

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sometimes children get the idea that their learning and behaviour is the responsibility of someone other than themselves. For example, when questioned by the teacher about homework, children can take to shifting the responsibility of this task to their parents; complaints such as "mum or dad forgot to put it in my bag" are quite common. They are also tempted to blame their peers and in these cases responding with "I couldn't finish my work because he or she was disturbing me."

Of course, it is not only children who are guilty of shifting responsibility; we can all do it. Statements such as "other people were doing it too so that's why I did it" or "everyone does it!" are classic examples of excuses for failing to accept responsibility for our own actions.

I once heard the responsibility for learning compared to trying to lose weight. A person may have access to a skilled dietician, a gym membership and books full of healthy recipes but until that person realizes that they have to take responsibility for implementing their weight loss program, not a kilo will be lost. Likewise, once children realize that they have a responsibility to contribute to their own learning and behaviour, great results can be achieved!

Kind regards
Anne Hines
Principal

Mary MacKillop

Saturday 8th August is the feast day of our first Australian saint – St Mary of the Cross.

Lord, may we follow in the example of St Mary, a woman of faith living by the power of the cross, to live the gospel in changing times and to respect the dignity of all.

Woolworths 4 Schools

If you shop at Woolworths, please support our school with this initiative. The collection box is in the school foyer. Thank You.

Stage 2 Parents

A date for your diary. All Year 3 and Year 4 parents are invited to a 'coffee and chat' in the MPA following Monday morning assembly on August 10 (9:00am – 9:30am). This is an informal opportunity to meet with Mrs Hines. Hope you can make it.

Term 3, Week 4

5 August 2015

Prayer 4S

Dear Lord

During these cold winter months, help us to never forget those people who are lonely, struggling to make ends meet or have a warm bed to sleep in each night.

Teach us to continue to be compassionate and sympathetic to all people who need our support.

Amen

Friday, 7 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.

Learning Matters

Last term a representative from Penrith City Council visited the school on several occasions to see how our Kiss n Ride functioned. There have been concerns of late from parents and neighbours who have seen Kiss n Ride users not following our rules and causing issues with parking across the driveways of neighbours or parking and leaving their cars.

For Kiss n Ride to run smoothly everyone needs to follow the directions and be patient in the process. The first step in this is to know what is permitted and what is unacceptable in the Kiss n Ride zone at Holy Spirit. Our aim is to keep the children safe.

Included in this newsletter is a clear diagram outlining procedures and giving you important and useful information. There will be other updates to follow as we continue to support the safe and efficient use of Kiss n Ride.

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

Year 5 Fundraising

Year 5 is holding a coin-a-thon fundraiser commencing on the 10th August and concluding on 28th August.

We would like to ask children to collect as many coins as possible and bring them into school.

The winning class will receive a prize.

Further information will be sent home soon.

We thank all students and parents for participating.



Live Life Well Tips

Ideas to get your family moving

- Go outside and play chasing, ride bikes or throw a ball or a frisbee.
- Encourage children to make their own obstacle course at home. You could use garden hoses as tight-ropes, chairs to crawl under, and the clothes line to run around. Include a skipping rope and some jumping. For variety ask them to walk backwards, hop or skip through the obstacle course. Time them to see how they are improving.
- Encourage your child to play outside whenever possible. Play along whenever you can.
- Be a good role model – be active when you're with children. What gets children moving is what parents do, not what they say. Children learn by example!
- Include games and walks in family outings.
- Negotiate a time limit on sedentary activities such as watching TV and playing computer games.
- Walking together is a good time to talk to children about their lives and yours.



Just a reminder that children are not allowed to play on the grass area after 3.10pm. This is in the interest of your child's safety.

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Student pick-up guide

Walk in to pick up children
from the soft fall play area

Takes only
4 minutes!!

1. Afternoon: Queue from the beginning of
the "pick-up" zone for under 2 minutes only.

In the morning, please drop off
children at the southern school gate.

Moore Street

Do not
park in
'No
Stopping'
zones

2. Queue behind the first car. DO
NOT jump ahead in the queue.
Teachers escort children to the car.
All bags go into the car. Children
enter cars on the kerb side.

3. If your family takes a long time
to get into the car, please wait
until after the rush before joining
the queue. Some families have
lots of children to load into the car
or have to buckle in young chil-
dren. The children will sit and wait
quite happily with their friends.


4. The end of the pick-up zone:
The last car in the queue must be
within the 'No Parking' zone.


5. DO NOT double park on Todd
Row if the queue is full when you
arrive. It is illegal to block traffic
when it is possible to drive on.

If the queue is full, please drive on and either park legally
and pick up your child or wait 5 minutes and try again.

Todd Row

Community News






Astronomy Night: Space Rocks
Saturday 8 August 7.00pm – 9.00pm

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

SPACE ROCKS
Asteroids, meteors and comets, what are they? How do they differ from each other? What happens when they get too close to earth? Come along and find out in our presentation on Space Rocks. The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.

Cost: \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50 family
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory. What's On
Contact: Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au
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TWO - PART SEMINAR

Understanding Family Law

PRESENTED BY:
Beth Jarman
Lawyer—Accredited Family Law Specialist

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY - SESSION 1

Overview of the Family Law Act with Focus on Separation and Divorce.

- Parenting Plans
- Best Interests of children
- Family Dispute Resolution
- Family violence
- Role of Independent Children's Lawyers
- Timetables under the Family Law Act
- Timetables within the Family Court
- Consent Orders.

WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST - SESSION 2

Overview of the Family Law Act with Focus on Property

- What constitutes or determines Property
- Application of the Act in de facto or same sex relationships
- Requirement for Pre-action Procedures
- Spouse Maintenance
- Timetables under the Family Law Act
- Timetables within the Family Court

DATES

Session 1 Wed. 22nd July 2015
Session 2 Wed. 12th August 2015

TIME:
7:30 pm—9:30 pm

VENUE:
Diocesan Assembly Centre
1-5 Marion St, Blacktown

COST:
\$ 7.00 per session

FURTHER INFORMATION/BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact: Solo Parent Services 9933 0205
Email
soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Upcoming dates...

Friday 7 August
Census Day

Nepean Zone Athletics
Carnival—Blacktown

2.15pm School Assembly

Monday 10 August
Stage 2 – 9.00am Parents
coffee & chat with Mrs Hines

Tuesday 11 August
Early Bird Reading MPA

Maths Competition Year 3-6

Wednesday 12 August
Early Bird Reading MPA

Parent Scripture Meditation

Thursday 13 August
10.15am Assumption Mass

Friday 14 August
Augustinian Prayer 3pm

Monday 17 August
Stage 3 - 9.00am Parents
coffee & chat with Mrs Hines

Tuesday 18 August
Early Bird Reading MPA

Wednesday 19 August
Early Bird Reading

Parent Scripture Meditation

DATE CHANGE

Parents please be advised that the
Netball Gala Day is being held on
Tuesday 25 August NOT Tuesday 18
August as advertised in the school
calendar.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

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