

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you enjoyed a restful holiday with family and friends over the Easter season.

Attendance Update

As you know it is very important that children attend school every day. Quite often leave is requested by parents for various reasons. While we understand that this may be necessary sometimes, it is not encouraged as every school day is important for every child.

If you intend taking your child out of school for five days or more you must make a formal application in writing and fill out an application for extended leave which is available from the school office. It is important for you to know that this leave may not be granted and depends on circumstances such as the intention for the leave, your child's attendance, and the impact the leave may have on your child's academic progress.

Principals have been advised that for extended periods of leave for holidays, students be marked as absent.

I have also received advice that children who are kept home from school because of weather conditions such as wind, rain, heat etc are to be marked as unjustifiable leave. Partial absence (being late) with the reason that the child 'slept in' is also classed as unjustifiable leave.

These regulations are in place to make sure that your child achieves to his/her full potential and I know you will understand the reasoning behind them.

Kind Regards
Anne Hines
Principal

Naplan

Next week our students in year 3 and 5 will undertake the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (Naplan). These Assessments will be administered as follows:

Tuesday: Language Conventions/Writing
Wednesday: Reading
Thursday: Numeracy.

School Committee Meeting

Our next meeting is next Tuesday 9 May at 7pm in the school library. Greg Fitzgerald from Munch has been invited. Mrs Barros will speak about literacy and any general business will be discussed. Please join us.

Term 2, Week 2
3 May 2017

Year 3 Prayer

Dear God,

*We thank you for
always being by
our side. We are
grateful for your
guidance and
support in our
learning.*

*We pray that you
continue to give us
strength and
courage as we
begin our
NAPLAN and
assessment
journey. Please
help us to show
kindness to each
other at this
important time.*

*We ask this
through Jesus
Christ our Lord,*

Amen.

Mother's Day Reflection

*Real mums don't eat quiche because they don't have time to make it.
Real mums know that their kitchen utensils are probably in the sandpit.*

Real mums often have sticky floors, filthy ovens and happy kids.

Real mums know that playdough doesn't come out of shag pile carpet.

Real mums don't want to know what the vacuum just sucked up.

Real mums sometimes ask "Why me?" and get their answer when a little voice says "I love you, mum".

The word 'Mum' is magic in any language!

Wishing all our mothers and grandmothers a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday 14th May



Learning Matters

Dear Parents,

Yesterday a group of very enthusiastic readers and writers filled the MPA to participate in the Early Bird Reading and **Writing** session.

Our school Literacy Goal focuses on the development of writing so this year we have added this component to our morning sessions, giving children in Kinder to Year 3 an opportunity to read and then respond (in writing) to what they have read.

In brief this involves students and tutors meeting in the MPA at about 8:30am. The older children will listen to their younger buddies read and then encourage them to respond by writing something about their text. This will be a short response and the tutors will guide them by offering suggestions and assistance. Cards will be stamped to keep a check of how many times the children attend the sessions during the term. Certificates will be issued to children who consistently attend. Teachers will be supervising the session. This is not a compulsory activity but it is another way of practicing and consolidating reading and writing skills.

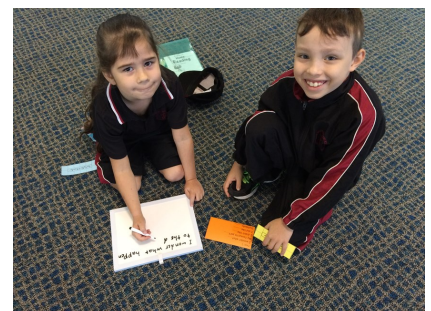
Readers only need to remember their books. Small whiteboards are used for the writing activity.

*The Early Bird Reading AND Writing Days will be **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** and will continue throughout Terms 2 and 3.*

*We begin **at 8:30am** and must **finish by 8:45am** so that teachers who are helping with this extra supervision are able to get back to their classes when the bell goes. It is very disappointing to have to turn children away but unfortunately this does happen when children arrive after 8:45am.*

Parents, this is a commitment on your part as well. You will need to have your child at school in enough time to complete the reading of a book or a chapter of the book and to respond to it by writing.
"TOGETHER WE GROW"

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal



Congratulations to the following students who have received Awards at our School Assembly on Friday 31st March.

Principal Award

Cian (KR), Santino (KW), Jarryd (1R), Scarlett (1W), Aidan (2R), Emily (2W), David (3R), Tyler (3W), Ashton (4R), Jayden (4W), Adeng (5R), Abby (5W), Anthony (6R), Piper (6W)

Mackillop Award

Michael (KR), You Ming (KW), Keily (1R), Kayne (1W), Daniel (2R), Mawize (2W), Thomas (3R), Yara (3W), Declan (4R), Noah (4W), Adam (5R), Georgia (5W), Jenna (6R), Hayley (6W)

Holy Spirit Award

Mia (KR), Akuot (KW), Antonio (1R), Rosemarie (1W), Achan (2R), Tagla (2W), Bridy (3R), Adrielle (3W), Maya (4R), Lilly (4W), Rhana (5R), George (5W), Riley (6R), Giselle (6W)

On Friday 12th May, Year 1 & Year 3 parents and carers are hosting our Mothers Day Stall as their fundraiser.

