

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the many parents who speak positively about our school. In the last few weeks I have interviewed many families seeking enrolment for kindergarten in 2017. A number of parents have expressed the desire to have their children educated at Holy Spirit because they have 'family friends' at the school and they are impressed by what they hear about Holy Spirit.

At the end of term 2 children will receive their half yearly reports. Below is a guide to help with understanding the grades A- E.

What does an E to A grade mean?

- C is the grade standard. If your child achieves a 'C' then celebrate because they are working at an appropriate level, meeting teacher's expectations.
- Obviously a 'B' or an 'A' would indicate that your child is working beyond the expected level for their grade.
- A "D" grade means that your child may be experiencing some difficulty or may need to develop some skills a little further.
- While an 'E' indicates that your child can complete set work but needs assistance to do so.

Kind regards
Anne Hines
Principal

Primary Sports Carnival

Thank you to the many parents and carers for your assistance in the success of our recent sports carnival. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

School reports will go home on Friday 24th June. After this date there will be the opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher. A large number of these interviews will be held on **Tuesday 28th June**.

Mufti Day

Last day of term – Friday 1st July will be a mufti day. Children are asked to wear sensible play clothes and closed in shoes eg joggers. Please send a gold coin with your child. The money collected will go towards the purchase of gifts for our Fathers' day stall.

Write-a-thon

Thank you to everyone who supported our write-a-thon. To date \$5,100 has been collected. To have a chance at a raffle prize please ensure all money is returned by this Friday 17th June.

Talent Quest

There is a lunch time talent quest for the children on Friday 1st July. The auditions are next Monday 20th June.

Term 2, Week 8

16 June 2016

Prayer 6W

Dear Lord,

*We pray for
those who suffer
many hardships
through life.*

*We pray for
those who are
struggling to
survive especially
those in America.*

*We pray for the
refugees who
have to flee
because of
conflict in their
country.*

Amen



Writing

Writing has been a focus of our learning this year. Please enjoy the examples of student work from their library class.

As the once calm sea shatters into raging storm, children's screams pierce the rumble of the crashing waves. Mothers wrap their arms around their children trying to shield them from harm. People were vomiting from the rash movements of the boat. Everyone was panicking and screaming so loud that even a blind man would not know that a storm was going on around him. And then, with one crashing wave, the noise was silenced.

Taj

Spines crumble as a mountain of wild sea makes the asylum seekers boat tumble and spin in the huge waves. Strong men's souls are destroyed as the wind screams in their faces and waves of horror sink the boat while hearts and hopes break. Will this daring boat and its cargo survive the sea of death? **Sebastian**

The asylum seekers clung tenaciously to the side of the boat as the gushing waves ripped through. Terrified asylum seekers yelled in horror as the howling winds tossed the boat back and forth. The gloomy sky grew darker and darker as horror-struck parents struggled to protect their young ones. Water sprayed as the brutal storm took hold of the asylum seekers lives. Will they make it out alive? **Elise**

Dark gloomy clouds surround me as I tightly clench onto the rusty boat. The sun was setting on the deep ocean as darkness crawled into the water. Wrecked hearts were washed away in the sea that day. I got mud on my hands because the boat, sail to deck was covered in mud-like grease. Then a shock comes over me as I think about all the lives that have been lost at sea. My mind drifted to the thought that I might die and a tear trickles down my face. I start to scream and cry and my cries fill the air and pierce my own ears. My mother runs over to me and whispers softly as the boat twists and turns in the wild sea, and I know it will be okay.

Jessica

Chess

We are in need of a parent or grandparent who is able to play chess to support a Chess Club here at Holy Spirit. Please let the school office know if you are able to assist. Thank you.

