

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed all the blessings of Easter and had a relaxing break with your family and friends.

At Holy Spirit we are blessed to have positive student relationships. Sometimes there is teasing and conflict even between friends and this can result in consequences. These one-off incidents are not bullying.

Bullying is about an abuse of power. Bullying is done on purpose to hurt, humiliate, intimidate, frighten or exclude another person. It can be physical, verbal or social.

Physical bullying can include hitting, kicking and scratching. It can also include deliberately bumping someone as they walk by.

Verbal bullying can be name calling, making rude remarks, making a joke about someone just to get a laugh or putting someone down.

Social bullying happens in more subtle forms. This can include spreading rumours about someone or not inviting someone to join in a game where everyone else is included.

What we can do to stop bullying.

1. Ask the bully to STOP, ask friends to help tell the bully to stop. Ignore the bully and don't laugh if they make fun of someone, let the bully know they are being hurtful.
2. Help by taking the person being bullied to a safe place, let the person being bullied know that you care and help the bully by explaining what they are doing (as they may not realise that they are bullying).
3. Tell a teacher, tell friends remember telling is not dobbing.

Kind regards

Anne Hines
Principal

Term 1, Week 10

30 March 2016

Prayer 2KV

Loving God,

*May Holy Spirit
students always be
kind and caring to
each other and
everyone else.*

*I pray that Holy
Spirit students may
be generous and
willing to share.*

*May the children be
filled with the joy of
the Holy Spirit.*

Amen

**Term 1 concludes
Friday 8th April.**

**Term 2 commences
Tuesday 26 April.**

**We wish all our
families a safe
break.**

Easter Egg Raffle

A big thank you to the team of Year 1 parents for coordinating our Easter Egg Raffle there were over 100 prizes and \$763 was raised for the school. Thank you to all the families who supported this fundraiser. Well Done!

School Holidays Term 1

School will conclude on Friday 8th April and return on Tuesday 26th April.

Mufti Day

On the last day of term – Friday 8th April children may wear sensible play clothes and joggers to school. Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation towards our Mother's Day Stall.

Winter Uniform

As the weather gets cold children may wear their winter uniform from next term. All children are asked to wear their winter uniform from Monday May 9. Winter uniform for boys is grey long pants and girls black tights.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Mrs Matic on winning an apple watch in the World Youth Day raffle.

Learning Matters

The teachers and children of Holy Spirit Primary School are continuing to immerse themselves in the EMU Program (Extending Mathematical Understanding). The home and local environment is rich with opportunities to explore and apply mathematical knowledge and skills. The mathematical role models provided by parents are very important for helping the children to understand that mathematics is a useful aspect of everyday life. At school, teachers constantly use materials to model mathematical ideas and concepts. This modelling provides the experience that helps children to learn to make meaning of a new encounter with the world.

A positive attitude towards learning and understanding Mathematics can be built on at home. Simple activities such as playing board games where dice are used and patterns are seen and objects are moved along a number line are important mathematical skills. Other Mathematical activities could include:

- Asking children to tell you the number before and after a numeral you see at the shops, or even the speed sign on the road
- Playing card games to help in recognising order
- Guessing quantities of objects (eg blocks, marbles etc) and then counting out the collection to see if they are correct.
- Organising the collection into a pattern and then describing this to you

Whenever you have the opportunity it would be great to involve your child in some simple but hopefully fun activities which will strengthen their mathematical understanding.

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

*Congratulations to the following students who have received
Principal Awards.*

Kindergarten: Rosemarie, Caleb, Neryli, Angelina, Mia, Gabriel
 Year 1: Shania, Delenais, Jacob, Declan, Kyra, Liliana
 Year 2: Kiarah, Kirsten, Mason, Daniel, Kristian, Susannah
 Year 3: Jorgia, Zoe, Xavier, Fouad, Noah, Ellie
 Year 4: Madison, Dominic, Connor, Isabella, Ella, Anthony
 Year 5: Hayden, Altan, Abuk, Thomas, Charlis, Jasmine
 Year 6: Annika, Laura, Riley, Ira, Dionne, Rosina

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Community News



PENRITH OBSERVATORY SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

ASTRONOMY NIGHTS Saturday 2 April (8.00 pm – 10.00 pm) & Saturday 16 April (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm) – The Lives of Stars Where do stars come from and where do they go?

COST OF ASTRONOMY NIGHTS: \$18 for adults, \$12 for children/concessions or \$50 for a family

KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS Thursday 14 April (10.00 am – 12 noon) – All Kinds of Aliens
Thursday 21 April (1.00 pm – 3.00 pm) – Rockets Make and launch your own paper rockets and watch water rockets and a solid fuel rocket being launched In addition to the multimedia presentation all programs will include a 3D astronomy movie and either safe viewing of the sun (day program) or viewing of the night sky through the University's telescopes. Our programs run regardless of the weather. To book and pay for tickets visit the "What's On" page at westernsydney.edu.au/observatory.

COST OF WORKSHOPS: \$15 per person

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset... your Marriage!

Weekend date: 24-26 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or

Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

Fr Rob Galea Live in Concert: 8 April

Catholic Youth Parramatta presents Fr Rob Galea and his Band live in concert at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta. Fr Rob is a Catholic priest, singer, songwriter and youth worker who appeared on *X-Factor Australia* last year. The concert is open to all ages. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at www.riversideparramatta.com.au

Upcoming dates...

Thursday 31 March
Buddy Mass 6H & KC 9am

Friday 1 April
School Assembly - Easter
Celebration 2:30pm

Wednesday 6 April
Parent Scripture Meditation
8:50am

Friday 8 April
Stage 3 Touch Football
Gala Day

Mothers' Day Mufti Day

Last day of Term 1

**School resumes Tuesday
26th April**

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