



# Holy Spirit Primary School Newsletter

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoy time as a family these holidays. A picnic, walking trail, train ride, museum or park visit can be inexpensive and a lot of fun.

Five values that stand out and feature in quality relationships:

- ♦ TRUST – Trust others and be trustworthy.
- ♦ FORGIVENESS – when mistakes are made, forgive yourself and others.
- ♦ INTEGRITY – be who you say you are and do what you say you will do.
- ♦ HOPE – build hope in the world.
- ♦ COMPASSION – Empathy is seeing another's plight, compassion is being prepared to do something about it.

*Andrew Fuller (Growing happy, healthy young minds)*

Kind Regards

Anne Hines

Principal

### Year 1 Excursion

Recently our year 1 students attended the education centre at Penrith Lakes. We received the letter below about their exemplary behaviour. Well Done Year 1!

*Dear Mrs Hines,*

*I would like to say thank you on behalf of the staff here at Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre. We were blessed to have some students and staff visit us on Wednesday for an excursion. The students were very excited to be here. They learnt lots and we were impressed by their behaviour. We look forward to enjoying more excursions with you in the future.*

*Kind regards,*

*Laura Greer,*

*Teacher, Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre.*

### Mufti Day

The last day of term, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September will be a mufti day. Students may wear jersey/team colours of their favourite teams on the day. The cost will be a gold coin donation. This mufti day will be in memory of Julian Cadman, Year 2 student (from St Bernadette's Lalor Park) who was tragically killed in the attack on Barcelona. Money raised will be donated to the Julian and Jom Cadman gofundme page at [www.gofundme.com/the-julian-jom-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/the-julian-jom-fund).

### Summer Uniform

From next term all students should be wearing their full summer school uniform.

### Bush Dance

Please join us on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September for our sausage sizzle and bush dance starting at 6pm. Students are to wear jeans/T-shirt/sport shoes and a hat. Please bring a fold-up chair!

## School Playground

The soft fall has become quite an uneven playing surface. We are very grateful to Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta for providing the funding to replace the softfall with cement. Once we have a firm surface we hope to install some artificial grass on some of the play areas. Weather permitting this work is planned for the holiday break to minimise disruption to play areas at the start of term 4.

***Last Day of Term 3 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September***  
***School Resumes on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October***  
***We wish you a safe and happy holiday break!***

## Bell Music

The class that wins the 'Listening Award' at assembly will choose the music for our bell for the next few weeks. Good luck everyone!

## Bike Safety

Children who ride bikes to school need to ensure:

- the bikes are in good condition and have a bell
- that they wear helmets
- they walk the bike to and from the school gates
- they are considerate of the safety of other children and parents/carers.

## Extra- Curricular

Congratulations to Kaitlin Antao for being chosen from the Western Division Voice of Youth semi final to move into the Grand Final this week. This is an annual **public speaking** competition run throughout the Diocese of Parramatta.

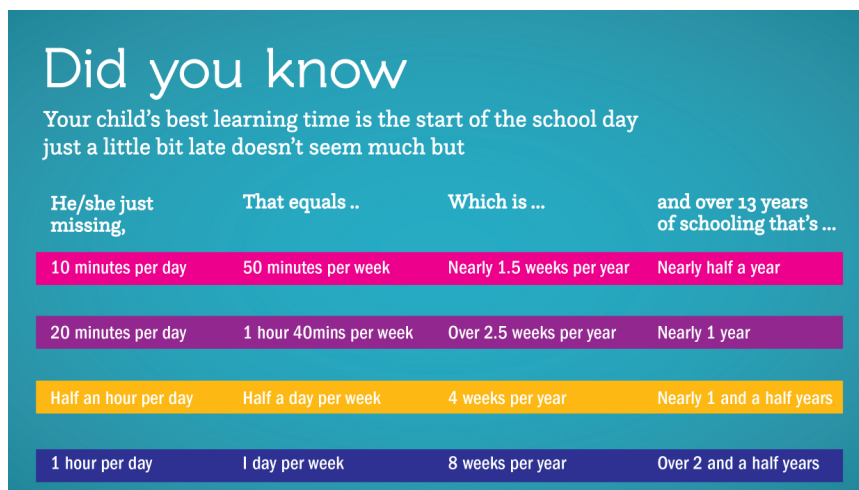
A number of classes are enjoying learning skills in a **soccer clinic** this term.

