

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 4.

I hope the mothers and grandmothers of our school community enjoyed the celebrations of this Mother's Day. Whether it was weak tea and cold toast in bed or a card designed and made by a little artist, they were all given with love and affection. The children are always very excited to give these gifts, which are heartfelt ways of saying thank you for all the things you do for them, and how much they appreciate you.

Our Mother's Day celebrations at school were another way of acknowledging the great sacrifices and endless tasks mothers do for those they love. Thank you to Ms. Brooker for organising the beautiful liturgy, focusing on Mary, the Mother of our Lord and the mothers in our school. The student leaders presented beautifully. Portraits and stories about mums from Year 1 captured a sense of admiration and reality. These works of art would hang proudly on any wall at home. The tissues were definitely being passed around when Kindergarten began their tribute song. Finally, thank you to mothers who took part in the liturgy with their child as they read the Prayers of the Faithful.

The events did not stop there. Many parents joined us for some morning tea on the verandah of the library, a special mention to the Learning Support Team and Mrs Jeanette Antao for organising this.

Jessica and her team of Year 4 parents did a great job organising the Mothers Day stall. I know for a fact that some children were so excited about the gifts they purchased that they could not wait till Mother's Day to present them. The stall raised a total of \$1500.

Well done Holy Spirit community.

School Website

Our school website is one way to access information about Holy Spirit. We also have our Skoolbag App, some classes send home updates via their own newsletter and the whiteboard outside the office highlights the week's events.

Recently, Mrs. Heaslip has been updating our website. Many of the new parents who I have interviewed for Kindergarten places in 2016 have commented on how informative it is. The website also includes events and other important information. Why not have a look at the information the site offers?

Traffic Conditions in Todd Row

A representative from Penrith City council has visited the school during afternoon Kiss-n-Ride times. She will hopefully return again this week to discuss further the options we may have to improve congestion at this time. Thank you parents for being mindful of neighbours and not blocking their driveways.

Term 2, Week 4

13 May 2015

Prayer 4A

Dear Lord

Help us to put
others first.

Teach us to be
honest.

Show us the right
path.

Help us to be as
gentle as a
raindrop.

Live in our hearts.

Amen



I urge parents who are picking up children at this time to enter Todd Row from the far end and leave the opposite side of the road free so that traffic may continue to flow. Parking opposite the school and taking your children across the road at this busy time is dangerous. There is always the option of parking in the council car park off Moore St. The parish car park is not to be used by parents dropping off or picking up.

New Teachers

While Mrs Hines and Mrs Alexander have been on leave we have been fortunate to have two new teachers at Holy Spirit. Miss Macallister and Mr. Andreatta have been part of our teaching staff during this time. I would like to thank them for their professionalism and for the care they have given to the children. We hope to see more of them in the future.

Parent Committee Meeting

Thank you to those who attended last weeks meeting. I apologise for an error on my part. I thanked the Year 1 parents for their help with the Table-a-thon but the thanks should have been directed to the Year 2 parents. Thank you Year 2 parents.

Mrs Christine Figuero
Acting Principal

Learning Matters

This term the students from K-6 have been completing a Gymnastics program delivered by Miss Macallister to cover the Physical Education component of PDHPE (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education)

The students have shown enthusiasm, perseverance and overall improvement in meeting the outcomes for each stage.

Kindergarten:

Performs basic movement patterns to show actions of the whole body.

Demonstrates a general awareness of how basic movement skills apply in play and other introductory movement experiences.

Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)

Follows a simple sequence that links basic movement patterns.

Demonstrates maturing performance of basic movement and compositional skills in a variety of predictable situations.

Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)

Demonstrates control in performing sequences of introductory gymnastic movements.

Displays a focus on quality of movement in applying movement skills to a variety of familiar and new situations.

Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6)

Demonstrates coordinated actions of the body when performing gymnastic sequences.

Refines and applies movement skills creatively to a variety of challenging situations

I thank Miss Macallister for her professionalism and talent in teaching gymnastics to the students of Holy Spirit.

Mrs Donnalee Hughes
Acting Assistant Principal

Religious Matters

Dear Parents,

The school will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with a whole school Mass on **Thursday 21st May 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 24th May 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!



Administration

Consent to Sell Raffle Tickets/Consent for use of Students Image and/or Work

Just a reminder to parents that have not returned their Consent to Sell Raffle Tickets/Consent for the use of student's image and/or work form. This form is important and we ask if any outstanding forms be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Early/Late Arrivals

If your child arrives late to school a parent must accompany them to the office to sign an absence note.

Children leaving school early must be collected from the school office by an adult. Please understand that we are not able to allow a child to go home with someone unless we have had written permission.

All absences including late/early absences are recorded on the roll.

As the whole class learning time is disrupted when children arrive late or leave early, it is important that this situation is avoided. Where possible appointments should be made outside of school hours.

Year 6 Graduation Meeting

Our next graduation meeting for Year 6 parents is on Thursday 14th May at 3:30pm. This is an important meeting, as many decisions will be made regarding the dinner disco.

It would be great to have a good representation of parents to vote. You do not have to have been at any other meetings to attend.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Donnalee Hughes
Stage 3 Coordinator

Community News



**College Open
Morning Tour**
Monday
May 18, 2015

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on May 18, 2015.

Tour the College and discover why a *Mercy Education* is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2016 and 2017.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

*Holy Family Primary School,
Luddenham
25th Anniversary
Mass & Morning Tea*



*Friday 12th June
9.15am in the Church
Followed by Morning Tea in the School Hall*

*RSVP - 22nd May to
Marie, Monica or Despina in the School Office*

For further information contact the

School Office on 4773 4485

Email - Luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au



**CATHOLIC CARE SOCIAL SERVICES
DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA**

**SAVE THE
DATE**

Faith in Marriage

3rd Annual Marriage Conference

Sunday 23rd August 2015 • 9am – 3pm

at Our Lady of Mercy College, Victoria Road Parramatta

2015 Theme:

Marriage – A Culture of Love & Life

Speakers include: Reverend Father Peter Williams,
Jonathon Doyle and Lara & Tim Kirk

On-site child-minding available



Register your interest at marriage@ccss.org.au or call 02 9933 0222

Upcoming dates...

Wednesday 13 May
Early Bird Reading

NAPLAN Year 3 & 5

Thursday 14 May
Buddy Mass 4S & 1V

NAPLAN Year 3 & 5

Year 6 Graduation Meeting
3.30pm

Friday 15 May
Parent Scripture 8.50am

School Assembly 2.30pm

Tuesday 19 May
Early Bird Reading

Panther Trophy - Stage 3

Wednesday 20 May
Early Bird Reading

Year 1 Incursion -
Featherdale

Thursday 21 May
Year 5 Incursion - Graffiti

10.15am Whole School
Pentecost Mass

Friday 22 May
Kindergarten Excursion
Featherdale

Parent Scripture Meditation
8.50am

Augustinian Prayer 3pm

Tuesday 26 May
Early Bird Reading

Term Dates 2015

Term 3

Monday 13 July to Friday 18 September

Term 4

Tuesday 6 October to Friday 18 December

Staff Development days to be advised.

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