

# Holy Spirit Primary School



## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Mission Week Activities

The 2015 mission appeal theme is 'I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink', it focuses on the work of Sister Rose Rasoavololona in providing physical water and spiritual support to the children of Madagascar—a country where access to clean water and proper sanitation is scarce, and sadly results in thousands of children dying from preventable diseases like diarrhoea each and every year.

The children from K-6 organised a wonderful variety of stalls and generously worked on these stalls during recess and lunch last Tuesday and Wednesday. These social justice days brought awareness to the school community of those less fortunate and created a great generosity of spirit from us all. A total of \$2975.80 was raised. Well Done Holy Spirit!!

Kind regards  
Anne Hines  
Principal

### School Resource Fee

The school resource fee is \$100. This covers exercise books, paper, various classroom resources and creative art activities. During the year parents may have to replace stationery items such as pens, pencils and other stationery resources. We endeavour to keep this fee to a minimum.

**Staff Development Day Next Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November –  
Pupil Free Day**

### Morning Duty

Children are supervised on the playground from 8:20am each morning. For the children's safety, they should not be at school before this time.

### Sport Representative Teams

A fee is charged for students representing the school this fee covers the cost of fielding the team, the cost of replacement teacher/s and the maintaining/purchasing of team jerseys.

### Cool Kids Anxiety Support Program

This is a service available through Catholic Care. It is a structured, skills-based program that teaches children and their parents how to better manage a child's anxiety. For further information please contact: [trish.nowland@ccss.org.au](mailto:trish.nowland@ccss.org.au) (02) 8822 2222

**Term 4, Week 4**

**28 October 2015**

## Prayer Media Committee

Loving Father

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to make a difference in many other children's and adults' lives through mission week. We hope through the money we have raised the health, hygiene and education of those in Madagascar improves greatly.

We thank you then for all of the wonderful opportunities we have in our country. Help us to appreciate what we have every day.

Amen.

## Kindergarten Orientation

A meeting for kindergarten parents will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the MPA. Kindergarten orientation for children and parents will be held from 9:15am – 10:30am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Please put these dates in your diary. Thank you.

## Used Postage Stamps

Used postage stamps are wanted to help Mary MacKillop International Missions in Peru. The stamps need to have 5-10mm of paper around the edge. Please send to the school office in the next 2 weeks. Thank you.

### Ways to praise your child

\* Wow \* Way to go \* Super \* You're special \* Excellent \* You're a winner \* Fantastic \* Nice work \* Good job  
\* Well Done \* Terrific \* Marvellous \* Magnificent \* Good for you \* You're a winner \* You're incredible  
\* I'm proud of you \* Superstar

## From the Assistant Principal

As mentioned in last term's newsletter, we have started to use the main gate for student entry in the mornings. This decision was made after receiving feedback from some of the parent community and consulting with Fr. Michael.

During our first week back Fr. Michael emailed Mrs Hines to inform her that parents are again blocking the driveway, denying parishioners and himself access to the church. Therefore, it was decided for a staff member to be out at 'Kiss'n'Ride' for a short time as a reminder to parents that the driveway needs to be left clear.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to have a staff member continuously on duty at morning 'Kiss'n'Ride' and it is the responsibility of the parents to adhere to this rule. There are yellow markings on the gutter that highlight the beginning and end of the driveway.

We realise that the safety of your children is utmost in your minds as you drop them off to school. It is still possible to watch them enter the school grounds if you move past the driveway.

The other point that needs to be mentioned is the number of parents driving into a neighbour's driveway and then completing a 3-point turn. It is very difficult to have clear vision when cars are parked up and down Todd Row. We encourage you to enter from the Melville Rd end of Todd Row. That way you can safely drop your children at the school gate without trying to manage a three-point turn and stopping the flow of traffic while you do this.

Please keep these points in mind when next you drop your children off to school or pick them up again in the afternoon. As mentioned previously, the safety of the whole community is our main priority.

Christine Figuero  
Assistant Principal



Parents we have had a few cases of nits within the school community. We ask parents to regularly check your child's hair. If your child does have nits please ensure they are treated and cleaned before your child returns to school.

# Social Justice in Action—Mission Days

What a wonderful experience this year's Mission Activities provided for our students! The children worked hard to raise as much money as they possibly could to support the poor and needy through Catholic Mission.

I'm so impressed with what our students can achieve when they put their minds to it. The children were not only responsible for creating and organising their activities, but they had the added responsibility for collecting, counting and handing-in the money they'd raised. Each year, one of my favourite parts of the day is when students come running to me to report on how much money their stall has made. They are always filled with excitement and pride at what they have achieved, and rightly so, their efforts are truly life changing for poverty stricken communities around the world. We will celebrate the children's achievements with a special prayer during assembly this coming Friday.



It was great to see more parents joining us this year. Thank you for your amazing generosity with regards to donations, and for instilling in your children a desire to help others.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the teachers who all took on extra duties to ensure the safety of the children and who opened their wallets wide to model Christian values in action.

The total raised in just two hours was an astounding...

**\$2975.80**

This money will go to Catholic Mission.



Thank you!

Lorraine Alexander  
Religious Education Coordinator

*Holy Spirit kindness really shows on the 20th and 21st October, Holy Spirit Primary School raised money for Catholic Mission. Children and even teachers participated in game which kids organised. There was also cake stores, hairspray and raffles. The day was filled with excitement and laughter. Jacob in kindergarten said "He'd rather give money to the poor than have it in his wallet and enjoy the fun games." It was successful and Madagascar will appreciate the money we raised for them. It was more than a fun day, we were doing something amazing to help others.*

*By Kaitlyn, Madison, Holly and Dylan*



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

Kindergarten: Reem, Sienna, Faith, Helzana, Alexandra  
 Year 1: Brody, Mashze, Susannah, David, Ava, Aling  
 Year 2: Maya, Mikayla, Lynette, Taliya  
 Year 3: Georgia, Madison, LeMay, Declan  
 Year 4: Grace, Jack, Tyler, Hannah, Altan  
 Year 5: Rosina, Aidan, Niak, Nicholas, Jada, Shang

Literacy: Callum



## Community News



## Upcoming dates...

**Thursday 29 October**  
Year 3 Buddy Mass 9am

Year 5 Bathurst excursion

**Friday 30 October**  
Gymnastics Gala Day

School Assembly—Mission  
Liturgy 2.15pm  
(please note earlier time)

**Monday 2 November**  
Staff Development Day—No  
classes for students

**Wednesday 4 November**  
Parent Scripture Meditation

Kindy Orientation Evening—  
7pm (Parents Only)

**Thursday 5 November**  
Kindy 2015 Orientation

Stage 2 Liturgy of the Word  
12.00pm

**Friday 6 November**  
Augustinian Prayer 3pm



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