

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you parents and carers for the support you have given our school this year.

Thanks to Fr Michael, Fr Peter, Fr Jepsa and the parish team for your help and guidance.

I hope and pray that you will enjoy a happy and holy Christmas and a safe and happy new year

Lord, we pray that our main expectation and desire in Advent is that you will touch us in some way at some time, in some place that will let us know that we are safe and loved by you.

Kind regards
Anne Hines
Principal

Hair Styles

A reminder that our School Policy states:

"Hair of collar length and longer, should be tied at the nape of the neck. Ribbons, scrunchies or headbands should be red/black/white.

Children are not to colour their hair or to have streaks, foils etc. Radical or exaggerated haircuts and hairstyles are not permitted.

World Youth Day

There will be a mufti day on Monday 14th December. Children are asked to wear sensible play clothes and 'closed in' jogger shoes. Children are asked to donate a gold coin to our World Youth Day appeal.

Time Capsule

To conclude our celebrations for our 30th Anniversary each grade will contribute to a time capsule, which we hope will be opened at the school's 50th Anniversary.

Promotions Afternoon

Students will meet their new teachers on the afternoon of Monday 14th December.

Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy to take place from 8 December 2015 until 20 November 2016. The Year of Mercy is a special time for the whole people of God to remember the gift of mercy that comes to us from the Father and to consider the manner in which we are the face of God's mercy to those we come into contact with each day.

Term 4, Week 10

9 December 2015

Staff Prayer

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us, for shining star and angel's song, for watchful shepherds and wise men.

We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child, we behold his glory and are bathed in wonder and awe.

Help us to keep Christ at the heart of our Christmas, and bring us to a New Year of hope!

Amen



Staffing 2016

Kindergarten:	Ms Terese Collins and Mrs Cathy Blanch
Year 1:	Mrs Jackie Thompson and Mrs Margaret Neilsen
Year 2:	Mrs Carolyn Viera and Mrs Katrina Vukelic
Year 3:	Mrs Julianne Green and Mrs Deb Chapman/Mrs Jo Higginbotham (Friday)
Year 4:	Mrs Margaret Selby and Mrs Kylie Baker/Mrs Jo Higginbotham (Wednesday)
Year 5:	Ms Corinne Brooker and Mrs Kyla Aggar (Miss Rebecca Perreira Term 1)
Year 6:	Mr Paul Weston and Mrs Donnalee Hughes
Music:	Mr Glenn Green
Tuesday Sport:	Mrs Di Galea
Library/Technology/REC:	Mrs Lorraine Alexander
K-2 Coordinator:	Mrs Carolyn Viera
Year 3&4 Coordinator/ Assistant Principal:	Mrs Christine Figuero
Year 5&6 Coordinator:	Mrs Donnalee Hughes
Learning Support:	Mrs Bernadette Vumbaca, Mrs Samantha Barros, Mrs Sue Hardy

School Finishes

The last day for children is Wednesday 16th December

Student School Reports

Children will receive their end of year reports on Thursday 10th December.

Starting Dates for School 2016: Year 1 – Year 6 start on Thursday 28th January.

Kindergarten start on Monday 1st February. We look forward to welcoming you back for a new year.

From the Assistant Principal

The holidays are only a short time away. It's a time for play and relaxation. Everyone is looking forward to the break but there is some evidence to suggest that children experience a negative learning slide because of the time away from the classroom.

Although opinions are divided about whether the 'summer slide' is real many educators stress the importance of reading over the break. Reading to and encouraging your child to read is beneficial. Discussing what has been read to gauge understanding and general responses to the book is a great strategy for parents to use. 'Research by Tom Nicholson, professor of literacy education at Massey University in Auckland, has shown that some students' reading can drop a massive six months over the summer break.' (The Age, December 15, 2014)

Books are a great Christmas gift idea. There are also plenty of e-books that could be purchased as well. Libraries are a good destination for an outing. There are usually planned activities at your local library, so perhaps take the time to investigate what's on offer there.

