

# Holy Spirit Primary School



## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Discipline is a necessary part of parenting. Effective discipline teaches children about appropriate behaviour. Good discipline encourages them to take responsibility for their own actions. It doesn't involve physical harm or verbal put-downs. However, it does require firmness and a willingness to treat children with respect, even if they don't always respond to us in kind.

- Establish clear limits and boundaries for children. Rules need to be clear and specific. "Be home by 6pm" is more effective than "don't be late".
- Stop, think and go against your first impulse when children misbehave. You may need to count to ten or take a walk before interacting with them.
- Cue children once when giving instructions or directions. Repeated requests or threats only encourage 'parent deafness' in children.
- Act when children don't stick to limits or refuse to cooperate. Rather than nag, implement a consequence. Children who leave their toys around can lose them for a while.
- Encourage children at every opportunity.
- Remember, consistency rather than severity is the key to effective discipline.

(Michael Grose, Parenting Ideas)

Best wishes for a happy holiday break and an abundance of blessings at Easter.

Kind Regards  
Anne Hines  
Principal

### Mufti Day

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April (last day of term) will be a mufti day. Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation towards our Mother's Day stall. Children are asked to wear sensible play clothes and closed in jogger type shoes.

### Parent Literacy Talk

A reminder that Mrs Barros will facilitate an afternoon for K-2 parents wanting to know more about reading on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 2:15pm in the library.

### Police Visit

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April all classes will have a visit from St Marys local command. The visit will include age appropriate ways to keep safe.

### Want to talk to your child's teacher?

To talk to your child's class teacher please phone the school office to leave a message for the teacher to phone you, regarding a meeting.

Term 1, Week 10

29 March 2017

## *Year 2 Prayer*

*To Our  
Incredible  
God,*

*Please help  
those who are  
in need of  
your mercy.  
Help them to  
make better  
choices so that  
they can feel  
closer to you.*

*We ask that  
you guide them  
on their  
journey.*

*Amen*

### Mobile Phones

All student mobile phones need to be handed to the school office in the morning before school and they may be collected in the afternoon at dismissal. Students should not have mobile phones in the classroom or on the playground.

### Thank You

Thank you to Emma Greczko for so generously managing the uniform shop for us all at Holy Spirit. Emma's contribution is very much appreciated.

A big thank you to Mr Mitchell, Ms Bradbury and Mrs Figuero for driving our student leaders to the leadership day at Homebush Bay recently.

### Social Justice

Our lolly day for project compassion raised \$354.35, thank you for your support.

### Lent Week 5

It is easy to see Lazarus as a symbol for us all. How often we, too, feel that we are in a tomb: cut off from life – dark, hopeless, dead; disappointed in a relationship that has lost its spark; sucked into a quicksand and unable to find any solid ground or to struggle free; entombed in a cold dark place with a huge boulder blocking out the light – a boulder too heavy for us to move aside by our own power. Next Sunday's Gospel is a powerful reminder that God does not want things to be like this. He wants us to live and to live to the full. We see Jesus weeping, and he is weeping for us and for those we love. The climax comes when the voice of the Son of God pierces through the darkness: 'Lazarus, here! Come forth!' followed closely by the authoritative command: 'Unbind him! Let him go free!'



### Captivate Commercial Dance Ensemble

The Captivate Commercial Dance Ensemble will be performing at the Royal Easter Show on Friday 7 April. Good luck to Maya (Yr 6) who will be representing the CEO.

## Learning Matters

Dear Parents,

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

Our school Literacy Goal focuses on the development of writing so this year we will attempt to add this component to our morning sessions, giving children in Kinder to Year 3 an opportunity to read and then respond (in writing) to what they have read.

In brief this involves students and tutors meeting in the MPA at about 8:30am. The older children will listen to their younger buddies read and then encourage them to respond by writing something about their text. This will be a short response and the tutors will guide them by offering suggestions and assistance. 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 and writing 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 and Writing.

Readers only need to remember their books. Small whiteboards will be used for the writing activity and will be available in the MPA.

*The Early Bird Reading AND Writing 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 and to respond to it by writing.