Next term we will host the **Nepean one-day chess Tournament** here at Holy Spirit.

## Sunday's Readings

Next Sunday's readings encourage us to take stock of how we are responding to God's amazing love. The Responsorial Psalm reminds us that God is near, but we must call to him and mean it. In the First Reading, Isaiah picks up this theme, encouraging us to seek our gracious God while he may be found, to call on God while he is near. Paul's advice in the Second Reading is to 'live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ' We can call on God anywhere and at any time. When we are genuinely sorry for the wrong we have done and are genuinely resolved to listen to God's Spirit and to respond to the grace God is offering us to alter our lives, God's heart is ever ready to forgive.

*Fr Michael Fallon*



## Year 2 Prayer

Dear God

Please look after all the people in our community, especially those that are in hospital and all people going through hard times in need of help.

We keep the people of Mexico in our prayers following the earthquake.

Thank you God for always being there for us.

Amen



**Congratulations to the following students who have received Awards at our School Assembly on Friday 8th September.**

### **Principal Award**

Ayen (KR), Jaden (KW), Patrick (1R), Ethan (1W), Lailah Rose (2R), Faith (2W), Mathew (3R), Jean-Fillip (3W), Jonathon (4R), Ahoi (4W), Francis (4W), Suhavi (4W), Curtis (5R), Connor (5W), Olivia (6R), Skye (6W)

### **MacKillop Award**

Maddison (KR), Isaac (KW), Emily (1R), Isaac (1W), Lilana (2R), Bailey (2W), Corey (3R), Ethan (3W), Kieralee (4W), Benjamin (5R), Shemen (5W), Kaitlyn (6R), Kaela (6W)

### **Holy Spirit Award**

Christian (KR), Xavier (KW), Erin (1R), Max (1W), Dylan (2R), Sienna (2W), Andre (3R), Aling (3W), Ashleigh (4R), Nikkita (4R), Dut (4W), Samantha (4W), Dominic (5R), Cienna (5W), Caitlin (6R), Callum (6W)

**Joke of the Day**



**Knock Knock!  
Who's there?  
Pizza!  
Pizza who?  
Pete's a really nice bloke!!!**

**Student Attendance rate for last week was 92.3%  
Remember every school day counts!**

# What's Happening at Holy Spirit...

*Thursday 21 September*

*Bush Dance & Sausage Sizzle ~ 6pm*

*Friday 22 September*

*Mufti Day ~ Gold coin donation*

*Ice-cream day at canteen*

*Last day of Term 3*

*Monday 9 October*

*School resumes for Term 4*

*Wednesday 11 October*

*Diocesan Basketball Gala Day ~ Cambridge Park*

*Friday 13 October*

*Year 2 Excursion ~ Macau Restaurant*

*Augustinian Prayer ~ 3pm*

## Infants Sports Carnival

On Thursday 14 September, the students in Year K, 1 and 2 participated in the Infants Sports Carnival at our school. The

day involved the students taking part in a variety of physical activities, which provided opportunities for fitness, co-operation, problem solving and of course lots of fun! The children enjoyed the day and showed great sportsmanship.



Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to support their children and a special thank you to our wonderful parents and carers who helped on the day. A special mention goes to our Year 6 students who showed wonderful leadership. The teachers are very appreciative of all the help on the day.



Commencing Term 4 we will have a new finance system. We ask for your patience during this transition period. Thank you for your understanding.



## The Haunted House



It was a dark night on Halloween. I came to the last house on my street. I peeked and I saw a haunted house standing in front of me. I walk towards the house. The trees were swaying in the howling wind. I walk up on to the dusty door way. I reached out to push the door but something stopped me. A piano started to play a beautiful tune. I went to the piano and nobody was there. Then something cold touched my shoulder.

From Lilitiana

