

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday our church (Holy Spirit) celebrates its name day – the Feast of Pentecost. A lovely tradition is for the staff at the school to provide the parishioners with morning tea following the 9.30am Mass. I hope to see many of you there!

Holy Spirit

*Open our ears to what you are saying to us in the things that happen
and in the people we meet.*

Open our eyes to see the needs of those around us.

Open our hands to bring your touch and presence to each other.

*Open our lips so that we might bring comfort, happiness and laughter
to each other.*

Open our minds to discover anew the truth about you and our world.

Open our hearts to love you and each other.

Amen.

This Friday is a Staff Development Day. The teachers at Holy Spirit will engage in professional development in numeracy.

Some tips for assisting your children with their literacy and numeracy whilst shopping include:

- Involving your child in writing the list and letting your child carry the list as you shop and read out as many product names as possible
- Handing items to children before they put them in the trolley and asking them to check the use by date
- Asking your child to help you read the labels, for instance low fat, high fibre and taking these opportunities to explain about healthy eating and good nutrition
- Counting fruit and matching fruit to price signs
- Involving your children in unpacking groceries and checking off items on the docket
- Asking your child to help you calculate items eg how many bananas they think you might need if everyone in the family ate a banana each day for a week.

By working together our children will experience greater success!

Kind regards,

Anne Hines
Principal

Term 2, Week 6

4 June 2014

Prayer 1A

Loving God

I have the gift of
happiness and I
will make
everyone I meet
happy.

I have the gift of
cleverness and I
will learn lots of
new things.

I have the gift of
care and I will
keep the
playground tidy.

I have the gift of
friendship and I
will help my
friends have fun.

Thank you God
for all my gifts.

Amen

Learning Matters

Dear Parents,

Over the last weeks there have been five separate incidents involving young children being hit by vehicles. These events affect the families and school communities to which the children belong. Children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They are sometimes unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

The staff of Holy Spirit have the well being of all the children in mind and reinforce good practice around road and car safety.

I have included a few reminders about safety around our school.

- Make sure your child is in an appropriate car seat that is fitted and used correctly, and that they are buckled in before you drive off.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school area.
- Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8:00am and 9:30am and from 2:30pm till 4:00pm. The speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen or it is a **pupil free day** (as in this Friday).
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns using the school's main driveway. We ask you to enter Todd Row from the Melville Road end.
- Drop off your children and pick them up on the school side of the road.
- Our "Kiss'n'Ride" area is on Todd Row. This is the safest place to drop off children. When doing so please be mindful of other parents and move along the "Kiss'n'Ride" zone rather than stopping in front of the driveway.
- **If you need to get out of your car then "Kiss'n'Ride" is not for you.**
- Where there is a school crossing supervisor (the lovely Pauline) at a school crossing, pedestrians must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road, until the school crossing supervisor indicates that it is safe to walk.
- Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate. The parking area opposite the main crossing on Moore Street offers a good choice.

I have written about being safe around Holy Spirit a couple of times in the past and generally people follow the rules and our children have been safe. It only takes one instance when a wrong judgment is made and nobody wants to be in that position.

Stay safe.

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal



Administration

Early Departures

There has been an increasing number of parents coming to pick up their children 5-10 minutes early in the afternoon. The end of the day is an important time for students as homework, notes and important information is given out. As the whole class learning time is disrupted when children leave early, it is important that this situation is avoided. Where possible appointments should be made outside of school hours.

Fees

Parents please be advised that Term 2 fees are now due. Parents who still have Term 1 fees outstanding these fees are overdue and must be finalised immediately.

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

Congratulations to the following students who have received Principal Awards

Kinder: Corzy, Ethan, Thomas, Jessica
 Year 1: Angelina, Elijah, Mikayla, Katherine
 Year 2: Venkat, Allison, Cameron, Rhana
 Year 3: Ethan, Jenna, Serena, Wilson
 Year 4: Ira, Austin, Mahd, Ariane
 Year 5: Justin, Elise, Ainslie, Nicolas
 Year 6: Adrienne, Cooper, Phoenix, Corzy



Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Our soccer gala day was held on Tuesday 27 May. It was a fantastic day and we were so proud to wear the Holy Spirit uniform and do our best. We had some players in our team who had never played soccer at all and we all improved every game.

We lost 3 games and drew 3 games but we never gave up! When we scored a goal we celebrated so much it was amazing. We all had fun and were good sports in every game. We want to thank our parents and grandparents who were able to support us on the day and for cheering so loud along with Mrs Hughes!

We loved the whole day.



Just a reminder to parents that all Nestle Chocolate fundraising money needs to be returned to the school office by Tuesday 10 June.

We would like to apologise for any errors that may have occurred with the chocolate boxes. These errors are being rectified.



The office staff are asking for your help to wash the blankets and ice pack covers from our sick bay.

You would be required to collect the washing on Friday afternoon and return it to school on Monday morning.

There is no ironing involved.

If you can assist please contact the school office.

Community News



UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY SCHOOL OF
COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS
PENRITH OBSERVATORY

ASTRONOMY NIGHT
Saturday, 7 June (7pm – 9pm)
WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH A RADIO DISH OR TWO

Radio astronomy involves looking at light from the weakest part of the electromagnetic spectrum, which has such little energy that giant radio dishes are needed to collect it. We'll look at what you can do with a dish or two (or a few thousand), including historic discoveries, the space program, pulsars, radio dishes in space, future massive radio telescopes, and so on.

The night will also include a 3D astronomy movie that will run for 15-20 minutes, a tour of the dome area and stargazing through various computerised telescopes. Our program will run regardless of the weather.

Cost: \$15 adult, \$10 child/concession and \$40 family.
Bookings are essential: Book and pay
online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What's On

DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry offers an Information night for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees and how to protect your rights regarding family assets. This night is being held on Tues 10th June at 7.30pm at CCSS Centre, 51-58 Allawah St, Blacktown. Guest Speaker: Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor at Wesley Legal Service, Castlereagh St.) Further details and registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

Upcoming dates...

Wednesday 4 June
Early Bird Reading 8.30am

School Banking 8.30am

School Pentecost Mass
10.15am

Friday 6 June
Staff Development Day—
No school today

Monday 9 June
Public Holiday - No school
today

Tuesday 10 June
Early Bird Reading 8.30am

Wednesday 11 June
Early Bird Reading 8.30am

Primary Athletics Carnival—
Blair Oval

Thursday 12 June
Buddy Mass 6B & KB
9.00am

Friday 13 June
Book Club Issue 4 due

Augustinian Prayer 3.00pm

Tuesday 17 June
Early Bird Reading 8.30am

Wednesday 18 June
Early Bird Reading 8.30am

School Banking 8.30am



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