

# Holbrook Public School

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## Our 2018 to 2020 School Plan Strategic Directions



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



**Welcome to Week 9 and our final newsletter for 2018!** – With only one and a half weeks to go until the summer break, our learning programs are continuing, however, there are also many exciting end of year celebrations occurring. I look forward to seeing all of you at this week's Presentation Night to celebrate a great year at Holbrook Public School.

**Presentation Night** – We will be holding our Presentation Night this Thursday, 13 December at 7:00 pm in the School Hall. To allow parents and carers time to have uniforms ready for Presentation Night, students are allowed to come to school on Thursday in casual clothes. Students must wear sleeves and covered shoes, and are still required to wear their school hat.

**Year 6 Farewell Dinner** – The Year 6 Farewell Dinner will be held at the Holbrook RS Club from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Tuesday, 11 December. This is a very special time of year for Year 6, as many of them will attend different high schools in 2019. I wish them all the very best of luck in the future and thank them for their efforts and contributions to Holbrook Public School.

**Reports Home Monday, 17 December** – Due to all students having swimming for sport this Friday afternoon, and teachers being concerned about reports getting wet, we have decided that Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Monday, 17 December. Teachers will be available to discuss reports, if required, on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please contact the office to make a mutually convenient time.

**P&C School Uniforms** – Last Wednesday night at the P&C Meeting, we discussed how best to align the school's local uniform policy with the Department of Education's Uniform Policy. A recent addition to the DoE policy is that "All students should have the opportunity to access the full range of school activities, including physical activities while wearing a school uniform, and **girls must have the option to wear shorts and pants.**" At the beginning of Term 1, 2019, a note will be sent home to parents and carers asking for their preference on this matter, noting that we must align with the Department's policy. Currently, we don't have a shorts option for girls during Terms 1 and 4. We will have samples of skirts and shorts in the office to help with your decision.

TERM 4, WEEK 9 DIARY		TERM 4, WEEK 10 DIARY	
Mon 10 Dec	• Kinder Orientation Crafternoon 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm	Mon 17 Dec	• Leaders' lunch 11:30 am to 11:55 am • School Dance 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm • Reports go home
Tue 11 Dec	• Christmas Scripture Service 2:00 pm • Year 6 Farewell dinner 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Tue 18 Dec	
Wed 12 Dec		Wed 19 Dec	• Last day of school • Pool Day
Thu 13 Dec	• Presentation Night 7:00 pm	Thu 20 Dec	• School closed
Fri 14 Dec	• Pool for Sport 1:30 to 3:20 pm	Fri 21 Dec	• School closed
CANTEEN ROSTER			
Fri 14 Dec	Kelly Boers	Fri 21 Dec	NO LUNCH ORDERS
Mon 17 Dec	Jess Barr-Smith		

**Final Day 2018** – The final day for students will be Wednesday, 19 December 2018. The school will be closed on Thursday, 20 and Friday, 21 December due to staff having completed additional professional learning hours throughout the year.

**First Days 2019** – The first day for students in Years 1 to 6, will be Wednesday, 30 January 2019. Kindergarten will begin on Monday, 4 February; however, they will be required to attend their half-hour Best Start session on either Wednesday 30, Thursday 31 January or Friday, 1 February. These times have been confirmed with parents. Best Start testing allows teachers to gain an understanding of where each individual child is at before schooling begins and what they need to learn next in the literacy and numeracy progressions.

**2019 Staffing and Enrolments** – 2019 is looking like being another great year at Holbrook Public School. Our anticipated enrolments at this stage look to be approximately the same, between 145 and 150 students, which should provide us with the same staffing entitlement as this year. We currently have 22 Kindergarten enrolments, which is a very strong intake. Megan Young, a new classroom teacher, will be transferring to our school in 2019. She comes to us with a lot of experience as a curriculum leader and has a passion for athletics. Jessica Trethowan will be returning from maternity leave for two days per week, starting from Term 1, Week 6. We are still in the process of finalising an expression of interest for a classroom teacher to share with Jess, however, this position will most likely not be on a home class. Ashleigh Hemphill has been successful in attaining a full time temporary classroom position for 2019, pending enrolments. Elizabeth McLaughlin will be moving to Queensland at the end of this year. At this point in time, it is highly likely that I will be returning as the Relieving Principal in Term 1, 2019. I would like to thank all 2018 staff for their efforts in making our school a great one.

