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 8^{th} 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 48

Dear Lord

During these cold winter months, help us to never forget those people who are longly, 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

<u>Friday, 7 August will be</u> <u>Census Day for our</u> <u>School.</u>

If your child is absent on this day a letter explaining their absence <u>MUST</u> 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

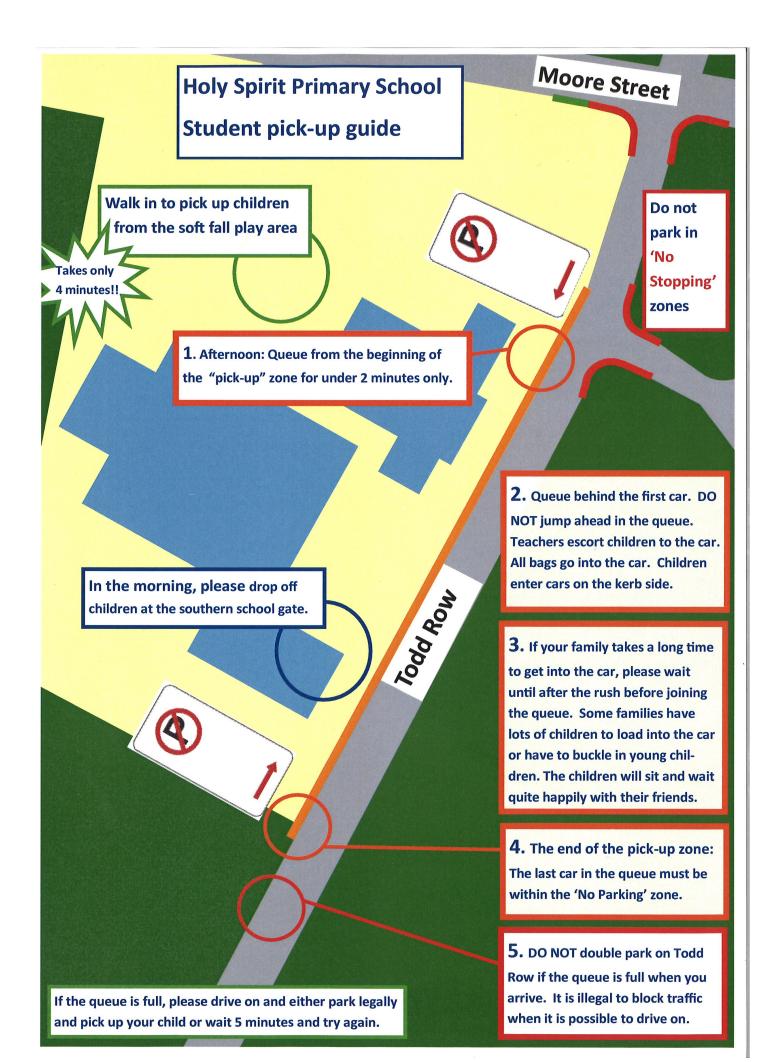
Ideas to get your family moving

- 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.

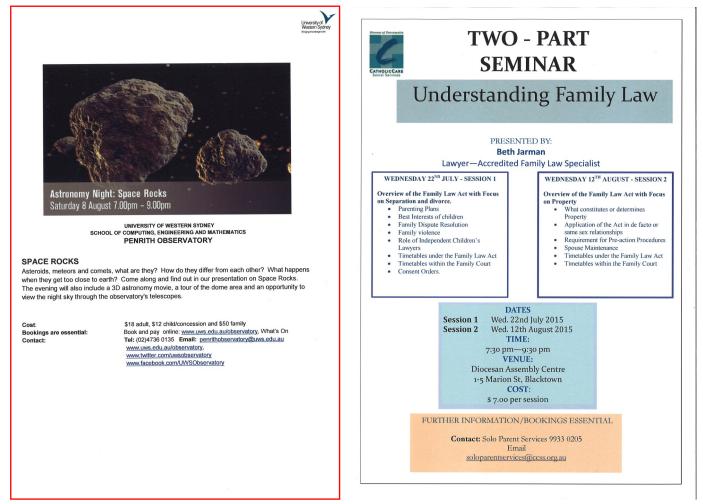
Just a reminder that children are not allowed to play on the grass area after 3.10pm. This is in the interest of your child's safety.







Community News



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 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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