

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3. I hope you enjoyed a happy and restful holiday break. This term is shaping up to be a busy one filled with learning and excursions. In the holiday break I had the opportunity to reflect on the many blessings we enjoy here at Holy Spirit. We have:

- our parish church on site
- encouraging and supporting parents
- a well established learning community
- well behaved and genuine caring students
- bright and modern facilities
- a pastoral and caring staff
- exciting co curricula opportunities such as sport and music
- multiple playground areas
- a well equipped library
- a range of technologies. We have a lot to be thankful for here at Holy Spirit.

Kind Regards

Anne Hines
Principal

Parenting Course

A fantastic parenting course called "1-2-3 Magic" is being offered at our school this term. This is a three session program that will take place on Wednesdays 3rd 10th and 17th of September from 6:30 – 8:30pm. The course teaches ways to handle challenging behaviours and encourage good behaviours. Please put these dates in your diary. A separate note will be sent home soon.

Some tips for positive parenting:

- Use positive rather than negative statements. "Leave your room tidy" has more impact than "don't leave your room in a mess".
- Apologise if you have been wrong or unreasonable. Children will also learn to apologise and develop a sense of honesty and justice.
- Give notice of an instruction. For example, "dinner will be ready in 10 minutes", so that the child can finish off what he or she is doing.
- Compromise. "You can read for 10 minutes more, then your light must go out", often works better than "turn your light out now".
- Make sure that your child feels loved and knows that it is what they are doing that you don't like – not them.

Term 3, Week 2

23 July 2014

Prayer 2B6

Dear Lord

We pray today
for all the
families that
have been lost
or lost a
family member
in the
Malaysian
airlines crash.

Amen



**Friday, 1 August will be
Census Day for our
School.**

If your child is absent on this day a letter explaining their absence **MUST** be sent to their class teacher upon their return.

Staff Development Day

This term our staff development day will be held on Friday 15th August, please put this date in your diary. The day will focus on improving teacher understanding of literacy.

Monday Morning Assembly

At Monday assemblies parents and carers are asked to please stand for our National Anthem and refrain from speaking during this time. It would be appreciated if parents would move back from the lines and gather nearer the Church to enable the children to have a clear line of vision.

Lego

We are hoping to offer a lego club at lunch time for interested students. If you have some 'unwanted' lego at home to donate to the school please hand this in to the school office. Thank you.

Learning Matters

Welcome back to Term 3. Halfway through the year already, reports have all gone home and parent/ teacher interviews have been completed. We hope you were pleased with the results your children achieved for their first semester.

Everyday I see how hard the children and teachers work at school and from their reading results it is easy to see that many parents are promoting the school's goals of reaching certain reading levels in each of the grades.

Early Bird Reading will start again this week. This is also a way the school helps to promote the importance of reading and the continued practice that is vital in consolidating and improvement.

During the parent/teacher interviews your child's teacher may have discussed their reading levels and their expectations of where your child should be by the end of the year. Your help and support in this area is vital for growth, and it is your attitude that will be a most powerful variable. Please keep positive and listen to your child read on a regular basis.

I have again included some tips on improving your child's reading. As well as Home Readers your child could also read a book from the Library or a children's magazine.

1. Try to choose books that are enjoyable to both of you.
2. If you are excited about reading to your child, your child will be excited too.
3. Make it part of your daily routine and it will be the easiest and most fun way to prepare your child for future learning.
4. Remember, there may be some Home Reading set by your child's teacher. It is necessary to complete this. It also gives you an idea of how your child is progressing.

Thank you for your commitment to your child's learning.

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our thoughts are with our students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. As the preparation program begins in the parish this week, we hold these children in our prayers and ask that the Holy Spirit enlivens in them those gifts that they first received at Baptism.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred and celebrated on the weekend of the 16th and 17th August.