The summer break often gives us the chance to slow down a little and catch up with friends and relatives that we may not have seen for a while because of the busyness of the year. We also have the time to really talk to our children instead of quick car conversations before they get dropped off to their next activity. Conversation gives us great insight into how our children think and help to deepen our relationship. These conversations can also focus on their learning. Asking about what they have read, explaining something they have seen, retelling the events of the day give us important insights into how our children are growing and developing.

During the course of the day we can use moments to tap into Maths thinking. Simple things, such as asking the time, how much longer until dinner, how long does the movie last, all develop concepts of time. Weighing the apples at the green grocer, noting the difference between grams and kilograms are effective ways that we can develop an understanding of these concepts.

The most important thing is to share this time with your children, to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ as a family and to pray for those in our world who are not as lucky as us. We are blessed in so many ways; let's give thanks for these blessings.

I give thanks for the community of Holy Spirit and I pray that you have a happy and joy filled Christmas and return safely in 2016.

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

Fundraising

A big thank you to all the mums, dads, grandparents, carers and friends who have helped with our fundraising events during the year. Your help has been greatly appreciated.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Just a reminder our Christmas raffle will be drawn on Monday 14th December. If you have not returned your tickets please send them into the school office by Friday.



Library

Dear Parents,

It's been another very busy year in the library and we just couldn't function without your incredible support covering books. Thank you for your untiring generosity, may your kindness come back to you a hundred fold.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peace-filled and joyous Christmas with those you love.

Best wishes for a safe and happy New Year.

Lorraine Alexander
Librarian



Administration

Parents all fees for 2015 **must be finalised** by the end of the year. We still have some families with outstanding balances. We ask that payments are made immediately.

The office staff would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Message from Holy Spirit Parish

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

If your child has been Baptised and you wish to continue their Sacramental Journey, we would like to invite you to an **Information Evening** on Wednesday 3rd February at 9.30am or Thursday 4th February at 7.30pm in the Church.

The program is ideally for children starting Year 4 in 2016.



Message from the Canteen - Important Dates

The last day for the Canteen this year will be **Friday 11 December**. The canteen will **NOT** be opened the last week of school. Parents are to ensure they send their children with recess and lunch during this time.

On behalf of the canteen staff we would like to thank you for your support this year and wish our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



School News

*Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our
End of Year Assembly:-*

Excellence in Learning' - Olivia Newson

'Citizenship' - Sydney Mae Bulaong

'Sports' - Ainslie Baxter

'Mulgoa Encouragement' - Victoria Parkes



Christian Values Awards were awarded to the following students:-

Kindergarten: Caitlyn Autagavaia, Alexandra Worsley

Year 1: Ryan Johannsen, Kristian Autagavaia

Year 2: Ashton Gauci, Daniel Valles

Year 3: Connor Benedito, Ella Abdul Massih

Year 4: Annaleise Spagnol, Jayden Gauci

Year 5: Janelle Mathias, Andre Sampana

Year 6: Nicolas Valles, Julianna Dicenso

Our elected School Captains for 2016 are:-

Brohym Abdul Massih, Brendan Smith , Dionne Morales and Elise Fuser

Our elected School Leaders for 2016 are:-

Sofia Olsen, Holly Lampard, Kaitlyn Mingramm, Rosina Nicholopoulos,
Chad Attard, Sebastian Inguanez, Andre Sampana, Theo Seliman





Dear Parents,
Wishing you all a happy &
holy Christmas followed by
a safe, prosperous New Year.
Love Bernadette Vumbaca
xx

Dear Parents,

May the blessings
of this Christmas season
be with you & your
family and continue into the New Year.
Thank you for all your
support & kindness.
From Susann Hardy.

Dear Parents,
Wishing everyone
a happy Christmas.
Keep safe and
looking forward to
seeing you in
2016.
Margaret Selby

Wishing all our Wonderful Families
an amazing Christmas and
a New 2016 Year Blessed
with
love,
happiness and good health.

