



Holy Spirit Primary School Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Helping at Home

Children are generally happiest when they can contribute to their own and their family's well-being. Family life is full of give and take – which means sharing the jobs as well as the fun. It is realistic to expect children to help out at home. In fact, when children feel that they belong to their family through positive contribution they are less likely to find their place through misbehaviour. A sensible allocation of jobs according to age, study requirements and interests is not only good training but a great help to parents as well.

- Give children realistic jobs rather than tasks that keep them busy.
- Involve children in choosing their jobs and rotate unpleasant jobs frequently.
- Ensure jobs are completed before the fun times of eating and watching TV.
- Avoid doing jobs for children. When children understand that no one will do their jobs for them they will be more likely to help out.
- Show appreciation for their help.

Michael Grose Parenting Ideas

Kind Regards
Anne Hines
Principal

6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Jesus has a mission from God his Father to reveal who God really is to the world. He does so by his love. Now he is calling us to carry on this mission. Jesus loved with the love that he received from his Father. 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love'(15:9). That we might be able to love in the same way, Jesus promises to dwell with his Father and the Spirit in our hearts. He consecrates us so that we will indeed be a temple where the Blessed Trinity abides.

Year 1 Excursion Feedback ~ Well Done Year 1!

Recently I received this email:

To the Principal, Jacki, Teachers and Students, A big thank you for allowing the year one students to make us their first excursion, as usual the Holy Spirit children were fabulous, well behaved and extremely polite and very interested in all we showed and told them. On behalf of all the volunteers we would like to congratulate the teachers who were wonderful and also thank you again for the hamper, not expected but very appreciated. Thank you again, Carmel and volunteers of The Arms of Australia Inn Museum

Extra Curricular Dance

This term students from Holy Spirit are being supported by CEDP's CAPTIVATE Dance Team here at school. Each week a specialist dance teacher works with interested students in facilitating dance moves and routines.

Thank You

A big thank you to Mrs Dicenso, Mrs Charbel, Year 1 and Year 3 parents for overseeing our Mother's Day stall. The children had a lot of fun purchasing gifts for their mothers. A total of \$682 was made to support the school in resources for the students.

School Committee

Thank you to the parents that attended our recent school committee meeting. Your support is appreciated.

From the Principal continued...

Lifted Live Concert

Last Friday 11 year 6 students attended the *Lifted Live Junior* with Steve Angrisano at Emmaus Catholic College, Kemps Creek. This event was organised by Catholic Youth Parramatta. The 'Go Make a Difference' concert provided a unique blend of humour, story, song and audience interaction which challenged our students to be missionary disciples in their schools, parishes and families.

Good Luck

We would like to wish Hayley (Year 6) good luck as she travels to Melbourne at the end of May to represent NSW at the Gymnastics Nationals.

Hayley will be competing in the U13 age group for Tumbling, Trampolining and DBL Mini Trampolining (DMT).

Congratulations Hayley on making it into the NSW team.



Learning Matters

Dear Parents,

Assessment is an essential component of the teaching and learning cycle. Assessment of learning enables teachers to gather evidence and make judgements about student achievement. Assessment varies and may be used individually or together and formally or informally. Assessments happen throughout the year as teachers continually monitor the progress of each child. This helps to plan, program and ensure that the needs of the students are being met.

Feedback, together with evidence helps teachers decide whether students are ready for the next phase of learning or whether they need further learning experiences to consolidate their knowledge, understanding and skills.

Teachers use their professional judgement within a standards framework to grade children. Reports give information to parents about the progress of their child. It is important to develop a partnership between teachers, parents and students to ensure reporting is timely, accessible and informative.

During the year students receive feedback and are given opportunities to reflect on their learning so that further learning can occur.

At the end of this term parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher to discuss their report and progress. It is also an opportunity to reflect on goals for student's academic and social growth for the current year.

Teachers at Holy Spirit are continually assessing student progress and achievements. We encourage parents to take the opportunity to discuss their child's progress after Semester reports are completed and sent home at the end of the term. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

Year 4 Prayer

Dear Mothers

You protect us from harm. You help us with homework. You cook amazing meals for us. You can make us laugh when we feel down. You are always with us when we are hurt. You can make us feel happy when we do not see the joy in things. You are our shield from danger.

Mothers you do not care if we do not win a game at sport. You will just be there for us when we need it. When we hurt ourselves you heal us with your loving touch.

MOTHERS YOU ARE ALWAYS THERE FOR US THANKS

Just a reminder

- hair of collar length and longer, should be tied at the nape of the neck. Ribbons, scrunchies or headbands should be red/black/white
- children are not to colour their hair or to have streaks, foils etc. Radical or exaggerated haircuts and hair styles are not permitted.

A moment in time Waterpark Slide

I heard the scourging water moving the raft.

I saw the water slithering to the end of the ride.

I felt amazed of how long the water slide was.

I wondered if I was going to fall out.

I heard thrashing waves bumping together.

