



Holy Saviour School

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to our students, parents, teachers, sisters and priests. I thank God for keeping you safe during the holiday and pray for a successful Term Four. We have an exciting last term ahead of us; Divine Liturgy will take place as usual on Friday of each week and students will be doing Athletics for sport every Tuesday. Added to this, students will participate in our first sports carnival whereby all will be placed in house teams for the first time. This carnival is a warm up to the 2010 Athletics carnival as it will enable the students to get to know team members as well as participate in some classical type games such as captain ball, tunnel ball, over ball, relays, etc. The house teams are family grouped and the teams are as follows: **RED (St. John) Yellow (St. Mary) Blue (St. Michael) Green (St. Rita)**

In addition to the sports day, the students are also preparing for a school concert which will be held on the 1st December, 2009. Further information will be sent to parents with details in the coming weeks. The concert should prove to be one filled with entertainment as a great deal of planning has taken place. I hope parents, grandparents and friends support students by attending. Finally, you will receive your child's end of year portfolio and report at the end of this term. For parents who have not yet finalised their fee payments, please do so as a matter of urgency as reports will not be issued if fees are not paid.

Contained in this newsletter is an overview of a playground management system which has been developed by the staff to further improve behaviour in the playground. As you are aware, there is a zero tolerance to bullying and further concerns have been raised regarding the unacceptable relaxed manner in which some children communicate to others. As a staff, we discussed what classifies as acceptable and unacceptable behaviours and made a commitment to collectively work at improving our school standards in order to ensure a safe and happy environment for our children. I would like all parents to take the time to sit with their child/ren and discuss the yellow and red card system with them.

Finally, we have recently received written feedback from the Board of Students and I would like to share the Inspector's comments with you:

"Holy Saviour School provides a quality education for students. The facilities are most appropriate and a building program is currently underway that will further enhance these facilities. The school has a very strong commitment to literacy and numeracy across the curriculum while providing rich and diverse experiences in each of the Key Learning Areas. There is a solid foundation in programming and this is well reflected in student work and the development of portfolios as an extremely rich tool for reporting student achievement to parents. Supplementing the Board of Studies curriculum are community members who assist in the teaching of Arabic across Kindergarten to Year 6".

Again, I appreciate the work of all our staff and thank them for their continuous efforts.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE SYSTEM

This term, an extension of our school discipline system is being introduced which will assist us in maintaining a safe and happy environment for our children. Our current system is based on the principles of: 1) Respect Self 2) Respect Others 3) Respect Environment

To date, we have seen some improvements in the manner in which the students interact with one another and their general attitude towards school. Whilst this is a positive outcome, we as a staff, believe that it is time to elevate our expectations and standards. Below is an overview of our new behavior management system. Please take the time to read and discuss what this means to your child.

OVERVIEW

BEHAVIOUR COLOUR SYSTEM

YELLOW card equals a warning

RED card equals lunch-time detention

3 **YELLOW** cards **equal** one **RED** card

Severity Clause: If a student's behavior is severe in nature, a **RED card will** be issued automatically. That is, no warnings will be given and they will be directly sent to Mrs. Klumpp. The student will also be given a lunch-time detention the following school day.

The following are the consequences if a child repeatedly receives red cards:

1 RED card equals 30 minute lunch-time detention.

2 RED cards equal a one hour after school detention.

3 RED cards equal a half day in school suspension.

4 RED cards equal full day in school suspension.

5 RED cards equal a suspension from school for one day.

<u>YELLOW CARD</u>	<u>RED CARD</u>
<p>NO CHILD is permitted to touch another child whilst playing i.e. tackling / grabbing / pulling. The school policy is HANDS OFF and that refers to any games that children play. If any child is being physically harassed – even in a non violent way – by another student they must approach the teacher on duty who will deal with the incident.</p> <p><u>You will receive a YELLOW card if you:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• play tackle/touch football on the school playground• pull on any child's shirt/tie/jumper while playing a game• touch another child in any way, even as a joke, if it involves pulling or pushing any part of the person or their clothing	<p>NO CHILD is permitted to touch another child in ANY deliberate or aggressive manner – even if they were pushed /hit first. The school policy is for any child who has been hit /pushed to approach the teacher on duty who will deal with the incident.</p> <p><u>You will receive a RED card if you:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• deliberately hit or push another child (<i>even if they touched you first</i>)• deliberately tackle a child in any game on the playground (<i>even if it is a friendly game</i>)• deliberately pull on another child's shirt/tie/jumper in an aggressive manner• use any inappropriate language. ALL inappropriate language will incur a RED card.

2010 Book Starter Packs

In 2009 many parents requested that the school provide the students with starter packs as it was difficult to locate all the required materials. The staff have discussed and listed the stationery needs for 2010 for students in K-6. For your convenience, the school has organised student packs through OfficeMax. OfficeMax is a supplier of educational resources and is willing to package the required materials and have them delivered either to the school or your home at a discounted rate. To assist parents, a representative of OfficeMax will be available on the 16th November between 2:00pm and 3:30pm to showcase materials and take orders. Please note; **these materials are NOT part of the school fees schedule. It is up to parents to provide the stationery needs.**

2009 Parents Survey

Please complete Parent's Survey attached and return by Friday 30th October 2009. Data collected will be used to report parent satisfaction in the 2009 Annual Report.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Holy Mathletics!

