

# Holy Spirit Primary School



## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great term 3 we have enjoyed here at Holy Spirit.

Some of the highlights include:

The fantastic learning experiences for our classes:

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| K | Farm excursion and design and make animal shelters |
| 1 | Writing Table and letterbox activities             |
| 2 | Taronga Zoo excursion                              |
| 3 | Blue Mountains bus trip                            |
| 4 | Planetarium visit                                  |
| 5 | Bathurst trip and Blue Gum Lodge Camp              |
| 6 | Canberra excursion and Voice of Youth              |

And as well

- Our successful parenting course with 24 parents attending
- Our social justice fundraiser for Timor Leste
- The boys mulo cricket team success
- The completed extension to our Year 1 room
- Infants sports carnival
- K-2 concert with Andy

Thank you so much for your support. I hope you enjoy a relaxing holiday break and look forward to working together in term 4.

Kind regards

Anne Hines

### Reminder

**Last Day of Term 3 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**First Day of Term 4 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

We would like to wish Elisha in Year 6 all the best as she competes in the Voice of Youth Grand Final on Thursday at Merrylands. Good luck!

**Term 3, Week 10**

**17 September 2014**

### Prayer KS

Dear God,

Thank you for  
loving us and for  
giving us this  
wonderful world  
that we live in.

Please look  
after us, our  
teachers and our  
friends  
especially  
during the school  
holidays.

May we have fun  
with our family  
and friends and  
please keep us  
safe.

Amen

# Learning Matters

It's difficult to believe that we are at the end of yet another term. Term 3 tends to be a busy time where there are many opportunities for learning and consolidation. It's also a term where many of the children (and adults!) tend to be hit by some virus or another and we need a little time off to rest and recuperate. The hope of warmer weather and longer days gives us the incentive to keep going. I hope you have some time to relax in the holidays and enjoy this time with your children.

As you know our school has been using EMU Maths strategies for quite some time. Children come to school with vastly different experiences and understanding of Mathematics therefore it is important that teachers are able to give individual support and direction to all students. In order to do this, teachers have to know their class and where they need to direct their learning.

There are some key understandings that the child needs to develop in order to experience success in Mathematics. These have been discussed and reported on by Ann Gervasoni (Australian Catholic University). Ann Gervasoni has worked closely with teachers and educators within our diocese. I have attempted to summarise two of these key understandings.

1. Focus on Quantity. Children need to be able to relate an actual quantity to the number symbol and word. This may include guessing then counting quantities of objects. Grouping these items and then working out one more or one less.
2. Development of the mental number line. This requires the child to visualise a number line so that you can order numbers and locate them on a number line. This number line may be used for problem solving.

Next term we are organising a **Numeracy Night** at Holy Spirit. This will be held on **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7:00pm**. During this evening we hope to give you more information about EMU Maths and some strategies that you can use at home to improve your child's Mathematical Understanding.

Christine Figuero  
Assistant Principal

# Administration

## School fees

Parents please be advised that Term 3 fees are now **overdue** and must be **finalised immediately**.

This excludes parents who have made direct debit arrangements with the Catholic Education Office or who have notified the school office, in writing, that they will be making regular part payments and have adhered to this commitment.

Parents please ensure if your child is in Year 6 that their school fees are finalised at the earliest.

## Uniforms

When children return in Term 4 they will do so in their full summer uniform. To demonstrate school pride uniforms should be neat and tidy. Please remember that children are not to colour their hair or to have streaks, foils, rats tails radical or exaggerated haircuts.

## Parking

Parents are asked **not** to drive into or park in the Parish driveway to pick up/drop off your children to school. This is a serious safety hazard to our families and students of the school.

Parents please park your car on the road when picking up/dropping off your child, ensuring that they exit the car on the kerbside.

# Infants Sports Carnival

On Friday 12 September, the students in Year K, 1 and 2 participated in the Infants Sports Carnival at our school. The day involved the students taking part in a variety of physical activities, which provided opportunities for fitness, co-operation, problem solving and of course lots of fun! The children enjoyed the day and showed great sportsmanship.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to support their children and a special thank you to our wonderful parents who helped on the day. A special mention goes to our Year 6 students who showed wonderful leadership. The teachers are very appreciative of all the help on the day.



# Royce Simmons Shield Competition

After plenty of wet weather and one cancellation we finally got to play in the Royce Simmons Football Shield. We played under cold, wet conditions and had a lot of fun. Unfortunately, we didn't win but we had many close games. We especially would like to thank all the coaches and trainers who helped us on the day - Mr Grieve, Mr Zahra, Mr Sycz, Mr McGee & Mr Bear. We even had an ex-student, Dillon help us on the day. We would also like to thank our parents and grandparents who stayed and supported us, even though they were freezing on the sideline.



Congratulations on a great effort to the following boys; Cooper M, Cooper Z, Jack G, Jack R, Ryan, Daniel, Connor, Wilson, Aaron, Maison, Cooper G, Jake, Harvey, Ethan, Harry, Che-James and Riley.



# Infections

We have had a case of Hand Foot and Mouth disease reported to the school. Any one with this illness needs to be excluded until all blisters have cleared. We have also received a report of a case of swine flu.

## Respiratory Hygiene

- To help prevent the transmission of respiratory infections including influenza (flu) students should be encouraged to cover their noses and mouths when coughing, sneezing or spitting
- use tissues to contain respiratory secretions and dispose of them in the nearest waste bin or waste bag after use

## Hand Hygiene

Many common infections can be spread through person to person contact. Therefore hand washing is the **single most effective means** of preventing and reducing the spread of infection because it dilutes and washes off organisms and contaminated matter. Thorough hand washing is a critically important measure that is often neglected and should, therefore, be encouraged and practised by everyone.

It is essential that hands are carefully washed with hand wash solution

- before preparing or serving food
- before eating
- before providing first aid (following hand washing, gloves should also be worn)
- after providing first aid
- after using the toilet

# Community News

## Shinko Jutsu Karate

St Mary's Training Centre



Street wise

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### Training Times

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6.00pm-7.00pm

Bennet Road Public School Colyton  
Contact Noel Rawson 0414 623 227

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check the  
parent  
noticeboard in the  
MPA for  
upcoming events.

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 Office of Sport  
& Recreation

## Upcoming dates...

**Wednesday 17 September**  
School Banking 8.30am

Parent Course 1.2.3 Magic 6.30pm -  
8.30pm

**Thursday 18 September**  
Voice of Youth Grand Final

**Friday 19 September**  
Whole school assembly 2.20pm  
(Please note earlier starting time)

Last day of Term 3

School resumes Tuesday 7 October

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**  
(a marriage enrichment experience for married couples)

**7 - 9 November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre,  
Varroville, NSW**

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