We welcome children from all grades to be readers/writers 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 and write with an older student and then they may tutor a Kindy or Year 1 child. Therefore, Year 3 students are able to be a reader /writer and a tutor!

As well as improving literacy 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.

### **Leadership Day at Homebush Sports Centre.**

Earlier this term the Year 6 Leadership team visited the Homebush Sports Centre where they engaged in extra curricula activities based on enhancing their leadership skills and helping them to understand the importance of being a servant leader. This aspect of the day supported a Religion unit the children study as they look deeply into the example Christ set for us being a servant leader.

The children approached the activities with enthusiasm and participated well as they were encouraged to interact with children from schools from throughout NSW.

Many thanks must go to Ms Bradbury and Mr. Mitchell for transporting the children and staying to enjoy the activities as well. .

Christine Figuero  
Assistant Principal



## LEADERSHIP DAY

On Wednesday 8th of March 2017 our School Leadership Team had the privilege to go to Sydney Olympic Park for a Leadership Conference hosted by a Grip student Leadership program. On behalf of the Leadership team we would like to give a big thanks to Mr Mitchell, Ms Bradbury and Mrs Figuero for taking us on the day.

***Jake & Jack G***

Many other schools participated in the day too. We had the opportunity to meet new people, learn FUN games and more! We learnt about WAYS TO PUT OUR IDEAS INTO ACTION and were all taught valuable lessons that we hope to put into practise this year. Thank you to Mrs Hines, for allowing us to participate in this great learning experience. ***Kaitlyn U & Caitlin J***

### What stuck with us!

We learnt about many things. But the thing that stuck out to us is the FOUR EXPECTATIONS of RESPONSIBILITY..

1. You would have to have Role Modeling Values.
2. You have to uphold the Trust of Others.
3. You have to Respond to Needs.
4. You have to know your own Strengths and Weaknesses

We also learnt about turning ideas into actions and what each letter might stand for...

Agree on idea

Create a proposal

Talk widely

Identify Task

Organise roles

Navigate challenges

***Ryan & Thomas.G***

At the leadership day we were able to take in a lot of things. We learnt a lot about thinking outside of the box to help people other than ourselves. ***Kenyon & Che-James***

We learnt many things like; how to socialise with other schools, what leadership really is and we even had a leadership game related to Pokemon Go (Leadermon). Many other great ideas were thought of by all the other students and we were told to try and put these ideas into action. ***Madi & Maya***

We learnt about Responsibility and what comes with being Responsible. The expectations of being Responsible are; Role Modeling Values, Upholding the Trust of Others, Responding to Others and Developing your own strengths. ***Charlise & Tahlia***



## Year 2 Writing Sample



Squelch! I stepped on a huge patch of soggy, green, wet moss as I walked toward the mysterious door. The wet rainforest was dark and lonely. Lightning danced across the dark blue sky. Right there, in front of me was an enchanted entrance, with an inter twined archway surrounding it. I felt like I was being watched as I walked towards the door. The archway of spikey trees danced in the wind.

By Faith



Name: Mawlec

Tree Frog.



the frog is slimy  
the frog's skin

the frog's  
eyes is  
red

the frog has  
a strong  
legs

A Frog is an  
amphibian. Its a  
slimy animal. It  
has green colour in the  
body.

A frog has a green

slimy skin, a yellow  
stomach and red eyes.  
They can Jump High  
With their strong legs.  
They have a Big Mouth  
and They sleep in the  
trees. A Frog lives  
in a Pond, the Dad and  
Mom get food for  
their kids.

# Administration

## School Fees

Parents please be advised that Term 1 fees are now **overdue** and must be finalised as soon as possible.

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

## 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.

## Upcoming Events

Just a reminder upcoming events that are occurring at the school, will be advertised on the following:

- Skoolbag
- Holy Spirit Website ~ Have you checked out our new website?
- Electronic Sign
- Whiteboard outside office
- Permission notes
- Newsletter

## Afternoon Pick Up

In the event that you are running late or unable to pick up your child from their classroom please be aware that your child will be sent to kiss-n-ride. This is a safe area where they will be supervised by a teacher. Please do not make arrangements for them to meet you in other areas of the school eg basketball court, outside Moore Street gates. These areas are not pick up areas as children are not supervised. Kiss-n-ride operates until 3:30pm and all students should be picked up by this time. We appreciate your understanding in this matter as your child's safety is of upmost importance to us.

