



# HOLGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

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## Newsletter 6 February 2025

### Up and coming events

Event	Year	Date	Note Due/Cost
Twilight Swimming Carnival		Thursday 20 February 5-7pm	
P&C Annual General Meeting		Monday 24 February	7pm in the staffroom

This newsletter is published every three weeks, the next on Wednesday 26 February 2025

The first assembly is on Friday 14 February 2025 at 2:15pm in the school hall.

### Principal's Report

#### Welcome back to the new school year!

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

I hope you all had a wonderful break and are feeling refreshed. As we start this new school year, I want to warmly welcome back our students, families, and our dedicated staff.

After two years away, I am excited to return as principal and have learned so much during my time, and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Mrs Wicks for her outstanding leadership, as well as the hard work of our executive team, teachers, support staff and students, all of whom have contributed significantly to our school community during my absence.

I look forward to working together, as we begin a journey full of opportunities for learning for our Holgate Public School. The school is currently writing a new School Excellence Plan following the External Validation of 2024. Community consultation will occur, information coming soon.

#### Setting high expectations

At our school, we believe in having high expectations in Literacy and Numeracy for every student. We know that with support, all students can achieve great things. This year, we will encourage our students to take on challenges in their learning and develop important skills like critical thinking, resilience and dedication. We expect each student to take charge of their learning, set ambitious goals, and aim for excellence in everything they do.

## Engaging everyone in our community

A strong partnership among students, teachers, parents, carers, and the community is essential for creating a positive learning environment. Here's how everyone can get involved:

- **Students:** Be active in your education! Participate in class, ask questions, and seek help when you need it. Your effort and attitude are key to your success.
- **Teachers:** Our educators are dedicated to creating engaging and supportive classrooms. They will work hard to make sure students are Respectful, Responsible and Resilient to express themselves and learn new ideas. Collaboration among teachers will help us share and plan new curriculum, effective teaching strategies and enhance learning experiences.
- **Parents and Carers:** Your involvement is crucial to your children's success. We encourage you to attend school events, participate in parent-teacher conferences, and maintain communication with teachers about your child's progress. Together, we can create a strong support network for our students.
- **Community:** We value our partnerships with local organisations and businesses. Collaborating with the community enriches our students' educational experiences and provides valuable opportunities.

## Rebranding Positive Behaviour for Learning

During 2025 we are rebranding our Positive Behaviour for Learning to meet the needs of students and teachers. We are having a soft launch for the first few weeks of the term. Over this period, we will engage in student, teacher, staff and community feedback in readiness for an official launch later in the term. Please see further information in the brochure attached.

## Looking ahead

As we move into this school year, I encourage each student to set personal goals and strive for academic success. Remember, every day is a chance to learn something new and grow as individuals.

Let's work together to make this year our best one yet! Thank you for your support and commitment to our school community.

Warm regards,

Vanessa Gordon Proud Principal

## School News

### Return to School

All students returned to school today. We warmly welcomed our new Kindergarten students today, and we are excited to support you on this wonderful journey of learning, discovery, and friendship!

As our Year 6 students embark on their final year of primary school, we celebrate their achievements and look forward to a year filled with growth, leadership, and unforgettable memories as they prepare for the next exciting chapter of their educational journey.

### School Organisation

School organisation for 2025:

- Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction – Mrs Kerry
- Assistant Principal – Mrs Burke
- K/1 – Mrs Papps
- 1/2/3 – Mrs Nash (M, W, Th, F) - Mrs Alarca (Tue)
- 3/4/5 – Mrs Nguyen (Tu, W, Th, Fri) – Mrs Alarca (Mon)

- 5/6 – Mrs Dowling (M, T, Th, F) – Mrs Alarca (Wed)
- RFF (Release from Face to Face) – Mrs Burke
- Mrs King remains fulltime in the office, Mrs Bergan Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Williams Thursday and Friday.
- SLSO's Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – (Miss Trudi) and; Thursday - Friday – (Mr Hayden)
- Miss Nunn (Teacher), Mr Pearce (General Assistant) and Kusum Robbins (Cleaner) remain on leave.

Class constructions have considered the diverse needs of our students by considering factors such as gender, siblings, social interactions, academic abilities and emotional well-being when allocating resources and forming classes. We considered friendship circles and what would be best for each student.

### **School Enrolments Update 2025**

School enrolments are 98. The class construction and the enrolment of student in years for 2025 has indicated a four-class model. Enrolments in a school do fluctuate but we are always prepared to manage this challenge.

### **Meet the Teacher Conferences – Goal setting meetings**

Class goal setting meetings are planned for Term 1 Week 7. Your classroom teacher will be working with each student to establish these. This is the opportunity to develop personalised goals and expectations for 2025. Please talk to your child / children about your expectations for learning and wellbeing for 2025. If you would like to discuss this further please contact your classroom teacher.

### **Newsletter and Facebook**

Newsletter will occur on Wednesday's Weeks 2, 5, and 8 for the year. Obviously, today is the exception being the first day. Facebook posts will continue each week with the weekly organisation and with any other updates that may be needed. An administration newsletter will be published on Monday.

