

Holy Spirit Primary School



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

In January, I visited Perth. I noticed a bill board at the train station. I liked the message so much that I copied it and have recorded it below.

'Everyone on this train is different, with a different life, a different story just like you. But we are all here together sharing the ride. That means that you need to think about each other for a moment. Nothing deep and meaningful, just a quick thought about whether or not you're sharing your music with someone who really doesn't want to hear it, or if someone needs the seat more than you, or maybe you've switched off and put your feet on the seat without thinking about the person who might be too scared to ask you to move them. That little thought can make a big difference to everyone here including you. We're all on this journey together let's make it an enjoyable one! Show your good side!' TransPerth

Let's make our journey here at Holy Spirit an enjoyable one!

Kind Regards
Anne Hines
Principal

Lent

This week we enter the season of Lent. After the heat of summer, perhaps we can pray for the grace of God's Spirit to come with the gentle autumn rains to purify and refresh our hearts.

We begin with a ritual of ashes. The symbolism is obvious. As we begin our preparation for Holy Week and Easter, we focus on the fragile, sinful, broken part of our being, and we focus on our need for the fire of God's Spirit to reduce to ashes all in us that is not open to life.

We do not begin Lent by focusing negatively on ourselves. In accepting the ashes we are indicating our willingness to undergo whatever God knows is needed to set our hearts on fire. The question we might ask ourselves as Lent begins is: What is God gracing me to change? Where is God's love calling me to grow?

Prayers for Josh Carter

Josh is currently in hospital. Please keep Josh and the Carter family in your prayers.

Project Compassion

Each classroom will have a project compassion box. Children will be encouraged to make donations during the season of Lent.

School Committee

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our meeting last week. We look forward to working together in 2017.

Term 1, Week 6

1 March 2017

Year 1 Prayer

Loving God,

*Jesus was a
good friend.*

*Help me to be a
good friend too.*

*Help me to
make a sad
friend smile.*

*Help me to
remember to let
a friend play in
my games. Help
me to always
follow the rules
so everyone's
happy. Help me
to get lonely
people from the
Buddy Bench
and play with
me.*

Amen



Open Days

If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2018 you are welcome to attend our open days. These will be held on Monday 6th March from 9:30am – 10:30am and on Wednesday 8th March from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. Please pass this information onto family and friends who may be interested.

Catholic Schools Week 2017

This will be celebrated on Thursday 9th March. All parents and carers are warmly invited with a special invitation to all our grandparents.

8am	Book Fair
10:15am	Mass
11:15am	Morning Tea
12pm	Veronica Morrison: 'Building Resilience in our children'
12:45pm	Open Classrooms
1:20pm	Picnic Lunch

Photos

We remind parents due to privacy reasons please refrain from taking photos of children other than your own. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Thomas, Hayley, Jake and Adrielle for representing Holy Spirit at the Zone Swimming carnival on Tuesday 21st February. Well done.

Adrielle and Thomas went on to compete at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday 24th February. Congratulations.



Staff Development Day

Please note that this will be held on Friday 17th March. This is a teacher learning day and there will be no school for students on this day.

Learning Matters

The beginning of this year has been busy as we have all settled back into routine.

Kiss'n'Ride is a convenient and relatively safe way to drop off and pick up your children.

So ensure that traffic flows safely we ask you to follow the Kiss'n'Ride rules.

1. Do not park across the parish driveway. The driveways are marked with yellow paint
2. Be aware of the time constraints outlined on the sign posts
3. Do not park your car in the Kiss'n'Ride zone
4. Please stay in your car and allow children to get in on the kerbside

We realise that the safety of your children is utmost in your minds as you drop them off to school. It is possible to watch them enter the school grounds if you move past the parish driveway.

The other point that needs to be mentioned is the number of parents driving into a neighbour's driveway and then completing a 3-point turn. It is very difficult to have clear vision when cars are parked up and down Todd Row. We encourage you to enter from the Melville Rd end of Todd Row. That way you can safely drop your children at the school gate without trying to manage a three-point turn and stopping the flow of traffic while you do this.

Please keep these points in mind when next you drop your children off to school or pick them up again in the afternoon. As mentioned previously, the safety of the whole community is our main priority.

Year 1 Writing Sample

I love to go to the beach because I love to find sparkling seashells and keep them. I like to make sandcastles and I like to swim in the shiny water. I like to look at the blue sky. The beach is my favourite place.