**Swim Scheme** – Over the past two weeks, students in Kindergarten to Year 2, and a handful of Year 3 students, have been busy developing their water safety and swimming skills. Students worked in groups and learnt essential water skills, including how to float, the basics of strokes, and how to signal for help. We were lucky to have good weather for the two weeks and all students involved have increased their confidence in the water. Thank you to all the staff, AUSWIM instructors and parents involved in delivering this program to the students of Holbrook Public School, and well done to Miss Freeman for co-ordinating the program.

**Pool Day** – On Wednesday, 19 December, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be going to the Holbrook Memorial Swimming Pool for a fun afternoon. Please ensure that you return the blue permission notes to the school by tomorrow.

**Leader's Lunch** – On Monday, 17 December at 11:30 am, myself and the school leaders will be attending the Submarine Café for lunch. This is to celebrate the outstanding leadership that they've shown throughout the year.

**Year 6 vs Staff Soccer Match** – Next Tuesday, our mighty, unbeatable staff will take on Year 6 in a 'friendly' game of soccer during the long lunch break. Wish us luck

**School Captain Speeches** – I have been astounded by the leadership qualities displayed by Amelia, Sam, Audrey and William this year, and at times have wondered how they could be replaced. However, when I saw the 2019 candidates sitting on the stage all together last Monday, ready to deliver their speeches, I was very confident that we will have another strong group of school leaders. School leaders, including the School Captain, Vice-Captain and Prefects, and the House Captains and Vice-Captains will be announced at Presentation Night. Good luck to all of the nominees! #youdontneedabadgetobealeader



**All the Best for Christmas and the New Year** – On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your wonderful support throughout the year, particularly the P&C and School Council. I would also like to congratulate our outstanding staff and amazingly talented students!

Nathan Fisher,  
Relieving Principal

## Sports Assembly 2018

Congratulations to all the students who received awards at last Friday's sports assembly. Our students have had many great achievements this year and are so fortunate to have a wide range of opportunities. The following students received Sports Team awards on Friday.

### **AFL**

Senior – Wil Jenkyn – Encouragement

Junior – Jack Pitzen - Encouragement

### **Netball**

Senior - Maddie Black – Excellence

### **Cricket**

Senior – Sam de Steiger - Excellence

### **Rugby League**

Senior – Angus Wright – Excellence

Junior – Ryder McKillop - Encouragement

### **League Tag**

Senior – Indi Paton – Excellence

Junior – Annie Triggs - Excellence

### **Rugby Union**

Senior – Digby Gulliver – Encouragement

### **Tennis**

Cheyenne Chattaway – Sportsmanship

### **Premier's Sporting Challenge**

Maddie Black – Teamwork and Commitment

### **Overall Winning House**

Paterson

Well done to all students for their contributions to sport throughout the year.

Chrissy Lavis

## LOST PROPERTY

As Term 4 rapidly comes to an end, we urge all students and parents to have a look through the lost property box, located in the office. Any unclaimed items will be donated either to the Op Shop or to our second hand uniform shop.

## FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

The second hand clothing shop would be most grateful for any donations of pre-loved uniforms. Second-hand uniforms are always in high demand and *looking for a good home*. If you are a family with a Year 6 student and do not have younger children attending our school, or you are a family with students who are leaving our school, please consider donating to our second hand uniform shop.



### ☐ **COLLECT MEDICATION**

Parents with students who have medication at school are to collect it from the office on Wednesday, 19 December.

### ☐ **RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS**

All library books must be returned to the library by Friday, 14 December 2018.

### ☐ **LOOK THROUGH LOST PROPERTY**

Please have a look through the lost property box in the office. Any unclaimed items will be donated to either the Op Shop or our second hand uniform shop.



CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TERM 1.

Do you have some free time in your calendar during Term 1? If so, we would really value your time to help with lunch orders on Monday and/or Friday mornings. The process is simple:

1. Sign in and take the class baskets from the office to the canteen,
2. The students will put their lunch orders in their class baskets,
3. Sign out and take the baskets to the Holbrook Bakery,
4. Job done!

It only takes around 45 minutes out of your day and **your child loves to see you there**. Please email Georgie Millard on **georgy2@tpg.com.au** to volunteer or if you have any questions.

## 5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed

**SkoolBag**

SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

- ### 1. Download SkoolBag

Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the FREE app:

SkoolBag: School Communication
- ### 2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.
- ### 3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.
- ### 4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.
- ### 5. Subscribe to Groups

Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.

**SkoolBag**

## FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

## PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS IN STOCK NOW!

Summer	Sizes
Polo Shirt (short sleeve)	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16
Shorts	8, 10, 12, 14, 16
Summer Dress	4, 6, 12
Winter	
Polo Shirt (long sleeve)	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16
Fleece	8, 12
Boys' Pants	4, 14
Girls' Tartan Skirt	6, 8
Girls' Tartan Tunic	4, 6, 8
Windcheater	4, 6, 8, 10, 12
Sport	
Sport Shirt	4, 6, 10, 16
Sport Shorts	10, 16
Track pants	4, 6

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# School



- When:** Monday, 17 December 2018
- Where:** School Hall
- Time:** 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm (There will be no supervision before 5.30 pm)
- Dress:** Smart, casual (Please wear sensible, covered dancing footwear)
- Entry Fee:** Gold Coin donation will be taken on entry and will be forwarded to Stewart House

**Please bring:** your own water bottle (labelled) and a piece of fruit or vegetable.

**CLASS AWARDS****Miss Hemphill**

Asher Kenney – For trying very hard with her reading and moving up a level in her reader  
 Kindergarten and Year 3 Friends – Walking fabulously to the pool each day  
 Jal Upadhyay – For settling into Holbrook Public School well

**Miss McLaughlin**

Hope Liddell – becoming an independent learner  
 Ella Ward – Being a conscientious learner

**Miss Freeman**

Mia Boers – Being a motivated and independent learner  
 Queenie Heriot – being a cooperative and responsible group worker  
 Thomas MacLagan – A positive attitude to his learning and improvement in writing

**Miss Burton**

Isobel Atkinson – For demonstrating maturity and understanding during the Canberra excursion  
 Jay Rapley – For creating interesting and descriptive pieces of writing

**Miss Parker**

Miriam Coats – For being a motivated and independent learner  
 William Finlay – Contributing great ideas to our science discussions

**Mrs Henderson**

Jasmine Lieschke – For continued effort and excellent team work when budgeting  
 Dekoda Marshall – For persistence and effort when editing her written work

**Miss Lavis**

Sam de Steiger – For showing enthusiasm towards his writing  
 Amelia Pincott – Being compassionate and caring towards others  
 Hamang Upadhyay – Being compassionate and caring towards others

**Mrs Wedgwood**

Cheyenne Chattaway – For applying herself to all tasks in an effort to improve  
 Blade Maher – Excellent work with 100s counting chart  
 Indianna Paton – For her 'can-do' attitude  
 Year 5/6 – For being excellent ambassadors for Holbrook Public School on our excursion

**Mr Fisher**

Sam de Steiger – Excellence in ICAS UNSW spelling  
 Cooper Glass – Excellence in ICAS UNSW science  
 Hannah Lennon – Excellence in ICAS UNSW English  
 Jasmine Lieschke – Excellence in ICAS UNSW digital technologies  
 Aiden Walmsley – Excellence in ICAS UNSW mathematics

**STAR CARD WINNERS**

Yellow Playground Star Cards  
 Tayleah Flewin and Nick Robards  
 Blue Classroom Star Cards  
 Maddison Harding and Hope Liddell

