



Holy Spirit Primary School Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed a very happy Father's Day with family and friends.

Children who are close in age often compete with each other for parental recognition. Competition is shown through constant fighting, criticising and telling untruths; such behaviour can jeopardise family harmony. Competitive siblings generally display different personalities and interests and excel in different areas.

- Accept each child's uniqueness and value their differences. Help children to understand that they can all achieve in their own ways.
- Encourage children to take an interest in each other's activities.
- Ensure that acceptance of children is not conditional upon success. Children must feel worthwhile even when experiencing difficulties.
- Emphasise children's effort, improvement and enjoyment in activities rather than praise them for good results.
- Have fun together – engage in games and activities that foster cooperation.

Kind Regards

Anne Hines

Principal

Social Justice

A big thank you to our kindergarten and year 1 parents for supplying cakes for our recent cake stall for Catholic Mission. Thank you to all the students for supporting this social justice initiative, a total of \$326 was raised. Well Done!

Principal Morning Tea

Congratulations to Lilly (K), Teleah (1), Tayla (2), Bailey (3), Lilly (4), Venkat (5) and Cooper (6) for attending our recent Principal Morning Tea. These children consistently uphold our school rules and are safe, respectful learners.

Congratulations (Extra- Curricular)

Operation Art is an art exhibition that is held at Sydney Olympic Park. This year the following four students from Holy Spirit will have their art work displayed: Sonia (Year 6) Bianca (Year 4), Ayesha (Year 4) and Annalise (K). The exhibition runs from 9th September – 29th October.

Thank you

A big thank you to our parents for organising our Father's Day stall. The children had a lot of fun choosing gifts for their dads and over \$500 was raised to support the purchase of school equipment. Well Done!

Bush dance and sausage sizzle

A separate note has been sent home about this fun, family night. It will be held on Thursday 21st September at 6pm in the school grounds. Hope to see you there.

From the Assistant Principal

Early Bird Reading and Writing has finished today for the term. On those cold winter mornings it was good to come into the MPA and be part of this program that promotes the importance of reading and writing for all our students. Certificates will be given out by the end of the term. They are given to readers and tutors who have participated at least 12 times this term.

Being able to read is an essential skill in the development of each child. It has always been a focus at Holy Spirit and we encourage parents to promote the benefits of reading at home.

Below is a list of six elements of instruction that every child should experience every day:

1. Every child reads something he or she chooses
2. Every child reads accurately
3. Every child reads something he or she understands
4. Every child writes about something personally meaningful
5. Every child talks with peers about reading and writing
6. Every child listens to a fluent adult read aloud

Reading should continue over the up-coming holidays. Children could read different sorts of text other than the readers that are sent home during the term. Non-fiction books from the library, children's magazines, suitable articles or stories from the Internet and for the older children ... the newspaper.

Kiss and Ride

Kiss and Ride is a convenient way to drop and pick up your children safely. There are reminders in the Newsletters throughout the year about procedures. These can also be found on the school web site.

The edges of the gutter have been painted in yellow as a reminder to parents and carers that this area is not to be blocked. The first driveway is near our school canteen. This driveway needs to be kept clear because of deliveries being made. The second driveway is the one shared by the parish and school and must be kept clear for the priests who are working within the parish office.

We need to remember that it is not appropriate to block driveways for any amount of time. Showing consideration to all our neighbours is a witness of who we are as a Holy Spirit community.

Making a three point turn is not against the law but we strongly recommend that you do not make a three point turn on Todd Row during Kiss and Ride times. Teachers have witnessed several very close calls when drivers do not pay attention to the traffic on the street.

In the recent weeks the police have been seen patrolling the area around the school. Please obey all road rules as fines are being issued.

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal



Year 6 Prayer

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our
sweetness and our
hope.

To thee do we cry,
poor banished
children of Eve: to
thee do we send up
our sighs,
mourning and
weeping in this
vale of tears.

Turn then, most
gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of
mercy toward us,
and after this our
exile, show unto us
the blessed fruit of
thy womb, Jesus,
O merciful, O
loving, O sweet
Virgin Mary!

Amen.

Congratulations to the following students who have received Awards at our School Assembly on Friday 28th August.

Principal Award

Alyssa (1R), Riley (1W), Sienna (2R), Cailie (2W), Kayleigh (3R), Sonny (3W), Kiesha (4R), Suhavi (4W), Auriel (5R), Brooke-Lee (5W), Elijah (6R), Arthur (6W)

MacKillop Award

Lachlan (1R), Ayden (1W), Angel (2R), Daniel (2W), Riley (3R), Dania (3W), Julian (4R), Ryan (4W), Tiana (5R), Jeselle (5W), Ryan (6R), Serena (6W)

Holy Spirit Award

Athyang (1R), Richa (1W), Lynden (2R), Cansin (2W), Enoch (3R), Kristen (3W), Xavier (4R), Jayden (4W), Chloe (5R), George (5W), Jack (6R), Thomas (6W)

Joke of the Day

Q. What goes Ha! Ha! Ha! Plop?

A. Someone laughing their head off!



What's Happening at Holy Spirit...

<i>Thursday 7 September</i>	<i>Kinder Liturgy of the Word ~ 12pm</i>
<i>Friday 8 September</i>	<i>Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day ~St Marys School Assembly 2:30pm</i>
<i>Monday 11 September</i>	<i>Year 5 Curriculum Taster Day - Emmaus</i>
<i>Thursday 14 September</i>	<i>Buddy Mass Year 1 & Year 4 Infants Sports Carnival</i>
<i>Friday 15 September</i>	<i>Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day ~ St Marys Augustinian Prayer 3pm</i>
<i>Thursday 21 September</i>	<i>Bush Dance & Sausage Sizzle ~ 6pm</i>
<i>Friday 22 September</i>	<i>Last day of Term 3 School resumes Monday 9 October</i>

Administration

School Fees

Parents please be advised that Term 3 fees are now **overdue** and must be finalised immediately.

