

Dear Parents, Families, Students and Staff,

Christmas is a time of reflection....

What's more important in life, words or actions? Sometimes words need to come first to help guide our actions. Scripture and other holy writings for example are very important guides to various religious traditions. Some people would say that they could not live without the nourishment of these words and writings. On the other hand, I find with children that they do not necessarily listen to what we say. However, they do watch carefully what we do.

In the beginning, according to the Bible there were words. I read recently that the reason that our species homo sapiens became the dominant human species is that we have a higher capacity to communicate with each other. Commensurately, this has led us to gather in bigger groups and communities and in so doing we created a bigger gene pool for ourselves. This gene pool was enhanced and mitigated against disease which ravaged other populations such as the Neanderthals. It's interesting and ironic that this genetic advantage that we have established because of our communication skills is possibly at threat because of the inability of some National Groups to communicate with each other. We wish that all national groups would read their foundational scripture and be guided towards being nicer to other national groups.

What is it that motivates us most? Words or Actions? I have been discussing this question over recent days. I think we notice with admiration when people engage in actions which are inherently good and kind. Some people think that words linger on in our consciousness with good and bad effect.

For my part as a Leader I have asked myself if I learn more from good leadership or from questionable leadership. I think it is the latter. If I see leadership done badly, I say "note to self don't treat people like that". I understand that people remember how you make them feel. I hope you feel our love and affection for you all.

What is most important is that your words and actions match up. If your actions don't match your words, people won't trust you. Similarly, my Dad taught me, if you only speak the truth you won't have anything to worry about.

Thank you everybody for your words and actions in support of our school and the trust you place in us.

**KERRY WHITE**  
**PRINCIPAL**



**VS**

**WORDS**

# CLASS PLACEMENT

Semester 2 reports and Class placement advices have been emailed to families. Thank you to the parents who provided feedback. We have placed your child carefully considering a range of factors. Please do not ask for changes as they will not be granted. I thank you for the support of the school and ask you that you present your child's placement positively to your child and remember each class teacher offers something unique to your child.

***Please note:***

All **Reception and Year 1** students will commence on **Monday 29 January 2024**.

On Monday 29 January 2024 we invite parents of Years 2-6 to 'pop in' for a meet and greet with your child's teacher at your convenience. Students in Year 2 or new to the school in Year 2 upwards, can collect their laptop with their parent from their class teacher.

All students in **Years 2-6** will commence on **Tuesday 30 January 2024**.

The OSHC service is available on Monday 29 January for bookings.

*The **Uniform Shop** will be open during the holidays on:*

*Wednesday 24 January 2024 from 10am to 12.30pm*

*Thursday 25 January 2024 from 1pm to 3pm*

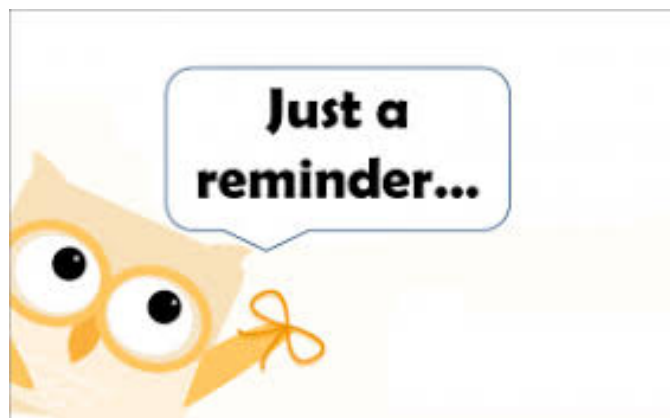
*Monday 29 January 2024 from 8.30am to 9.30am*

*Tuesday 30 January 2024 from 8.30am to 9.30am*

*Normal opening times will then recommence after the dates above.*



<b>Last day of Term</b>		Thursday 14th December <i>(3pm finish)</i>
<b>Pupil Free Day</b>		Friday 15th December
<b>FIRST Day of Term 1 2024</b>	<b>Receptions and Year 1's</b>	Monday 29th January
<b>FIRST Day of Term 1 2024</b>	<b>Year's 2 - 6's</b>	Tuesday 30th January
<b>School Commences</b>		8.50am (students to be in class ready for roll call)



# 2024

## Instrumental Music Program

INSTRUMENTS	30 minute lesson
Violin	✓
Singing	✓
Drums	✓
Piano/Keyboard	✓
Classical Guitar (Must have nylon strings)	✓

### 1. TUITION

- Lessons are held weekly during lesson time. Students leave their class to attend their instrumental lesson and return approx. 30 minutes later.
- If at any time your child wishes to discontinue instrumental tuition, you should notify the Instrumental teacher by phone or in writing before the start of the next term.