## Uniform Shop Changes

Effective Term 2 our school uniform shop will close. Parents will be able to order all uniforms directly from our uniform supplier Oz Fashions. A letter explaining how to order and further information will be sent home this week.

## Winter Uniform

As the weather gets cold children may wear their winter uniform from next term. All children are asked to wear their winter uniform from Monday May 8 (Week 3). Winter uniform for boys is grey long pants and girls black tights.

## Easter Raffle

Our Easter egg raffle will be drawn on Thursday 6th April. Please remember to return sold books by Monday 3rd April. Many great prizes to be won.

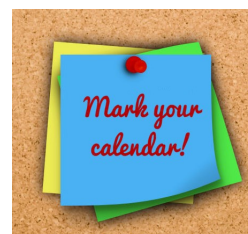




# What's Happening at Holy Spirit...

Thursday 30th March	Buddy Mass Kinder & Year 6 ~ 9am
Friday 31st March	School Assembly ~ 2:30pm
Monday 3rd April	Holy Week Reflective Prayer— Year 5 9:50am Holy Week Reflective Prayer— Kinder 11:30am Holy Week Reflective Prayer— Year 6 12:30pm Holy Week Reflective Prayer— Year 2 2:30pm
Tuesday 4th April	Holy Week Reflective Prayer— Year 4 11:30am Holy Week Reflective Prayer— Year 3 12:30pm
Thursday 6th April	Easter Raffle Drawn
Friday 7th April	Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day Mothers Day Stall Mufti Day Augustinian Prayer ~ 3pm Last day of Term 1

Term 2 resumes Monday 24th April



Week 10  
Infants  
DISCOVER  
Primary  
MYTH



Week 11  
Infants  
TINY  
Primary  
GIGANTIC

## School Matters!



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

**Our Student Attendance rate for last week was 96.4%**  
**Remember every school day counts!**

# ENROLMENTS 2018

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## Enrolments 2018



Enrolment packages for Kindergarten 2018 are available from the school office.

Please ensure forms are filled out correctly, signed by both parents and returned with 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.*

### 2018 ENROLMENT PACKAGE

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

Name of prospective student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details of family seeking enrolment:

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Class: \_\_\_\_\_



# Community News

## EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME

In July 2017 students from over 25 countries around the world, will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 3-10 months.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or  
our student exchange programs out of Australia  
Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit  
[www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student](http://www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student)

**St. Mary's RSL Sub-Branch will conduct its**

# **ANZAC**

**Commemorative  
March & Service  
Sunday 23rd April**

Everyone is invited to march  
or show your support.

St. Mary's area schools, sporting and community  
groups will be involved in the service.

The March starts at 2.30 pm at Coachman's Park  
and culminates for a Service at Victoria Park.

**JOIN US IN THE MARCH ... OR JUST THE SERVICE**

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# **ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE**

at St. Mary's RSL Club starting at

# **5.00AM**

1914-1918 2014-2018

View all on the BIG SCREEN live video

 **EXPERIENCE THE  
AWESOMENESS**  
OF BEING PART OF THE **YOUNGEST DIOCESE IN AUSTRALIA**

**Palm Sunday**  
STREET PROCESSION,  
WYD MASS AND EVENT  
WITH BISHOP VINCENT  
Sunday 9 April | 5:15pm | Parramatta Town Hall

**Good Friday  
Night Walk**  
FRIDAY 14 APRIL  
STARTS 10PM - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH BLACKTOWN  
CONCLUDES 7AM - ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

**Lifted  
LIVE**  
FEAT. STEVE  
ANGRISANO  
SATURDAY 13 MAY | 7PM - 10PM  
ROOTY HILL RSL | WARATAH ROOM

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