

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

In week 6 we hosted 60 teachers from Emmaus College. These teachers walked through our learning spaces observing the teachers and children at work. Last week I received the letter below from the college.

Emmaus Catholic College

13 November, 2015.

Dear Mrs Hines and all at Holy Spirit,
How appropriate is the name of your beautiful school. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are there in abundance: the calm, the peace, the energy, the wisdom, the organisation, the joy, the self-control, the patience and kindness.

This was a very significant visit for our staff. One could not escape the engagement, the differentiation and the independence of the learning so clearly present from Kindergarten to Year 6.

It was a revelation to everyone, for example, to hear a Year 1 student correctly label a sentence as a compound sentence and to hear Year 6 students working on a task involving an understanding of a Cartesian number plane.

Your students were so engaged. Not once did we hear a teacher raise her/his voice. There was a tranquil excitement for many. Students' self-assessment was taking place as they worked on the task. They could clearly describe what they were doing and how well they were going, and they were proud of what they were doing. It was impressive.

The separation of instructional space and working space struck us. As did the fact that when students moved to their workspace, the clarity of direction meant not one student put up a hand to ask what to do.

Most students could work independently, enabling teachers to work in individualised ways with students with different needs. The aesthetic and educational value of the visual displays inspired and motivated us and, we're sure, your students alike. The learning intentions and success criteria were written in such a way that their meaning was accessible to all students.

Please accept our deepest thanks. There was so much to admire and learn from. Be assured you could not be doing more to prepare your students for secondary school. With very best wishes on behalf of Emmaus.

Chris Welch
Director of Learning and Teaching

Term 4, Week 8

25 November 2015

Prayer School Leaders

Dear Lord,

In this season of Advent we pray for the people who are in places that have been attacked and can not share meals with their friends and families

We hope that these people can live a happy life in peace and harmony and that Jesus can be by their side.

We pray for those who don't have a family to celebrate with and who don't live as we do.

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Parent Thank You Morning Tea

A special thank you morning tea for all parents and carers will be held next Thursday after our Advent Mass (at about 11:15am). This is our way of thanking you for your wonderful support throughout the year.

Movie Night

Thank you to Emma, Michelle, Deb and our year 1 parents for our fantastic Movie Night. Everyone had a great time.

Sunglasses

A pair of gold framed sunglasses with dark brown lenses have been misplaced at school. If you have any information about their whereabouts, please let the office know. Thank you.

Five Nights at Freddies

A number of children have spoken and written about this game recently. They have expressed their fear. It is a game of *intense horror* recommended for age 15 years and above. Please keep our children safe by engaging them in age appropriate games and movies.

Advent Mass/School Assembly

All children are to wear their summer school uniform on Thursday 3rd December for our Mass and assembly.

Staff Changes

Miss Simone Hedges will be leaving Holy Spirit at the end of the year. We thank Simone for the wonderful work she has done for our students in her time here. We also thank her for her generosity in coaching many sport teams for gala days.

We will miss her very much and wish her every happiness. We also farewell Christian our IT support and Pauline (our lolly pop lady), both of whom have done amazing work at Holy Spirit.

We welcome Mr Paul Weston to our staff for 2016. We also welcome the return of Mrs Carolyn Viera to fulltime teaching and Mrs Di Galea as a sports teacher on Tuesdays.

CEDP Family Funded Apple Store Purchasing Information

To purchase the Apple products, families will need to visit <http://byod.parra.catholic.edu.au>. This custom page directs families to CEDP unique portal, and it offers all the same great features and access to all products and accessories of the regular Apple Online Store, like free delivery.

Families can also visit their local Apple Store and let them know that they are from **Parramatta Catholic School** to get same pricing, advice or discuss the products that they might be considering. The contact centre is also available on 133-622.

Apple offers special iPad and Mac pricing for students attending our schools. This special pricing is available for purchases made at Apple Stores, through our school's customised online store or via the Apple contact centre.

From the Assistant Principal

Earlier this year Holy Spirit was introduced to a new electronic way of taking daily attendance. This new system also has many other functions, which help to collect relevant data, and as of this semester, a new student report.

