

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone can learn. Some people just take longer than others. We all know the value of perseverance so it is important to encourage children to stick at the work they find difficult until they master it.

Students who succeed have goals. They back up those goals with study plans and make the most of classroom time, persevering until they have mastered the work. Famous people such as Bill Gates, The Beatles and Michael Jordan credit their ability to the fact that they spent an inordinate amount of time practising and learning before their ability became known to the rest of the world.

Michael Jordan has said of his success: "I have missed more than nine thousand shots in my career. Twenty six times I have been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."

You can help your children by talking about paying attention in class, doing homework, preparing for assessments and being determined to do well.

Kind regards
Anne Hines
Principal

Kindergarten Orientation Night For Parents

For parents with children starting kindergarten in 2015 there will be an information night on Monday 3rd November at 7pm in the MPA for parents only. We look forward to meeting with you.

Raffle Information

Thank you to those families who have returned their 'request for raffle tickets' note. If you have not done so or lost your request form please contact the school office. Our Christmas raffle fundraiser with wonderful prizes will begin soon. Thank you for your generous support.

School Disco

On Thursday 6th November at 4:30 – 6pm for years K-2 and 6:15 – 7:45pm for years 3-6 we will host our school disco. \$5 entry fee includes a popper and chips. This is payable by Friday 31st October. Glow sticks will be on sale on the night ranging from \$1 - \$8.

Asthma/Anaphylaxis/Severe Allergy

If your child suffers from one of these conditions please ensure that you receive an 'action plan' from your Doctor to give to the school. It is important that these are current so if there have been changes to your child's health please let our office staff know. Thank you.

Term 4, Week 4

29 October 2014

Prayer Media Committee

Dear Lord

We pray for
those who have
suffered from
Natural
Disasters in
Australia.

Please protect
people and
animals as the
weather
continues to be
unpredictable.

Amen



Change of Information

Have you recently moved house, changed jobs or mobile phones? Have you changed the emergency contact for your child or have their contact details changed? If so please contact the school office so that all information is current for your child's safety.

Staff Development Day Friday 7th November

Please note this is a pupil free day. There will be no staff at school on this day.

Thank You

Thank you to all the parents who attended our numeracy night last week. It was an informative and fun night.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lucas Rose (yr 6) on winning the 'discus' and 'shot put' events in the PSSA all schools championship. Lucas will now compete in Penguin, near Launceston Tasmania in the national championships. Good luck Lucas!

Diocesan Works Fund

During the month of November, we will be joining all schools and parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to help support the Diocesan Works Fund. Also known as faith@work this fund reaches out to people in our local communities that are not supported by regular parish contributions.

The faith@work appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as one Church family to support ministries and services that no individual parish or school can offer. Please be generous so these good works can continue.

Invitation to Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP Farewell Mass & Reception

A Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral to farewell Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP prior to his installation as Archbishop of Sydney on Wednesday 5 November at 7:00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral at 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Following the Farewell Mass, a Reception will be held at the Cathedral Hall. You are invited to join Archbishop Anthony in this celebration.

Learning Matters

Dear Parents,

I was fortunate to be able to attend a conference for a couple of days last week. There were several readings that we needed to read before the conference began. One reading in particular struck me as being pivotal in all aspects of school and learning, it was based on the concept of "trust".

Good schools depend heavily on cooperative endeavours. Trust is what binds individuals together to advance the learning and the well being of all those in our community. To help this to happen we need to keep the relationships between us strong and built on trust. Recent research shows that trust amongst teachers, parents and children is a key component to success.

Relational trust is when everyone understands each other's role and is supportive of that. For example, the principal needs the support of the teachers to maintain a cohesive professional community and parents depend on teachers and the principal to create an environment that keeps their children safe and helps them to learn. At times changes are implemented at school. There are many hurdles to overcome when this happens but the hard work of teachers in taking on new practices, extra work, planning and evaluating initiatives is worthwhile when these practices help our students to learn. This was clearly evident at our Maths Information Night for parents last week where so many came to learn as a community and willingly gave positive feedback at the end of the evening. But trust also comes into play during the day-to-day events and interactions between teachers, parents and children.

Through their words and actions, school participants show their sense of their obligations towards others. Trust grows through positive exchanges. Consistency between words and actions affirms integrity and allows openness and trust for improvement in a supportive community

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

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

Kinderg: Emily, Ella, Raiden, Callum, Mason, David, Lily,
Susannah

Year 1: Jayden, Aria, Fouad, Lynette, Xavier, Duku, Harrison,
Jonathon

Year 2: Taylor, Isabella, Brooke-Lee, Peter, Josh, Brooke

Year 3: Makayla, Elijah, Hannah, Harvey, Maison, David,
Jordan, Thomas

Year 4: Shannon, Makayla, Shanmugan

Year 5: Aaron, Ezra, Devni, Julian, Emily

Year 6: Michael, Amanda, Elisha, Akoldah

Literacy: Xavier, Jasmine, Samantha



Parent Numeracy Night

What a wonderful night we had at the Parent Numeracy Night last week!

All those in attendance went home with an understanding of how we teach Mathematics at Holy Spirit and how they can help their child. The new strategies and games learned will hopefully bridge the gap between home and school when it comes to helping your child with Mathematics.