School Counselling

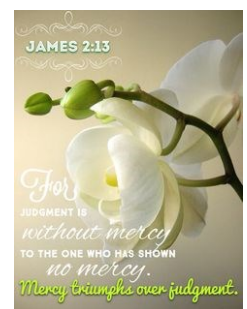
At Holy Spirit we have Sr Narelle and Ms Veronica Morrison to assist the children with strategies to combat issues such as anxiety, friendship problems and anger management. Sr Narelle is available Tuesday—Friday and Veronica is available every Monday and every second Tuesday. Please contact the school if you require more information.

Reflection on the Year of Mercy

Few things approximate the essence of God as does his mercy. Mercy is God's true essence. Scripture uses words such as loving-kindness and compassion to try to define what constitutes God's mercy, but the central biblical concept speaks of a relationship that loves, embraces and forgives even when, and especially when, we cannot measure up or deserve what's given us. Because of His love for us, God wants us to be with Him. His mercy is required for that to take place; there is an inseparable connection between God's love and mercy. Jesus laid down his life and became the sacrificial lamb so that God's mercy could be extended to us. To our eternal benefit, "mercy triumphs over judgment" (James 2 :13).

Let us pray that we, who have been forgiven so much, might offer forgiveness to others.

Lorraine Alexander
Religious Education Coordinator



Assistant Principal

Early Bird Reading will finish for the term this week. We will start again in Week 2 of next term. Thank you readers, parents and tutors. It was great to see so many children coming into the MPA to be part of this program that promotes the importance of reading for all ages. I will endeavour to have the certificates for Readers and Tutors to participating students by the end of this term.

I would like to especially thank the Year 3 students who had a dual role. They were told that they needed to read to a tutor first and then they were able to be a tutor and listen to a reader from Kindy or Year 1. Congratulations to all the children in Year 3 who took up the challenge. Learning themselves and then encouraging others by listening to them. Well done.

Thank you also to the Year 6 Students (Elise, Rosemary and their fellow helpers) who manned the official table, giving out cards and organising the procedure for me. Well done Year 6. This is true servant leadership.

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:

- Every child reads something he or she chooses
- Every child reads accurately
- Every child reads something he or she understands
- Every child writes about something personally meaningful
- Every child talks with peers about reading and writing
- Every child listens to a fluent adult read aloud

These points are covered during our Literacy blocks at school, but as always we ask parents to ensure that children are reading at home as well.

Reading should also continue during the 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.

Keep Reading and keep learning!



Community News

TRIVIA NIGHT EMMAUS WYD FUNDRAISER

Friday 24 June 2016 6 - 9.30pm

Trinity Catholic Primary School Hall
61-83 Bakers Lane Kemps Creek

\$15 per person | \$120 per table of 8

BBQ available | BYO snacks | Great prizes

For further information and bookings
contact Emmaus College on 9670 4588



INVITES YOUR CHILDREN TO TRY BASEBALL

AGES 5 - 16 YO Boys & Girls

Saints Sandlot Ball (inhouse) Saints Tee Ball (inhouse)

4 - 9 YO Boys & Girls

FREE ACTIVITIES

HITTING - CATCHING - THROWING - BASE RUNNING

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SUNDAY 24th JULY 2016

AND

SUNDAY 31st JULY 2016

10AM - 12.30PM

MONFARVILLE RESERVE

(OPPOSITE ST MARYS RSL)

MONFARVILLE ST

ST MARYS

Club Phone: 0405 522 800

www.stmarys.baseball.com.au

Upcoming dates...

Thursday 16 June

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)
Liturgy of the Word

Friday 17 June

School Assembly - MPA

Wednesday 22 June

Parent Scripture Meditation

Thursday 23 June

Buddy Mass 5A & 2KV

Friday 24 June

Parent Afternoon Tea

Augustinian Prayer - 3pm

Tuesday 28 June

Parent Teacher Interviews
(various times depending on
grade)

Wednesday 29 June

Parent Scripture Meditation

Thursday 30 June

Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer
Gala Day - Jamison Park

Friday 1 July

Last day of Term 2

Mufti Day - Gold coin donation

Term 3 Resumes

Monday 18 July

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

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