### 2. TUITION FEES

- Fees are usually charged per term, in advance, with the expectation that students will complete a full term's tuition before discontinuing lessons. Fees are therefore non-refundable.
- Accounts for tuition fees are issued by the tutors and are payable to the tutors **direct**. 2024 fees for all students have been set for tutors at \$320 for a 10 week term. *Please note an additional fee for materials may apply for some instruments. Parents will be notified of this before tuition commences.*
- Tutors will invoice parents each term with the expectation that full fees will be paid no later than week 2 of each new term. Please speak to the tutor personally if another arrangement needs to be negotiated. **Tutors have been instructed not to give lessons if payment has not been made.** Please do not enrol your child in lessons unless you are able to afford lesson fees, tuition books and possibly instrument hire

### 3. ABSENTEEISM

- As the instrumental teachers are not employed directly by the school, they are essentially running their own business and may have different requirements in this area.
- If students are sick on the day of their lesson, please phone their tutor directly (or the school office if necessary) by 8am.
- If the Tutor is not notified that the student will be away, the lesson will not usually be made up.
- If students are going on an excursion/camp (or have an appointment) on the day of their lesson the tutor must be notified at least one week prior to the lesson. If prior notification is given, the lesson will be made up.
- If the Tutor is away, lessons will either be made up or credited to the next term.

### 4. INSTRUMENT HIRE

- Instrument hire can be arranged easily through the school, from a company called 'Size Music'. The hire fee is charged to your school account each term. By going through the school, you will pay less, however normal hire contract conditions will apply.

**Instrument Hire Rates (per term includes holidays) (subject to change)**

Violin - all sizes: \$55

Classical Guitar – all sizes: \$34

*To register complete the registration form or [online](#)*

## 2024 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC REGISTRATION FORM

☐ In 2024, my child wishes to **START** learning the \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In 2024, my child wishes to **CONTINUE** learning the \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form to the school office.*



# School Times

**6.30am - 8.30am .....Before School Care (OSHC)**

**8.50am.....School Commences**  
*(including Roll Attendance)*

**9.00am.....Lessons Begin**

**11.00am.....Recess**

**11.20am.....Lessons Begin**

**12.40pm.....Eat Lunch**

**12.50pm.....Lunch Playtime**

**1.30pm.....Lessons Begin**

**3.00pm.....Dismissal**

**3.00pm - 6.00pm.....After School Care (OSHC)**

**3.00pm - 3.20pm.....Supervised Kiss & Drop Zone**

# OSHC

**Bookings are essential**

and must be made by via the **Xplor Home** App.

Xplor Home App enables you to make your own bookings, see your current balance, make a payment, set up a scheduled payment and change any other details required.

Only **NEW** families to OSHC need to enrol using our website link

<https://www.holyfamily.catholic.edu.au/oshc-services/>

Any cancellations must be notified 24 hours prior or costs will be incurred. You can cancel a booking using the Xplor App and/or ring the office 8250 6616 or OSHC 8258 0293.







*Children 0-4 years*

*Activities support gross  
and fine motor skills,  
creativity, self  
awareness, community  
connection and nature  
play.*

# PLAYGROUP

SESSIONS AVAILABLE:

TUESDAY 9AM TO 11AM  
THURSDAY 9AM TO 11AM





In Term 4  
the Summer  
uniform should  
be worn with  
the school  
hat.



**Male Formal Summer**

Short Sleeve HF striped shirt  
Black shorts with HF logo  
Black HF socks

**Opening Times**

Monday  
8.30am to 9.30am

Wednesday  
2.30pm to 3.30pm

Thursday  
8.30am to 9.30am



**Sports Summer  
Male and Female**

Striped HF polo shirt  
Black Sport shorts with stripe

**Holiday Opening Times**

Wednesday 24th January 2024  
10am to 12.30pm

Thursday 25th January 2024  
1pm - 3pm

**Donations of uniforms** to be used for children that have accidents of any kind would be greatly appreciated.

*NOT red jumpers or sports jackets.*

# FROM THE APRIM



## Shalom

Week 2 | The second candle is purple and represents PEACE.



