

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend the recent Parent Information Evenings. Our parent information sessions were well attended and demonstrate the importance that you as parents place on working together to educate your child.

A reminder of some key points:

Behaviour

Please note that children need to keep the school rules "I am safe, I am a learner, I am respectful" and act safely and appropriately at school to enable them to attend school excursions and 'out of school sporting events'.

Uniform

Children are to wear correct school uniform including school hat each day. Children are not to colour their hair or have radical or exaggerated hairstyles.

Be Punctual

The start of the school day is key learning time. To set your child up for success children need to arrive at school on time, line up with their class and be ready for a day of learning. Duty at school begins at 8:20am. Children who arrive before this time are unsupervised and are to sit near the office area.

Toilets

Parents, carers and visitors, for child protection, are asked not to use the children's toilets. If you need to use the facilities please ask at the school office.

Kind Regards

Anne Hines
Principal

Open Day

If you have a child starting school in 2017 or know of someone who does, please join our 'Open morning' on Monday 7th March at 9:30am or 'Open afternoon' at 3:30pm.

Diary Dates: Catholic School Week

You are warmly invited to attend the school on Friday 4th March at 10:15am to visit classrooms. This will be followed by a morning tea for parents and carers on the library verandah. At 11:30am each grade will perform an item in the MPA.

There will be a book fair in the library as well. On Thursday 10th March we will celebrate our opening school Mass at 10:15am in the parish church. Please join us for these events.

Term 1, Week 4
17 February 2016

Prayer 4B

Dear Lord,

*Thank you for
giving up your life
for us.*

*Help us to
remember in Lent
to become more
like you by putting
money in the
Project
Compassion box,
helping others and
praying more.*

*We ask for your
guidance always.*

Amen



Sports Uniform Change for Year 4 and Year 2

Students in Year 4 are asked to wear their sports uniform Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students in Year 2 are asked to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Coffee and Chat

On Monday 22nd February at 9am parents and carers from Stage 2 and Stage 3 are welcome to join Mrs Hines for a 'coffee and chat' in the MPA. Hope you can make it.

School Committee

Our first school committee meeting for the year will be held at 7pm in the school library on Tuesday 23rd February. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Captivate

Captivate Commercial Dance Ensemble is a FREE performing arts initiative of the Parramatta Catholic Diocese. It is a dance ensemble made up of Year 3-12 students from our various schools that all have one thing in common - they love to dance. We can cater for various abilities. Students have the opportunity to work with industry professionals and work towards performance opportunities. CDE perform at various community, corporate, charity and sporting events and have an absolute ball with their new found friends from other schools.

We rehearse every Friday during the school term 4.30pm-7.00pm at St Agnes, Evans Rd, Rooty Hill.

If anybody is interesting in being a part of this ensemble or would like more information please contact Peta Markham-Ward on 0409 399 440 or pmarkham@parra.catholic.edu.au. You can also join their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CAPIVATECommericalDance> to stay up to date with various initiatives that are held throughout the year that you can be involved in.

Learning Matters

During the last week many parents attended the Parent Information Evening. Just you being there sends positive messages to your children. You're saying that you are interested in their education, you want them to succeed and you are there to help them and support them and that education and learning are important to you. This positive attitude is contagious and your child will bring this mindset to their learning community.

A positive attitude acts as a motivation for the students, is a very important part in the learning cycle and is a contributing factor in achievement and school. Teachers use strategies to increase motivation and develop positive attitudes in the classroom.

Mrs Hines and I have been visiting the classrooms and seeing these strategies at work. Teachers are constantly giving praise and acknowledgement of achievement. Children know exactly what they need to do in each lesson because the "Success Criteria" is discussed at the beginning of a session and visible to the class. Success Criteria are statements that describe what success looks like when the learning goal is reached. They are specific, concrete and measureable. There's no guesswork involved. The children know that if they want to be successful they need to check the requirements stated in the Success Criteria and aim to complete them. Children are constantly praised for their efforts and small and large steps are celebrated.

The learning community must have an attitude where if mistakes are made they must be seen as an opportunity from which to learn. Children need to have confidence in themselves to be able to have a go in the knowledge that if they don't get it right first time, or even second, no one will laugh at them and someone will be there to give them direction and support. That doesn't change as you get older. Throughout our lives we travel the learning curve, hopefully with people around us who will offer support and encouragement.

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

Administration

Help Wanted

The office staff are asking for your help to wash the blankets and ice pack covers from our sick bay. You would be required to collect the washing on Friday afternoon (or your child can collect it) and return it to school on Monday morning. There is no ironing involved. If you can assist please contact the school office.



Council Car Park

Parents when you are parking in the council car park (off Moore Street) please ensure you park towards the back fence so that access to the exits is not blocked. Also please be mindful to other parents when parking that you allow enough space for them to exit their parking spot and do not block their way.

