

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

"Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mineworker can become the head of a mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president of a great nation. It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another." Nelson Mandela

An important factor in education is time management. A calm well-organised start to the day and successful time management help develop the habits that lead to good learning. Effective time management leads to greater contentment. Time is the basis on which we operate our lives. Good time keeping can be learnt.

Often you can be punctual by giving yourself a margin of ten minutes. This might mean getting out of bed ten minutes earlier.

Kind regards
Anne Hines
Principal

Fathers Day

This coming Sunday is Fathers Day. A day when we celebrate the contribution men offer families in their role as father. A happy 'Fathers' Day' to all our dads, grandads, pops, pa's, uncles and other men who are important in our lives.

Creator God

We praise you for the gift of our fathers and those who have been father-figures to us.

We thank you for the life and love they have brought to our world.

Continue to bless them in their daily lives.

Amen

Thank you from the Boulos Family

Dear Holy Spirit Families,

It is with heartfelt thanks that I write this note to you all expressing our gratitude for your amazing generosity to our family.

Many of you have offered help, prayers and financial support during this difficult time in our family's life and we will be eternally grateful to you all. We understand that in this day and age the cost of living is exorbitant and yet each of you dug deep into your hearts and pockets for us.

I am grateful that God directed Andrew and I to choose Holy Spirit for our son, it's not just a school, it truly is a caring community of loving people.

With many thanks,
The Boulos Family.

Term 3, Week 8

2 September 2015

Prayer 6BV

Dear Loving God,

Bless our fathers, grandfathers and father figures in our lives to have the best Fathers Day possible.

We hope that they spend this wonderful day with their loved ones and we hope to show them how much they mean to us.

A special blessing to all the fathers and grandfathers who are no longer with us.

Amen

Letters from children

Recently 2 students returned to Holy Spirit after having changed schools for a term or two. I asked them to reflect on what they missed about our school. Here are their replies:

Dear Mrs Hines

Thank you for welcoming me back into this wonderful school, Holy Spirit. The main reasons I wanted to come back are: Religion, friends, homework and more school time.

At Holy Spirit I have two and a half hours of religion compared to one hour at my other school. I really love my faith so I would choose extra religion time.

I missed my friends and I guess this could also include my teachers. I also missed seeing my little sister begin her educational journey.

There is a variety of subjects for homework and six tasks and I think this is a great preparation for high school.

Lastly, Holy Spirit has around 20 minutes longer school time, this means more time with my friends.

These are only the **main** reasons I would choose Holy Spirit. Thank you Mrs Hines for making this school what my sister calls a 'fun school'.

Brendan, 5HV

Dear Mrs Hines

I came back because I am always happy at Holy Spirit. People make me smile at this school. I am happy with everyone and the teachers especially. I learn more at Holy Spirit. At Holy Spirit we have fantastic things and the classrooms are big spaces. At little lunch and big lunch we are allowed to talk and have fun.

Kieralee, 2B

School Crossing

Pauline our crossing supervisor assists the children to cross the road. She has asked that parents requiring her assistance with crossing the road to let her know. Thank you.

Urgent

If your child is being picked up from school by someone other than yourself please let the class teacher know. Thank you.

Year 5 Fundraiser

Thank you to all who contributed a total of \$510 was raised. The winning grade was Year 5 and they will receive a Zooper Dooper ice block in the coming week.

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.

Administration

School Fees

Parents please be advised that Term 3 fees are now **overdue** and must be finalised immediately.

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

From the Assistant Principal

Trying to get everyone out of the house and in time for work and school can sometimes be a huge ordeal. Then driving to school and dropping the children off in a safe and timely way adds to the morning's frustrations.

Did you know that there is a **school bus** that covers a fair area between Erskine Park and St Clair to its destination of Holy Spirit? The bus drops the children off at the Moore Street Bus stop with plenty of time before the bell.

At the moment Busways is considering cancelling this bus and have the children catch a public bus. The parents whose children currently use this bus are upset at this prospect as the bus offers a reliable service, with the same bus driver rostered on for at least three out of the five days.

This bus may suit your family's needs at this moment in time. The route details are included below. Why not consider this option?