### **Assembly**

Assembly will occur Term 1 Week 3, 6, 9 on Friday at 2:15pm to 2:45pm.

### **Swimming Carnival 2025**

The school swimming carnival is on Thursday 20 February. Thank you to Mrs Nguyen and teachers for your organisation. It is going to be a great afternoon. The carnival runs from 5pm to 7pm.

### **P&C Annual General Meeting 2025 Join Us!**

The P&C Annual General Meeting is on Monday 3 March at 7pm in our staffroom. We would like to welcome new faces and hope to see you there!

### **Out Of School Hours (OOSH)**

The before and after school care is now operational on our school site. Please see insert in this newsletter for enrolment. Any enquiries please call 0243 401 111.

### **Anxiety Project**

The Anxiety project continues for 2025. Students will engage in stage based weekly lessons for Term 1. This will compliment our rebranding of Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) Program, Rising Stars. Further information will come on Rising Stars for our school community.

## Applications for 2026 entry into Opportunity Classes

Applications for 2026 entry into an opportunity class (OC) or selective high school (SHS) are currently open and **close for both on 21 February 2025**.

This is important information for parents and carers of students in **Year 4 or Year 6** this year to apply for OC or SHS placement.

Applications for OC are now open much earlier than previous years please be aware that you will need to apply **by 21 February 2025 for 2026 entry**.

The online application link for parents and carers is available at [Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#) until 21 February 2025.

P&C

Holgate School canteen is open every Friday, starting tomorrow for recess and lunch. Thank you to all those who have volunteered and helped out with our small canteen. For those wanting to volunteer and help pack lunches and serve the kids ice blocks please let me know on 0447 020 823. One volunteer is needed every Friday between 12.15 and 1.45.

A reminder on how to order. Either:

Clearly write your child's name, class, and order on a brown paper bag and your child will place it in the lunch tub in the morning.

Alternatively, order over the spriggy app before 8.30 am Friday, please update your child's class for this year.

<https://www.spriggyschools.com.au/get-the-spriggy-schools-app>

Imke Pearce, Canteen Supervisor



**Holgate Primary School**  
**Before and After School Care**  
Subject to regulatory approval\*

Coastwide Child and Family Services are thrilled to be the  
new Outside of School Hours onsite Provider for  
Holgate Primary School.

School Terms - Monday to Friday:  
Morning - 6.30am - 8.30am  
Afternoon - 2.30pm - 6.00pm

The Coastwide team look forward to meeting our  
Holgate families as at Term 1 - 2025

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# THE RISING STAR PROGRAM

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

RESILIENCE



## RISING STAR

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

### Star Points

Students will accrue star points. Teachers will keep a digital record of how many are earned each term. Students will be given a chance to spend their star points twice a term.

### STAR REWARDS:

Once students earn 20, 50, 70, 100, 150, 200 star points they will receive an award. Once the class receives 500, 1000, 2000 there will be a class award. All awards will be determined by students through student voice. There is no limit to how many star points a student can earn.

## HOLGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL



## CREATING A HIGH EXPECTATIONS LEARNING CULTURE

Everybody,  
Everywhere, Everytime



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## WHAT IS THE RISING STAR PROGRAM?

The Rising Star program is a consistent school-wide system of support that helps define, teach and support appropriate student behaviours. It aims to promote and create a positive school environment both in and out of the classroom using visuals and peg charts.

At Holgat The Rising Star program promotes;

- School-wide discipline practices
- Instruction in social skills
- Active supervision in all areas of the school
- Students regulating their own behaviour
- School-wide expectations

Across the school our Rising Star program, practices and systems will aim to teach all students to be:

Respectful  
Responsible  
Resilient



## THE 3RS

### 1 RESPECT

Respect

Showing respect for:

- Teachers
- Peers
- Belongings
- Classroom/school grounds



### 2 RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility

Responsibility for:

- Own learning
- The learning of others
- Personal belongings
- School/classroom equipment



### 3 RESILIENCE

Resilience

Resilience means:

- Perseverance
- Problem solving
- Growth mindset
- Continuous improvement
- Emotional regulation
- Self direction
- Initiative



## OUR EXPECTATIONS

## POSITIVE REWARDS FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Pick What You Like

Individual Rewards

Class Awards

Collect class & playground stars







# COASTWIDE OOSH

🚩 Enrolments Now Open! 🚩

We're excited to share that enrolment forms are now ready! ✅

Check your emails for the link. ✉️🌟

Got questions? We're here to help! Drop us a message or get in touch with our team.

We can't wait to welcome you and your family to Coastwide OOSH



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## CENTRAL COAST



### FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

#### JANUARY 2025 Newsletter

Registration for our Term 1 Parenting Courses are now open!

Our courses are free for eligible parents and carers on the Central Coast. To register for a Term 1 parenting course, please visit [www.ccfss.org.au/course-work-programs/](http://www.ccfss.org.au/course-work-programs/) or for more details call us on 4340 1585.

#### Upcoming Parenting Programs

[Circle of Security](#)  
[Triple P Parenting Program](#)  
[CHIME Project | Triple P Parenting Program](#)  
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