**VALUES AWARDS – CO-OPERATION**

**Infants:** Darcy Heriot  
**Primary:** Hayley Vankerkoerle

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS**

Isaac Bennetts, Geordie Geddes, Sophia Henderson, Mia Kelly, Asher Kenney, Rainbow Koppens, Jack Lennon, Archie Swan, Ava Wolter

**BEST CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARD**

This award is given to the most attentive and responsible class at assembly. The winner is:

**Year 4/5**

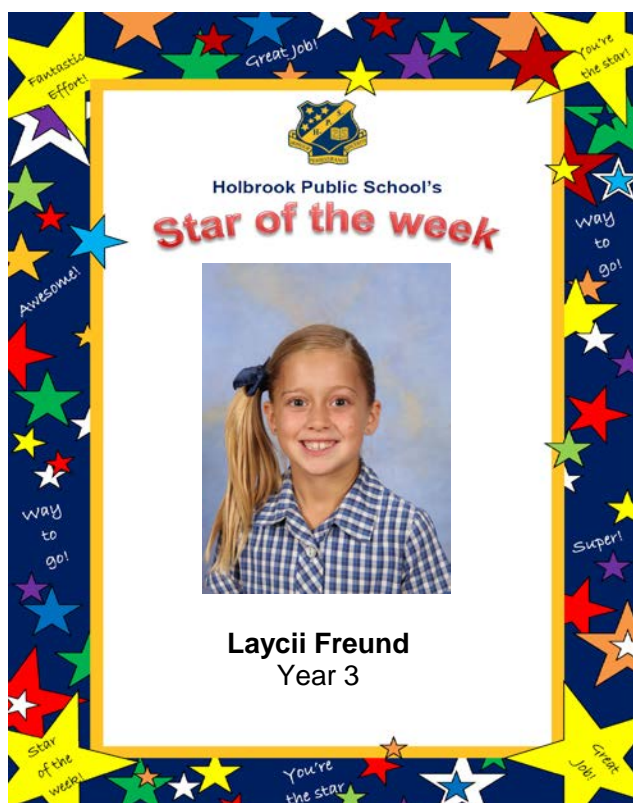
**FIRST CLASS READY AWARD**

Awarded to that class who has consistently been prompt when lining up at morning assemblies, and after lunch and recess. The winner is: **Year 5/6**

**TIDY TED AWARD**

Awarded to the tidiest classroom.  
 The winner is: **Kindergarten**





The staff at Holbrook Public School wish you all a very safe and merry Christmas and 2019.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



# Summer Writing Club

## For Kids

### 35 BOREDOM BUSTING creative writing challenges over summer!



- Beat boredom and become a better writer
- Sign up anytime
- 1st challenge available from December 1st
- New challenges unlocked daily
- Access challenges online anywhere, anytime
- Improve creative writing skills while having FUN
- Awesome Christmas Gift idea
- Sign up at [www.juniorwritersclub.com.au](http://www.juniorwritersclub.com.au)
- Only \$14.95 for the entire holidays

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## SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT THE LIBRARY

Holbrook Library has great books, DVDs and AIR CONDITIONING! As well as this, Holbrook Library has three activities lined up for the holidays.

### • Paper Bag Stars

Friday, 20 December at 11:30 am

Free but bookings are essential. 7 years plus

### • Circuit bugs

Thursday, 10 January at 11:30 am

\$6 bookings are essential. 8 years plus

### • Water pistol art

Thursday, 17 January 11:30 am

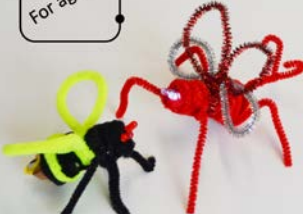
Free but bookings are essential. 5 years plus.

Call 02 6036 3262 to book your spot.