Bus 4085 Erskine Park/St Clair 8.20am

Departs Peppertree Dr & Erskine Park Rd via Peppertree Dr (Right)Swallow Dr (West) (Right)Erskine Park Rd (Left)Explorers Way (Left)Colorado Dr (Right)Coonawarra Dr (Left)Bennett Rd (Right)Banks Dr (Right) Endeavour Av (Left)Moore St to school.

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

Congratulations to the following students who have received Principal Awards

Kindergarten: Declan, Kyra, Mason, Asher
Year 1: Ethan, Jean-Fillip, Mia, Andre, Tyler, Charli, Alisha, Sonny
Year 2: Mia, Katherine, Marlaine, Fouad, Suhavi, Ellie
Year 3: Elija, Daniel, Adeng, Cienna
Year 4: Riley, Jake, Ethan, Serena, Jayden
Year 5: Alexander, Jayimer, Shenesh, Isaac
Year 6: Jordan, Jyrell, Cameron, Isabella



Fundraising

Fathers' Day Stall

Just a reminder we are holding our Fathers Day stall on Friday 4 September. Gifts will range in price from 50cents to \$10.00. There will be many gifts including mugs, bottle openers, keyrings, stationery etc.

We ask each child to have their own plastic bag to carry their gifts home.



Community News

Special Parent Presentation

Hosted by
Parents Representative Council,
Parramatta Diocese (PRC)

Be at the heart of your child's learning.

Saturday 17 October 2015, 2pm to 5pm

St Andrew the Apostle Parish Centre,
40 Breakfast Road, Marayong

RSVP Thursday 15 October 2015 to
prcparraevents@hotmail.com

This is a FREE presentation for the benefit of
catholic school parents, friends and educators

GOSPEL CONCERT "SPIRIT OF JOY"

Presented in association with the "Sydney Sacred Music Festival"
www.sydneysacredmusicfestival.org

DATE/TIME:

Saturday, 5th September 2015, 3pm to 5.30pm

LOCATION:

Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre
230 Fairlight Road
Mulgoa NSW 2745

WHAT TO BRING:

- Fold up chairs
- Picnic blanket
- Torch
- Picnic dinner-food also available to purchase.
- Mozzie spray-just in case

AIM:

To bring people of all religious traditions together to feel the joy of God, through spiritually uplifting/upbeat music & song. Come share the joy!

Enquiries: manager@schoenstatt.org.au
Phone: 02 4773 8338 Ext: 236
Accommodation available-contact above number.

TICKETS: Purchase at trybooking.com-link:

- <http://www.trybooking.com/144537>
- \$12 for adults
 - \$8 for school age children
 - \$35 for family: 2 adults-up to 4 school age children
 - Children under 5 – free

This is an outdoor event, please be prepared for changes in weather conditions.

PROCEEDS: Repairs & Maintenance of the Home of Light, a retreat style accommodation facility utilised by youth, community and religious groups.



Discover your inner *Beauty*

A Retreat Day for Women and Mothers
Saturday 12th September 2015
9:30am - 4pm

At: **Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre**
230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa

Cost: \$25 (incl morning and afternoon tea)
BYO Lunch
Optional overnight stay to Sunday + \$80

Holy Mass and Confession are available
To register email: info@schoenstatt.org.au
or phone: (02) 4773 8338

Upcoming dates...

Thursday 3 September
Buddy Mass 4A & 1T - 9am

Wednesday 9 September
Netball Gala Day

Early Stage 1 - Liturgy of the Word 12pm

Friday 11 September
Augustinian Prayer

Friday 4 September
Fathers Day stall

Year 2 Taronga Zoo excursion

Stage 2 Boys and Girls Touch Football

Wednesday 16 September
Parent Scripture Meditation

School Assembly - 2.30pm

Thursday 17 September
School Musical—6.30pm

Tuesday 8 September
Early Bird Reading—MPA

Friday 18 September
Last day of Term 3

Wednesday 9 September
Early Bird Reading—MPA

Mufti Day/Picnic Lunch

Parent Scripture Meditation

Canteen Closed

Infants Athletics Carnival

Term 4 resumes -
Tuesday 6th October

Reminder Infants Sports Carnival

Wednesday 9 September

Students are to wear their sports uniform.

The sports carnival will be held at the school

7-17 Todd Row

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