**Prayer:** God of light, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. When we worry, are anxious or feel overwhelmed, help us to seek quiet spaces and trusted companions who will listen to us. May these times, places and people of peace remind us that you come to us to be one of us, with us and for us. **Amen.**

In Hebrew, the word for peace is *shalom*. The second candle of Advent, also purple, represents peace. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a **reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem**. They were a family who were forced to flee their homeland in fear of persecution. This is the story which is similar to so many other refugees. The message behind Mary and Joseph's plight is that we **are called to love others and do what we can to help meet their needs**.

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*Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.*

*Pope Francis*

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**Holy Family's whole school Mass** was celebrated last Thursday. The focus was on the graduating classes of 2023. The students were very well-prepared for their roles in the Celebration, and the dedication of their teachers could clearly be seen. At the end, the Year 6's were asked to enter the stage for their final blessing by Fr James from the St Augustine's Parish in Salisbury.



## Blessing of the Year 6 Students

"God of infinite glory, may you continue to give your power and Spirit to our Year 6 students. Help them to grow strong so that Christ may continue to live in their hearts through faith, planted in love and built in love.

May these young people, with all the saints, have the inner strength to grasp the breadth, the length, the height, and the depth of life connected to faith; may Christ's love, which is beyond all knowledge, fill them with the utter fullness of God.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord."  
Amen

We wish our Year 6 students all the very best for their pursuits in their high school endeavours and beyond. May they take all that they have learnt: all of the care, all the kindness, and all the richness that they have encountered during their time at Holy Family.



[Link to The Echo Newsletter from Salisbury Parish](#)

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## School routines:

- **SCHOOL START** - School starts at 8.50am, children must be under supervision of adults at all times. Yard Duty begins at 8.15am. Please make an OSHC booking if your child needs to arrive earlier;
- **LATE ARRIVALS** - If your child arrives after 8.50am they **must** sign in at Student Reception;
- **SCHOOL FINISH** - School finishes at 3pm. Please make an OSHC booking if you cannot collect your child/ren on time;
- **PICK UP/DROP OFF SAFETY** - Please use the Kiss and Drop Zone and **DO NOT** drop off your children in the car parks or park in Disabled Zones ... it is illegal;
- **SAFETY** - Please don't walk on the driveways, use the footpaths, don't walk in or out of the vehicle entry/exit gates;
- **LABELLING** - please label all removable clothing (ie. jumpers, jackets, hats), school bags, drink bottles, lunch boxes and anything else your child may bring;
- **PERSONAL ITEMS** - No toys, electronics or sports equipment to be brought to school
- **DRINK BOTTLES OR CONTAINERS - Plastic only;**
- **NUT FREE** - A reminder we are a **nut aware** school. This includes but is not limited to Nutella, Peanut Butter and some muesli bars.
- **STAFF CAR PARK** - The inside carpark is for STAFF only.
- **GATES** - All gates are locked everyday at 9.15am and re-opened at 2.15pm. During these times you must come through the front office and sign in.

## Laptops

The laptops are a great tool for the students. Here are a few tips for looking after them:

- No food or drink near the laptop;
- Store in a safe and dry area;
- Use in a dry area (ie not near sinks or wash areas);
- Do not run or walk with the laptop in the open position;
- Do not run with the laptop;
- Always ensure the protective cover is on and not tampered with.





# Early Pick up or Absence of a Student

**Should you need to collect your child early for any reason you will need to:**

- \* Sign out the student via the iPad at the front office
- \* Cancel any OSHC bookings via the Xplor app
- \* Defer any lunch orders (if before 11:30am) or have the lunch order collected to take home

**Should you need to report a student absence you can:**

- \* Call the front office on 8250 6166
- \* Send an email to [absent@holyfamily.catholic.edu.au](mailto:absent@holyfamily.catholic.edu.au)
- \* Send a text to 0417038063

# School Bus Bookings & Car Park Safety

## School Bus Bookings

We would like to advise our families of an update to our bus service bookings.

