

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we held our Kindergarten Orientation morning for our 2017 class. Two of our school captains shared with the parents their thoughts about Holy Spirit. I provide extracts from their speeches below.

Brendan Yr 6

Personally, one of my favourite things at Holy Spirit is Music. We have the opportunity to learn cello, violin and viola. A really great thing about Holy Spirit is the excursions and incursions. As a catholic school we support people in third world countries through our mission days. This year we raised close to \$3000.

The teachers at Holy Spirit are great at explaining tasks and making them interesting for us. This school produces the leaders of tomorrow.

Elise Yr 6

My time at Holy Spirit will be one I will remember for years to come. I have made many friendships in Kindy and we have stuck together through seven years and have made many memories. We have learnt how to read, write, draw and how to work individually or with a team. We have learnt about Jesus' life and the creation of our world.

The teachers are always there to help and they don't mind if you get a question wrong, they just want you to have a go.

Kind Regards
Anne Hines
Principal

Year 1

Recently our Year 1 students attended an excursion at Penrith Lakes. Below is an email commending their behaviour.

"We were very excited to have Year 1 join us at Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre on the 21st of October. The students were very well behaved and enjoyed a number of engaging hands on activities. They learnt a lot about aquatic and terrestrial invertebrates and the environment these animals live in. It was a pleasure to work with the staff and parents from Holy Spirit Primary School and we look forward to meeting more of your students next year. Thank you to Jackie Thompson for organising the excursion."

Yours sincerely,
The Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre Team"

Christmas Raffle

We will be sending home a book of raffle tickets next week for our last fundraiser of the year. Tickets will be \$1 each with many great prizes to win.

Term 4, Week 6

16 November 2016

Prayer School Leaders

*Dear Lord,
May you keep
the 2017
Kindies safe
in your heart
and give
them courage
and strength
through this
next stage in
their life.*

Amen



Assistant Principal

Emergency procedures

Ensuring the safety of our children at all times is essential to all staff. During the school year we prepare, practise and evaluate our procedures for an emergency. This is an essential element of WHS component in all schools of the Parramatta diocese.

It is mandatory that we practice both Evacuation and Lockdown procedures throughout the year.

Schools must be prepared in the event of an emergency. Examples of an emergency include medical, fire, gas leaks and chemical spills.

The children have practiced evacuation and lockdown in the past and another lockdown drill is scheduled in the next couple of weeks. The teachers will speak to the children before the drill explaining that it is only a practice and the importance of listening and staying calm and quiet that and at no time will they be in any danger.

It is better that as a community we feel secure in the knowledge that we know what to do in the event of an emergency situation so that we remain safe at our school.

In the event of a lockdown (non practice) parents will be notified once it is safe to do so.

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal



Important School Dates

Friday 18 November

Staff Development Day - No School

Thursday 1 December

School Advent Mass—10:15am

Parent thank you morning tea—11:30am

Friday 2 December

Selection Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 7 December

Year 6 Dinner/Disco

Thursday 8 December

Whole School Final Assembly & Awards

Ceremony 9:15am

Year 6 Graduation Mass - 7pm

Friday 9 December

Year 6 Fun Day

Friday 16 December

Last day of School for 2016

Administration

School Fees

Parents please ensure that all fees for 2016 are finalised immediately. All fees are now OVERDUE.

If you have not entered into an arrangement regarding your fees and require assistance, please contact Emily in the school office.

Lost Property

Parents please check the lost property cupboard in the MPA for any items that your child may have lost during the year eg drink bottles, lunch boxes etc.



All items that have not been claimed will be disposed of at the end of the year.

Kiss-n-Ride

Parents are reminded that it is not appropriate to block driveways for any amount of time. This includes our neighbours and church driveway. The edge of the gutters of the church driveway have been painted yellow as a reminder to parents and carers that this area is **not** to be blocked

DO NOT make a U-turn on Todd Row or in neighbouring driveways. This is a serious safety hazard to our children and families.

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.



We were 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. The students 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.



It was wonderful 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.



We would also like to 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...

