

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. It was a difficult start considering the adjustments that had to be made because of the severe weather conditions. Thank you for assisting during this time.

Easter and ANZAC Day Remembrance

Thank you to the Year 6 children who helped us to reflect on the Easter Mystery and ANZAC Day. It was a reverent and prayerful celebration that was highlighted by some beautiful poems written by our Year 6 students. Thank you to Ms Brooker for coordinating this prayer.

Mother's Day

Sunday, 10th May is Mother's Day. We wish all our mothers and grandmothers a very happy day.

The Holy Spirit Primary School community will celebrate this in a special way on Friday, 8th May.

- 9:15am Mother's Day Liturgy in the MPA
- Morning Tea on the verandah of the Library
- Followed by the Mother's Day Stall (Just for the children!)

We would like to thank all the Year 4 parents for organising the Mother's Day Stall. It takes effort and time to do this, especially to wrap over 300 gifts.

*As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.
Isaiah 66:13*

Lord, you know a mother's heart. You know the panic in the middle of the night when the fever won't go down. You know the butterflies in the stomach when the school bus pulls up to the curb, and a little one heads off to kindergarten.

Bless all mothers, Lord. Give them your wisdom and encouragement throughout their busy day, and when the day is over, give them peace and blessed rest.

Naplan

Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the Naplan assessments between Tuesday, 12th May and Thursday, 14th May. A letter will go home to the parents of children from these grades outlining more details later in the week. The tests will look at the children's literacy and numeracy skills. We wish the children the best of luck.

School Committee Meeting

This term's school committee meeting will be next Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Library. We look forward to seeing you there.

Easter Raffle

Thank you for supporting the Easter Raffle. There were over 100 prizes and a total of \$865 was raised. Thank you to the Year 6 parents who coordinated this event.

Term 2, Week 2

29 April 2015

Prayer 3G

Dear Lord,

Please help me to
use my eyes to
see new friends.

Open my ears to
hear my teacher.

Open my mind to
learn new things.

Let my heart
remember you are
near when I am
afraid.

Help me to love
others like you
do.

Amen



Early Bird Reading

Early Bird Reading will begin this week. All children are welcome to be involved as a Reader or a Tutor. This will be held in MPA 2 for the first part of the term. MPA 2 is located behind MPA 1. It is the shared space that Year 5 and Year 6 use.

Kindergarten, Year 1, 2 and 3 are asked to bring their readers and tutors from higher grades can listen to them. It begins at 8:30am and must end by 8:45am.

Mrs Christine Figuero
Acting Principal

Learning Matters

PBL or project-based learning are terms your child may have come home talking about. Using the Science or Human Society and its Environment outcomes, teachers create PBL units to further engage students.

In PBL the students have a driving question, which is given to them at the beginning of the unit to drive their learning towards their major project at the end.

Students work in teams to create these projects in addition to having individual and group deliverables (tasks) throughout the term.

To observe the students communicating and working collaboratively, critically analysing each other's work in a gallery walk to give constructive feedback and thinking creatively is very exciting as it is preparing them for a future where these skills are necessary to succeed.

PBL encourages students to work to their strengths and learn more about the strengths of their team as together they solve problems and synthesise to create something new!

Another important aspect of Project-based learning is public audience so please talk to your child about their learning in PBL, give feedback when they bring their project home and feel free to talk to their teachers about visiting to look at their PBL projects.

Mrs Donnalee Hughes
Acting Assistant Principal

Administration

Uniform Shop

Parents be aware that our uniform shop is run by a parent volunteer. This mum kindly volunteers her time to work in the shop. At times the uniform shop can become busy and your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

Please remember that uniform orders can be placed any day with the school office and filled on Wednesday and Friday.

Just a reminder to parents the uniform shop operating hours.

Wednesday 8.30am—9.30am
Thursday 2.30pm—3.30pm

Sports

Parents our Primary Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 11 June at Blair Athletic Oval, St Marys. The students will travel to and from the oval via bus. We are also requesting the assistance of parents as helpers. A note will be sent home later this week.

Table-a-thon

Thank you to all our parents and students for the great support given to our Table-a-thon last term. We would like to congratulate the following students on their outstanding fundraising efforts - Lynden, Sebastian, Dylan, Rosina, Aleks, Pelenaise and Kaitlin. Well done!