The children find great comfort and joy in the religious education program here at Holy Spirit as they learn to recognise Christ as their great friend who journey's with them always. If your child enjoys being part of this community and is not yet Baptised, you might like to consider enquiring at the Parish Office about Baptism so that they can progress through the other sacraments with their classmates.

Lorraine Alexander
Religious Education Coordinator

Congratulations to the following students who have received Principal Awards

Kinder: Jorjah, Adrielle, Charlize, Aiden, Rhiann
 Year 1: Polyxeni, Jasmine, Ryan, Ashleigh, Alexis, Aleks
 Year 2: Reyn, Cienna, Sienna, Cameron, Tiana, Emily
 Year 3: Sarah, Tiana, Kaitlyn, Kenyon, Piper, Sonia
 Year 4: Ellie, Brohym, Daniel, Janell, Abigail, Dylan
 Year 5: Tyrell, Elizabeth, Eliana, Casey-Lee, Myah,
 Harrison
 Year 6: Angel-lee, Maddison, Niko, Brendan,
 Markas, Akoldah



Good News Reading: Skye, Atiria

Stage 2 Girls Soccer Gala Day

On Wednesday the 25th June the Stage 2 girls competed in a Soccer Gala day at the Anne Aquilina Reserve in Rooty Hill. We had a fabulous day, playing 6 games and trying our best to avoid the wind! We won 4 games, drew 1 and lost 1. The girls played very well as a team, which lead them to the victory of taking out the whole day and coming first in our pool! We couldn't have been more excited to come back to Holy Spirit and share our shiny new medals!



Congratulations to the following girls: Elizabeth, Marina, Hayley, Piper, Kaitlin, Rosina, Annika, Tahlia and Sarah.

Greg Alexander Shield Final

On Tuesday 24th June, a group of senior boys played in the Greg Alexander Finals Competition. We played under extremely cold conditions and had a lot of close games. Unfortunately, we didn't win but we would like to thank Mr Jones for coaching us on the day. We would also like to thank our parents and grandparents who stayed and supported us, even though they were freezing on the sideline.

Congratulations on a great effort to the following boys; Cooper, Joshua J, Joshua S, Ezra, Liam, Kye, Jordan, Joshua G and Jack.



Community News



Play Cricket!
2014/15 Season Approaching Fast!
Fun, exciting games for ages 5 through to Adult.

Maximum participation for all players is encouraged through modified game formats.

Milo Program for 5 to 8 year olds teaches basic skills, run during the week for 10 weeks, October to December.

All other ages (from 6 to 15 years old) play on a Saturday morning.
Competition begins mid-September.

Girls most welcome.
Men's competition also available on Saturday afternoons.

Registration Dates - 10am - 2pm
St Clair Shopping Centre
27th July, 3rd, 10th & 17th August

St Marys Shopping Village
3rd & 17th August

Pay registration in full at any registration day and go in the draw to win a fully stocked cricket kit

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REGISTRATION DATES

SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST - 9am to 4pm
ST CLAIR SHOPPING CENTRE

EVERY SUNDAY IN AUGUST 9AM TO 11AM
AT SHEPHERD FIELDS

BOYS and GIRLS AGED 4-15 years and SENIORS ALL WELCOME

FEES: Milo In2 Cricket \$60
U8-U9 Player: \$85 Returning/ \$105 new player
U10-16 Player: \$130 Returning/ \$150 new player
Seniors: \$180 Returning / \$200 new player



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Upcoming dates...

Friday 25 July
School Assembly 2.30pm

Tuesday 29 July
Early Bird Reading 8.30am

English Competition

5G Reconciliation 11.30am

Wednesday 30 July
Early Bird Reading 8.30am

5B Reconciliation 11.30am

Thursday 31 July
Buddy Mass 4C & 1N
9.00am

Friday 1 August
Census Day

Year 5 Bathurst Excursion

Augustinian Prayer 3.00pm

Tuesday 5 August
Early Bird Reading 8.30am

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