

# Holy Spirit Primary School



## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. It was a difficult start considering the adjustments that had to be made because of the severe weather conditions. Thank you for assisting during this time.

### Easter and ANZAC Day Remembrance

Thank you to the Year 6 children who helped us to reflect on the Easter Mystery and ANZAC Day. It was a reverent and prayerful celebration that was highlighted by some beautiful poems written by our Year 6 students. Thank you to Ms Brooker for coordinating this prayer.

### Mother's Day

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May is Mother's Day. We wish all our mothers and grandmothers a very happy day.

The Holy Spirit Primary School community will celebrate this in a special way on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May.

- 9:15am Mother's Day Liturgy in the MPA
- Morning Tea on the verandah of the Library
- Followed by the Mother's Day Stall (Just for the children!)

We would like to thank all the Year 4 parents for organising the Mother's Day Stall. It takes effort and time to do this, especially to wrap over 300 gifts.

*As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.  
Isaiah 66:13*

*Lord, you know a mother's heart. You know the panic in the middle of the night when the fever won't go down. You know the butterflies in the stomach when the school bus pulls up to the curb, and a little one heads off to kindergarten.*

*Bless all mothers, Lord. Give them your wisdom and encouragement throughout their busy day, and when the day is over, give them peace and blessed rest.*

### Naplan

Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the Naplan assessments between Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May. A letter will go home to the parents of children from these grades outlining more details later in the week. The tests will look at the children's literacy and numeracy skills. We wish the children the best of luck.

### School Committee Meeting

This term's school committee meeting will be next Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Library. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Easter Raffle

Thank you for supporting the Easter Raffle. There were over 100 prizes and a total of \$865 was raised. Thank you to the Year 6 parents who coordinated this event.

Term 2, Week 2

29 April 2015

## Prayer 3G

Dear Lord,

Please help me to  
use my eyes to  
see new friends.

Open my ears to  
hear my teacher.

Open my mind to  
learn new things.

Let my heart  
remember you are  
near when I am  
afraid.

Help me to love  
others like you  
do.

Amen



## **Early Bird Reading**

Early Bird Reading will begin this week. All children are welcome to be involved as a Reader or a Tutor. This will be held in MPA 2 for the first part of the term. MPA 2 is located behind MPA 1. It is the shared space that Year 5 and Year 6 use.

Kindergarten, Year 1, 2 and 3 are asked to bring their readers and tutors from higher grades can listen to them. It begins at 8:30am and must end by 8:45am.

Mrs Christine Figuero  
Acting Principal

## **Learning Matters**

PBL or project-based learning are terms your child may have come home talking about. Using the Science or Human Society and its Environment outcomes, teachers create PBL units to further engage students.

In PBL the students have a driving question, which is given to them at the beginning of the unit to drive their learning towards their major project at the end.

Students work in teams to create these projects in addition to having individual and group deliverables (tasks) throughout the term.

To observe the students communicating and working collaboratively, critically analysing each other's work in a gallery walk to give constructive feedback and thinking creatively is very exciting as it is preparing them for a future where these skills are necessary to succeed.

PBL encourages students to work to their strengths and learn more about the strengths of their team as together they solve problems and synthesise to create something new!

Another important aspect of Project-based learning is public audience so please talk to your child about their learning in PBL, give feedback when they bring their project home and feel free to talk to their teachers about visiting to look at their PBL projects.

Mrs Donnalee Hughes  
Acting Assistant Principal

## **Administration**

### **Uniform Shop**

Parents be aware that our uniform shop is run by a parent volunteer. This mum kindly volunteers her time to work in the shop. At times the uniform shop can become busy and your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Please remember that uniform orders can be placed any day with the school office and filled on Wednesday and Friday.

Just a reminder to parents the uniform shop operating hours.

Wednesday 8.30am—9.30am

Thursday 2.30pm—3.30pm

## **Sports**

Parents our Primary Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 11 June at Blair Athletic Oval, St Marys. The students will travel to and from the oval via bus. We are also requesting the assistance of parents as helpers. A note will be sent home later this week.

# Table-a-thon

Thank you to all our parents and students for the great support given to our Table-a-thon last term. We would like to congratulate the following students on their outstanding fundraising efforts - Lynden, Sebastian, Dylan, Rosina, Aleks, Pelenaise and Kaitlin. Well done!



# Fundraising

## Mothers' Day Stall

On Friday 8 May we will be holding our Mothers' Day stall. We will have many gifts ranging in price from \$1.00—\$8.00 as well as Mothers' Day poems and cards. Children will be able to buy a gift for their mum or carer and once everyone has been to the stall any child wishing to purchase a second gift will be allowed to go back to the stall.



# Live Life Well Tips

## Water

Tap water makes the best drink!

Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here's what water has to offer:

- it is cheap and readily available
- it doesn't contain any kilojoules or sugar
- it encourages optimal function of the body

We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.

## Milk

Milk is a good source of calcium, which gives children healthy bones and teeth. It is recommended that children have three serves of calcium rich foods a day. A glass of milk, a slice of cheese or a small tub of yoghurt, are each considered one serve.

Due to the high energy needs of babies and toddlers, reduced-fat milk is not suitable for children aged less than two years. However, from the age of two years, drinking too much milk can reduce a child's appetite and contribute to excess energy consumption. Therefore reduced-fat milk is recommended for children two years and over.

### Message from the Parish—First Holy Communion

A reminder to parents who have had their child in Year 4, 5 or 6 complete their First Reconciliation.

Please attend a Parents Information Meeting on either Tuesday 28 April (7.30pm) or Wednesday 29 April (9.30am) in the Church.

We will talk about : The structure of the program, What to expect and Enrolment Information.

Enrolment Masses will be on Saturday 9 May or Sunday 10 May.

# Community News

## 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  
6<sup>th</sup> May – 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

Fee: \$80.00

Diocese of Parramatta  
CATHOLIC CARE  
Social Services

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

## 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](mailto:info@scynt.org.au)

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

## Marriage Education Support and Enrichment

Diocese of Parramatta  
CATHOLIC CARE  
Social Services

### 10 Ways to Strengthen Your Marriage

You are invited to a seminar on some strategies and practical methods to enrich your marriage relationship.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015

7:30 to 9:00pm (followed by supper)

Venue: Pioneers Room

Holy Spirit Parish Corner Moore St & Todd Row, St Clair.



Presented by Ann O'Brien -  
marriage educator and marriage  
and family counsellor for  
CatholicCare Social Services -  
Parramatta Diocese

To Register: phone Jacinta Paulo 9670 8222 or email  
[admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au](mailto:admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au) by 15<sup>th</sup> May for catering purpose.

Please check our  
Parent noticeboard for  
upcoming events.

## Upcoming dates...

**Wednesday 29 April**

Early Bird Reading

**Thursday 7 May**

Buddy Mass 5H & 2B 9am

Parent Literacy Workshop

9am in MPA

**Friday 8 May**

Parent Scripture Meditation

**Friday 1 May**

Parent Scripture Meditation

Mother's Day Liturgy

9.15am followed by  
Morning Tea

**Tuesday 5 May**

Early Bird Reading

Mother's Day Stall

School Committee Meeting

7pm

Augustinian Prayer

**Tuesday 12 May**

Early Bird Reading

Diocesan Cross Country

**Wednesday 6 May**

Early Bird Reading

NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5

### Change of Information

Parents please be aware there was a misprint in our Term 2 calendar. NAPLAN is only completed by Years 3 and Year 5 students.

Sorry for the confusion.

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