

HOLGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE

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

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Newsletter 23 November 2023

End of Year events

Event	Year	Date	Note Due/Cost
Helpers Thank you breakfast		Thursday 30 November	
Charity Shield - Teacher vs students		Friday 1 December	
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	
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 7 December 2023

The next assembly is Friday 24 November at 2pm in the school hall

Class Awards – Academic Achievement Award

- K:** **Poppy W:** for drawing detailed pictures and writing simple sentences to demonstrate her understanding of texts
- Maddison M:** for working hard to use her phonemes to spell words
- 1/2:** **Max M:** for his enthusiasm in sharing his knowledge about animals with the class
- Elodie B and Zannah B:** for successfully creating written texts using tier 2 and 3 vocabulary
- Mason M:** for his enthusiasm and for working extra hard 'to explain his thinking' during mathematics
- Yr 3:** **Double next week**
- 4/5:** **Jasper B:** for demonstrating excellent strategies when solving multiplication and division problems

Jayda T: for using excellent vocabulary to “show not tell” in narrative writing

5/6 Sehara P: for using detailed and interesting language to create character descriptions

Caitlyn R: for critically applying the order of operations to solve complex problems

Positive Behaviour Learning Awards (PBL)

K Sage C: for being strong, safe and respectful during number talks

1/2: Elsie A: for displaying excellent leadership skills

Samuel W: for always having a positive attitude towards new learning

Yr 3: Double next week

4/5: Lincoln M: for a positive attitude towards learning

5/6: Archie M: for his commendable approach to learning



50 Gallies Award: Sage C; Willow M; Jamie P; Ryder R; Jack M; Quade T; Charlotte B; Heath S; Annabelle M; Mason M; Elsie A; Ari E; Toby S; Conor S; Neiko P; Isabella N; Hugo M; Banjo M; Charlie O; Angus v-D; Amelia W; Jackson T; Fraser P; Harrison B; Evie B; Jensen S; Penny K; Declan L; Anja M, Milla B;

100 Gallies Award: Nash M; Sophie W; Emily R; Kora M; Ava M; Isabella N; Maike P; Immy R; Finn P; Patrick T; Landon D; Liam M; Ivy K; Gigi B; Declan L

Read and Discover (RAD) Awards

Silver Award (100 Nights): Ava M; Mahdi M; Imogene R;

Gold Award (150 Nights): Harrison B; Maike P;

Platinum Award (200 Nights): Zannah B; Liam M;



Principal's Address

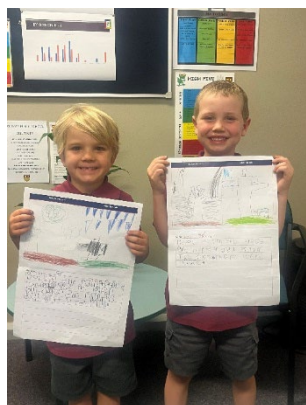
At this busy end of the school year, we are planning for 2024, whilst still finishing our teaching and learning for this year. We are excited about the many end of year events we have planned. Please familiarise yourself with our school calendar to ensure you know what is happening over the next couple of weeks. I am particularly looking forward to our Carols evening on 7 December. All students will be performing and do not forget we have Santa photos available as a school fundraiser.

A large part of our organisation for 2024 is the determination of class structures, teachers and the location of each class based on the students in our school.

As in previous years, we will have stage-based classes. Depending on specific numbers there may be cross stage classes. Class structures are clearly thought out and planned. In a beautiful small school like ours, one of the positives is that staff know all students and how they learn. A small school is able to really target in on students' needs and be very individualised in our approach regardless of age or stage of students. We will have class structures and teachers out to the community in Week 10.

One of my favourite aspects of being a principal is when students share their learning with me. This week I have had some beautiful readers performing Readers Theatre for me as well as some of our amazing little

Kindergarten students proudly showing me their writing. Our students here at Holgate really are doing amazing things and our teachers are just fabulous!



Lisa Wicks

Administration News

Health News

As Covid is again circulating in the community we ask that you keep children at home who are exhibiting covid like systems. We have Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) available at the front office to anyone who needs more tests. If you email prue.king@det.nsw.edu.au and taryn.bergan@det.nsw.edu.au we are happy to send them home with children if you give permission.

Second Hand Uniform Pool

As the school year comes to a close many families are sourcing uniforms for next year from our Second Hand Uniform Pool. This is run by the P&C. The keys are available to pick up from the office. We will give you the key and instructions with the P&C account details.

If you are donating items could you please ensure that they are clean. We would like to thank Irene Stuart who has spent many, many hours this year organising the uniform pool. If you do take items could you please hand the plastic bag that clothing is stored in back to the office so that they can be reused. Also, please return items that you have looked at back into the correct location as Irene is a volunteer and is very busy adding new items without having to clean up after shoppers.

Coast Shelter Christmas Appeal

This year Holgate Public School will be donating to Coast Shelter. Coast Shelter supports people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or experiencing domestic and family violence. They provide clients with a safe place to call home, food and clothing, and access to personal support services.

There are multiple ways you can get involved this year:

1. Monetary Donation via Coast Shelter's Appeal Website [Coast Shelter Christmas Appeal 2023](#)
2. Food Hampers or age-appropriate gifts (please leave all items unwrapped).
3. Give the gift of dignity with a Gift Card for clients to have choice.

We will be collecting here at school and any donations can be dropped off at the school office. We need to deliver our donations to Coast Shelter by Thursday 14 December to allow their staff and volunteers enough time to distribute before Christmas Day.

Coast Shelter's clients have come up with a list of things that they think would be nice to have on Christmas Day. These items will be made into food hampers.