Fundraising

Mothers' Day Stall

On Friday 8 May we will be holding our Mothers' Day stall. We will have many gifts ranging in price from \$1.00—\$8.00 as well as Mothers' Day poems and cards. Children will be able to buy a gift for their mum or carer and once everyone has been to the stall any child wishing to purchase a second gift will be allowed to go back to the stall.



Live Life Well Tips

Water

Tap water makes the best drink!

Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here's what water has to offer:

- it is cheap and readily available
- it doesn't contain any kilojoules or sugar
- it encourages optimal function of the body

We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.

Milk

Milk is a good source of calcium, which gives children healthy bones and teeth. It is recommended that children have three serves of calcium rich foods a day. A glass of milk, a slice of cheese or a small tub of yoghurt, are each considered one serve.

Due to the high energy needs of babies and toddlers, reduced-fat milk is not suitable for children aged less than two years. However, from the age of two years, drinking too much milk can reduce a child's appetite and contribute to excess energy consumption. Therefore reduced-fat milk is recommended for children two years and over.

Message from the Parish—First Holy Communion

A reminder to parents who have had their child in Year 4, 5 or 6 complete their First Reconciliation.

Please attend a Parents Information Meeting on either Tuesday 28 April (7.30pm) or Wednesday 29 April (9.30am) in the Church.

We will talk about : The structure of the program, What to expect and Enrolment Information.

Enrolment Masses will be on Saturday 9 May or Sunday 10 May.

Community News

Post-Separation Recovery Program

A series of seven workshops which help you begin to

- deal with intense emotions
- face & accept your changed life-situation,
- attend to your grief,
- learn lessons from the past
- redefine yourself
- forgive and let go
- set new goals & rebuild on a strong foundation

The Program
Each Session led by trained Facilitators follows a set agenda including
Video Input,
Personal Reflection,
Journaling,
Large & Small Group Sharing,

Non Exploitative Non Directive Non Judgemental

Venue: Presbyterian Church Hall
150 Macquarie Rd
Springwood NSW 2777

Time: 7:30pm – 9:45 pm
Including Supper break

Dates: Seven Wednesdays
6th May – 17th June, 2015

Fee: \$80.00

Bookings essential.

Solo Parent Services
Ph. 02 9933 0205
soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

CatholicCare Social Services

Family Fun Day
Saturday 16th May 2015
10am-2pm
FREE EVENT

Autumnleaf Neighbourhood Centre
Cnr Autumnleaf Pde & Timesweep Dr St Clair

Market Stalls Face Painting Jumping Castle
Petting Zoo Craft Activities Kid's Reading Corner
Rooby Roo and much more!

Support our Youth Camp!
by purchasing from our fundraising

Sausage Sizzle
Dippin Dots Ice-Cream

For more information or to book your stall please contact the team on
9834 2708 or email info@scynt.org.au

SCYNT gratefully acknowledges support received from
Family and Community Services - Community Services

Please check our
Parent noticeboard for
upcoming events.

Marriage Education
Support and Enrichment

CatholicCare Social Services

10 Ways to Strengthen Your Marriage

You are invited to a seminar on some strategies and practical methods to enrich your marriage relationship.

Thursday 14th May 2015

7:30 to 9:00pm (followed by supper)

Venue: Pioneers Room

Holy Spirit Parish Corner Moore St & Todd Row, St Clair.



Presented by Ann O'Brien -
marriage educator and marriage
and family counsellor for
CatholicCare Social Services -
Parramatta Diocese

To Register: phone Jacinta Paulo 9670 8222 or email
admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au by 15th May for catering purpose.

Upcoming dates...

Wednesday 29 April

Early Bird Reading

Parent Literacy Workshop
9am in MPA

Friday 1 May

Parent Scripture Meditation

Tuesday 5 May

Early Bird Reading

School Committee Meeting
7pm

Diocesan Cross Country

Wednesday 6 May

Early Bird Reading

Thursday 7 May

Buddy Mass 5H & 2B 9am

Friday 8 May

Parent Scripture Meditation

Mother's Day Liturgy

9.15am followed by
Morning Tea

Mother's Day Stall

Augustinian Prayer

Tuesday 12 May

Early Bird Reading

NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5

Change of Information

Parents please be aware there was a misprint in our Term 2 calendar. NAPLAN is only completed by Years 3 and Year 5 students.

Sorry for the confusion.

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