Dear Holy Spirit Community,
Wishing you every
happiness and joy over
Christmas. Stay safe
and thank you for a great
2015!
Cheryl Jagers

The staff of Holy Spirit School wish you a

♥ Jazz
Vukelic xx

Wishing everyone a
safe and happy
holiday.

Merry Christmas

Samantha Barnes

Wishing you
God's blessing at
Christmas and in the New Year.
Warm regards
Anne Hines

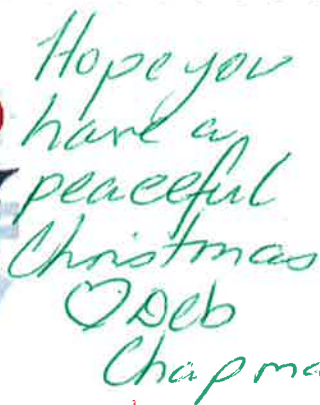
Wishing you all
a wonderful Christmas,
Thank you for all your
support, Mary and Georgette
in the canteen xx

Thank you for your help
and support throughout
the year. Have a
wonderful Christmas
with all those you love.
Lorraine Alexander.

May the joy that
comes through the
birth of God's Son be
yours and may the
New Year be all that
you want it to be.

Maryjane Johnson
xxx







Best wishes for
the Christmas
Season love
Mamee Garzanti
Julianne
Green

Wishing you all
a wonderful Christmas
and have a great
time with your child

✓ Terese Collins

Have a wonderful Christmas break!
Enjoy the extra family time. I'll miss
you all next year... don't replace
me too quickly!!  Yasmine Hedges  xx

Best wishes for

a lovely Christmas
Wishing all
dren. Break family members
♥ Cheryl

Break
♥ Cheryl
Bolton

peace and love
this holiday

season. May you
feel the joy and
magic in your home

Merry Christmas and a
joyous and safe holiday.

Wishing you all the
best for a wonderful
Christmas. Thank you
for a great year.
♡ Cathy Blanch

Wishing our families a merry Christmas and a safe new year (E) of the best of USA Antio

Wishing you a
wonderful Christmas
Thank you for
your support and
for your terrific
children.
love Mrs T.
xx

Thank you for your
support and generosity.
Have a wonderful Christmas
with your Family. ♡ Margaret Miller

May you enjoy this special
time with your family.
♡ Donnalee Hughes



Community News



2016 REGISTRATION

Come and play netball with us

**Players of all ages
From 5 to Seniors**

WHEN

Friday 29th January
5pm - 8pm
Saturday 30th January
9am - 1pm

WHERE

Holy Spirit Primary School
Demountables
7 Todd Row, St Clair



For more information contact
Phone: 0422 844 605

Email: emmausnetballclub@hotmail.com

Check our website for details www.emmausnc.nsw.netball.com.au
or Facebook www.facebook.com/Emmaus-Netball-Club-432188223613911



General dental treatment for children under 18 years of age is free at NSW Public Dental Health Clinics.

Clinic Locations:

PENRITH | WINDSOR | SPRINGWOOD | KATOOMBA | LITHGOW

PHONE (02) 4734 2387 or 1300 769 221

Christmas Mufti Day Monday 14th December

Children can come dressed in sensible playing clothes (including closed in shoes) in Christmas colours.

Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation towards our World Youth Day Appeal.

Upcoming dates...

Thursday 10 December
Reports go home

Year 6 Fun Day

Year 6 Graduation Mass 7.00pm

Friday 11 December
Last day of Canteen

Wednesday 16 December
Last day of school for 2015

School resumes

Thursday 28th January 2016 - Years 1-6

Monday 1st February 2016 - Kinder



Important School Dates

Wednesday 9 December

Year 6 Dinner/Disco - 5.15pm

Children seated at 6.00pm (Parents leave)
Disco concludes at 8.30pm (Children to be picked up)

Thursday 10 December

Year 6 Fun Day
Year 6 Graduation Mass - 7pm
Reports go home

Monday 14 December

Christmas Mufti Day—Gold coin donation
Promotions Afternoon

Wednesday 16 December

Last day of term for students

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