

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support this term. It has been very busy with lots of teaching and learning together with our Catholic School Week celebrations, Book Character Parade, Book Fair, school photos, Table-a-thon, Easter egg raffle etc. I hope you and your families enjoy God's blessing this Easter.

Staff Changes Term 2 Weeks 1-5

In Term 2 I will be taking the first 5 weeks as long service leave. Mrs Christine Figuero will be acting Principal and Mrs Donnalee Hughes will be acting assistant principal. Mrs Lorraine Alexander will also be away at this time and Ms Corinne Brooker will be acting REC.

Some further staff changes for weeks 1-5 of term 2 will be:

Mrs Hughes will have Monday and Tuesday as administration days (Mrs Viera will be in year 5)

Mrs Barros will have Wednesday and Thursday as administration days (Mrs Higginbotham will be in Kindergarten)

Ms Brooker will have Friday as an administration day (Mrs Viera will be in year 6)

Miss Jessica Macallister will teach gymnastics on Monday/Tuesday/Friday as Release from Face to Face in place of technology in the library.

Mr Matt Andreatta will teach sport on Tuesdays as Release from Face to Face to Year 5, 6 and Kinder N and Year 6 on Wednesdays (For Mrs Baker).

Kind regards
Anne Hines
Principal

Sport Uniform

As there are some changes in staffing for weeks 1-5 next term this may affect the days children wear sport uniform.

Monday— Kinder, Year 1 & Year 3
Tuesday—Kinder, Year 2, Year 5 & Year 6
Thursday—Year 3, Year 5 & Year 6
Friday—Year 1, Year 2 & Year 4

Term 1, Week 10

1 April 2015

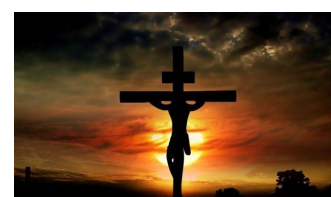
Prayer 2B

Dear God,

We thank you
for giving us
your son
Jesus who
gave up his
life for us.

May we have a
safe and Holy
Easter with
our families.

Amen



Road Safety

Last week neighbours and Father Michael our Parish Priest discussed with me concerns that members of the school community regularly park across driveways. This is illegal. Please be advised that the carpark in Moore Street is available for your use each day.

Information regarding Independent Education Union and the Greens

Information regarding the ongoing campaign from the Independent Education Union and the Greens party to abolish the freedom that faith-based schools have to employ people who will act in accordance with the beliefs and teachings of their religion.

You may have heard about the inclusion of a Catholic ethos clause as a key issue within the current Enterprise Agreement for teachers. Current legislation allows Catholic and other faith-based schools to require that staff support the mission, teaching and values of our faith in schools.

To remove this ability seeks to remove the religious nature our Catholic schools - the very reason why our schools exist.

These arrangements allow us the freedom to run our schools in a way that expresses our faith and provides parents with the ability to have their children educated in an environment that is consistent with their family's beliefs and values.

The ongoing negotiations for an Enterprise Agreement for teachers have canvassed a range of issues, which employers will shortly be seeking to settle with the IEU.

The issue of Catholic ethos is one that is fundamental to the future of our schools.

Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to all the families who donated an egg for our Easter Raffle and to all those who bought tickets. Prizes will be drawn on Thursday.

Table-a-thon

Thank you to everyone who supported our Table-a-thon. We have had a fantastic response with over \$5680 being raised. This money will go towards the purchase of new technology.

For your calendar

- * There will be a mufti day for our Mother's Day stall on Thursday 23rd April. Children are to wear sensible play clothes and joggers and donate a gold coin towards the stall.
- * A Mother's Day stall and liturgy will be held on Friday 8th May (more details later).
- * A parent literacy workshop will be held on Wednesday 29th April from 9.00-9:30am in the MPA.
- * Our next School Committee meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 5th May in the Library.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016

If you have a child born between July 2010 and June 2011 they are eligible for kindergarten enrolment. Please collect forms from the school office or download from the school website. Please pass on this information to family and friends.

Wishing you a Happy Easter with many blessings from all the
staff at Holy Spirit Primary School.



Learning Matters

Dear Parents,

I know you are all looking forward to the upcoming holidays. It's great to have some time to take things more slowly and to build up our energy levels once more. I wish you a happy Easter as we celebrate the glory of Christ's Resurrection.