By Teleah 1W

I like the beach. People like to walk on the rocks. Also they like to play in the sparkly water. I like to dig in the soft wet sand. Once I saw a big white dog running on the sand. The beach is my special place.

By Gizelle 1R



Congratulations to the following students who have received Awards at our School Assembly on Friday 17th February.

Principal Award

Farhana (KR), Farzana (KW), Zac (1R), Yasmin (1W), Luke (2R), Faith (2W), Hannah (3R), Mason (3W), Bianca (4R), Brianna (4W), Christian (5R), Holly (5W), Terina-Grace (6R), Che-James (6W)

Mackillop Award

Freya (KR), Mackenzie (KW), Ava (1R), Neave (1W), Uchechi (2R), Alexandra (2W), Julia (3R), Chelsy (3W), Jorgiah (4R), Mercy (4W), LeaMay (5R), Caoilinn (5W), Annaliese (6R), Alannah (6W)

Holy Spirit Award

Cameron (KR), Victoria (KW), Mikayla (1R), Bailey (1W), Dylan (2R), Myles (2W), Carisma (3R), Tagah (3W), Duku (4R), Noah (4W), Benjamin (5R), Declan (5W), Kaitlyn (6R), Ethan (6W)

Holy Spirit Primary School

Student pick-up guide

Walk in to pick up children
from the soft fall play area

Takes only
4 minutes!!

1. Afternoon: Queue from the beginning of
the "pick-up" zone for under 2 minutes only.

In the morning, please drop off
children at the southern school gate.

Moore Street

Do not
park in
'No
Stopping'
zones

2. Queue behind the first car. DO
NOT jump ahead in the queue.
Teachers escort children to the car.
All bags go into the car. Children
enter cars on the kerb side.

3. If your family takes a long time
to get into the car, please wait
until after the rush before joining
the queue. Some families have
lots of children to load into the car
or have to buckle in young chil-
dren. The children will sit and wait
quite happily with their friends.

4. The end of the pick-up zone:
The last car in the queue must be
within the 'No Parking' zone.

5. DO NOT double park on Todd
Row if the queue is full when you
arrive. It is illegal to block traffic
when it is possible to drive on.

If the queue is full, please drive on and either park legally
and pick up your child or wait 5 minutes and try again.

Todd Row

Sports Update

Feedback from the Primary Sport Gala Days Survey

Thank you to all the families who returned the Primary Sport Gala Day Survey at the end of last year. Each year in early February, all primary schools must nominate which Gala Days they will participate in, and the number of teams they wish to enter to the **Parramatta Diocese Catholic Primary School Sports Council**.

Therefore, the data we collect in term 4 provides us with this necessary information.

We received the following forms, which were tallied by a parent representative and myself:

In Year 3 & 4 we have **108 students** and we received **61** responses

In Year 5 & 6 we have **103 students** and we received **41** responses

(NB: Late forms were also added to the initial count)

We have to make decisions based on the information you supply, and the limited responses we received, makes this an extremely difficult process.

Why do some sports have restrictions that require students to have played 'on the weekend'?

In short, it's all about safety.

Rugby League:

- students need to play this sport on the weekend (with at least 1 year of playing experience in the previous year) because they need to know how to tackle and be tackled
- they also need to have football boots and mouthguards

Soccer:

- students must have soccer boots and shin pads

Therefore, we are following the **Parramatta Diocese Catholic Primary School Sports Council** requirements.

Why was my child not chosen?

There are a number of reasons why students are not chosen for a sporting team. The most common reasons are:

- we only have enough students to field 1 team & your child was not one of the strongest players
- they did not turn up for the trials
- they are ineligible to be selected due to unacceptable classroom or playground behaviour or attendance (*parents will be consulted regarding this situation*)

If you have any further questions regarding sport at Holy Spirit, please see me, or request that this be added to the agenda for discussion at the next School Committee Meeting.

We invite all parents; older siblings and grandparents to consider volunteering to assist us at our sporting events this year (eg: timing at carnivals, assisting with the coaching of school teams, umpiring at Gala Days, etc...) Please contact the school office and leave your details regarding your availability and area/s of interest.

Please note: that it is a requirement that all volunteers commencing work in our school complete child protection training. This training is completed online. A notification of your successful completion of the module will be sent via e-mail to the school. Please find link below:

<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm>

Regards

Julianne Green

COORDINATOR

School Committee 2017

Thank you to the following parents who have accepted to be class representative/delegate this year.

If you have a question or concern please mention this to your class representative/delegate who can then put it on the agenda for our next school committee meeting.