Mathletics is a website of learning. Children at any age can participate in it. Holy Saviour School has been participating in Mathletics for six months now. And in our progress in live Mathletics, Year 5 has done an outstanding achievement because, guess what? Year 5 is now in the Australian top 50 classes! Well done Year 5! Not to mention that they are coming in 10th place so far. Not only that, Year 5 are in the World top 50 classes in Mathletics and they are coming 27th on the leader board! Well Done!!! Also, Simon T, from Year 5, is ranked 71 in the top 100 students in Australia!!! Congratulations.



Throughout the year, Holy Saviour has shown a very high achievement that has impressed not only the parents and the teachers, but the whole of Australia; We would like to thank the teachers in this school who have supported us the whole way through... Thank you!

Go Holy Saviour!!!!

By Ahmed K & Emmanuel Y

CHUPA CHUPS VISIT: Taking our learning beyond the walls of our classrooms!

During their recent holidays overseas, some of our students at Holy Saviour School had the opportunity to visit the importers and distributors of Chupa Chups in Lebanon; Golden Food SAL in Mkalles. During this visit, the students were given a tour of the company and warehouses, and learnt about the process a product goes through to end up on a supermarket shelf and how we come to buy it, tying in with their work on Consumers in the community.

The students were also treated to a presentation on the marketing history of this popular lollipop brand, tying in with their work on Expositions and how consumers are persuaded to part with their money and purchase products.

At the end of the visit students received goody bags containing an array of the different products this company imports and met the very jovial Chupa Chups character, as the photo shows.

Holy Saviour School would like to extend its thanks to Mr Antoine Char and Mr George Barakat, the owners of Golden Food who approved the visit, and Mrs Nadine Kreiker and Mr Paul Khalil who organised the presentations.



P & F Meeting

The P & F committee would like to invite the parents to a general meeting to be held on Thursday 29th October, 2009 at 9:00am. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss fundraising ideas for the end of the year. Your presence is valuable to us and we would like to see most of the parents on the day.

Selective High School Placement in 2011

Selective school placement application forms are available at the front office for Year 5 students, 2009 wishing to sit for the selective schools test. These applications must be filled and sent back no later than Friday 7th December 2009.

Enrolments:

Children, who turn 5 years old before 31st July, 2010, are eligible to be enrolled for Kindergarten 2010. We would appreciate it if any siblings of current students who need to be enrolled for 2010 do so now. If parents know of anyone who has a child who needs to be enrolled for 2010 and is interested in attending Holy Saviour School, please let them know so as no one misses out at the end of the year. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Term Dates:

- Thursday 29th October, 2009; P & F meeting
- MUFTI DAY: Thursday 29th October 27, 2009: Gold coin donation to go towards the Year 6 Fundraising
- Tuesday 10th November, 2009; Kindergarten orientation day
- Monday 16th November, 2009 Book Packs PRE ORDER
- Tuesday 1st December, 2009 School Day Concert
- Tuesday 8th December, 2009; Sports Carnival
- Thursday 10th December, 2009 Last Day of term for students
- Friday 11th December, 2009 Report Day
- Monday 14th and 15th December, 2009 Professional Planning Days for staff

General Reminders

School Fees

School fees are now due. School fees must be finalised no later than **Friday 20th November, 2009.**

Payment of fees is an important parental responsibility, which is comprehensively explained at enrolment interviews. I urge parents to make any late payments as a matter of priority. I thank the many parents who have already settled their account or whom have made regular payments. Please note: Parents who have not taken the time to contact the school or have made little or no attempt to make payments will not receive end of year reports or portfolios until such time that a meeting is arranged with the Principal or Director of Mission to discuss a financial arrangement and agreement.

HELPING KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

Parents are asked not to enter the building at the end of the school day until the bell rings. We ask that once you have collected all your children, please leave the school promptly.

ALL parents must follow these rules to ensure our school remains safe for all children.

- All driveway areas are strictly 10km
- All children must be supervised by parents once leaving the school gate.
- All cars must park correctly- no double parking or parking in non designated areas.
- All children traveling in cars must be wearing a seat belt.

Entry to school parking from Waterloo Road. Exit from parking to Mimosa Road.

Note: Supervision time is offered from 8:20 am to 3:30 pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Bankstown City Council is giving the residents the opportunity to 'come and try Swimming and Aquacise' throughout the month of November 2009 completely free of charge. For more information, please call Council's Recreation Officer on 9707 9641.
- All parents are invited to join in the Rosary every Friday at 10:00am.
- The Community is celebrating St Michael's Feast Day on Sunday 8th November, 2009. We invite the parents to join in the celebration. A special BBQ is organised for the day. The cost is \$10-\$15 (donation). St Michael Archangel, Protect us!!!
- SALE 15% OFF all Holy Saviour School Uniform from 10th-17th November 2009 at Saouma's Schoolwear Punchbowl; Shop 2/200 The Boulevard Punchbowl Tel:97503276
- Special thanks to GELATOBLISS for donating gelato to our Year 6 fundraising drive to raise money for their upcoming camp. The gelato day will be held on Tuesday 3rd November whereby students can buy delicious tasting gelato at lunch and help support our efforts to get the Year 6 class to camp. For any purchasing enquiries of this delicious and natural gelato and gelato cakes (gateau glace) you can call 9724 666 or 0425303888.