



Holy Spirit Primary School Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week our school participated in a 'spot check' compliance. The purpose of the visit from the compliance team was to check an alignment from the syllabus to teaching programs to student workbooks and assessments. The compliance team emailed the following to me after their visit:

"The school and the teachers are to be commended for the highly professional manner in which their materials were presented. The teachers are extremely organised and dedicated to ensuring the best learning experiences for their students. The CEDP reviewers were extremely impressed with all aspects of teaching and learning at Holy Spirit Primary School. Well done!

The teaching programs were thorough, detailed and aligned with the scope and sequence as well as the assessment plan. The programs show teaching of students at point of need which is reflective of the excellent approach to personalised learning.

There was a great variety of work samples provided and they reflect the excellent teaching and learning that is occurring".

Congratulations to our well deserving teachers at Holy Spirit!

Kind Regards
Anne Hines
Principal

School Feast Day

Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. In the Gospel, John's setting is the Eucharist. The disciples are gathered on the first day of the week, as we are at Mass. Jesus is among them, as he is among us, and he offers them, as he offers us, the gift of peace – a peace which is far deeper than the hurts and disturbances, indeed the torments, that we sometimes suffer. It is the peace of knowing that we are sharing in the communion of divine love that comes from the heart of Jesus.

We will gather as a school community on Thursday (1st June) at 10:15am to celebrate our feast day. Please join us.

Student Leaders Civic Reception

On Wednesday night (17th May), our school captains Tahlia, Jake, Ryan and Maya attended the Evan Theatre at Penrith Panthers. The captains were individually presented to the Mayor of Penrith to be congratulated on their leadership role. Well done school captains!

Meetings with class teachers

Class teachers are always happy to meet with you regarding your child's learning and well-being. If you have a concern about your child please phone the school office and ask for the class teacher to contact you regarding a meeting. Talking at home about your concerns to your child may only increase their worry and anxiety.

Table-athon

This week students received their sponsorship card for our 'athon'. This is our major fund raiser at Holy Spirit and the money raised will go to the purchase of new 'chromebooks' for students. Please support us.

From the Principal continued...

Complaints Handling

If at anytime, you find that you have a concern with your child, you are encouraged to contact the school office and make arrangements to speak with their class teacher/s, to find a solution for your concern. If you do not feel your concern is being addressed you are encouraged to speak to their Stage coordinator and then the Principal.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and a professionally fulfilling experience for our staff.

Primary Sports Carnival

Thank you to the many parents and carers for your assistance in the success of our recent primary sports carnival. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

'Building Child Safe Communities' is an initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is a requirement that all volunteers complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering at schools. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please go to the following link: <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers> or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Volunteers & Contractors' (halfway down page on the right hand side).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

We thank all our parent volunteers for their continued support.



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.

Year 1 Prayer

Loving God,

Easter is a time of joy and thanks.

Thank you God for Jesus who rose from the dead. I will be a Jesus person.

Thank you God for my family who show me how to love you. I will make good choices.

Thank you God for the world because it is so beautiful. I will look after it.

For every day and every way I thank you God.

Amen

What's Happening at Holy Spirit...

<i>Thursday 1 June</i>	<i>School Pentecost Mass 10:15am Second Hand Uniform sale 11:30am ~ MPA</i>
<i>Friday 2 June</i>	<i>School Assembly 2:30pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 6 June</i>	<i>Early Bird Reading & Writing 8:30am</i>
<i>Wednesday 7 June</i>	<i>Early Bird Reading & Writing 8:30am</i>
<i>Thursday 8 June</i>	<i>Buddy Mass Year 3 9am</i>
<i>Friday 9 June</i>	<i>Table-a-thon Augustinian Prayer 3pm</i>
<i>Monday 12 June</i>	<i>Queens Birthday Public Holiday—No school</i>
<i>Tuesday 13 June</i>	<i>Early Bird Reading & Writing 8:30am</i>
<i>Wednesday 14 June</i>	<i>Early Bird Reading & Writing 8:30am Water Safety Incursion K-6</i>