Thank you to the fantastic staff of Holy Spirit and to the parents who so enthusiastically got involved in the 'hands on' part of the evening.

Donnalee Hughes
Lead Mathematics Teacher



Message from the Canteen - Hot Dog Day Change of Date

The next hot dog day will be held on **TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER**. A separate note will be sent home later this week reminding parents of the change in date. There will be **NO** hot dog day on Wednesday 5 November.

Mission Week

Social Justice in action

What a wonderful experience this year's Mission Activities provided for our students! The children worked with a real passion to raise as much money as they possibly could to support the poor and needy through Catholic Mission. They put a great deal of energy and creativity into thinking up some terrific money-spinners, and more over, they were responsible for collecting, counting and handing-in the money they'd raised. It was with pride and excitement that they asked, "How much have we raised now? Have we raised more than last year"?

The teachers, who all did extra duties over the two days, commented on the wonderful spirit the children displayed. There was not one incident of misbehaviour, which says a great deal about the children's level of engagement, their sense of purpose, and their enthusiasm to work for social justice.

It was really terrific to see so many parents joining in the fun this year. Thank you for your amazing generosity with regards to donations, and for instilling in your children a desire to help others.

Even as the Son of Man he came not to be served but to serve. (Matt 20:28).

The total raised in just two hours was... \$2,340!! Amazing!

Lorraine Alexander
Religious Education Coordinator



Parents please note that under no circumstance can we give students uniforms prior to payment being received. We accept cash, cheque and EFTPOS. Uniform trading hours are Wednesday 8.30am-9.30am and Thursday 2.30pm-3.30pm or an uniform order can be placed any day at the school office.

Community News

The eighth Greystanes Charity Craft Market and Antique Valuation is on Saturday, 22 November from 8am to 2pm in Camilleri Hall. It is one month before Christmas, so be assured the Market will have special gift ideas. There are over 35 stalls from all over Sydney, selling quality gifts, baby wear, home-made décor, kitchen goods, edible treats, scarves and bags, jewellery, violets and plants and much more. A unique drawcard of the Craft Market is the professional Antique Valuations, available from 8.30am. Everyone is encouraged to bring along special treasures or family heirlooms and paintings to have them valued. Instead of bringing large paintings with you, the valuation can be done from a photo of the painting and artist signature. Each valuation costs \$5.00. This is a great social day out for the whole family with traditional Devonshire teas and a fantastic sausage sizzle serving breakfast and lunch from 8am. Profits from the Craft Market will be donated to CareFlight.

For further information please contact:

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

ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Saturday, 1 November 2014 (8pm – 10pm)

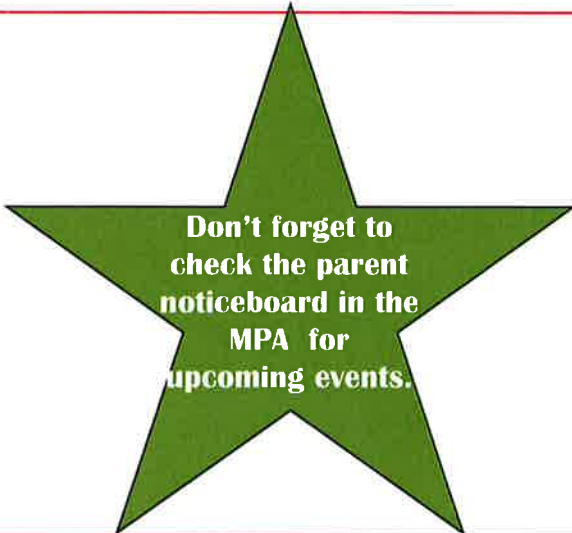
The evening will include a presentation, a 3D astronomy movie that will run for 15-20 minutes, a tour of the dome area and stargazing through various computerised telescopes. Our program will run regardless of the weather.

Cost: \$15 adult, \$10 child/concession and \$40 family.

Bookings are essential: Book and pay

online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What's On

Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or
email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au



Don't forget to
check the parent
noticeboard in the
MPA for
upcoming events.

Important School Dates

Monday 3rd November 7pm
2015 Kindergarten Orientation Night for
Parents

Thursday 6th November 9:15am
2015 Kindergarten Orientation for students and
parents

Thursday 6th November School Disco
4:30 - 6pm (Infants), 6:15– 7.45pm (Primary).
Cost \$5 which includes a popper and bag of
chips.

Friday 7th November
Staff Development Day - No classes

Upcoming dates...

Wednesday 29 October
School Banking—8.30am

Thursday 30 October
Buddy Mass 9am 4B & 1T

Friday 31 October
Gymnastics Gala Day

Monday 3 November
Kindy 2015 Parent
Information Night 7pm

Tuesday 4 November
Hot Dog day

Wednesday 5 November
Year 3, 4 & 5 Concert
9.45am

Thursday 6 November
Kindy 2015 Orientation

Stage 2 Mass 12pm

School Disco MPA -
Infants 4.30pm-6.00pm
Primary 6.15pm-7.45pm

Friday 7 November
Staff Development Day - No
classes today

Wednesday 12 November
School Banking 8.30am

Thursday 13 November
Buddy Mass 9am Year 3

Kindy 2015 Transition
Program

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