# CIRCUIT BUGS

Design and build a bug with pipe cleaners, then make them light up


For ages 8+



**THURSDAY 10 JANUARY**  
11.30am-1.00pm

Cost: \$6.00

**HOLBROOK LIBRARY**  
BOOKINGS: 02 6036 3262



## Holbrook Christmas Carols Sunday 16th December 2018



Ten Mile Creek, near the Rotunda  
(Shire hall if raining)

Activities and BBQ from 6pm

Jumping Castle

Face Painting

Ice Cream/Coffee

Train rides

Glowsticks/  
candles for sale

Santa arriving at 7:15pm

Carols begin after Santa's arrival

Special Guest Singers/items



## ST PAUL'S UNIFORMS FOR SALE

If your Year 6 child will be attending St Paul's College at Walla Walla next year, please contact Philippa on 0420 702 022. She has the following uniform items available in sizes 10 and 12.

- Blazer
- Shirts
- Shorts
- Winter and Summer Shirts
- Woollen Jumper



# water pistol painting

Have a blast creating colourful works of art

Thursday 17 January 11.30am

For ages 5+ Cost: Free Holbrook Library

Phone 02 6036 3262 to book.



## Pre-Christmas Craft at the Holbrook Library

For children 7 years and up. Make a lovely Christmas star using simple paper bags. Decorate your star with stamps, textures and glitter. Friday 21st December at 11.30am. 60363262

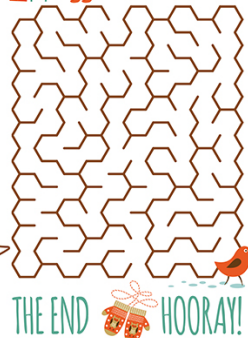
FREE ..... But bookings are essential!



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CAN YOU FIND ALL OF THESE WORDS?  
FAMILY ORNAMENT  
STOCKING DEER FEAST  
TREE SANTA OWL  
LOVE GOLD WRAP

## HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS!



## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

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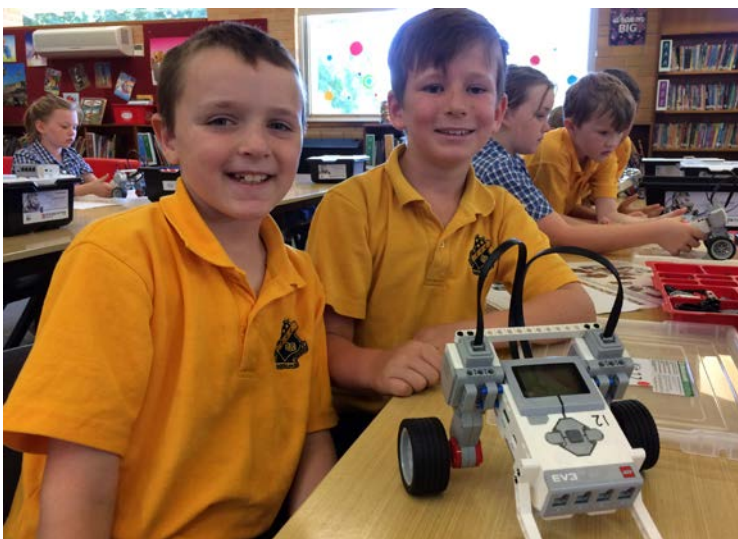
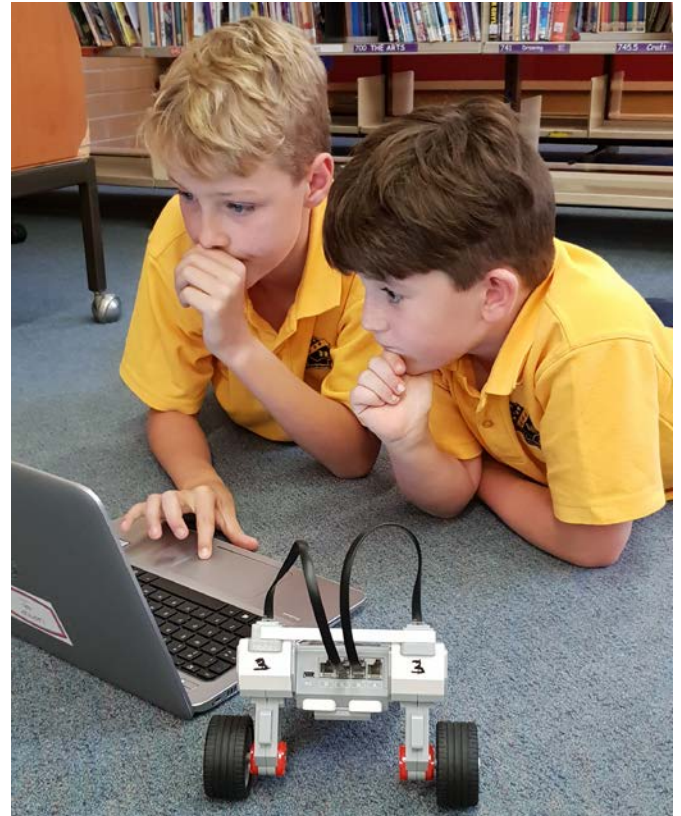
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# ROBOTICS

