



Holy Spirit Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6 - 29 August, 2018

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to another information-filled newsletter! There is much happening at Holy Spirit this term and we hope that you really feel welcome as you join us to celebrate so many special occasions.

Tell Them From Me Survey - You spoke, we listened!

Thank you to all parents and carers who took part in our Tell them From Me survey during Term 2. Your feedback is very important to us and we have already implemented some changes / taken actions based on your comments.

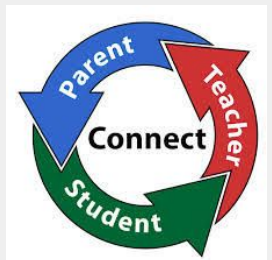


Below are some of the key findings from the survey:

- **Parents feel quite welcome**, but would like more events at times when they can attend → SO our Literacy/Numeracy Week activities have been scheduled for an evening rather than day and we are looking for further opportunities to support parents with this;
- **Parents feel informed**, but would like more information about their child's progress in school subjects → SO we invited students to be a part of the three-way interviews where they could provide information and evidence about their own progress in various KLAs (teaching them to communicate with you about their learning);

- **Parents feel the school has high expectations** for their child's success, but that we need to take into account children's needs, abilities and interests → SO we are putting greater emphasis on student voice and choice across Key Learning Areas - see Assistant Principal's Article in T3 W4 Newsletter;
- **Parents feel the school supports positive behaviour**;
- **Parents believe that their children feel safe at school**, though behaviour issues could sometimes be dealt with in a more timely manner → SO we are aiming to ensure that all issues are dealt with on the day they occur, though this is sometimes a challenge when incidents occur late in the day; and
- **Parents feel the school is inclusive**, with assistance given to all as needed.

We thank you once again for taking the time to complete the survey and hope that we can continue to work together to best meet the needs of your child while at Holy Spirit Primary School.



Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Last week we had a small team of athletes represent Holy Spirit at the Diocesan Athletics carnival. Thank you to all parents and family members who went along to support our superstars who did their very best in the various events on the day. A special congratulations must go to Abby Hile, who finished 3rd in Long Jump, with a personal best of 3.89 m. She will now represent Holy Spirit and the Diocese at the MacKillop Athletics Championships on Monday, 24 September. Good luck, Abby!

Dance Fever Fun Day

Last Friday we spent a lovely day together - parents, students, teachers and the Dance Fever Crew. The children had a wonderful time as they participated in the many activities prepared for us by Dance Fever. They jumped, balanced, wheeled and tugged their way through a range of activities, not letting the wet start to the day dampen their spirits. We hope you had a wonderful day and that you were able to share either recess or lunch with your child/ren. We had lots of very excited children on the day.



Thank you also to the team from Dance Fever, who “donated” their time to provide this Fun Day for our students. [Please click here to read and see more.](#)

Netball Gala Day

Yesterday we attended the Netball Gala Day with 2 teams of Stage 2 students and 3 teams of Stage 3 students. All teams played well, demonstrating great maturity and a very responsible attitude, while at the same time having a great day.

One of our 12 girls teams came first (undefeated), while the other team also played very well, but did not place. Our 10 year old girls also did very well. All parents were extremely helpful and their assistance was appreciated



Thank you to Mrs Green and Miss McPhillips for selecting and training the teams, as well as to all parents who assisted on the day. A special thank you to Mrs Brglevski, Mrs Moore, Mr Borg, Mrs Murray, Mrs Grieve and Ainsley Baxter for assisting with our teams. [Click here to see more images.](#)

Not Just Stars on the Field - CAPTIVATE!



Last Tuesday and Wednesday evening a team of budding young dancers from Holy Spirit took part in the 10th Anniversary celebration of CAPTIVATE. Thank you to Mrs Barros and Miss Grant, who helped choreograph the dance, supervised rehearsals and supported the team both evenings. They have both reported how well-behaved the children from our school were, both while participating in their part of the performance and while being spectators for the rest of the troupe! What great ambassadors for our school!



Good News Continues - Voice of Youth

Last week Mrs Figuero and myself had the pleasure of undertaking an extremely challenging task - selecting just 3 finalists and one reserve from a very talented group of finalists for the public speaking competition in our Diocese, Voice of Youth! We listened to very passionate speeches from Abby, Adeng, Aurielle, Caiollin, Christian, Eloise, Holly, Isabella B, Isabella H and Jeselle. Their topics were diverse, ranging from Women's Sports to Cancer Awareness to Living with a Toddler, and many more. Unfortunately, we could choose just 3 representatives for our school, and they were Adeng, Caiollin and Eloise, with Abby the reserve for the team. These young ladies will represent our school at the Voice of Youth competition this coming Friday, 31 August. Their grade colleagues will be in attendance to support our orators. We wish them all the very best as they compete in what I am sure will be a very tough competition.