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

Principal Award

Bol (KR), Madison (KW), Antonio (1R), Mia (1W), Kang (2R), Ying Xuan (2W), Morbe (3R), Callum (3W), Mia (4R), Polyxeni (4W), Elija (5R), Brooke (5W), Isaac (6R), Altan (6W)

MacKillop Award

Rome(KR), Abbey (KW), Claire (1R), Neyli (1W), Kyra (2R), Andrew (2W), Emily (3R), Kiarah (3W), Aleks (4R), Isaac (4W), Mikayla (5R), Mia (5W), Caitlin(6R), Makayla (6W)

Holy Spirit Award

Brock (KR), Lilly (KW), Aiyesha (1R), Jaxon (1W), Brooklyn (2R), Lucas (2W), Adau (3R), Raphael (3W), Daniel (4R), Elijah (4W), Venkat (5R), Daniel (5W), Jack (6R), Tahlia (6W)

Year I Writing Samples

THE COURAGEOUS MUM

Once there was a mum who had two children. The mother liked to play with her children. They lived on a farm and they had a pretty garden. The garden had lots of coloured plants in it. The mother and the children liked to play with the animals. It was a peaceful place until a gigantic storm rolled across the sky. It rained and rained. The animals were scared so the mum went outside and saved them. She took them into the barn where they were safe. The storm stopped and children and animals were able to go outside to play again.

By Teleah Year One 2017



THE COURAGEOUS MUM

Once there was a lovely mum. She was a kind mum and she had a son. They lived at the bottom of a tree. They liked to pick beautiful flowers from the garden. It was a peaceful place until the day a big, brown and furry bear came along. The bear started to rip out all of the flowers. The mother and her son were shocked and upset. The boy's courageous mother yelled at the bear to go away. The bear got scared and ran away. The mum and the boy had to plant more flowers but they had lots of fun in the garden.

By Claire Year One 2017



My Mum

All Mums are special but I think my Mum is the best.

Firstly, my mum is courageous because she is not scared of anything, not even gigantic spiders!!

Also, she gives me comfort when I am scared or sick. My Mum gives the best hugs in the whole world.

Finally my Mum makes the best cakes. They are delicious. I love helping her.

These are some of the reasons I think my Mum is the best. She has such beautiful eyes and a lovely smile. Thank you God for my Mum.