Glasses Found

A pair of reading glasses were found in the MPA after last week's Ash Wednesday liturgy. If you have lost a pair of glasses please contact the school office.

School Office

Parents and carers are asked to be mindful of the disruption that dropping off homework, drink bottles, hats, readers etc does to the school office and learning time. Parents please try and make your child responsible by ensuring they have everything they need for their day at school. We understand morning times can be rushed and things are forgotten but try packing their bag the evening before ready for the next day.

School Uniform

Parents are reminded to clearly label your child's uniform. We have an increasing number of children losing items of clothing especially school hats.

Parents are also asked to check you child's bag on a regular basis in case they take home another child's uniform by mistake. If this occurs please send the item back to school with your student. This can be handed to the school office or class teacher.

School Hours

School starts at 8:50am and concludes at 3:10pm. Please be punctual in bringing your children to school and collecting them of an afternoon.

Sports Days

Parents please find below updated Sports Days for 2016

Kindergarten - Tuesday & Friday

Year 1 - Wednesday & Friday

Year 2 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 - Tuesday & Thursday

School Committee Meeting
Tuesday 23 February 7.00pm
in the Library
All Welcome

Community News



ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE
'Dominus Lux Mea' The Lord Is My Light

Liberating Hearts and Minds

2016 College Open Day
Sunday 6th of March

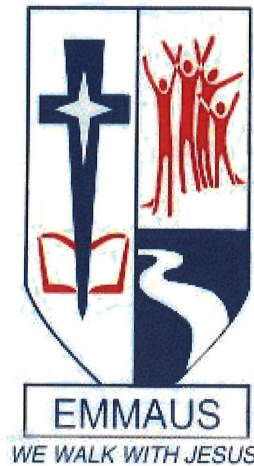
St Dominic's College invites you to join us for our Annual Open Day

Morning session starts at 10:00am followed by a tour of the College at 10:30am
 Afternoon session starts at 12:30pm followed by a tour of the College at 1:00pm

Enrolments for 2017 are now open




St Dominic's College 54-94 Gascoigne Street Kingswood NSW 2747 ABN 12 838 505 432
 Tel: 02 4731 1933 | Fax: 02 4721 0166 | Email: info@stdominics.nsw.edu.au | www.stdominics.nsw.edu.au



Emmaus Catholic College

OPEN NIGHT
Wednesday 9th March, 2016

Come at 4pm for 1st tour and then presentation at 6pm OR come at 6pm for presentation then 2nd tour at 6.30 pm

Students and families from Years 5 and 6 are particularly welcome. Enrolment Applications for 2017 will be available that evening. For further details, please contact Mrs Biermann or Mrs Schembri at the College on 9670 4588

87-109 Bakers Lane, Kemps Creek

Please check our Parent noticeboard in the MPA for upcoming events.

Upcoming dates...

Thursday 18 February
 Buddy Mass 5B & 2CV
 9am

Friday 19 February
 Whole School Assembly
 2.30pm - Welcome
 Kinders

Monday 22 February
 Stage 2 & Stage 3 Coffee
 and Chat—9am with Mrs
 Hines

Tuesday 23 February
 Nepean Zone Swimming
 Carnival

School Committee Meeting
 7.00pm

Wednesday 24 February
 Parent Scripture Meditation
 8.50am

Thursday 25 February
 Stage 3 Mass 12.00pm

Diocesan Swimming
 Carnival

Friday 26 February
 Augustinian Prayer 3.00pm

Wednesday 2 March
 Parent Scripture Meditation
 8.50am

Thursday 3 March
 Buddy Mass Year 3 9.00am

Friday 4 March
 Catholic School Week
 Assembly 11.30am

Book Fair



STEPPING BEYOND

A Support Group for
 Separated or Divorced Adults



STEPPING BEYOND is a Process/Personal Exploration Group. It is a monthly gathering for men and women who are separated or divorced. Through facilitated group interaction opportunity is given to individuals to address issues that arise as a result of changed life circumstances and ongoing adjustments. Emphasis is on personal awareness and self-development.

Facilitators: Rita Chater
 Philippa Ford

Date: Last Tuesday of each month - (Feb—Nov)
 Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm
 Fee: \$5.00
 Venue: CCSS Centre Blacktown
 38 Prince St (cnr First Ave)
 Blacktown

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
 Solo Parent Services
 Phone 8822 2222
 soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



Focus Questions for Personal Exploration and Sharing

- How well are you "stepping beyond"?
- What do you want to "step beyond"?
- What are you currently "stepping beyond"?
- What is stopping you from "stepping beyond"?
- What have you learnt as you keep "stepping beyond"?

7-17 Todd Row
ST CLAIR NSW 2759
Phone: 02 9670 5379
Fax: 02 9834 3209
E-mail:
holyspirit@parra.catholic.edu.au
Web address:
www.hsstclair.catholic.edu.au