



Holy Spirit Primary School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 10~ 28 June 2017

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From the Assistant Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some time ago, I attended a conference. There were several readings that we needed to acquaint ourselves 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 during this week as parents and teachers met to discuss the learning of the children at Holy Spirit. 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 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.

Thank you to the Holy Spirit community who work together with the one goal of striving for the best we can give the children in our care. I hope parents enjoy the break with your children and I thank the teachers for their relentless efforts to teach and support the children in our school.

Kind Regards
Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

Uniforms

Please take the time in the holidays to check that your children have the correct uniform. The requirements can be found on the school website in the parent handbook. People visiting always comment on how smart our children look in their uniforms and I have to agree with that. We need to maintain the effort and encourage pride in our school uniform.

Haircuts

A second reminder about haircuts: they are to be of a sensible and conventional style. This is also outlined in the handbook.

From the Assistant Principal continued...

Term 3

Term 3 begins on Monday, 17th July. Some families believe that the first day of every term is a pupil free day. This is not the case except for the first day of the school year, which is always acknowledged in the school newsletter and on our website.

Attendance

Our diocese is continuing to work towards improvements in attendance.

School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools. Every day of attendance adds to a student's achievement and success at school. Schools in partnership with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Our attendance rate has dropped to about 85%. We encourage parents to ensure that their children attend school to increase their success as learners.

Table-a-thon

Thank you to all our families who have supported our Table-a-thon. The amount raised is \$4395. This money will go towards purchasing new 'chromebooks' for students. Well done!

Congratulations to Monte's Canteen

Mary Montebello has been successful in her tender for Holy Spirit's canteen. Mary will offer a full service including her special 'hot dog' days from term 3.

Parking

Parents are reminded that parking in the parish carpark and kiss and ride zone is **NOT** permitted. Also please do not walk your child through the parish carpark in the morning or afternoon. The carpark is reserved for parishioners and staff only.

Year 2 Prayer

Loving God,

*We are thankful
for having God
in our lives.*

*With the gift of
the Holy Spirit,
we seek to live
our lives like
Jesus by being
kind to each
other.*

*Thank you for
always being
there for us in
times of need.*

Amen



every learner
every day ✓



What's Happening at Holy Spirit...

Thursday 29 June	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day ~ POSTPONED
Friday 30 June	Mufti Day ~ Gold coin donation Last day of Term 2 ~ We wish all our families a safe break.
Monday 17 July	Term 3 commences
Friday 21 July	Augustinian Prayer ~ 3pm

*Please note in your diary we have a Staff Development Day on Friday 18 August.
No school on this day.*

Last day of term ~
Friday 30 June will be a mufti day.

Children are asked to wear sensible
play clothes and closed in shoes.

Please send a gold coin donation with
your child.

Congratulations to the following students who have received Awards at our School Assembly on Friday 19 June

Principal Award

Xavier (KR), Sehajroop (KW), Farzana (1R), Emily (1W), Enrique (2R), Prabhnoor (2W), Mathew (3R), Susannah (3W), Izaac (4R), Adrian (4W), Damon (5R), Connor (5W), Cooper (6R), Kenyon (6W)

MacKillop Award

Annalise (KR), Abuk (KW), Ellie-Leigh (1R), Teleah (1W), Aiden (2R), Hayden (2W), Ella (3R), Saadet (3W), Jacinta (4R), Aria (4W), Taylor (5R), Madison (5W), Ading (6R), Tyler (6W)

Holy Spirit Award

Nishan (KR), Panos (KW), Reece (1R), Maxwell (1W), Anger (2R), Heleana (2W), Hua Yi (3R), Aidan (3W), Jasmine (4R), Jasmine (4W), Katarina (5R), Chloe (5W), Marisa (6R), Madison (6W)

Year 2 Writing Sample



Administration

Uniforms

The Oz Fashion app is now up and running. Instructions on how to download the app are attached.

Parents are still able to scan and email an order form if you do not wish to order via the app.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Elle at Oz Fashions on 0421 216 414 or email elle@ozfashions.com.au.

Head Lice

Parents we have had a few cases of head lice within our school community.

Parents please ensure you check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat if needed.



Student Attendance rate for last week was 92.2%
Remember every school day counts!



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Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

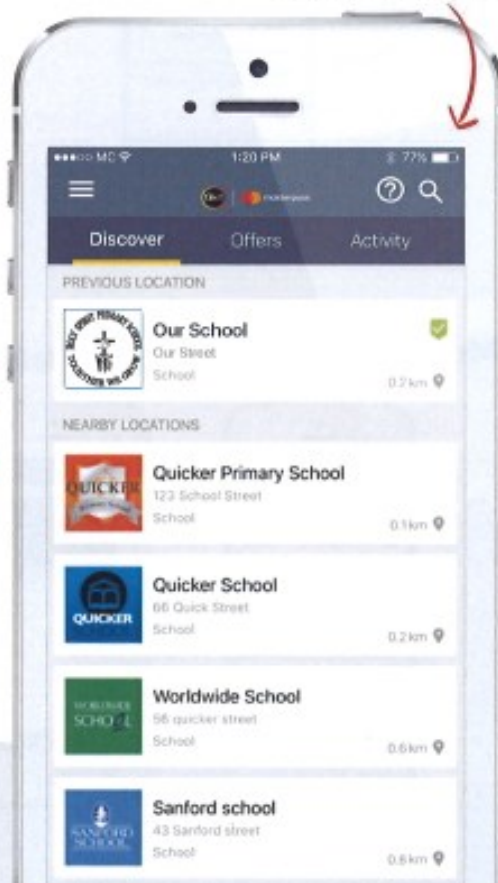
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name

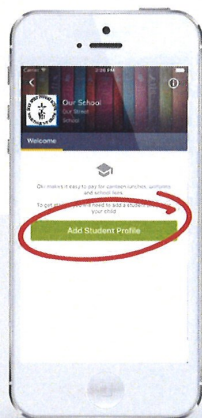




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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

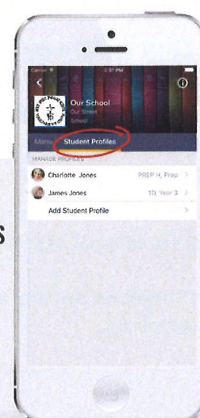
Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details

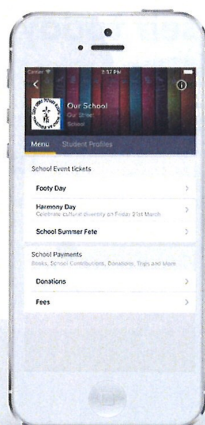


Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles

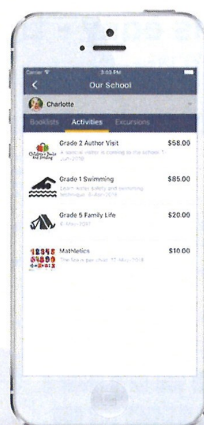


Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school

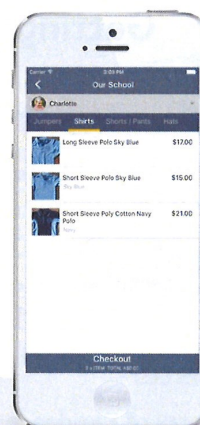


Select child
you are
ordering for



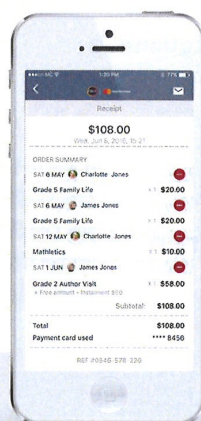
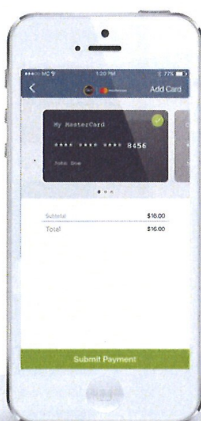
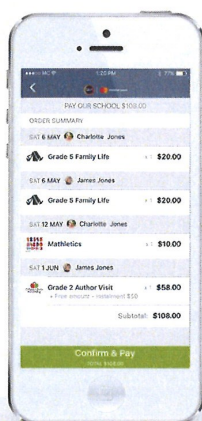
Select your items

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay



Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.



a dialogue with
CHRIS BOWEN, MP
on the
**GREATER
SYDNEY
COMMISSION**
Mon 31 July 2017
7.15pm for 7.30pm
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
5 Todd Row, St Clair

Topics of Interest:
INFRASTRUCTURE: AIRPORT, MOTORWAY
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TARGETS
JOB TARGETS
INCINERATOR AT EASTERN CREEK

Send your questions to admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au
on or before Thu 20 July 2017.

An Initiative of Social Justice Commission of Holy Spirit Parish

Holy Spirit Parish Children Choir

Is your child interested in joining the Holy Spirit Parish Children Choir?
The choir meet every Friday for an hour to practice at 4:30pm in the Church (excluding school holidays). The children range in age from 7 to 14 years old.
The choir sing once a month every 4th Sunday.

If your child is interested in joining the choir please come along to practice.

The choir will break over the school holidays and will resume on Friday 21 July.

If you would like any further information please contact the parish office 9670 8222.