Catholic Education, Parramatta Diocese has ensured that all schools in the diocese will use this reporting system by 2016. This is our first attempt at using the reporting system. Teachers have been part of a professional learning process for the new format of reports.

As with all new systems it may take time to work out all the differences and problems and address them. Just for your information a couple of points need to be mentioned before the reports are given out at the end of the term.

- Awards that are listed on the new report will be from Semester 2. If your child received an award in Semester 1 they will not be recorded on this report.
- Similarly, "School Involvement" will only list activities from this current semester.

Semester 1 reports covers learning and achievements from Term 1 and 2. Semester 2 reports covers learning and achievements from Term 3 and 4.

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

Bus Timetable Update

providing quality public transport



23/11/2015

Dear Parents / Students,

The new Public Timetable for Busways Region 1 will come into effect on the 29th November 2015.

There will be changes to your current School or Public Route services.

To view the changes please visit our website at www.busways.com.au or contact our Customer Service team on 9497 1870 or 9497 1887.

Busways Group

Busways Blacktown P/L	Busways Blacktown P/L	Busways Blacktown P/L	Busways Gosford P/L	Busways Wyong P/L	Busways North Coast P/L
ABN 86 000 173 437	Penrith Depot	Windsor Depot	ABN 79 817 812 619	ABN 17 000 044 726	ABN 75 106 202 340
T (02) 9625 8900	T (02) 4721 9900	T (02) 4574 9200	T (02) 4368 2277	T (02) 4392 6666	T (02) 6583 2499
F (02) 9625 4703	F (02) 4732 6160	F (02) 4577 9054	F (02) 4368 2077	F (02) 4392 5831	F (02) 6583 2388
150 Glendenning Rd	47-53 Mullins Rd	91 Mulgrave Rd	42 Empire Bay Dr	9 Arizona Rd	6-8 Denham St
Glendenning NSW 2761	Penrith NSW 2750	Mulgrave NSW 2756	Kincumber NSW 2251	Woongarah NSW 2259	Port Macquarie NSW 2444

Administration

Fees

Parents please ensure that all fees for 2015 are finalised immediately. All fees are now OVERDUE.

If you have not entered into an arrangement regarding your fees and require assistance, please contact Cheryl 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.



Thank You

Thank you to Ned's Butchery - 71 Queen Street, St Marys for providing the tasty sausages for our 30th Anniversary Picnic and Movie Night BBQ.

Message from the Canteen - Important Dates

- * The last hot dog day for this year will be on **Wednesday 2 December**.
- * The canteen will be **CLOSED** on **Thursday 3 December**.
- * 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.

2016 Diocesan Tuition Fees and School Based Fees

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Term 1, 2 and 3. The fee is only charged for the first three (3) children currently enrolled in the Diocese (in other words there is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the Diocese or other participating Catholic schools). To work out how much the fee is for each child, check the table below.

2016 Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees:

Annual Fees	No charge for 4th + children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
	Kindergarten	\$1,098	\$825	\$549
	Years 1-6	\$1,419	\$1,065	\$711

2016 term rate for each of the first three terms is as follows:

Term Fees	Charged in Term 1,2,& 3	1st Child 100%	2nd child 75%	3rd child 50%
	Kindergarten	\$366	\$275	\$183
	Years 1-6	\$473	\$355	\$237

Diocesan Building Levy - 2016

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. The levy for 2016 is \$735 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$245 payable in Terms 1,2 & 3.

Diocesan Temporary Residents Education Fee - 2016

The Diocesan Temporary Residents Education Fee for 2016 is **\$1,815 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$605 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.** The fee applies to new students on the following Visa numbers: 173,401, 411,415,416,418,419,420,421,422,423,426,427,428,442,457,459,476,485,497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged the fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a per family basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Holy Spirit School Based Fees for 2016—In addition to Diocesan fees

Excursion Payment

This one payment covers all one-day excursions and special events. This payment is based on the cost of individual grade excursions and therefore varies across grades. K-2 - \$50, Years 3-6 - \$65. Overnight camps are in addition to this.

Maintenance Fee/Cleaning Levy

For school cleaning and to purchase equipment for ongoing improvements. \$75 per family per year paid over Terms 1,2 &3.

