

# Holy Spirit Primary School



## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Recently I read this wonderful article on Hope. Below are excerpts that I trust you will enjoy.

"Hope is the belief the future offers the prospects of better outcomes than the present. Hope is the promise to actively give, to promote the mutual purpose of the relationship and to always care for the other. Hope implies that each person will give freely to strengthen the relationship enabling the other to do so as well. Hope gives us confidence in the ongoing nature of the relationship and strengthens our level of contribution.

Hope is a sense of faith in the future and our ability to create better things.

The anticipation that good things will happen in the future and that we have the power to make some of those good things happen is hope. It makes a great difference to young people when the adults around them take on a position of hopefulness.

Increasing Hope in Relationships

Be Kind to Yourself and Others

be kind to yourself and send a bit of love your own way. This means having compassion for yourself by developing the capacity to forgive yourself.

Make time to look forward to things

In a world that is often distracted and treats many people and experiences as dispensable, take the time to think back over the good things that have happened in your life and look forward to forthcoming events.

Learning to wait strengthens resilience and our capacity to manage challenges in our lives.

Treat Each Day Like a Precious Gift

You will never be younger than you are today. Embrace it. Use today to enjoy the present and build an even better future.

Increase gratitude

Be grateful for the good things in your life. Gratitude builds hope. Reflect on the good things and express gratitude to friends. It is our relationships with others that make life worthwhile. Be grateful for your own efforts.

Express Love Tangibly

Hugs, words, notes, acts of kindness — be generous with all of them. Surprise a friend with a hug. Hug and kiss your kids longer and with deeper feeling. Greet people exuberantly and thank them effusively. Tell the important people in your life how much they mean to you. Doing this adds warmth and positive energy to our lives and the lives of people around us. It's also very comforting both to the giver and receiver of each loving act".

Andrew Fuller, John Hendry & Neil Hawkes Generation Next Website

Kind regards  
Anne Hines

Term 3, Week 8

7th September 2016

## Prayer 6W

Dear Lord,  
In this year of  
Mercy, let us be  
merciful by...

Choosing kind over  
right on the play-  
ground with our  
friends  
Putting the needs of  
others before our  
own  
Teaching others by  
showing mercy  
through our actions  
Showing compas-  
sion towards others  
Following the  
example of Saint  
Teresa

Lord hear us.



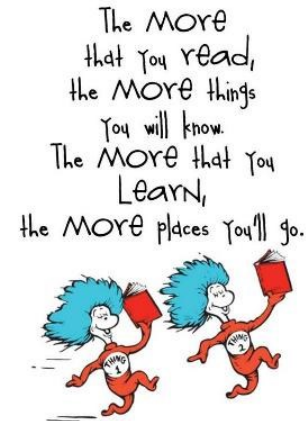
# Assistant Principal

Early Bird Reading will finish on Wednesday for the term. On those cold winter mornings it was good to come into the MPA and be part of this program that promotes the importance of reading for all ages. Certificates will be given out by the end of the term. They are given to readers and tutors who have participated at least 12 times this term.

Being able to read is an essential skill in the development of each child. It has always been a focus at Holy Spirit and we encourage parents to promote the benefits of reading at home.

Below is a list of six elements of instruction that every child should experience every day:

- Every child reads something he or she chooses
- Every child reads accurately
- Every child reads something he or she understands
- Every child writes about something personally meaningful
- Every child talks with peers about reading and writing
- Every child listens to a fluent adult read aloud



Reading should continue over the up-coming holidays.

Children could read different sorts of text other than the readers that are sent home during the term. Non-fiction books from the library, children's magazines, suitable articles or stories from the Internet and for the older children ... the newspaper.

## Kiss and Ride

Kiss and Ride is a convenient way to drop and pick up your children safely. There are reminders in the Newsletters throughout the year about procedures. These can also be found on the school web site.

The edges of the gutter have been painted in yellow as a reminder to parents and carers that this area is not to be blocked. The first driveway is near our school canteen. This driveway needs to be kept clear because of deliveries being made. The second driveway is the one shared by the parish and school and must be kept clear for the priests who are working within the parish office.

We need to remember that it is not appropriate to block driveways for any amount of time. Showing consideration to all our neighbours is a witness of who we are as a Holy Spirit community.

Making a three point turn is not against the law but we strongly recommend that you do not make a three point turn on Todd Row during Kiss and Ride times. Teachers have witnessed several very close calls when drivers do not pay close attention to the traffic on the street.

In the recent weeks the police have been seen patrolling the area around the school. Please obey all road rules as fines are being issued.

## **Thank You**

A Big thank you to our Year 3 parents and Carers especially Mrs. Brock & Mrs. Curly organising our recent Father's Day Stall. The children had a lot of fun choosing their gifts.

## **Naplan Results**

Holy Spirit has made good achievements in our Naplan. Well done years 3 & 5!

## **Playground Equipment**

The quiet area has had some basketball hoops and sandpits installed recently for the children to use.

## **Mufti Day**

There will be a mufti day on Thursday 22nd September (last day of term). Children are to wear sensible play clothes and joggers. The fine will be a gold coin donation which will go towards our new playground equipment.

## **Staff Update**

Mrs Kyla Aggar is still unwell and will continue to take leave in term 4. We thank Miss Rebecca Perreira who will continue to teach year 5 for the rest of the year.

## **Royal Commission**

The Diocese of Parramatta is required to appear before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Case Study 44. This public hearing is expected to begin on Monday 12 September 2016.

For more information please refer to the Royal Commission website  
[www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies](http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies)

For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on (02) 8838 3470. Operational from 03/09/2016 until 07/10/2016, Mon to Fri 7am-10pm, Sat and Sun 9am-5pm.

