

# Holy Spirit Primary School



## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of accompanying our 4 school captains to the Grip Student Leadership Conference at Olympic Park. There were over 1000 year 6 students from all over Sydney. The children engaged with other students in a variety of activities.

Some of the key messages from the day were:

**Generosity** – A habit of giving to someone else without expecting anything in return.

We can be **generous** with our **time, treasure, and talent**.

**L** Look and listen

**E** every day

**A** ask

**D** decide and do

Following the conference our 12 student leaders acted as guides to show new families through the school. Our visitors commented on how polite and knowledgeable the students were. Congratulations Holy Spirit!

Kind regards

Anne Hines

Principal

### Table-a-thon

Please start to collect "Table-a-thon" money and return to school office asap. Students who return their cards and money by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March will have a chance at winning a minor prize. All children who have returned their money and cards by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March will receive a zooper dooper ice block. Major prizes for the table-a-thon will be awarded in the last week of term.

### Catholic Schools Week

Thank you for the generous way our community engaged in Catholic Schools Week. The book character parade was really exceptional. Thank you too for supporting our book fair, opening school mass, picnic and open classrooms.

### 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.

**Term 1, Week 8**

**18 March 2015**

## Prayer 6BV

Dear Lord our  
God,

In this time of  
Lent, help us to  
prepare for the  
death and  
resurrection of  
your son Jesus.

Help us to become  
better and more  
loving people who  
don't think of our  
own selfish  
temptations.

Help us to reach  
out to others  
everyday.

Amen



# Learning Matters

Last week Mrs Hughes presented some information around EMU strategies to a group of parents. This was a follow on from an information session we held last year. Parents were given some insight into what sort of activities the children are participating in during their Mathematics lessons at school and how they are able to help them at home. It was a great opportunity for parents to engage in some activities and to ask questions about EMU strategies, which will help their children to develop mathematical understanding. Many thanks to Mrs Hughes for the preparation of this session and to the parents who were able to attend.

Earlier this term I gave some ideas for developing counting skills with your child. Today I would like to focus on activities that may help in developing understanding around number sense.

Christine Figuero  
Assistant Principal

## TIP 2

Teachers use a strategy called Number Busting. This involves giving the children a number and asking them to split the number in as many ways as they can in a given number of minutes. Children are challenged to think of some creative ways or unusual ways to split the number. At the end of the time they are asked to explain one of their examples to a partner or the class. Infants classes may start with numbers less than ten and then as they progress through the years their numbers may get larger and their examples more complex.

For example:

The number 9 may be split in a number of ways:

$8+1$  /  $2+7$  /  $3 \times 3$  /  $10 - 1$  /  $20 - 11$  /  $18 \div 2$

There are many possibilities. Have a go at Number Busting at home!

# Administration

## Parking

Parents are reminded that they are NOT allowed to park in the Parish/Staff carpark in the morning or afternoon. We have also noticed parents walking their child through this carpark. This is a safety risk and we ask parents to use Todd Row or Moore Street school entry.



Parents are also reminded NOT to park across our neighbours driveways and do not use them to complete u-turns.

## School Fees

Parents please be advised that Term 1 fees are now **overdue** and must be finalised immediately.

This excludes parents who have made direct debit/BPay arrangements with the Catholic Education Office or who have notified the school office, in writing, that they will be making regular part payments.

## Easter Raffle Tickets

Each family is asked to donate an Easter Egg to the school for our Easter Egg Raffle – last year we had almost 100 prizes. If you have any unwanted baskets please send to the school office for our raffle.

Tickets will be sent home at the end of this week. Tickets are \$1 each and will be drawn on Thursday 2 April. Extra books will be available at the school office.

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

**Kindgr:** Mia, Lucas, Ciara, Pēlēnaisē, Damon, Prabhlēn, Kiara Lynn  
**Year 1:** Mark, Corēy, Jēssica, Chēlsy, Callum, Tayah, Raphaēl,  
 Charlizē  
**Year 2:** Alēxis, Damon, Jonathon, Angēlina, Lucas, Mērcy  
**Year 3:** Brookē, Josh., Damon, Chloē, Connor, Isabēlla, Andrēs,  
 Siēnna  
**Year 4:** Marisa, Tērina-Gracē, Bēnjamin, Alannah,  
 Charlisē, Chē-Jamēs  
**Year 5:** Elisē, Jēssica, Chad, Thēodorē, Taj, Austīn,  
 Rosēmary, Aron  
**Year 6:** William, Chloē, Olivia, Hunter



## Sports News

### Swimming

On Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February the following students represented the school at the Zone Carnival at Glenbrook Pool.

Brohym, Ainslie, Alana, Thomas, Jake, Elise, Elijah, Izaac, Jaslyn, Jorja , Nikki, Allison, Rosina, Niamh, Hayley, Che-James, Jorgiah, Hayley, Shanmugan, Isabella, Annika, Cameron and Isaac.

All students performed well and some great results were achieved on the day. Jaslyn was awarded Age Champion and Ainslie was Runner-Up on the day! Congratulations girls on a fantastic result!

Congratulations to the following students who subsequently qualified for the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Ainslie	50m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly & Relay team
Alana	Relay team
Elijah	50m Breaststroke
Jaslyn	100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly, 200m IM and Relay team
Allison	50m Freestyle and 200m IM
Isabella	Relay team

Best wishes to Allison who qualified for the 50m Freestyle at the NSWGPS Carnival this Friday.