Resource Fees

\$100.00 per year, per child. This is added to Term 1 fees.

Technology Levy

To provide computers, purchase relevant software and maintain current equipment. \$45.00 per family, per year, payable in Term 1.

Community News

St Marys Soccer Club

2016 Registration Days

Sunday	17/01/16	4 pm - 7 pm
Saturday	23/01/16	10 am - 2 pm
Sunday	24/01/16	4 pm - 7 pm
Saturday	30/01/16	4 pm - 7 pm
Sunday	31/01/16	10 am - 2 pm
Thursday	04/02/16	6 pm - 8 pm
Saturday	06/02/16	9 am - 1 pm
Sunday	07/02/16	9 am - 1 pm

2016 soccer competition will commence 2nd April 2016 (T.B.C.)

At Potter Field Corner of Shepherd Street and Bennett Road St Marys
 Enquiries: John Sipsak 0406 914 332 - Registrar
 Joe Youssef 0410 694 742 - President

- Players turning 5 in 2016 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 eight official rego days.

www.stmaryssoccer.com.au

Penrith Cinema IN THE PARK

FRIDAY 4 & SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER

TIME: 6PM UNTIL LATE
 Movie commences at dusk.

WHERE: REGATTA PARK
 River Road, Emu Plains

FEATURE FILM: FRIDAY 4 'UP', SATURDAY 5 'DIRTY DANCING'
 KIDS ACTIVITIES, FOOD FOR SALE

For more information phone 1300 736 836

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/events

play cricket

Dear Parent,

Please find below information about an exciting new cricket program starting in your area in Term One, 2016!

MIL0 T20 Blast gives 7-12 year old boys and girls the opportunity to play fun games of cricket in an active and social setting. Delivered by accredited coaches, everyone gets a go at batting, bowling and fielding each week, with all equipment supplied. All games last up to 90 minutes and are played at a single venue, to create an exciting atmosphere complete with music and dancing just like the Big Bash League. Plus all kids receive a bonus player pack when they register!

What your child will learn:
 Judge, respond and hit a moving ball
 Run between wickets with calling
 Bowl over 15m with a straight arm
 Catch and throw over 15m
 Game sense
 Teamwork
 Communication
 Sportsmanship

When: Monday February 1st 2016 to Monday April 4th 2016
Time: 5 - 6.30pm
Venue: Cook & Banks Reserve, St Clair, NSW 2759
Ages: Boys and Girls 7-12 years
Cost: \$99
To Register: Visit www.playcricket.com.au (enter postcode 2759)
Contact: Jarred Hodges (M): 0419 334 415 (E): stclairhawkecc@bigpond.com

www.playcricket.com.au

Masterclass Immerse

yourself for one night only in a performance of leading CAPTIVATE dance, drama & music students

Friday 4 December @ 7pm
 Nagle College, 58a Orwell St., Blacktown South

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
www.trybooking.com/JDOR
 Adult \$15 | Concession \$10 | Family \$40

Enquiries: T 9940 5649
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Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta



Important School Dates

Thursday 3 December
 School Advent Mass—10.15am
 Parent thank you morning tea
 End of Year Awards Ceremony—12.00pm

Friday 4 December
 Selection Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 9 December
 Year 6 Dinner/Disco

Thursday 10 December
 Year 6 Fun Day
 Year 6 Graduation Mass - 7pm
 Reports go home

Monday 14 December
 Promotions Afternoon

Wednesday 16 December
 Last day of term for students

Upcoming dates...

Wednesday 25 November
 Parent Scripture Meditation
 8.50am

Thursday 26 November
 9.00am Buddy Mass KN & 6BV

Friday 27 November
 Emmaus Step Up Program

Wednesday 2 December
 Parent Scripture Meditation
 8.50am

Hot Dog Day - Canteen

Thursday 3 December
 Canteen Closed

Thursday 3 December
 10.15am Advent Mass
 followed by Parent thank you morning tea and end of year Awards Ceremony (approx. 12pm)

Friday 4 December
 Selection Swimming Carnival

Augustinian Prayer - 3pm

Wednesday 9 December
 Parent Scripture Meditation
 8.50am

Year 6 Dinner/Disco

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