Father's Day Stall

Please remember that our Father's Day Stall will be open on Wednesday, 29 August for the children in 4R only, with other grades able to purchase a special gift on Thursday, 30 August. Please remember to bring your money!

Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy



Although our Year 6 children will be attending the Voice of Youth competition, this will not be until after they have joined us to celebrate our wonderful fathers, grandfathers and male carers. Please make sure you come along and join us for our thanksgiving BBQ, with your children, from 7:30 am until 8:50 am. This will be followed by a liturgy to celebrate the gift of our fathers, grandfathers and male carers. This will take place in the MPA at 9:00 am. We would love to see as many fathers and carers as possible there on Friday. In order to assist with catering purposes, can you please complete this [form](#).

Liturgy - Farewell Sr Narelle

Our Father's Day liturgy will incorporate a special farewell to our wonderful Sr Narelle, who has been an integral part of the Holy Spirit community for the past 13 years. We wish her all the very best as she journeys forward on the next part of her mission to the blessed community of John the Evangelist in Dapto. Sr Narelle will be greatly missed by all in our community, but we know that she will be warmly welcomed into her new community. We will miss her kind words and her good counsel. May God always bless you and keep you in the palm of his hands, Sr Narelle.



Assembly

Our Father's Day breakfast and liturgy will be immediately followed by our assembly. Please make sure you remain for this event as we continue to celebrate our fathers and the great work of the amazing children in our care. I especially hope many of our fathers and male carers get to share in this celebration as I know how difficult it often is for them to be present at our assemblies.

Fight for a Farmer

Amidst the hectic pace of life at Holy Spirit this week we have tried to raise our children's awareness of social justice and the plight of others through our 'Fight for a Farmer' appeal. Teachers have been working with students to enhance their understanding of the plight of our farmers and our Christian call to action. This social justice initiative aims to both support our farmers and educate our children.



Please support this very worthy cause. Children can come dressed as a farmer or a farm animal on Friday, donating a 'fiver' for the privilege. All money collected will be donated directly to farmers. We understand this may be difficult for some families who have multiple children, so we have capped donations at \$10 for 2 or more children. Thank you once again for your generosity for those who are less fortunate than ourselves at this time.

Literacy/Numeracy/Book Week Celebrations

The business of the school week continues next week, with our Literacy/Numeracy/Book Week celebrations taking place on Wednesday, 5 September. You are invited to join us as we celebrate this time of learning, from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm.

The theme for this year is "Find your Treasure" and students are invited to wear a costume for the evening performance. Children may come dressed as their favourite book character, a reader, or something to do with this year's theme. Children are also welcome to wear their costume during the day on Wednesday.



Upon arrival at school can you please take your child to the door of the MPA, then wait for the performance to begin (around the perimeter of the COLA - space will be marked out). After the performance in the COLA parents will collect their child/ren from their teacher, proceeding to our EXPO of learning in the MPA.

Parent parking will be available in the school carpark or on Todd Row. The Moore Street gate will be closed. Thank you for your co-operation.

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life threatening allergic condition, with a number of children in our school at risk of anaphylactic reactions to food such as peanuts, nutella, etc. The school aims to implement practical strategies to reduce exposure to known allergens by encouraging a "No sharing or trading of food" practice in all areas of the school. However, it would assist all students if children did NOT bring nut-based products, such as Nutella or nut bars, to school please. We thank you in anticipation of your support.

Toilet Project Completed

Our new toilet building has now been completed. We ask that parents use the disabled toilet, which has been allocated for the use of adults and siblings on the evening of our performance. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

School Photos

Last Thursday, 23 August, we were visited by photographers from CEDP, who come to Holy Spirit Primary School to take current photos of our children for publishing purposes. Thank you for ensuring that your child was neatly attired and groomed on this day. Please keep an eye on our website for updated photos!



Naplan Trials - Week 6

Next Year we will be moving to online testing for NAPLAN, so this week our Year 3 and Year 5 children undertook online Naplan trials in order to help eliminate any glitches that may become apparent as a result of the trials.

Fundraising Disco - 21 September (Friday W9)



On Friday, 21 September, we will be holding a school disco for the children. We will have 2 sessions - 4:30 - 6:00 pm for Infants and 6:00 - 7:30 pm for Primary (Y3-6). Please save the date. Further details to follow.