- Bookings made through the QKR App must be completed by 12pm on the working day prior to use of service.
- Bookings and payments completed over the phone need to be advised no later than 1pm on the day.
- Please note that any refunds and credits will be forfeited for any late changes and/or no show.

## Safety in the car park

In an effort to improve safety in the car parks:

- Please do not use the car parks as drop-off zones;
- Please use the kiss 'n' drop zone as it is the safest option for your children. Be patient;
- Please do not turn right onto Shepherdson Road in busy traffic times. Use the roundabouts;
- Please do not walk your children through the car parks, use the foot paths at all times;
- Please do not park in the disabled car parks without displaying the appropriate permit.

We have had enough trauma on South Australian roads – let's not add to it but making silly choices.





## CALLING ALL DADS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL GIRLS, DAUGHTERS AND DADS CRICKET IS HERE!!!

### Do you want to...

- Spend quality one on one time with your daughter?
- Develop cricket skills and have fun getting active together?
- Help her build confidence, self-esteem and resilience?

Strengthen your relationship with your daughter and improve her enjoyment and engagement in cricket.



### WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

- 90 mins a week over 9 weeks.
- A combination of cricket skills and well-being education for primary school girls 6-12 years and their dads (or father figure)

### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- Rough and tumble play, fitness and cricket skills.
- Your daughter will improve her catching, batting, bowling and throwing.

### WELL-BEING EDUCATION

You will help your daughter develop:

**Bravery, self-control, resilience, persistence, positivity.**



For **50% off**  
use this code  
at checkout  
**69C98D70**

### WHEN IS IT HAPPENING?

Date	Saturdays from 10 February - 6 April
Location	Para Hills High School  90 Beafield Road, Para Hills West
Time	8:30am - 10am
Cost	\$130 per daughter & dad pair use the discount code above for <b>50% off</b>

### NEED MORE DETAILS?

Name: Taryn Williams

✉ twilliams@saca.com.au

☎ 08 8300 3215

[www.daughtersanddads.cricket.com.au](http://www.daughtersanddads.cricket.com.au)

**Scan the QR  
code to find  
out more  
and register**



SCAN ME



Use code  
69C98D70  
for 50% off!

# Daughters & Dads Cricket

Registration is now open for Term 1

**Para Hills High School**

Saturdays 8:30am - 10am starting 10 February.

For more info and to register

[www.daughtersanddads.cricket.com.au](http://www.daughtersanddads.cricket.com.au)







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**\$40 for 5 days  
of lessons!\***

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**Holiday  
Swim**

# LAPS

Little Athletics  
Program for Schools



Our LAPS Program can be delivered to primary school students to introduce them to the basic fundamental movements of athletics, or provide students with fun and engaging development sessions run by the Associations excellent track and field coaches.

The objective is to develop students knowledge, fundamental movements skills, and technical understanding of athletics, so students can participate and compete safely and successfully.

**SESSIONS CAN FOCUS ON RUNNING, JUMPING OR THROWING, OR EVEN A COMBINATION OF THE THREE. IT'S COMPLETELY UP TO YOU!**

Some key ways you can make the most of our **LAPS** sessions are:

- ✓ To teach specific events that teachers may not be comfortable with.
- ✓ Weekly visits to develop the curriculum's compulsory athletics unit.
- ✓ Preparation for athletics carnivals (i.e. school sports days, SAPSASA, SACPSSA).
- ✓ Coaching assistance at Sports Days.



RUN  
EVERY  
SCHOOL  
TERM

FOR  
KIDS  
AGED  
2-10



PlayStart  
SOCCER



5 METRO LOCATIONS on SAT/SUN MORNINGS (8 week program):  
WINDSOR GARDENS - GRANGE - MAWSON LAKES - STONYFELL - UNLEY PARK



TERM 1 - 2024  
FEBRUARY 10/11

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VOUCHERS**

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the term at [WWW.PLAYSTART.COM.AU](http://WWW.PLAYSTART.COM.AU)**



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& U15'S PLAYERS FOR AN UPCOMING  
JSL/JPL TEAM**

## LOCATION

**PONTIAN EAGLES SOCCER CLUB  
YALUMBA RESERVE  
17 YALUMBA DRIVE  
PARALOWIE  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**



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