

Dear Parents

**Holyoake DRUMBEAT PROGRAM**  
**Discovering Relationships Using Music, Beliefs, Emotions, Attitudes & Thoughts**

We are very pleased to have the Holyoake Drumbeat Program running at Mosman Park Primary School again this year.

There are 2 Components to this program, Social and Emotional learning for students. Issues include Social and Emotional skills, Refugee adjustment/settlement, Belonging and Connectedness and for Special Student Groups ie: Culturally/Linguistically diverse, Lower socioeconomic/disadvantaged, Rural setting, Special needs (disability in learning, intellect, physical etc)

Holyoake DRUMBEAT is primarily used by organisations and schools working with alienated or socially dislocated individuals. Most DRUMBEAT programs are run in upper primary and secondary schools. The age range extends from preferably 10 years old through to adult but has been very successful in some younger students from 7 years old.

Holyoake DRUMBEAT was originally designed to engage Aboriginal youth and the learning framework replicates the experiential model of traditional Aboriginal cultural learning. The DRUMBEAT program has also been utilised by schools and organisations across Australia working with young people with experiences as a refugee or other social and emotional issues.

The Holyoake DRUMBEAT program was designed to engage children and young people resistant to 'talk based' approaches. The program uses hand drumming to foster improved levels of personal and social confidence and develop social skills. DRUMBEAT is a fun program that uses analogies and metaphor to raise awareness in participants of the factors that support healthy relationships and in so doing supports a reduction in the social isolation that is commonly experienced by alienated young people.

If you would like your child to have the opportunity to participate or trial this program please fill in the tear off slip and return it to the school for consideration. This offer will be made to children from Years 2 to 6. Depending on the response, offers will be made to students according to year levels. Group maximum are dependent on the number of drums we have and at this point in time 6 students will be able to participate in a group.

If you have any queries please phone Rhonda Miller, Qualified Drumbeat coordinator/facilitator on the school number 6458 7709 or email: [rhonda.miller@youthcare.org.au](mailto:rhonda.miller@youthcare.org.au) .

**Rhonda Miller**  
**YouthCARE School Chaplain**  
**DRUMBEAT Trained Facilitator**



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I/We would like my/our child \_\_\_\_\_ in year \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the DRUMBEAT Program. I understand that an offer of a placement in a Drumbeat Program will be dependent on the responses.

Please give brief details of why you would like your child included in the DRUMBEAT program.

- Social \_\_\_\_\_
- Emotional \_\_\_\_\_
- Expression of feelings/concerns \_\_\_\_\_

Time Preference: Please tick a box

- During school hours (Day is dependent on school timetable)
- After School Group:     Tuesday                       Thursday

Please state any medical conditions:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return form via email to [rhonda.miller@youthcare.org.au](mailto:rhonda.miller@youthcare.org.au), to the class teacher marked "Attention: Rhonda Miller, DRUMBEAT" or hand in at Reception.**