# School Photos

School Photos will be taken on **Wednesday, 25 March** from 8.50am. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and is correctly attired in **full summer school uniform**. Forms will go home soon but for your information we have listed the prices:

<b>(F) Group Only:</b>	<b>-\$24</b>
No portraits included	
<b>(E) Photobook Only:</b>	<b>-\$32</b>
No portraits included	
<b>(D) Basic Pack</b>	<b>-\$35</b>
Group and basic portraits	
<b>(C) Regular Pack:</b>	<b>-\$37</b>
Group and student portraits	
<b>(B) Value Pack:</b>	<b>-\$40</b>
Group and larger range of student portraits	
<b>(A) Deluxe Pack:</b>	<b>-\$45</b>
Group photo, bookmarks, gift ideas and bonus frame magnet set	

## Payment Options:

- Credit Card—processed online. You will be emailed a receipt.
- Cheque payments.
- Cash Payments—**Payment sent in on the day only. Correct money only. NO change given.**



# Book Fair

Thank you for another very successful Book Fair! In this hi-tech age it's wonderful to see how much excitement can still be generated by the humble book.

We sold approximately \$8,700 worth of books on the day and the commission to the school is 20% of that total in cash, making it a very profitable day.

Beyond financial profits though, the day generated lots of happy vibes for the children, and everyone else involved. The success of the Book Fair indicates the value we place on literature and literacy here at Holy Spirit. Thank you for your good will, generous support and participation.

A special note of thanks to all those wonderful parents and teachers who helped out with selling and supervision on the day, your assistance is appreciated more than you could know!

Many thanks  
Lorraine Alexander  
Teacher Librarian



Our school cross country for Years 3—6 will be held on Thursday 19 March.

The cross country will be held on the school grounds and children are asked to wear their full sports uniform. If your child suffers asthma please ensure they have their puffer.





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Dear Parents

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be once again participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) survey.

The QCS survey provides information from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community, and assists us in our focus on continuous improvement.

Between 9 - 20 March all staff and Year 5 & 6 students, and 60 randomly-selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

This year we will be able to get even more information about the link between student wellbeing and learning outcomes. To do this we will need to include a student identifier in the student survey. The survey will still remain confidential and individual survey responses will not be accessible by the school or the Catholic Education Office.

An independent survey consultant (Insight SRC) who manages the data collection will ensure the survey data is kept strictly confidential. Each school will receive a de-identified information report at the end of May to help them to develop strategies for further improvement.

While this is a change from previous years it will definitely help us in working with all students to improve their learning. If you have concerns, please feel free to contact the School Office on 9670-5379.

As a parent if you are randomly-selected to complete the survey, I would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.

If you have any questions please contact the School Office on 9670-5379.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Hines', is written above the printed name.

Anne Hines  
Principal



# Community News

## BINGO

SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 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



Please check our  
Parent noticeboard for  
upcoming events.

**Discover**  
Year 7, 2017  
Enrolment Information Evening  
Tuesday March 31, 4.45pm  
*A Mercy Education is treasured for life*  
Enquiries: 8838 1222 or registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au  
www.olmc.nsw.edu.au  
Enrolling now for 2016 & 2017

MERCY COMPASSION JUSTICE DIGNITY EXCELLENCE HOSPITALITY STEWARDSHIP SERVICE

Penrith City Library have a variety of fun school holiday activities for eg magic shows, embroidery, writing, robotics workshops and many more fun activities. Tickets are on sale now. For bookings and enquiries visit [www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au](http://www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au)

## Upcoming dates...

**Wednesday 18 March**  
Parent Scripture Meditation  
8.50am

**Thursday 19 March**  
Cross Country Years 3-6  
(Children to wear full sports uniform)

**Friday 20 March**  
School Assembly 2.30pm

**Tuesday 24 March**  
First Reconciliation  
11.30am 4A

**Wednesday 25 March**  
Parent Scripture Meditation  
8.50am

School Photos  
(Full summer uniform)

**Thursday 26 March**  
Buddy Mass 6B & KB  
9.00am

First Reconciliation  
11.30am 4S

**Friday 27 March**  
Augustinian Prayer 3.00pm

Stage 3 Touch Football  
Gala Day

**Wednesday 1 April**  
Parent Scripture Meditation  
8.50am

**Thursday 2 April**  
Holy Thursday

Easter Raffle drawn

**Last day of Term 1**  
School resumes Monday  
20 April.

**28th Annual Penrith Working Truckshow**  
Sunday 29th March 2015 - 8am-5pm  
Australia's Best Value Family Day  
Held At: MUSEUM OF FIRE  
Fun and Excitement!  
The Best In Country Music  
McAlister Kemp, The Wolfe Brothers, Kaylens Rain, Jared Porter, Darren Carr, Christie Lamb, Mark Stary  
Direct access from Penrith Station  
Unlimited FREE amusement rides all day (20 rides)  
Concert sound & full stage  
Specialist trade stalls & displays  
Entertaining games & competitions  
Free Balloons & Fairy Floss  
Free face painting  
BBQ, drinks & beer tents  
Major prizes & trophies  
Price includes entry to Museum  
Adults \$30 up to 12 Children FREE with paying adult  
Sydney Classic & Antique Truckshow on 31st May, 2015 (See website for more details)  
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