Children will be able to purchase gifts for their mums, nans and other special women in their lives.

There will be many gifts ranging from \$2.00-\$7.00.

A guessing competition will be held on the day, guesses will be 50cents.

It is a good idea for each child to have their own plastic bag to carry their gifts home.

** Year 4 parents ~ Due to year 4 going on an excursion on this day year 4 students will be able to purchase their gifts on Thursday 11th May. Please ensure you send money with your child on this day.*



Year 3 Writing Sample

Goosebumps

Once upon a time there was a school boy named Mike.

One day Mike and his friends were in the library looking for a book.

They found a Goosebump book. At school when Mike opened the book, Slappy, who is one of the characters, jumped out of the book and ran away inside the school.

Slappy ran into the library and opened all the Goosebumps books.

The characters from the books ran everywhere inside the school and then they ran out of the school doors.

When they found everybody, they trapped them back into the books. But Invisible Boy and Slappy ran away. Finally, they found Slappy and opened the book on him. But they never found Invisible Boy and he is still missing!

BY
Jean-Fillip
3 White

Zac's horrible night

One day at 1am in the park it was very windy. There was a kid named Zac and he was walking.

Zac thought he heard something and he did. It was a gunshot! He started to run but he was too late. He got kidnapped by a stranger.

The stranger took him to an abandoned castle. He was locked in the castle. He had found a rope when the stranger was sleeping and he used the rope to climb down the castle and escape.

BY
Raphael
3 White

HERO AWARD

In my opinion I believe my mum deserves a Hero Award. My mum is caring and does things without being asked. My mum takes time out of her day to do things for my siblings and me.

Barbara [my mum] pays for fees and lots more. My mum is caring because she looks after my cousins and drops them off for my aunty. My mum also tries to help me and my sisters and brother as best as she can. She wants us to be greatly educated.

For these reasons I strongly believe that my mum deserves a Special Hero Award.

BY
Kristian
3 Red

MY HERO

Sister Narelle is a hero, in my opinion. She is loving, caring and compassionate. I strongly believe that Sister Narelle should get a Hero Award because she is loving to everyone in the community.

Sister Narelle is always taking care of people. She looks after the children on the playground and in the classroom.

Sister Narelle is VERY caring. She listens to us when we have problems and helps us to solve them.

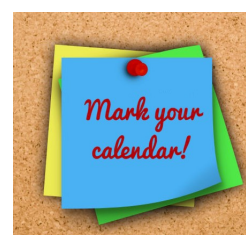
Sister Narelle is EXTREMELY compassionate because she is always helping the children and teachers at Holy Spirit. She helps children with their learning and to complete their tasks.

Sister Narelle is a bit like Pope Francis. She is a Jesus person. She prays for everyone, she loves everyone and is everyone's FRIEND.

BY
Daniel
3 White

What's Happening at Holy Spirit...

<i>Thursday 4th May</i>	<i>Buddy Mass Year 2 & Year 5 ~ 9am Year 6 Canberra excursion ~ Meet at school at 6am</i>
<i>Friday 5th May</i>	<i>Year 6 Canberra excursion ~ Return to school approx. 8pm Mothers' Day Wrapping Day 9am-2:30pm MPA</i>
<i>Monday 8th May</i>	<i>Year 2 Excursion to Elizabeth Farm</i>
<i>Tuesday 9th May</i>	<i>Early Bird Reading and Writing 8:30am NAPLAN Year 3 & Year 5—Spelling, Writing & Grammar School Committee Meeting - 7pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 10th May</i>	<i>Early Bird Reading and Writing 8:30am NAPLAN Year 3 & Year 5 - Reading</i>
<i>Thursday 11th May</i>	<i>NAPLAN Year 3 & Year 5 - Numeracy Mothers Day stall - Year 4 students only</i>
<i>Friday 12th May</i>	<i>Year 4 Elizabeth Farm excursion Mothers Day stall Augustinian Prayer 3pm</i>



Opal Cards

Just a reminder to parents who apply for an Opal card online, please ensure you print your application and return to the school office. Your application needs to be endorsed by the school before they will be processed by Transport NSW.

Application forms can be completed at transportnsw.info/school-students

Once your application has been approved, Transport NSW will send your School Opal card to the home address given in the application. Applications may take several weeks to process.



School Matters!



Our Student Attendance rate for last week was 89.2%
Remember every school day counts!

Book Club

Issue 3 of Book Club went home with your child this week. Book Club will be going home twice each term.

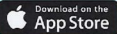

When you place an order please remember that you need to register first and get a username and password. Instructions on how to order are attached. Your child's order will be delivered to their classroom for them to take home.

NO CASH payments will be accepted.

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.


It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**
or  

Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
- 2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.


Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?

- 3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
- 4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date:

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

DON'T FORGET!



Book Club

orders are due:

May 15

Community News

On Saturday May 20, the Life, Marriage & Family Office will be hosting a seminar entitled Break Free: Exploring the Natural Alternatives to the Pill. The event will take place between 2:00-3:30pm at the St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

For more information about this event or if you have any questions call 8838 3640, email nfs@parra.catholic.org.au or www.parralmf.org/nfs



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