As you are well aware the teachers at Holy Spirit are focused on improving the Reading ability of all the children. So with this in mind our "Early Bird Reading Program" will begin in **Week 2** of next term.

In brief this involves readers and tutors meeting in the MPA at about 8:30am. The older children will listen to their younger buddies read. Cards will be stamped to keep a check on how many times the children attend the sessions during the term. Certificates will be issued to children who consistently attend. Teachers will be supervising the session. This is not a compulsory activity but it is another way of practicing and consolidating reading skills.

This will be a new experience for our Kindergarten children. We found last year that Kindergarten were very enthusiastic and had their readers ready for Early Bird Reading.

*The Early Bird Reading Days will be **Tuesdays and Wednesdays.***

*It takes place in our **Multi Purpose Area.***

*We begin **at 8:30am** and must **finish by 8:45am** so that teachers who are helping with this extra supervision are able to get back to their classes when the bell goes. It is very disappointing to have to turn children away but unfortunately this does happen when children arrive after 8:45am.*

Parents, this is a commitment on your part as well. You will need to have your child at school in enough time to complete the reading of a book or a chapter of the book.

As well as improving reading skills the children will be making friends with students from other grades and they will hopefully see that we are a learning community, here to help one another.

Mrs Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

Religious Matters

Parent Meditation Program and Easter wishes

Dear Parents,

I would like to remind you of our Parent Meditation Program which will continue during Term 2 on Friday at 8:50am (approximately 15 mins duration) in the conference room in the school library.

Next term, I will be on long service leave for the first 5 weeks of school and during that time the Parent Meditation Group will be facilitated by Corinne Brooker who will be the acting Religious Education Coordinator.

If you do not have time to make a regular commitment to the meditation group, please know that parents and friends are welcome to drop in for any session that suits.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all those who have participated during Term 1 and to wish all our families a safe and happy Easter. Thank you too, to all those who were able to join us for our Holy Week reflections.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

Mrs Lorraine Alexander
Religious Education Coordinator



Community News

Family Fun Day
Saturday 16th May 2015
10am-2pm
FREE EVENT

Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre
Cnr Autumnleaf Pde & Timesweep Dr St Clair

Market Stalls Face Painting Jumping Castle
 Petting Zoo Craft Activities Kid's Reading Corner
 Rooby Roo and much more!

Support our Youth Camp!
 by purchasing from our fundraising

Sausage Sizzle
 Dippin Dots Ice-Cream

For more information or to book your stall please contact the team on 9834 2708 or email info@scynt.org.au

SCYNT gratefully acknowledges support received from Family and Community Services - Community Services

Please check our
 Parent noticeboard for
 upcoming events.

Post-Separation Recovery Program

A series of seven workshops which help you begin to

- deal with intense emotions
- face & accept your changed life-situation,
- attend to your grief,
- learn lessons from the past
- redefine yourself
- forgive and let go
- set new goals & rebuild on a strong foundation

The Program
 Each Session led by trained Facilitators follows a set agenda including Video Input, Personal Reflection, Journaling, Large & Small Group Sharing,

Non Exploitative Non Directive Non Judgemental

Venue: Presbyterian Church Hall
 150 Macquarie Rd
 Springwood NSW 2777

Time: 7.30pm - 9.45 pm
 Including Supper break

Dates: Seven Wednesdays
 6th May - 17th June, 2015

Fee: \$80.00

Bookings essential.
 Solo Parent Services
 Ph. 02 9933 0205
soloparentservices@css.org.au

BINGO

SATURDAY 18TH. APRIL '15 AT 7:30 PM

IN HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL HALL
COME WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS
10 ROUNDS + 1 BUMPER ROUND

SAUSAGE SIZZLE & SOFT DRINKS ON SALE

FREE TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS
DONATIONS WELCOME

ORGANISED BY
CULTURAL & COMMUNITY COMMISSION

BINGO

School Terms

Term 2

Monday 20 April—Friday 26 June

Term 3

Monday 13 July—Friday 18 September

Term 4

Tuesday 6 October—Friday 18 December

Staff development days will be advised separately.

Upcoming dates...

Thursday 2 April
 Holy Thursday

Easter Raffle drawn

Last day of Term 1
School resumes Monday
20 April.

Thursday 23 April
 Mother's Day Mufti day

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