This excludes parents who have made and are adhering to direct debit/BPay arrangements with the Catholic Education Office or who have notified the school office, in writing, that they will be making regular part payments

Please be advised that the school phone number has changed.

New phone number is **8886 3200**.

There will be a transition period whereby the old phone number will divert.



Student Attendance rate for last week was 93.2%
Remember every school day counts!

BACK 2 THE FUTURE

Marty wished he had 1,000,000 more legs. He darted in every direction feeling confusion on the streets of 2015, trying to get past everything at once: the hover cars, the hologram jaws and the unusual citizens. As he ran inside a bar, an old skinny man's eyes suddenly enlarged as he spotted Marty and asked, "Hey, aren't you Marty McFly?"

BY ANTHONY



Autumn Archways



An archway of beauty
drops leaves of gold,
the symbol of autumn
now on the floor.
This place,
a cherished place,
a secret place,
only known by a few.
Behind the waterfall,
and its crystal clear water,
hides the entry
to a world full of mystery and beauty.
With its ornate leaves,
and everlasting blue sky,
it's fair to call it heaven...

By Kaitlyn U

Year 6 Writing Sample continued..

Dudley Dursley should be pitied rather than blamed?

Everyone knows the famous Dudley Dursley from the fantasy series, Harry Potter. Dudley Dursley spends all his spare time terrorising kids in his neighbourhood, especially Harry Potter. We all know him as a rude, mean and selfish boy. But is it really his fault? Should we pity or blame him?

Dudley Dursley has grown up in the spotlight. He gets whatever he wants, whenever he wants, which is one of his biggest problems. In Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, Chapter 2, Dudley is celebrating his birthday. He gets a grand total of 37 presents, but it's not enough for him. He has a huge fit so his parents are forced to buy him two more presents, why? His parents have spoiled him his whole life. That's why he acts that everyone's life revolves around him. We have his parents to blame for that!

Dudley Dursley is adored by his parents. He is just perfect in his parents eyes, even calling him a 'baby angel' (p.22). A definition of a baby angel is perfect, kind hearted, selfless and beautiful. This is the complete opposite of how we see Dudley. He is rude, mean, selfish and ugly. But of course Dudley is seen as perfect by his parents. With them acting as though he is perfect, there is no room for improvements. Harry even states on page 22 that, 'Aunt Petunia obviously scented danger, too', fearing another fit by Dudley. His parents are scared of him! There is no way that they can discipline him if they are scared of how he will react. He has been raised to get whatever he wants. We have his parents to blame for that!

Dudley's parents, Vernon and Petunia Dursley, have a big influence of how Dudley behaves. On page 23, Vernon Dursley recognizes and states proudly that Dudley is 'just like his father'. I think that this statement alone proves that we really should pity Dudley. Dudley does not know right from wrong because he is simply mimicking his father. What his father does is what seems right for Dudley. We have his parents to blame for that!

Dudley Dursley has been raised by irresponsible parents. They have taught him nothing about manners and kindness. The Dursleys are so blinded that they can not see what their son has become. The people we should be blaming has to be his parents. They are the reason why we should pity Dudley Dursley.

Rowling, J.K. (26th June 1997). Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Bloomsbury, Britain

By Marina

Crystallised Night Sky



The
four
teenagers
sat

completely motionless on the hill next to the farm,
staring in awe at the incredible night sky. Dana's pale
features were overflowing with excitement, her eyes were
as big and bright as the full moon. She could see
the stars falling closer and closer, as clearly as if they
were crystallised rain drops falling from the clear
midnight sky.

BY Terina-Grace

The Sorting Hat

I wait for my name to be called. I look up in awe at the magnificent night sky. Floating candles are burning with magic and shimmering with secrets. As the new first graders are sorted into their houses, the older students surrounding me, are listening and waiting tensely as nervous thoughts rise into the air as if they were helium balloons. "Amanda Potter". I walk up, a storm of nerves and excitement brews inside me. As the Sorting Hat is placed on my head I see an ocean of heads fix their eyes on me. Suddenly a mysterious voice speaks "A strong mind, brave at heart, lots of courage, you have a hand for work, himmm.

Hard choice, you'd do well in
Ravenclaw. . . No. . . better be. . .

By Maya

Alah and the Puppy

The father and the daughter stood completely still at the park next to the shop, admiring the stray puppy. Alah's face lit up with adventurous thoughts, her eyes were as big as inflated balloons. Her father could read her mind as clearly as a psychic can tell the future.



By Caitlin J

Bush Dance Fundraiser



BUSH DANCE FUNDRAISER



Dear Parents & Carers

Our Bush Dance and Sausage Sizzle will be held on Thursday, 21st September 2017. It will begin at 6:00pm with a sausage sizzle and dancing with Mr Green and his band will commence at 7:00pm. Our bush dance will finish at 8:30pm.

Children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Children are asked to wear Jeans, T-Shirt or Flannelette, Sneakers or Boots, Cap or Hat.

To assist us with catering, please complete the order form below and return to school with payment by Friday, 15th September 2017.

Drinks will be available to purchase on the night.

- Soft Drink \$2
- Bottled Water \$1
- Popper Juice \$1

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards

Anne Hines

Principal



Sausage Sizzle – 21st September 2017

Family name _____

Child's class _____

I/We require _____ **sausage sandwiches @ \$2 each.**

Amount enclosed _____



Sausage sizzle vouchers will be sent home with your child, please bring these along on the night.