



# HOLGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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STUDENT GROWTH AND ATTAINMENT / QUALITY EVALUATIVE PRACTICES / COLLABORATIVE INNOVATIVE SYSTEMS

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## Newsletter 12 October 2023

### Up and coming events

Event	Year	Date	Note Due/Cost
Canberra Excursion	5 and 6	Mon 6 Nov – Wed 8 Nov	<b>Monday 16 October</b>
Pt Wolstoncroft Camp	3 and 4	Wed 18 Oct – Fri 20 Oct	All due NOW
Dental Van	K – 6	Mon 23 Oct – Fri 27 Oct	
Headstart commences	K - 2024	Tuesday 24 Oct	9:15 – 10:45
CCCF Performance	Choir	Thursday 26 Oct	
Headstart	K – 2024	Tuesday 31 Oct	9:15 – 10:45
EHS Year 7 2024 Headstart program commences		Thursday 2 Nov	

This newsletter is published fortnightly, the next on Thursday 26 October 2023

The next assembly is Friday 27 October at 2pm in the school hall.

### Class Awards – Academic Achievement Award

- K:**        **Lyla B:** for settling back into school routines with ease
- Arabella L:** for working well with others during maths activities
- 1/2:**       **Landon C:** for his positive attitude when participating in class activities
- Quade T:** for his enthusiasm and for working extra hard 'to explain his thinking' during mathematics
- Year 3:**   **Flynn G:** for using expression when reading
- Ruby K:** for excellent participation during science lessons
- 4/5:**       **Flynn M:** for trying hard to improve his use of expression when reading
- Harry W:** for working hard to express chance using fractions and percentages
- 5/6:**       **Anja M:** for using many ways to represent a decimal number in maths groups
- Kayden L:** for explaining his thinking during number talks to justify why his strategy is the most efficient

## Positive Behaviour Learning Awards (PBL)

- K Nash M:** for showing strong, safe, respectful learner qualities in the classroom
- 1/2: Olive B:** for consistently demonstrating the qualities of a strong, safe and respectful learner
- Yr 3: Nina C:** for always exceeding school PBL expectations
- 4/5: Hugo S:** for starting Term 4 as a strong, safe, respectful learner
- 5/6: Hannah J:** for ALWAYS trying her personal best and getting involved in the classroom
- 50 Gallies:** Theo V; Cooper F; Lochlan L;



## Read and Discover (RAD) Awards

**Silver Award (100 Nights):** Willow M; Maddison N;



## Principal's Address

Welcome back to Term 4! What an exciting term ahead we have.

Next Week Years 3 and 4 are heading to Pt. Wolstoncroft for a three day camp. Thank you to Mrs Burke, Mrs Dowling, Mrs King and Mrs Bergen for their immense effort in getting this organised.

In Week 5, Years 5 and 6 students head to Canberra for their camp. Please ensure all paperwork and requests from the office are answered as organising these events is a mammoth task requiring time and effort from many.

The dental van will be visiting in Week 3. Please take advantage of this free government dental program. There is more detailed information later in this newsletter.

Earlier in the week our Term 4 calendar was sent home to ensure that you have ample time to see what is going on at school over the very busy end of term. Please also remember that a calendar is available on the Sentral parent portal for your convenience.

Please save the date for Thursday 7 December for our Holgate Public School family Christmas carols and picnic. This year Paul from Lookpro photography will be here taking family Santa photos as a fundraiser on the night. Save yourself the trouble of heading to the shops for your Santa photos and have them here on the night for an excellent price with funds going to the school. More information on prices and booking to come soon. Students will entertain us with carols and there will be an opportunity for a teacher and parent choir.

I would like to welcome two new families who have joined us this term. Oscar in Kindergarten and Maddison and Maximus in Kindergarten and Year 2 respectively!

We are looking forward to an amazing Term 4 here at Holgate. Thank you for your continued support.

Lisa Wicks

### Planning for 2024

Planning for 2024 has commenced and a clear indication of student enrolments is required. If your child/children will NOT be returning to Holgate Public School in 2024, could you please notify the office. You may either write a note or send an email to school.

### Years 5 and 6 Canberra Excursion

Students from Years 5 and 6 will head off to Canberra in Week 5. Final payments are due this Monday and invoices have gone home to students today so that correct amounts can be paid as many families still have credit amounts available. Medical notes are also due back Monday and there are still many outstanding. Please return these by Monday so that we don't have to waste time chasing up notes. **If your child has any dietary requirements (allergies/intolerance) please return medical note TOMORROW** as I have been notified by our Canberra accommodation that this is required immediately.

### Years 3 and 4 Pt Wolstoncroft Camp

Students will attend camp next week from Wednesday 18 October to Friday 20 October. A note has gone home today with final details. This has also been sent via the Parent Portal and emailed from me.

### Dental Van Visit – Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October

NSW Health is pleased to offer your child a **free school-based dental check-up**. Information and consent packs went home on Monday. Please return these before the program starts on Monday 23 October. Extra packs are available at the school office.

### School Bytes Finance System

During Term 4 we will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way for parents and carers to make payments and sign and return permission notes. School Bytes will replace the current online payment system and you will be able to:

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credit on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund

In preparation for this transition, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

- No payments can be made online from 9am, Tuesday 31 October 2023.
- Last day to make cash payments will be at 1pm on Wednesday 1 November 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date.
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system.
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal.
- Moving forward, when making a payment online, you will be redirected to a Service NSW page to complete an online payment. This is the new payment platform for online as directed by the NSW Department of Education

- Payments made online will display as 0SCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.

Prior to going live with School Bytes we will send home instructions on how to register via a link or QR Code.

Prue King

## School News

### **Intention to Apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2025**

Selective high schools cater for high-potential and academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2025, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form are at the Selective high schools and opportunity classes Year 7 website.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/information-for-applicants>

Applications opened on 9 October 2023 and close on 20 November 2023. You must apply before the closing date.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 9 May 2024**.

## P&C

Our P&C facilitates information sharing and collaboration between teachers, parents and students; helps to fundraise to provide essential facilities and equipment for our school; and provides a voice to advocate for school improvements/changes.

The P&C is open to everyone: parents, caregivers, grandparents, teachers, staff and members of the community.

**The P&C meet on the last Monday of each month at 6.30pm in the school office.** Members do not need to attend every meeting, however regular attendance is the best way to find out what is happening at our school.



Save the date for  
*Holgate's*



# Christmas

## CAROLS & PICNIC DINNER

THURS 7TH DEC

5 - 7 PM



Santa family photos will  
be available.  
More information will  
follow soon.

# Headstart



Our Headstart program for  
Kindergarten students starting in  
2024 begins soon.



Sessions are on Tuesday beginning at  
9.15am and finishing at 10.45am.



Week 1 - Oct 24  
Week 2 - Oct 31  
Week 3 - Nov 7  
Week 4 - Nov 14  
Week 5 - Nov 21



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