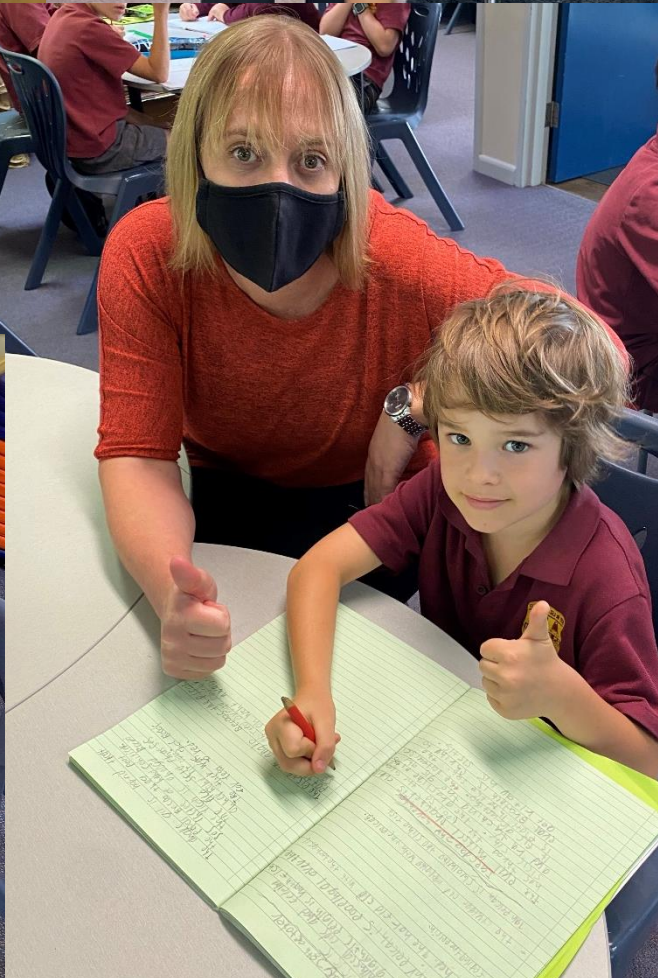
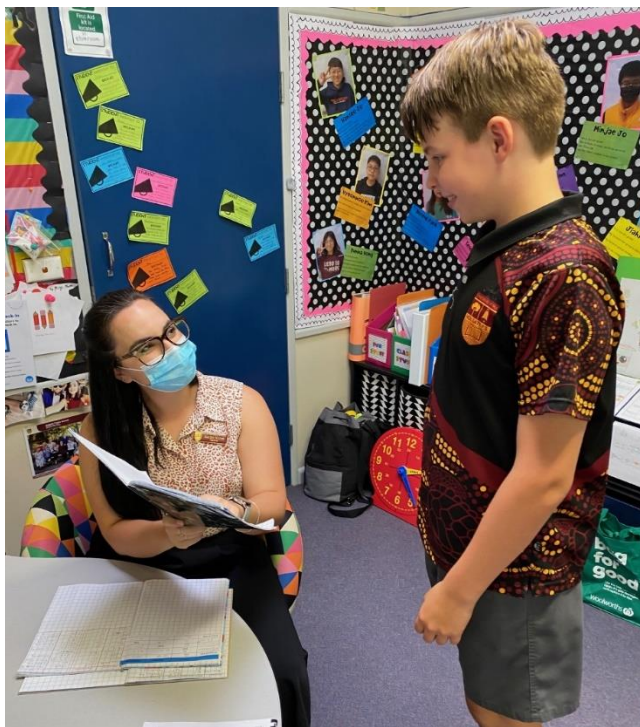
☐ Direct Deposit: Account Name: Holgate P&C (not the school account!)

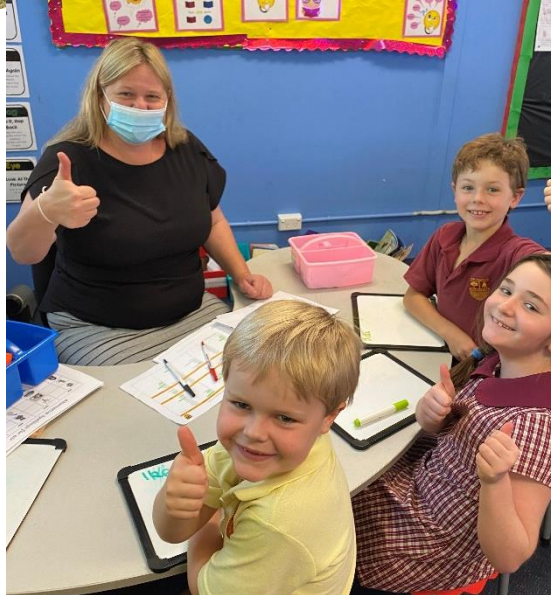






The photos above and below are of our students now that we are all back on site.