Return and Earn

Across the rest of this term and Term 4 Holy Spirit will be involved in the Return and Earn initiative. Through this initiative we aim to promote stewardship of our environment, working to raise student awareness of how to help the environment. We ask that families take this opportunity to support this school fundraising initiative. Families simply need to take their bottles and/or cans to a Reverse Vending Machine, collect a voucher and bring this to the office (we will have a box available for vouchers). The school can then redeem these vouchers at Woolworths for cash.

Please visit the [return and earn website](#) for more information about the scheme. As this unit connects with a Year 4 unit of work, Year 4 students will be promoting this initiative. Please stay tuned for further information about what can be recycled and where.

Formation - Staff Dev't Day - 28 Sept (Fri W10)

On the last day of this term, 28 September, we will be holding a Staff Development Day. Could you please arrange to have your children cared for on this day? Thank you.

Website

Please visit our website [Latest News](#) page regularly to see what's happening at Holy Spirit.

A thought for you ...



... imagine the possibilities if we did this

THINK deeply

REFLECT on the possibilities

ACT in a way to achieve the most good

CHANGE our habits to improve the world

Mrs Frances Garzaniti (Principal)

World Youth Day Raffle Tickets

As you may be aware, World Youth Day will be taking place in Mexico, Panama and the USA in January, 2019. In order to help subsidise the cost for pilgrims from our Diocese, we are asking for your support in selling raffle tickets. Books of 10 raffle tickets will be available for collection from our office. Tickets cost \$2 each.

There are some great prizes to be won, including a car, i-phone Xs, ipad mini, cash, gift cards and an Apple watch. See flyer below.



The flyer is for a 'FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019'. It features a bright orange background. At the top, there are logos for 'CYF CATHOLIC YOUTH PARRAMATTA' and 'WYD PANAMA 2019'. The title 'FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019' is in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, a list of prizes is provided, each with its donor. A central graphic shows a silver Mazda2 car, a smartphone, and a gift card. A circular badge says 'DRAWN at LIFTED LIVE on 27th October 2018'. A red starburst says 'TICKETS \$2ea'. At the bottom, the Diocese of Parramatta logo is shown, along with contact information for Michael Mendieta. A small privacy notice is at the very bottom.

1st Prize: Mazda2, 5 Door Automatic, Registered
Supplied by **Parramatta** (02) 4732 2777

2nd Prize: **COSMOS**, \$2000 Gift Card
Donated by Cosmos – can be used on any Cosmos coach tour for travel in 2019. This value prize cannot be used towards any WYD 2019 pilgrimage. The value cannot be transferred to cash

3rd Prize: New iPhone X
4th Prize: New iPhone X
5th Prize: New iPhone X
Donated by **Secure Agility**
INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

6th Prize: Apple iPad Mini
Donated by **Campion College Australia**

7th Prize: Cash Prize of \$500
Donated by **Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu**

8th Prize: \$500 Westfield Gift Card
Donated by **Automated Control Solutions**

9th Prize: Apple Watch
Donated by **Catholic Church Insurance**

10th Prize: \$100 Event Cinemas Gift Card
Donated by **The Catholic Foundation**

DRAWN
at **LIFTED LIVE**
on 27th October 2018

TICKETS \$2ea

DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

For tickets and further information please contact
Michael Mendieta: MMendieta@parra.catholic.org.au

Privacy: All information collected will be securely stored and protected by the Diocesan Fundraising Office, The Catholic Foundation. Visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au for the full disclosure.

So please support World Youth Day pilgrims by collecting a book of raffle tickets from our office or by calling or sending in a note asking for a book to be sent home with your child.

What's Happening at Holy Spirit

Thursday 30 August

- 4R CARES Excursion
- Father's Day Stall

Friday 31 August

- Father's Day BBQ Breakfast ~ 7:30 am
- Father's Day Liturgy & Assembly ~ 9:00 am
- Year 6 Voice of Youth Cluster Final
- Fight for a Farmer Fundraiser ~ \$5 donation or \$10 per family

Tuesday 4 September

- Early Bird Reading ~ 8:30 am
- 4R Reconciliation ~ 11:30 am

Wednesday 5 September

- Early Bird Reading ~ 8:30 am
- 4W Reconciliation ~ 11:30 am
- Literacy/Numeracy/Book Week Expo ~ 7:00 pm

Friday 7 September

- Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day
- Augustinian Prayer ~ 3 pm

Tuesday 11 September

- Early Bird Reading ~ 8:30 am

Wednesday 12 September

- Early Bird Reading ~ 8:30 am

Thursday 13 September

- Kinder Liturgy of the Word ~ 12 pm

Friday 14 September

- School Assembly ~ 2:30 pm

Note for your calendar ~ Upcoming Staff Development Day

- Friday 28 September

Prayer

Loving God,

*We pray for the land we
hear the promise you have
spoken in Isaiah of the
refreshment of the
creation, of water in the
desert, of renewal for the
land, of hope, of life.*

