

# Holy Spirit Primary School



## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thank you for the positive comments that you make about our school and the way you keep your children in neat and correct uniform. It is enrolment time again and the following comments by parents seeking enrolment to Holy Spirit reinforce the good job that home and school working together brings about.

*"We would like our children to grow up in a Catholic community and Holy Spirit has a good reputation".*

*"We believe Holy Spirit Primary will reinforce the Catholic value system we are teaching at home".*

*"Our daughter goes to Holy Spirit and is learning really well and we want the same for our son".*

*"We have seen what this school has achieved for our other children".*

### School Committee

Thank you to the parents and carers that attended our recent school committee meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend.

### Staff Development Day

There will be a pupil free day on Friday June 6<sup>th</sup>. Parents are asked to make arrangements for their children on this day. Teachers will be engaging in learning about the teaching and assessing of Mathematics.

### Grass Area Roster

Some parents have asked when do their children play on the grass so that they can bring appropriate equipment. Below is our current roster:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Recess	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 2
Lunch	Stage 3	Kinder/Stage 1	Stage 3

Kind regards,  
Anne Hines  
Principal

Term 2, Week 4

20 May 2014

### Prayer 4BH

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the beautiful Autumn days where we see your love for us.

The orange and brown leaves, the boundless blue sky and the warmth of the sun.

You are amazing.

Amen



Just a reminder all students should be in FULL winter uniform.

# Learning Matters

Dear Parents,

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:

1. 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.
2. Playing card games to help in recognising order.
3. Guessing quantities of objects (eg blocks, marbles etc) and then counting out the collection to see if they are correct.
4. 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

# Religious Matters

Dear Parents,

The school will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with a whole school Mass on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 10.15am** in the parish church.

Pentecost is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16), and in St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8); it is celebrated on the 50th day after Easter and commemorates the birth of the church when the Holy Spirit came down on the disciples gifting them with courage, power and zeal to spread the Good News that Jesus had risen from the dead and is alive!

Naturally, this feast has special significance for our Holy Spirit school and parish communities and we look forward to contributing to the parish celebrations which take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June at the 9.30am Mass. A morning tea, to which everyone is invited, will follow the Sunday Mass and will be held in the church courtyard and foyer.

We look forward to celebrating with you!



# Religious Matters cont.

## Caritas - Project Compassion Money

Dear Parents,

During the six weeks of Lent we are encouraged to pay special attention to three areas that make up our life in Christ... prayer, almsgiving and fasting. The Project Compassion boxes which formed part of the classroom prayer focus throughout Lent were brought forward during our Easter Celebration earlier this term as a symbol of our other centeredness and care for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Through sacrificing part of their spending money, the children contributed approximately \$800 to Project Compassion. This money will be forwarded to Caritas and distributed to those in most need.

It is only due to your generous modelling that children are moved to care for others. Thank you for all that you do to bring Christ into your families and so to the world.

Many thanks  
Lorraine Alexander  
Religious Education Coordinator.

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

Kinder: Bridy, Tyler, Scarlett, Kristian  
Year 1: Atiria, Noah, Damon, Maya  
Year 2: Curtis, Adeng, Christian, Ben  
Year 3: Nikki, Cooper, Alannah, Sarosh  
Year 4: Sofia, Nicholas, Kaitlyn, Jaymier  
Year 5: Rebekah, Victor, Chloe, Rye  
Year 6: Victoria, Dylan, Mariam, Olivia



## Administration

### Uniforms

Parents just a reminder that all students are to be dressed in correct full winter uniform for Term 2 and 3. This includes black stockings for girls and long grey pants for boys.

Our uniform shop is open:

**Wednesday 8.30am—9.30am**  
**Thursday 2.30pm– 3.30pm**

The school office will accept uniform orders all week but will only fill these orders on Wednesday and Friday.

# Community News

CatholicCare Social Services (Parramatta Diocese) run many events that may be of interest/support to parents. For more information contact their office on 02 9933 0222 or email [marriage@ccss.org.au](mailto:marriage@ccss.org.au).

## From “I do”, to “We do”: a unique approach to making couple decisions.

**When: Thursday 29th May 2014. 7.30pm – 9pm.**

**Where: Diocesan Assembly Centre,**

**Cnr Flushcombe & Marion St, Blacktown**

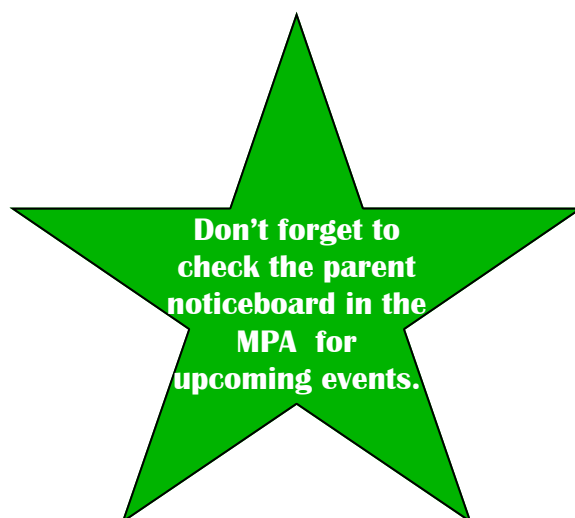
Run by Francine and Bryon Pirola Directors of Smart Loving.

- \* Do you find it difficult to make decisions as a couple?
- \* Does one or both of you end up feeling compromised and without an equal voice?
- \* Do your discussions often end up in unpleasant arguments or cold wars?

Come and learn a method for making couple decisions. This unique Values Based Decisions Making framework will help you to learn how to connect with your deepest values for love and unity so that your choices become true couple decisions.

*Francine Pirola an experienced marriage educator, a director and founder of the Smart loving series courses will give this presentation.*

*Admission is free!*



## Upcoming dates...

**Wednesday 21 May**  
Early Bird Reading 8.30am

School Banking 8.30am

4BH Reconciliation  
11.30am

**Thursday 22 May**  
Buddy Mass 5B & 2BG  
9.00am

**Friday 23 May**  
Whole School Assembly  
2.30pm

**Tuesday 27 May**  
Early Bird Reading 8.30am

Police Visit Year 1

**Wednesday 28 May**  
Early Bird Reading 8.30am

**Thursday 29 May**  
Greg Alexander Shield

Stage 1 Liturgy (Yrs 1 & 2)  
12.00pm

**Friday 30 May**  
Augustinian Prayer 3.00pm

**Tuesday 3 June**  
Early Bird Reading 8.30am

**Wednesday 4 June**  
Early Bird Reading 8.30am

School Banking 8.30am

Whole School Pentecost  
Mass 10.15am

Please note change of date

**Whole School Pentecost Mass**  
**Wednesday 4 June 10.15am**

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