Zac Year 1 2017



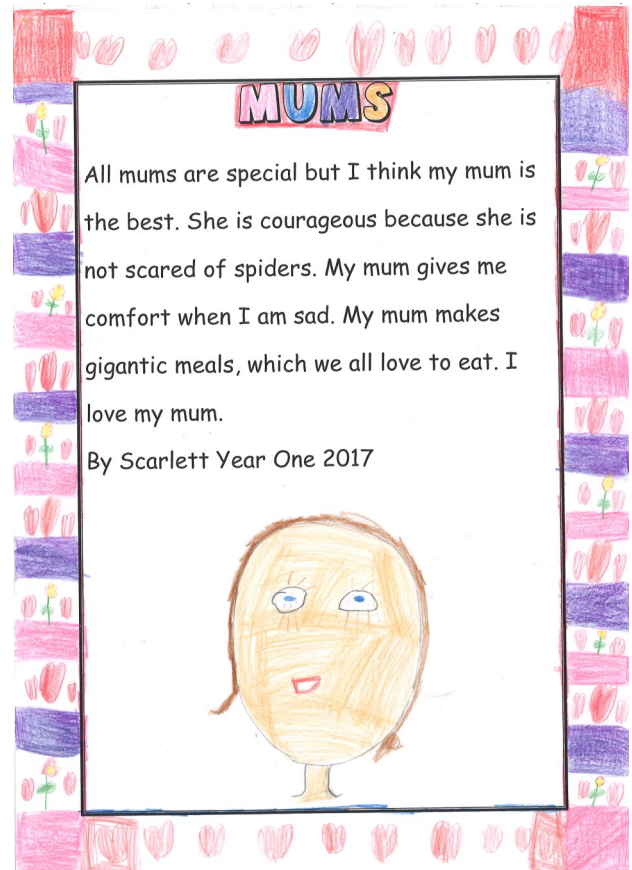
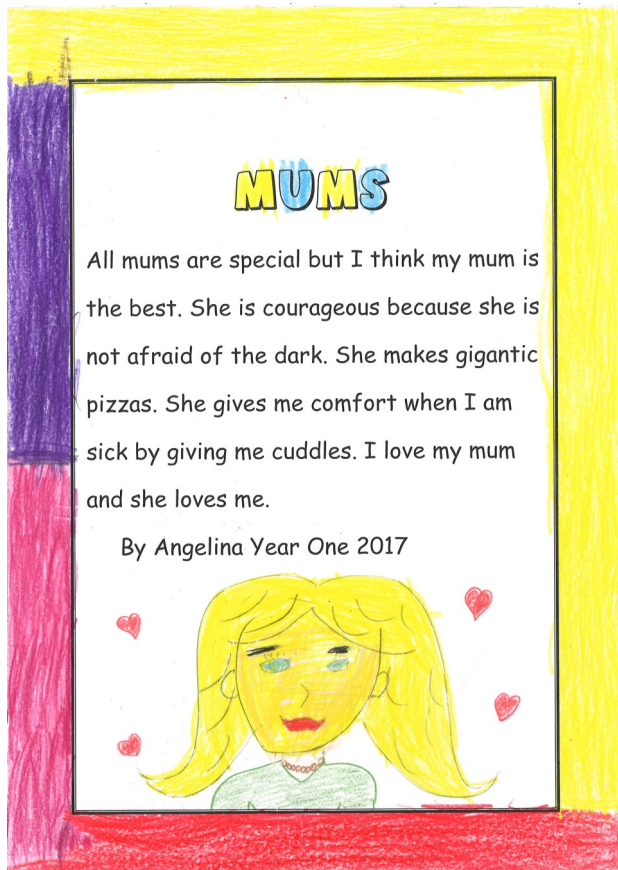
MUMS

All mums are special but I think my mum is the best. She is courageous because she is not scared of big dogs. She gives me comfort when I feel scared. My mum makes gigantic kebabs on a stick. I love my mum because she is the best.

By Antonio Year One 2017



Year I Writing Samples continued...



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.



Student Attendance rate for last week was 95.6%
Remember every school day counts!

Holy Spirit Parish News

Sacramental Preparation
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



FIRST RECONCILIATION (Year 3)

- Parent Information Meeting
 - Mon, 24 July @ 9.30am or
 - Wed, 26 July @ 7.30pm
- Preparation for the Sacrament and First Reconciliation will be held during the month of August
- Thanksgiving Mass on Mon 28 Aug, 7.30pm

NOTE: Children with special needs are most welcome to join the preparation.

For all enquiries contact the Parish Office:
E: admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au • P: 02 9670 8222

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 ★



For more info, contact HOLY SPIRIT PARISH:
Phone: 9670 8222 • Email: admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au • Website: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au
OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm

Captivate

15-23 June
2017

SHOWCASE

Showcasing the talents of our music, dance and drama students.



VENUE: NAGLE COLLEGE 58A Orwell Street Blacktown Sth
tickets on sale now

Enquiries: 9840 5649 • captivate@pama.catholic.edu.au
Facebook: [@CaptivatePama](https://www.facebook.com/CaptivatePama) Instagram: [CaptivatePama](https://www.instagram.com/CaptivatePama)
Tickets \$15 (adult) \$10 (concession) Family (\$40)
Showcase Season Pass available

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