*Please, loving God, bring
rain to renew the ground,
to replenish our dams, to
bring some chance of feed,
to bring the possibility of
some reward to those who
have toiled so hard.*

*We turn to you in faith
and hope. We pray for
our community. We pray
for all those who lives
are under the shadow of
drought.*

*We offer this prayer in
the name of Jesus.*

Amen

From the Assistant Principal

From **Term 1, 2019** implementation commences for the new *Science and Technology K-6 Syllabus* (2017) for Early Stage 1 to Stage 3. Key features will include an emphasis on design and production as well as the inclusion of the use of Digital Technologies.

Teachers will be familiarising themselves with the new document and planning the implementation for next year.

During the course of primary school, students will investigate how digital technology can be used to capture, represent and transmit data and how to use digital solutions using computational thinking skills.

Children are already using ICT (Information and Communication Technology) skills in key learning areas. The concept of Digital Technologies will build on and extend on their ICT skills, moving students from consumers to creators.

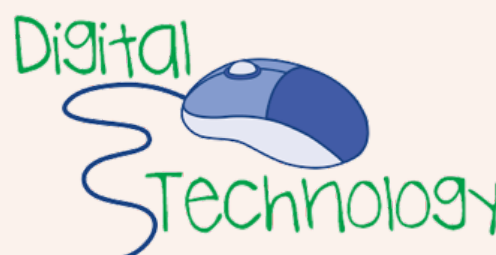
Incorporating Digital Technologies into areas of learning assists students to become **confident developers** of digital solutions.

Teachers will use a model of **Guided Inquiry** which guides students to investigate and then apply their understanding to design a solution to a problem. Children will be introduced to skills in Early Stage 1 and continue to build on skills and knowledge as they progress through school.

Skills that will be built on include:

- Coding language
- Computational thinking
- Application to real life
- Problem solving
- Collaborative work
- Creative thinking

We will continue to inform parents of this process as we work towards implementation for 2019.



Dress as a farmer or
farm animal and join
in on all the fun!

Donate \$5 per student
or \$10 per family to
dress up!

\$5 can make a real
difference

FIGHT FOR A FARMER

The farmers are in
drought and they need
our help!

To save the crops!
To save the animals!
To save our land!



Friday 31 August



FATHER'S DAY

BBO

BREAKFAST



Friday
31st
August

7:30am to 8:45am

Bring Dad, Grandad or someone special



Father's Day RAFFLE



1ST PRIZE

Round of
Golf for 2 at
Twin Creeks
Golf Club

Twin Creeks
golf & country club

Tickets are \$1 each
and for sale at the
Father's Day Stall and
Breakfast BBQ.

PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN ON
FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST, 2018

2ND PRIZE

BUNNINGS
warehouse

\$50.00 voucher

3RD PRIZE

LEAF  CAFÉ
E.C.O.

\$50.00 voucher
Leaf Café - St Clair

4TH PRIZE

\$20 voucher at
The Groomsmen
Westfield Penrith
(3 to win)

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

2019 *Sacramental Preparation*

CONFIRMATION (Year 5)

- Parent Information & Catechesis Meeting
 - ♦ Mon, 4 Feb @ 9.30am (1 hr)
 - ♦ Wed, 6 Feb @ 7.30pm (1 hr)
- Preparation Sessions will be held during the month of February (3 weeks)
- Confirmation Masses: 2-3 March 2019 (**TO BE CONFIRMED**)

*(Early bookings can be made in December by sending an email to the Parish Office.
Bookings will be confirmed at the Information & Preparation Sessions)*

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4)

- Parent Information & Catechesis Meeting
 - ♦ Mon, 6 May @ 9.30am (1 hr)
 - ♦ Wed, 8 May @ 7.30pm (1 hr)
- Preparation Sessions will be held during the month of May (3 weeks)
- First Communion Masses: 1-2, 15-16, 22-23 June 2019

*(Early bookings can be made in December by sending an email to the Parish Office.
Bookings will be confirmed at the Information & Preparation Sessions)*

FIRST RECONCILIATION (Year 3)

- Parent Information & Catechesis Meeting
 - ♦ Mon, 29 July @ 9.30am (1 hr)
 - ♦ Wed, 31 July @ 7.30pm (1 hr)
- Preparation Sessions will be held during the month of August (3 weeks)
- First Reconciliation: late August 2019
- Thanksgiving Mass: 14-15 September 2019

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

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