

HOLGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

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Up and coming events

Event	Year	Date	Note Due/Cost
Headstart Kindergarten 2024 - 9:15-10:45am	K – 2024	Tuesday 14 November	
Kindergarten 2024 Orientation	K – 2024	Tuesday 14 November	
EHS Year 5 Sports Gala Day	Year 6	Friday 17 November	
Year 7 Selective High School Applications close	Year 5	Monday 20 November	

End of Year events

Event	Year	Date	Note Due/Cost
Helpers Thank you breakfast		Thursday 30 November	
Presentation Day Assembly – 9:00-11:00am		Thursday 7 December	9am in hall
Carols at school with picnic dinner / Santa Photos		Thursday 7 December	
Year 6 Mini Fete		Friday 8 December	
Charity Shield - Teacher vs students		Friday 8 December	
Year 6 Farewell		Monday 11 December	
Year 6 Excursion to Luna Park		Thursday 12 December	
End of Year Gally Fun Day		Wednesday 13 December	
Movie Day (at school)		Thursday 14 December	
Red Faces		Friday 15 December	
Last day for students		Friday 15 December	

This newsletter is published fortnightly, the next on Thursday 23 November 2023

The next assembly is Friday 10 November at 2pm in the school hall

Class Awards – Academic Achievement Award

K: Jamie P: for working hard to write compound sentences in English

Seth K: for using his phonemes when spelling words in his writing

1/2: Double next newsletter

Year 3 Charlotte T: for reading with increased fluency including excellent expression

Isla P: for using mental strategies during Number talks

- 4/5 Lochlan L:** for using background knowledge, visual cues and vocabulary to infer when reading
- Ari E:** for using and explaining a variety of multiplicative strategies in number talks
- 5/6 Jack G:** for using a range of strategies to solve decimal number sentences
- Toby A:** for using text clues and prior knowledge to make detailed and accurate inferences

Mrs Nguyen's Award: Mason M: for showing confidence and enthusiasm when presenting a new initiative to the whole school!

Positive Behaviour Learning Awards (PBL)

- K Fraser P:** for being ready to learn every morning during English
- 1/2: Double next newsletter**
- Yr 3: Ariana S:** for always being a strong, safe, respectful learner
- 4/5: Jasper B:** for being a respectful and strong learner in Canberra (from Mrs Nguyen)
- 5/6: Hudson R:** for always trying his best and challenging himself



Read and Discover (RAD) Awards

Bronze Award (50 Nights): Charlie O **Silver Award (100 Nights):** Lyla B; Georgia F



Principal's Address

The last term of the year is flying by and on top of the wonderful focus on teaching and learning that we maintain across our classrooms each week, we're planning and organising a wide range of special end-of year events for our students, including the school leader selection for 2024. It's wonderful to see so many students aspiring towards leadership and being so willing to engage with the school as active citizens. I personally congratulate every student aspiring towards a leadership position.

Term 4 is an important time of the year for assessing, reporting and reflecting on progress, not just in relation to our students but also in regard to our school strategic directions, initiatives and targets across the school. Teachers are working diligently to not only write reports for each student that reflect their unique talents and abilities, but also looking at our whole school processes to see what we can improve on next year.

This term we have had some wonderful academic results across our school. In Year 1 we have seen an impressive uplift of nearly 30% in our Phonics Screening Check. This increase in student phonic knowledge will support our youngest learners to be successful readers and writers. Well done Mrs Nash and Year 1 on your hard work this year as we have shifted the focus on how we teach students to read.

In the Year 3 and Year 4 Check-in assessment, students are achieving at above statistically similar schools in reading and numeracy, an amazing uplift from recent years. This is reflective of changes to learning and support structures, more regular data analysis and teacher commitment to professional learning and deeply reflective practice. A big thank you to all staff for engaging so deeply with new learning and working so hard to put this into action in the classroom every day.

Have a lovely two weeks and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming end of year events.

Lisa Wicks

School Bytes Finance System

As School Bytes is now live the *Make A Payment* tab on the school website has been reactivated. Please follow the links which will walk you through payments. Alternatively you may download the app.

Prue King



School News

Christmas Carols and Picnic Dinner

Save the date Thursday 7 December for our Christmas Carols and Picnic dinner. From 5 – 7 pm Santa family photos will be available. More information will follow soon.

Communicating with Staff – Who should I talk to?

It is important that parents can access teachers at times that are convenient to both parties. To ensure that parents can have their questions answered or concerns dealt with effectively and efficiently, our school has some key protocols to support open and honest channels of communication.