I saw the palm leaf about to hit my face through out the ride.

I felt wind thrashing on my face while riding.

I wondered where the ride would take me.

By Phillip
4W

A moment in time Waterpark Slide

I heard

The roughness of the waves splashing on my face.

I saw

The people screaming on the slide.

I felt

Anxious about going on this long and extreme waterslide.

I wondered

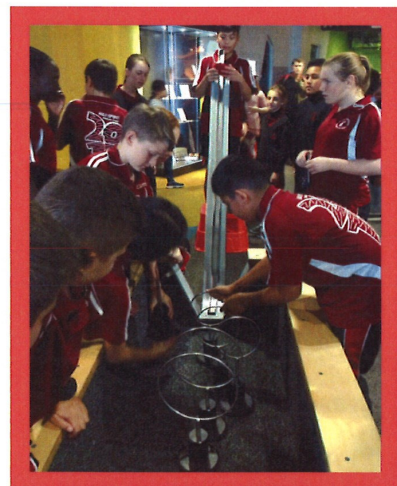
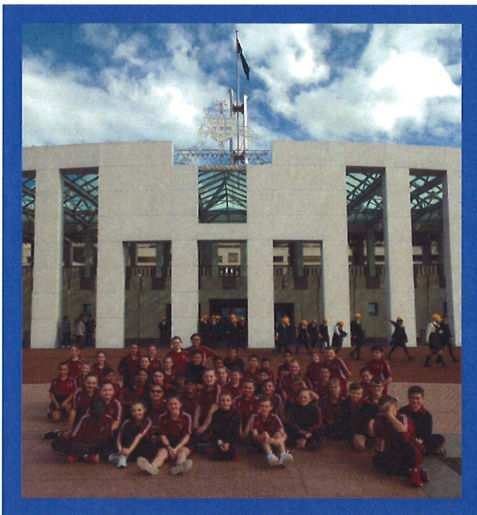
If this long and bumpy waterslide was going to come to an end.

By Isabella
4R

A BIG THANK YOU!

Our Year 6 students recently undertook an education tour of our National Capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



What's Happening at Holy Spirit...

<i>Thursday 18th May</i>	<i>Buddy Mass Kinder & Year 6 ~ 9am</i>
<i>Friday 19th May</i>	<i>School Assembly - 2:30pm</i>
<i>Thursday 25th May</i>	<i>Buddy Mass Yr 1 & Yr 4 ~ 9am</i> <i>Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day - Jamison Park</i>
<i>Friday 26th May</i>	<i>Primary Athletics Carnival (Year 3-6) - Blair Oval, St Marys</i> <i>School Canteen CLOSED</i> <i>Augustinian Prayer 3pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 31st May</i>	<i>Parent Police talk on Cyber Safety ~ 2pm in MPA</i>
<i>Thursday 1st June</i>	<i>School Pentecost Mass 10:15am</i> <i>Second Hand Uniform sale 11:30am ~ MPA</i>

Captivate Dance Group

CAPTIVATE is the creative and performing arts program for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. It provides learning and performance opportunities for students and connects them with Australia's leading creative arts professionals and their wealth of experience and networks

This term primary students have the opportunity to join a dance group through the Captivate Schools program. Each Thursday Peta Markham-Ward, from the Captivate team, visits our school to work with any interested students to develop dance skills and learn dance routines. It is anticipated that there will be a performance opportunity in Term 3. The group meets every Thursday 11:00 - 11:40am.

For further information please see Mrs Barros.



Message from Oz Fashion

School uniform orders will be delivered to the school every Wednesday during the school term.

Please note that all orders and payments must be emailed to Elle elle@ozfashions.com.au by **4 pm on Tuesday** to ensure delivery on Wednesday.

Try on samples are held at the school and order forms are available from the school website or office.

The Holy Spirit App is under construction and parents will be notified once it is available.

Any further enquiries please contact Elle 0421 216 414.

Message from Munch Canteen

Due to the Primary Athletics Carnival being held on Friday 26 May the school canteen will be **CLOSED** on this day.

Please ensure you send your child with recess and lunch on Friday 26 May.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

We will be holding a Second Hand uniform sale on Thursday 1 June 11:30am-12:30pm in the MPA.

Only second hand uniforms will be on sale on this day.

Please be aware no returns or exchanges are accepted on second hand items.



Holy Spirit Parish News

Join us as we celebrate our being Church on

Pentecost

With lots of fun for all ages after the Sunday 9.30am Mass
Jumping Castle ♦ Family Games ♦ Food
Entertainment ♦ Face & Plaster Painting

WEAR SOMETHING RED ON THIS WEEKEND

★ 4 June | 10:30am to 2:00pm ★
★ Holy Spirit Parish School Grounds

A festive illustration of a large, multi-colored tent (yellow, orange, red, green) with a pointed top. The tent is decorated with colorful bunting flags and streamers. Several balloons in red, green, yellow, and blue are floating around the tent. The background is a light, textured yellow with small stars.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm