

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Monday myself and the four school captains attended a student leadership day at Olympic Park together with over 1000 student leaders from across Sydney. The day focussed on the importance of leadership as being an opportunity to have a positive impact on others.

Key messages from the day were:

To be a good leader we should strive to be generous, responsible people of integrity. To be a leader one doesn't have to wear a badge, just possess a willingness to influence younger students, peers and the wider community in a positive way.



Kind regards
Anne Hines
Principal

Easter Break

School will conclude for students on Wednesday 23rd March. Students return to school on Tuesday 29th March.

Easter Egg Raffle

Each family is asked to donate an easter egg towards our Easter Raffle. Please send the eggs to school by Friday 18th March. Raffle tickets are to be returned to school by early next week. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 23rd March.

Staff Development Day

There will be a staff development day on Thursday 24th March – this is a pupil free day. This is a day when the teachers come together for learning and planning. Please make arrangements for your children on this day.

School Holidays Term 1

School will conclude on Friday 8th April and return on Tuesday 26th April.

Learning Tips at Home

IN THE CAR

- Use describing words for speed and direction, fast, slow, rapid, turning, slowing down. Use your voice to reflect speed, and try new words such as accelerating and reversing.
- Count the number of red cars, green cars, and yellow cars.
- Count trucks and buses.
- Look for street signs that begin with a particular letter.
- Recognise symbols, traffic signs, and numbers on number plates.
- Challenge your child to spell their name by spotting a number plate or street sign that has the first letter, then the second and so on, until they have all the letters required for their name.

Term 1, Week 8

16 March 2016

Prayer 6H

Dear God,

In this year of mercy.

We pray that we will be loving and caring students who give back to the community through serving others.

We pray that we will become more compassionate towards others by putting their needs before our own.

Let us show mercy as we follow in your footsteps.

Amen

Just a reminder that Friday 18

March will be the last day before school photos that the uniform shop is open. Please ensure your child has full correct summer uniform.

Uniform operating hours:
Friday - 8:45am-9:30am



- Keep familiar picture books for long travel and ask children to read or tell you about the story.
- Spot something beginning with a letter of the alphabet. After five successful spots, change the letter.
- Count bus stops, train stations, traffic lights.

IN THE SUPERMARKET

- Use size words such as many, few, bigger, less, heavier.
- Use describing words such as ripe, tinned, packet, frozen, or words such as delicious, fresh, healthy, junk, filling, sweet, sour or spicy.
- Write down the items needed and encourage your child to copy the letters from your list to their list.
- Count how many bottles, tins, and packets in the trolley.
- Count pieces of fruit and total how many are in the bag.
- Encourage children to help you carefully place items on the check out counter and name each item as they do so.
- Ask your child to tell you which aisle number you are currently in.
- Talk about volume and which containers hold more.
- Let your child carry the list as you shop and read out as many product names as possible, ignoring pronunciation.
- Hand items to children before they are put in the trolley, and ask them to check the use by date.
- Ask your child to help you read the labels, for instance low-fat, polyunsaturated, high fibre, and take these opportunities to explain about healthy eating and nutrition information.
- Count fruit and match fruit to price signs.
- Involve your child in unpacking groceries and checking off items on the docket.
- Get your child to help you calculate items, for example, ask your child how many bananas they think you might need if everyone in the family ate one banana a day for a week.

Learning Matters

Dear Parents,

As you are well aware the teachers at Holy Spirit are focused on improving the Reading ability of all the children. So with this in mind our “Early Bird Reading Program” will begin in **Week 2** of next term.

In brief this involves readers and tutors meeting in the MPA at about 8:30am. The older children will listen to their younger buddies read. Cards will be stamped to keep a check of how many times the children attend the sessions during the term. Certificates will be issued to children who consistently attend. Teachers will be supervising the session. This is not a compulsory activity but it is another way of practicing and consolidating reading skills.

This will be a new experience for our Kindergarten children. We found last year that Kindergarten were very enthusiastic and had their readers ready for Early Bird Reading.

*The Early Bird Reading Days will be **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**.*

*It takes place in our **Multi Purpose Area**.*

*We begin **at 8:30am** and must **finish by 8:45am** so that teachers who are helping with this extra supervision are able to get back to their classes when the bell goes. It is very disappointing to have to turn children away but unfortunately this does happen when children arrive after 8:45am.*

Parents, this is a commitment on your part as well. You will need to have your child at school in enough time to complete the reading of a book or a chapter of the book.

We welcome children from all grades to be readers and tutors. Year 3 are in the middle of their primary education but are enthusiastic to be tutors. With this in mind we will ask Year 3 to read to an older student and then they may read with a Kindy or Year 1 child. Therefore, Year 3 students are able to be a reader and a tutor!

As well as improving reading skills the children will be making friends with students from other grades and they will hopefully see that we are a learning community, here to help one another.

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal

Book Fair

Thank you for another very successful Book Fair! In this hi-tech age it's wonderful to see how much excitement can still be generated by the humble book.

We sold approximately \$8,300 worth of books on the day and the commission to the school is 20% of that total in cash, making it a very profitable day.

Beyond financial profits though, the day generated lots of happy vibes for the children, and everyone else involved. The success of the Book Fair indicates the value we place on literature and literacy here at Holy Spirit. Thank you for your good will, generous support and participation.

A special note of thanks to all those wonderful parents and teachers who helped out with selling and supervision on the day, your assistance is appreciated more than you could know!

Many thanks.

Lorraine Alexander
Teacher Librarian



Second Hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a Second Hand uniform sale on Monday 21 March 9:30am-10:30am 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.

Sports News - Swimming

Zone Carnival

On Tuesday, 23rd February the following students represented the school at the Zone Carnival at Glenbrook Pool.

Thomas, Jake, Elise, Elijah, Izaac, Gabriel, Allison, Janelle, Rosina, Jarred, Hayley R, Che-James, Jorgiah, Hayley, S, Piper, Annika, Cameron and Isaac.

All students performed well and some great results were achieved on the day. A special mention to Allison who was awarded Runner-up Age Champion on the day! What a fantastic result!

Congratulations to the following students who subsequently qualified for the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday 27th February.

Elijah	50m Backstroke
Allison	100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly, 200m IM
Annika	50m Breaststroke
Cameron	100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly, 200m IM

Best wishes to Allison who qualified for the 200m IM at the NSWPCS Carnival next month.



School Photos - Wednesday 23rd March

School Photos will be taken on **Wednesday, 23 March** from 8.50am. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time and is correctly attired in **full summer school uniform**.

Envelopes were sent home with your child last week. Please see flyer below for packages (flyer found within envelope). Sibling Photo envelopes are available from the office.

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- Credit Card—processed online. If you pay online you **DO NOT** need to complete and return the photo envelope.
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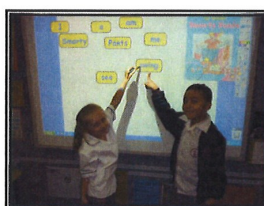
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Enrolments 2017



Enrolment packages for Kindergarten 2017 will be available from the school office from Monday, 7 March 2016. All forms need to be returned by Friday, 29th April 2016.

Please ensure forms are filled out correctly, signed by both parents and returned with enrolment fee, original Birth, Baptism and Immunisation Certificates. If both parents are born outside Australia or the child was not born in Australia, we need to sight the Citizenship Certificate.

If you would like an enrolment package sent home either for your child, or the child of a friend or relative, please complete the form below and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

2017 ENROLMENT PACKAGE

Please send home an enrolment package for my child, friend or relative

Name of prospective student: _____

Contact details of family seeking enrolment: _____

Please send package home with: _____ (child's name)

Class: _____

Community News



29th Annual Penrith Working TRUCK SHOW
Sunday 20th March 2016
8am - 4pm
 Presentations 4pm - 5pm

Australia's Best Value Family Day

THE BEST IN COUNTRY MUSIC
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• Direct access from Penrith Station
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 • BBQ, drinks & beer tents
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 must be with an adult
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 The Museum is a registered charity and all funds raised are directed towards saving our
 families from the dangers of fire while preserving the heritage of our community.

www.pwts.com.au

Easter Triduum

24 March, HOLY THURSDAY
 Morning Prayer, Church, 9am
 Mass of the Lord's Supper, Church, 7.30pm
 Night Prayer, Church, 10pm

25 March, GOOD FRIDAY
 Stations of the Cross, Emmaus College, 10am
 Passion of the Lord, Church, 3pm

26 March, HOLY SATURDAY
 Morning Prayer, Church, 9am
 Easter Vigil, Church, 7.30pm

27 March, EASTER SUNDAY
 Mass, Church, 8am
 Mass, Church, 9.30am
NOTE: No 6pm Mass on Sun 27 March

For more info, contact Parish Office:
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm

Can you give an hour a week to help someone who is lonely? **Compeer** within the St Vincent de Paul Society matches volunteers in friendship with people living with a mental illness. Your supportive friendship can make a real and long-lasting difference to your friend's quality of life by reducing the stigma associated with mental illness and providing an opportunity to enjoy social outings together.

Compeer volunteers spend one hour per week for 12 months with their new friend enjoying social activities in your local area (eg catching up over a coffee or taking a walk in the park – you can both decide together what you would like to do each week). No experience necessary as full training and support is provided.

Due to our waiting list for participants in need of a friend, Compeer is currently recruiting male and female volunteers aged 45 years and over. For more information please phone Cathleen on 8622 0303,

Upcoming dates...

Thursday 17 March
 Buddy Mass—4S & 1T 9am

Stage 3 IMAX excursion

Friday 18 March
 School Assembly 2:30pm

Monday 21 March
 Second Hand uniform sale
 in MPA 9:30am-10:30am

Wednesday 23 March
 Parent Scripture Meditation

Easter Raffle drawn

School Photos

Thursday 24 March
 Staff Development Day - no
 classes on this day

Wednesday 30 March
 Parent Scripture Meditation

Thursday 31 March
 Buddy Mass 6H & KC 9am

Friday 1 April
 School Assembly - Easter
 Celebration 2:30pm



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There are no classes on
this day.

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