School practices and procedures

- If you have a concern or question about your child or the school's programs, please consult the guide *on the following page* to determine who you should speak to first.
- Before school, teachers are busy making final preparations for starting the day. Teachers will be in meetings or in their classrooms setting up for the day after 8.15am. This is not a convenient time to approach the teacher for a chat about your child without prior arrangement. If you have a quick message to pass on to your child's teacher, that should be fine. For any more substantial matter, please make an appointment for a more suitable time.
- If you need to get an urgent message to your child during the school day, for example, if going home arrangements have changed, please contact the Office before 2:15pm to allow time for messages to be given. Please don't email urgent messages as these may not be seen.
- Please send emails to the school email address not to teachers' personal address.
- If you send a message via the parent portal, please be aware that teachers are on class and have playground duties throughout the day.

Respectful communication with staff

- Please be respectful when using Facebook or other forms of social media including WhatsApp. This is not a forum for raising issues. Please directly raise any issues with the appropriate staff member who can help you.
- Please do not email teachers directly. All emails to classroom teachers should go via our school email address holgate-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Alternatively, you may wish to cc prue.king@det.nsw.edu.au and taryn.bergan@det.nsw.edu.au. These will be passed on to classroom teachers ASAP.
- Messaging through the SENTRAL portal can be used for school related activities. Messages will be responded to Monday - Friday (or their specified days on duty) between the hours of 8:15am and 5:00pm. Staff will check messages once per day and will attempt to respond within 48 hours. Please do not send urgent messages through the portal as teachers are unlikely to see them on a teaching day.

Communication guide

Concern	Action
Academic progress or welfare of your own child	Contact your child's teacher by note, parent portal, email, school office (02 4367 7444) or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues. If possible, state the nature of the concern to allow teachers time to collect information that may assist.
Actions of other students	Contact the class teacher for further information, as above. The class teacher may ask for the executive to address the issue in some cases.
School policy or practice	Contact the school office (02 4367 7444) and state nature of concern. The office staff will advise you of the appropriate person to meet with and assist you to make an appointment to meet with the appropriate member of staff.

Actions of a staff member	Contact the school office (02 4367 7444) and state nature of concern. The office staff will advise you of the appropriate person to meet with and assist you to make an appointment to meet with the appropriate member of staff.
Change of information	Contact the school office (02 4367 7444) to convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues, medication etc. This can be done in person, on the phone, or via email.

Canteen News

Spriggy Schools App Canteen Ordering

Just a reminder that our canteen uses the Spriggy Schools App for students’ online recess and lunch orders. It does cost you an extra \$0.29 per order, but the traditional paper bag option is also still available. Please download the app, create an account and add your child according to what class they are in.

Orders need be received Friday morning by 8:30am for Lunch Orders and 9: 00am for Recess Orders. The recess menu will change slightly every week and these items will also be available for cash over the counter at recess.



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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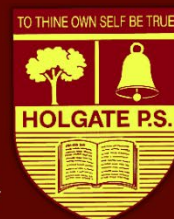
2023 Presentation Day

Holgate Public School look forward to welcoming all community members to our 2023 Presentation Day assembly.

Thursday 7th December

9:00 am in the school hall

Celebrate a wonderful year of learning



We proudly invite you to our

2023 Kindergarten Graduation Assembly

To celebrate a year of growth & learning

Friday the 8th of December
1:45pm in the school hall



A gentle
REMINDER
from the library

As we near the end of the year, stocktake of the library will begin to take place and borrowing will conclude.

Please have a look at home for any missing books. Late notices will be sent home in Week 8.

Many thanks,

Mrs Alarca







School Band Program 2024

Do you want to learn an instrument and play in a band? Come and be part of a fun and engaging learning environment while experiencing the educational benefits of learning a musical instrument.

Program includes:

- One-to-one or small group lessons at school with Conservatorium teachers
- Whole band rehearsals with Conservatorium conductors
- Performance opportunities at school and external events

Join more than 400 young musicians from 23 schools across the Central Coast

Register your interest

To register your child's interest in our School Band Program send a text with their details to 0402 000 757. Alternatively scan the QR code (below), phone 4324 7477 or visit our website.

Want to know more?

Join our online parent info sessions at 7.30pm:

Thursday 9 Nov
Monday 13 Nov
Wednesday 15 Nov

Scan QR Code for details



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For more information phone 4324 7477 or visit our website:

www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools-program





Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:


laptops & tablets


uniforms & shoes


books & supplies


sports fees & gear


lessons & activities


camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:







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