Every slice, cupcake, sausage or burger that the P&C has prepared and sold has contributed to an amazing new resource, which all students will benefit from throughout their years at Holbrook Public School.







To our wonderful P&C and those of you who have contributed your time or baking skills, the students and staff cannot thank you enough for our new robotics equipment. We love it!



# parenting\*ideas insights

TECHNOLOGY AND PARENTING



## Technology holiday guide for parents

by Martine Ogglethorpe

As holidays approach, the role that screens and devices will play becomes an increasing concern for parents. Days when kids are usually tied up with school and activities make way for many an idle hour and, as such, parents fear those hours will be spent largely engaged with a screen or gaming console. While there is certainly no harm in some well-balanced screen time and developmentally appropriate online activities, we must remember that, as parents, we have an important role in helping our kids manage and balance that screen time. Here are a few things we can do:

### Understand the battle

It is important parents know the beast they are dealing with. It is easy to shout from another room to get off a screen or whinge to our friends that 'kids of today' are all addicted to their phones, but we need to recognise the pull that many of these devices have. The social networks are designed to keep us liking, commenting and sharing. The games cajole us into having 'just one more' turn at being the last man standing. These technologies tempt us to reach just one more level, or to scroll for just a few minutes more. Our brains experience a dopamine release and a sense of insufficiency when we use a device. There is always something else to do or something else to scroll through, or one more YouTube video to watch. So our kids are up against it when trying to control their time on a device. We need to help them with that.

### Get outside

We can complain that kids never go outside and play anymore, but sometimes we have to physically get out there with them or offer opportunities in which being outside and active play are appealing. We have to work a little harder at this today because we are competing with a device that answers many of our kids' perceived needs. We need them to know that their needs are greater and more varied than what their screens can offer.

### Have some rules

Despite their apparent dislike of rules around technology, kids will (one day) appreciate having boundaries to help them manage their screen time. Rules can be established regarding time limits, devices in bedrooms, device-free meal times, etc. Whatever you decide is important, be sure that you have those discussions with your kids. And any discussion around rules or consequences should happen away from the screens so they are clear on the expectations. (Talking about their screen-time habits while they are just about to be the last man standing on Fortnite is probably not going to make for engaging conversation.)

### One console on one television outside the bedroom

Having only one television that is connected to a gaming console or to Netflix is a good way of ensuring that the

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device gets shared and one child doesn't monopolise the screen. And leave consoles out of bedrooms where the appeal of just one more quick game can very quickly rob them of important sleep time.

### Role model

Make sure you are showing your kids how you want them to be. Have times when the devices are put away and you give full attention to the people around you. Don't answer calls or emails at the dinner table. Don't fall asleep with a device landing on your forehead. Take time to get outside and do things active and in nature. Don't ever use a phone while driving. Use the Screen Time feature on iOS products to monitor just how you are using your technology and whether you could be making some changes. Kids learn more from what we do than what we say.

We know the technology isn't going anywhere, and we know there are many wonderful benefits that screens provide. But ensure that holidays and downtime hours can be filled with many different experiences and in ways that leave your kids in control, even if you have to work a little harder to give them that.



### Martine Oglethorpe

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