\$3200

This money will go to Catholic Mission.

Thank you.
Leadership Team



What's Happening at Holy Spirit....

Thursday 17 November	Buddy Mass 1N & 4B—9am Kindergarten Incursion - Curious Kids
Friday 18 November	Emmaus Step Up Program Staff Development Day
Wednesday 23 November	Kindergarten 2017 Transition Program 9:15am in MPA
Thursday 24 November	Buddy Mass KB & 6W
Friday 25 November	Emmaus Step Up Program Augustinian Prayer 3pm



**PLEASE NOTE: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER
NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY**



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

Kindergarten: Gizelle, Neyli, Rocco, Milan
Year 1: Pelenais, Prabhleen, Emily, Mia
Year 2: Yannick, Hannah, Jean-Phillip, Mia
Year 3: Bianca, Isabella, Brianna, Ryan, Jasmine, Kieralee,
Breanna, Jayden
Year 4: Sienna, Caoilinn, Elija, Mia
Year 5: Marisa, Hannah, Tiana, Sonia
Year 6: Laura, Justin, Elizabeth, Abigail

Second Hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a Second Hand uniform sale on Thursday 1st December at 2:00pm - 3:00pm in our MPA. We will accept cash and EFTPOS. Unfortunately we are unable to accept orders prior to the day as stock varies. Parents wishing to purchase will have to do so on the day only.

If you have any uniforms that you wish to donate to the school prior to the sale, please drop them into the school office.

Selection Swimming Carnival

Our School Selection Swimming carnival will be held on Friday 2nd December at Ripples Leisure Centre, St Marys. The purpose of the carnival is to select a team to represent the school at the Zone Carnival to be held in Term 1, 2017.

The carnival is open to all children who are turning 8 years old in 2017. This includes those currently in Year 1, along with all students in Years 2-5.

It must be stressed that students who wish to participate in the carnival **MUST** be able to dive in to the pool and swim 50 metres without struggling. Parents must be able to arrange transport for their child to the pool and to return to school at the completion of the carnival.

We also require several parents to act as officials on the day. If you can assist at the carnival your help will be greatly appreciated.

If your child is interested in competing at the swimming carnival please collect a note from the school office.

Community News



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S Summer Reading Challenge

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of **four iPad minis**

The more books you read, the more chances you have to win*

Enter online at www.parra.catholic.edu.au
Entries close 7 February 2017

*Terms and Conditions apply

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ST MARYS SOCCER CLUB

2017 Registration Days

Saturday	21/01/2017	10am – 2pm
Sunday	22/01/2017	10am – 2pm
Saturday	28/01/2017	4pm – 7pm
Sunday	29/01/2017	4pm – 7pm
Saturday	04/02/2017	10am – 2pm
Sunday	05/02/2017	10am – 2pm
Thursday	09/02/2017	6pm – 8pm
Saturday	11/02/2017	4pm – 7pm
Sunday	12/02/2017	10am – 2pm

Potter Field Cnr of Shepherd St & Bennett Rd St Marys

- Players turning 5 in 2017 to All Age, including over 35's & 45's.
- Girls only teams start at under 10's.
- All new players need proof of age (License, Passport or Birth Certificate).
- All registrations must be done online at MyFootballClub.com.au or via our website and follow the link. Please bring invoice to canteen when registering.
- Discounts apply to completed & fully paid registrations on the 9 official registration days.
- Rebates may apply to Under 5 & 6 girls only teams.

Enquiries:
John Sipsak 0401 942 865 - Registrar
Joe Youssef 0410 694 742 - Vice President

www.stmaryssoccer.com.au

*Rebate is paid by National Football Association at the end of the registration period.



PENRITH Cinema IN THE PARK

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER

THE JUNGLE BOOK

TIME: 6pm until late, movie commences at dusk.
WHERE: Victoria Park, St Marys.
FEATURE FILM: 'The Jungle Book'
Kids activities & food for sale.
For more information phone 1300 736 836.

FREE EVENT

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL
penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/events

Check out our parent noticeboard for upcoming events.

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