The Child Protection Information Line 1300 661 015 is available for families who would like more information about protocols or support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta.

Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444.

The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information please visit [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au)

**CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who competed at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on 26th of August:**

Adam B, Shemen K, Connor B, Jack R, Ella A, Mia B, Tahlia M, Hayley S, Brohym A, Shanmugan S, Benjamin C, Chad A, Rosina N, Erin B, Annika W, Savannah T, Janelle M, Jack G, Connor A, Holly L, Daniel T and Josh C.



**GOOD LUCK to the following students who will be competing at the MacKillop Trials on the 19th September: Josh C, Jack G, Holly L, Savannah T and Benjamin C.**



### **Partial Absences Raffle**

As we are still having a large number of students arriving at school late we are striving to turn this around with a 'raffle'. All children that are at school on time for the next four weeks (beginning Monday 15th August) will go into a raffle for a surprise gift. There will be seven prizes with a gift per grade. Good luck!!!

### **Art prize**

Congratulations to Ellie-Leigh Baldachino for her 'Operation Art' work which will be exhibited at Olympic Park, Homebush!

### **Congratulations Year 1**

Recently our Year 1 students received a gift of aprons and chef hats from Green's General Foods. The children wrote to thank Greens and they replied:

### **Dear Year One Teachers**

I think I am emailing the correct person with regards to all the lovely letters from all the children we received regarding the donation we sent the school.

We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone in Year 1 who took the time to draw and write to us. It makes us all smile here at Green's and we are so glad you all enjoyed cooking with your aprons and spoons. Happy Baking from all your friends at Greens.



## **Administration**

### **Uniforms**

Parents ensure you check your child's bag on a regular basis. Children accidentally may take home jackets, hats, jumpers etc that do not belong to them. If this does happen please return the item to their class teacher or school office.

Parents please ensure you clearly label your child's belongings. We have many unlabelled items in our lost property cupboard located in the MPA.

### **Kiss-n-Ride**

Just a reminder to parents that Kiss-n-Ride finishes at 3.30pm. All students need to be picked up by this time. We understand on the odd occasion that parents/carers may be delayed, if so please contact the school office.



# Reflection of Year of Mercy

## Reflection on the Year of Mercy Practical Mercy... are you up for the challenge?

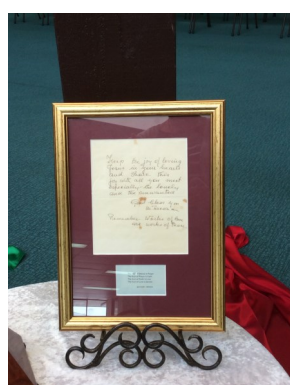
This year, the children have reflected on what it means to be merciful. They have been given the opportunity to reflect on how God shows mercy through the Scriptures, and they have spoken about what mercy might look like in the classroom and on the playground. The recent visit of the Mercy Cross to our school gave us further occasion to celebrate through prayer, dance and song our understanding of God's Mercy in the world. I would like to give our students the

opportunity to put this conversation around the ideals of mercy into action by challenging them to a week of practical mercy. **Here's how!** Over the next week, I'd like the students to find ways that they might be able to assist at home to earn a few extra dollars that they can then donate to the St Vincent de Paul's winter appeal. I know that sometimes it might be easier just to give your child a dollar or two to bring along... but I would love to think that it is within them to step up to this challenge... to **'work'** to make mercy visible in our community.

Any amount that your child can raise will be welcome. All donations should be sent to the school by Thursday of week 9.

Kind regards

Lorraine Alexander  
Religious Education Coordinator





## *Congratulations to the following students who have received Principal Awards*

Kindergarten: Reece, Emma, Patrick, Alyssa, Neave, Mary

Year 1: Asher, Charlotte, Prabhnoor, Leshawn, Louis, Kang

Year 2: Mathew, Irene, Rhiann, Andre, Ava, Alisha

Year 3: Mikayla, Declan, Julian, Jayden, Taliya, Marko

Year 4: Curtis, Signna, Michael, George, Chloe, Mya, Daniel

Year 5: Hayley, Che-James, Caitlyn, Elijah, Ading, Hayley

Year 6: Ellie, Jack, Darnel, Daniel, Rosemary, Chan

Mercy: Sebastian (Year 6)

Attendance: Dominic (Year 4)

## What's Happening at Holy Spirit...

Thursday 8th September

ES1 (Kinder) Mass at the Parish at 12pm  
Confirmation Mass at 7.30pm

Friday 9th September

Whole School Assembly in MPA at 2.30pm

Wednesday 14th September

Parent Scripture Meditation at 8.50am

Thursday 15th September

ITand 4S Buddy Mass at 9am.  
Confirmation Mass at 7.30pm

Friday 16th September

Stage 2 Touch Footy Gala Day at Werrington.  
Parent Afternoon Tea at 2.30 pm in the MPA  
Augustinian Prayer at 3pm

Wednesday 21st September

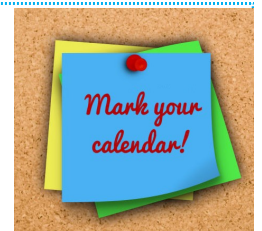
Parent Scripture Meditation.

Thursday 22nd September

Infants School Disco at 4.30pm  
Primary School Disco at 6.15pm  
Last day of Term 3.  
Term 4 Resumes on Monday 10th October.

Friday 23rd September

Staff Development Day.



### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER WILL BE A STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY -  
NO CLASSES ON THIS DAY.**