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Terrigal SLSC Nippers

Join now for the 2021/2022 season

Register to be a Terrigal Nipper Now

**For existing members please log into the Members Portal
to renew your memberships**

- **New members will be able to attend the upcoming
registration day at the surf club on
Sunday 31st October 2021.**

2021/2022 Season Dates start Sunday 7th November

Under 6's & 7's: 8:00am – 8:45am

Under 8's – Under 14's: 9:00am – 11:00am

**Nippers is a fun, activity based program that teaches kids
valuable surf skills and awareness of the beach environment.**

**Kids make lifetime friendships along the way all while
building their confidence as well as beach and water skills.**

***All parents and volunteers
16years+ must be double vaccinated
as per Government Health Orders**



If you need further support

Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service (Beyond Blue)

1800 512 348

However the pandemic is affecting your mental wellbeing, you can talk it through with a counsellor who will provide advice and support based on your needs. 24/7

Lifeline

13 11 14

Provides suicide and crisis support if you are experiencing emotional distress 24/7

Suicide Call Back Service

1300 364 277

Kids Help Line

1800 55 1800

Provides free online support and counselling for children and young people aged 5-18 across Australia

Translating and Interpreting Service

131 450

If you require an Interpreter, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service TIS.

Domestic Violence Line

1800 737 732

Keeping safe is a priority. If you or someone in your home is experiencing domestic violence, please contact the Domestic Violence line for support.

Parent Line

1300 1300 52

Parent Line is a free telephone counselling and support service for parents and carers with children aged 0 to 18 who live in NSW. 9am to 9pm Weekdays, 4pm to 9pm Weekends



Wellbeing Apps

Smiling Mind

Meditation app, with programs available ages 7+. Available in some Aboriginal languages.

Insight Timer Meditation App

This app has over 25000 free guided meditations and guidance. Ages 12+

FitOn

Free workout app with a variety of fitness options. Yoga, Cardio, Strength, Barre, Pilates and more. Videos range from 10 minutes to full workouts.

Niggle

An app for kids to work on their wellbeing. It includes games and puzzles and videos. Produced by Kids Helpline.

Web resources

Sydney Children's Hospital Network. This website has a variety of reliable COVID-19 resources for yourself, your children and your family including links to mental health resources.

<https://www.schin.health.nsw.gov.au/covid-19-information>

WayAhead

Mental health support and information.

<https://wayahead.org.au/>

SANE Australia

Counselling support, Peer support, live blogs moderated by health professionals. Visit www.sane.org

Head to Health

Links a variety resources

<https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/>

Brave Program

Program for children and young people with anxiety. Can also be completed by parents and carers.

<http://braveyou.nsw.gov.au/>



If you need more support, you can contact your GP to talk about receiving a mental health care plan with a psychologist or support from a Psychiatrist.

Returning to School after Lockdown and Isolation

You and your child might be worried about heading back to school. Below is some information and strategies for you and your family to use to get ready for a return to school.



Talking to your child is one of the best ways to work through fears and anxieties. Use language they can understand to discuss returning to school. This is an excerpt and image above from [DHHS Victoria](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au).

Early Primary School

- Balance plans to return to school with reassurances that their schools and homes are safe
- Remind them that adults are there to keep them healthy and to take care of them
- Discuss handwashing as a step in staying healthy at school and home
- Use language such as 'adults are working hard to keep you safe'

Upper Primary School

- They may be more vocal in asking questions about whether they truly are safe and what will happen if COVID-19 comes to their school or community
- They may need assistance separating reality from rumour and fantasy
- Discuss efforts of school and community leaders to prevent germs from spreading

High School

- They may be able to discuss COVID-19 in a more in-depth fashion and can be referred directly to appropriate sources of information
- Provide honest, accurate information about the current status of their schooling. Having such knowledge can help them feel a sense of control
- Plan together what the return to school will look like



Plan Ahead: Check uniforms, equipment, school and other resources.



Name the possible support people at school, home or care.



Talk to your child about going back to school and that things may look different.



If you are concerned that your child is not coping, seek further help. See details on the next page.



Eat well, sleep well and be active.



Take care of yourself and acknowledge the difficulties you have been through.