- Juice or sugar free drink
- Chips, pretzels or popcorn
- Shortbread
- Savoury crackers
- Christmas pudding (traditional or chocolate)
- Long-life milk
- Long-life custard
- Christmas serviettes
- Christmas lollies and chocolates
- Tinned fruit – ring pull please
- Christmas Bon Bons or Crackers
- Christmas paper plates
- Spread – peanut butter, jam or Nutella
- Zooper Doopers or freezable ice blocks
- Jelly mix

If you would like to purchase a physical gift or gift card to drop off, please select something from the list which has been created from the wish lists of children, young people and men and women currently residing in Coast Shelter refugees. The wish lists can be viewed at:

<https://www.coastshelterchristmasappeal.com.au/otherdonationideas>

Thank you in advance for anything you can donate to make this a better Christmas for those doing it tough this year.

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.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion – PACER Rebate

Students from our school have recently undertaken a tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion



the Australian Government contributed \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



P&C News

After many months, here are the two options for the new sports shirt to replace the current lemon shirt. As this has been ongoing since last year we need to finalise this process. The photos below are of **Option A** as we have a sample here at school which can be viewed in the office. An email went home on Tuesday to all families. Thank you to the many parents who have replied. If you haven't replied yet please email today Thursday 23 November to prue.king@det.nsw.edu.au and in *Subject* please type: Uniform - **A, B or Either**. Results will be collated tomorrow, Friday 24 November and Lowes will be notified to start production. We have been advised that shirts will be ready for Term 2 2024.

Thank you, Holgate Public School P&C

A



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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.

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





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



Go4Fun

Central Coast Local Health District



FREE healthy lifestyle program



10-week program for 7 to 13-year-old kids and their families*

Go for healthy eating advice, active games and positive changes for the whole family. Most importantly, go for fun!

*contact us to see if it will suit your family



Programs run every school term

Register now: call 1800 780 900 or visit go4fun.com.au



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GITTOES

LEADERS IN PROPERTY

Sales & Leasing

61 Victoria St, East Gosford NSW 2250 gittoes.com.au 4323 3811



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

saverplus

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:



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



DELIVERED BY



Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



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Central Coast Conservatorium Of Music

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 **13** 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.



SCAN ME

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

For more information phone 4324 7477 or visit our website:
www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools-program

TASK ERINA HEIGHTS PS Holidays

BOOKINGS CLOSE WED 13 DEC

**MONDAY
18 DEC**

END OF YEAR PARTY

Celebrate
a year of adventure, friends, and **Fun** with **games, music, and surprises** at the ultimate *Task-tastic* End of Year Party!



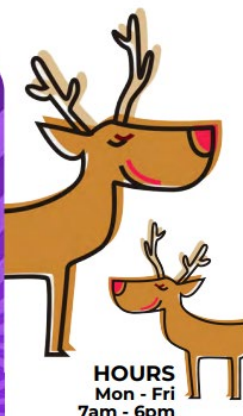
Full Fee - \$75

**TUESDAY
19 DEC**

WONKA FACTORY

Step into a world of pure imagination as we explore **Wonka's** fantastical factory on a cinematic excursion

Full Fee - \$96



HOURS
Mon - Fri
7am - 6pm

BOOKINGS
task-kids.com.au
enrol@task-kids.com.au
1300 827 500

The
After
School
Klub

Please read BOOK ME description for detailed information • Excursion days - places limited • TASK is egg & nut free • Afternoon tea provided • All Holiday Program subject to change • Each day please bring: recess, lunch and water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labelled.



TASK offers a bus service from Holgate PS to our **after school care** at Erina Heights PS.

TERM 1, 2024
MONDAY - THURSDAY

Our Educator meets children on school premises at Holgate PS. Our bus has seatbelts, air conditioning and first aid kit.

We offer;

- fun & educational programs / screen free
- time for homework, readers and free play
- first aid & child protection trained staff
- healthy snacks
- govt. approved provider
- collect by 6pm @ Erina Heights PS
- enrol at task-kids.com.au/erinaheights



The
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BOOK NOW!



School Bytes

Parent App

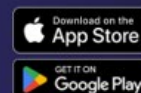
Available now!

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.



Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news



Coast Shelter Christmas Appeal 2023



**Thank you so much for your interest in supporting
Coast Shelter's Christmas Appeal for 2023!**

Food Hampers

We are kindly asking for whole food hampers to be provided to us if possible. However, we understand that with the rising cost of living that may not be feasible so we also warmly welcome individual items that we can use to put together a hamper.

Our clients have come up with the following list of things that they think would be nice to have on Christmas Day. We ask that these non-perishable items be placed in a sturdy grocery bag so that it is easy for our clients to carry, and delivered to Coast Shelter (346 Mann St, North Gosford) by Thursday 14th December. If you have a large amount of hampers we are happy to come pick them up.

- Tinned leg ham
- Juice, soft drink or sugar free drink
- Chips, pretzels, or popcorn
- Shortbread
- Savoury crackers
- Christmas pudding
- Long-life milk
- Long-life custard
- Christmas serviettes
- Christmas lollies and chocolates
- Tinned fruit - ring pull
- Christmas Bon Bons/Crackers
- Christmas paper plates
- Spread - peanut butter, jam, or Nutella
- Zooper Doopers or freezable ice blocks
- Jelly mix

If there is a specific item missing from your food hamper, please let a Coast Shelter staff member know when you drop it off, however we ask that there be one of each item in every food hamper so that no one misses out.

Thank you for getting involved with our 2023 Christmas Appeal. We couldn't do what we do without the help of our community. Your support will be enormously appreciated - because it really does give hope where it's needed most.

**Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season,
from everyone at Coast Shelter.**

