

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

An important factor in education is time management. A calm, well-organised start to the day and successful time management help develop habits that lead to good learning. Effective time management leads to greater contentment. Time is the basis on which we operate our lives. Good timekeeping can be learnt. Perhaps suggest the following tips to your children to assist them to be at school and have their homework completed on time.

- Try 'To Do' lists and enjoy ticking off each task as they get done.
- Keep a detailed calendar.
- Feel more in control of your time by being punctual. Often you can be punctual by giving yourself a margin of only ten minutes (this might mean getting out of bed ten minutes earlier).

Kind regards
Anne Hines
Principal

Parent/Teacher Meetings

School reports will be sent home this Friday, 20th June. Next week there will be the opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to discuss their child's progress. I encourage all parents and carers to participate in these discussions.

Learning Matters

Dear Parents,

This is the last week for Early Bird Reading for this term. It will resume again in the second week of Term 3. Children who filled their Early Bird Reading card will receive a special certificate. We hope to have these distributed by next week but if not the first week of next term.

Most Tuesday and Wednesday mornings were a very busy time in the MPA. It was wonderful to see so many children arrive with their readers and willingly be part of this "readathon". I would like to say thank you to the parents who made sure their children were at school on time to participate and for encouraging their child to improve their reading ability.

Research over the past two decades has identified repeated reading as the key strategy for improving students' fluency skills. Repeated reading has two essential elements: 1) Giving students the opportunity to read and then re-read the same text, and 2) having students practice their reading orally with an opportunity to receive corrections and guidance. (if necessary). The Early Bird Reading sessions give the children the opportunity to re-read the same text, receive some guidance and encouragement from their tutors and the opportunity to read to someone different.

Term 2, Week 8

18 June 2014

Prayer 6B

Dear God,

Please send your
blessings and
compassion on the
people of
Timor-Leste.

Help them to
develop their health
and education
resources.

Help them to
continue to build
and rebuild.

Give them hope and
guidance in their
continued struggle
to become a strong,
independent
nation.

Amen

The Tutors at Holy Spirit are a very generous group. They would often line up several times to listen to their buddies read. They did this with a positive attitude and a smile on their face. How wonderful that they are able to pass on their love of reading to the younger members of our school.

Thank you also to our staff who helped to supervise the sessions. This was an extra task in their very busy schedules but as usual they were willing and happy to help.

In this instance everyone has worked together for the common good.....learning. This is another example of the Holy Spirit community upholding our motto:

TOGETHER WE GROW

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

Greg Alexander Shield

Holy Spirit played in the Greg Alexander Shield on 29 May at the Kingsway. It was a senior football competition that comprised of the following players - Joshua J, Cooper, Joshua S, Jack, Jordan, Ezra, Joshua G, Kye, Liam and Jyrell.

We played in a round robin against Corpus Christi, Blackwell and St Marys. Our hard work all term paid off when we were lucky enough to go through to the finals. Unfortunately, we didn't win the final but luck was on our side and we were given a wildcard entry into the finals day competition, to be played on 24 June.

We would like to thank all the parents that came to support us, Mr Jones and Mr Sycz who gave up their time to train us on the day. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and probably the best behaved group of boys I've ever taken to football.

Mrs Aggar



Primary Sports Carnival

We would like to thank all the parents who attended and helped at the Primary Athletics carnival last week. Your assistance on the day was greatly appreciated and without your help the day would not have run so smoothly.

School News

Skoolbag App

Have you installed the Skoolbag App? . This is a free App which can be accessed on smart phones and Android tablets. This App has alerts, important school updates/information, newsletters etc and provides a fast, simple and convenient way to communicate to parents.

If you would like further information visit www.skoolbag.com.au and click on the Parent link where you will find instructions on how to download the application or contact the school office.

Community News

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend dates: 12 – 14 September (7 – 9 November) at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

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ASTRONOMY NIGHT

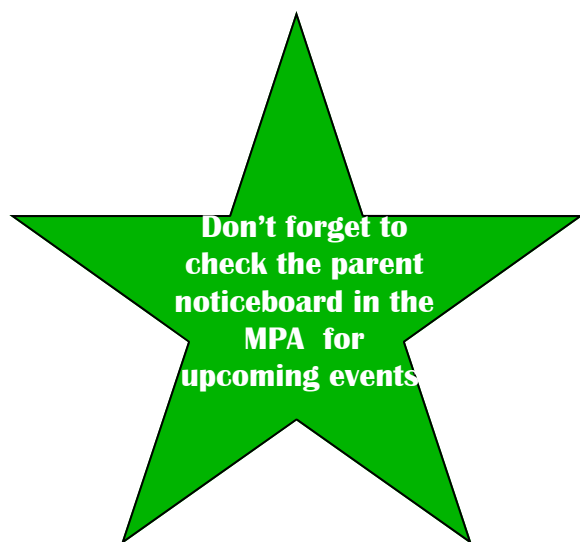
Saturday, 21 June (7pm – 9pm)

The evening will include a presentation, 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

Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au



Important Dates

Friday 27 June—
Term 2 concludes

Monday 14 July—
Term 3 commences

Upcoming dates...

Wednesday 18 June
Early Bird Reading
8.30am

School Banking 8.30am

Friday 20 June
School Assembly 2.30pm

Tuesday 24 June
Greg Alexander Shield
Final

Stage 2 Boys Soccer

Wednesday 25 June
Stage 2 Girls Soccer

Friday 27 June
Augustinian Prayer
3.00pm

Last day of Term 2

Term 3 commences
Monday 14th July

Term Dates 2014

Term 3 Monday 14 July to
Friday 19 September

Term 4 Tuesday 7 October to
Friday 19 December

Staff Development Days will be
advised separately.

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