Congratulations to the following parents who have volunteered to be part of the School Committee for 2017.

Executive Committee

Chairperson	<i>Paola Dicenso</i>
Deputy Chairperson	<i>Jenni Barat</i>
Secretary	<i>Emma Carter</i>
Assistant Secretary	<i>Natalija Ivanic</i>

Class Representative/Class Delegate

<i>Kellie Jorda</i>	<i>KR Class Representative</i>
<i>Nina Pitronaci</i>	<i>KR Class Delegate</i>
<i>Arthur Tzortzis</i>	<i>KW Class Representative</i>
<i>Michelle Vincent</i>	<i>KW Class Delegate</i>
<i>Jennifer Clarke</i>	<i>1R Class Representative</i>
<i>Todd Clarke</i>	<i>1R Class Delegate</i>
<i>Neil Bridgewater</i>	<i>1W Class Representative</i>
<i>Jenni Barat</i>	<i>2R Class Representative</i>
<i>Sarah Tickner</i>	<i>2R Class Delegate</i>
<i>Suzana Matic</i>	<i>2W Class Representative</i>
<i>D'Anne Worsley</i>	<i>2W Class Delegate</i>
<i>Belinda Charbel</i>	<i>3R Class Representative</i>
<i>Tracy Whitfield</i>	<i>3R Class Delegate</i>
<i>Paola Dicenso</i>	<i>3W Class Representative</i>
<i>Emma Carter</i>	<i>3W Class Delegate</i>
<i>Natalija Ivanic</i>	<i>4R Class Representative</i>
<i>Anne-Marie Cerdor</i>	<i>4R Class Delegate</i>
<i>Agata Curley</i>	<i>4W Class Representative</i>
<i>Nancy Tauro</i>	<i>4W Class Delegate</i>
<i>Louise Lovelock</i>	<i>5R Class Representative</i>
<i>Sharon Mingramm</i>	<i>5W Class Representative</i>
<i>Kellie Jorda</i>	<i>5W Class Delegate</i>
<i>Linda Feneck</i>	<i>6R Class Representative</i>
<i>Jenni Barat</i>	<i>6R Class Delegate</i>
<i>Rebecca Mitchell</i>	<i>6W Class Representative</i>
<i>Malinda Franceschin</i>	<i>6W Class Delegate</i>

Fundraising Events for 2017

The major fundraising events for this year will be coordinated by the following grades:

<i>Easter Raffle ~</i>	<i>Year 6</i>
<i>Mothers Day Stall ~</i>	<i>Year 1 & Year 3</i>
<i>Fathers Day Stall ~</i>	<i>Year 2 & Year 5</i>
<i>Christmas Raffle ~</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Carols Night ~</i>	<i>Year 4</i>

At Holy Spirit we rise by lifting others!



Kind Inclusive Tolerant Encouraging Safe



On February 20, Stage 2 and 3 were lucky enough to have the opportunity of meeting Tyrone Peachey and Trent Merrin from the Penrith Panthers along with Tim, an NRL Game Development Officer. They came to talk to us about respect, leadership and teamwork.

The focus of their visit was to teach us about 'BELONGING' and 'CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES'. These are important not only for sporting teams outside of school, but in the classrooms, playground, the wider community and everyday life.

At Holy Spirit we all seek to live our lives like Jesus by showing respect towards all people. Therefore, developing a sense of belonging, being inclusive and showing tolerance towards one another are key examples that link perfectly with our rule "I am Respectful".

We would like to thank the NRL and Penrith Panthers for visiting our school and sharing their positive experiences of being part of the football community.

Jake, Maya, Ryan and Tahlia
Holy Spirit School Captains 2017



What's Happening at Holy Spirit....

<i>Thursday 2nd March</i>	<i>Buddy Mass Year 3 ~ 9am Year 5 Graffiti Talk ~ 9am</i>
<i>Friday 3rd March</i>	<i>School Assembly ~ 2:30pm</i>
<i>Monday 6th March</i>	<i>Catholic Schools Week Open Day ~ 9:30am-10:30am</i>
<i>Wednesday 8th March</i>	<i>Catholic Schools Week Open Day ~ 3:30pm - 4:30pm</i>
<i>Thursday 9th March</i>	<i>Catholic Schools Week Book Fair ~ 8:00am School Mass ~ 10:15am Morning Tea ~ 11:15am Veronica Morrison "Building Resilience in our Classroom" ~ 12pm Open Classrooms ~ 12:45pm Picnic Lunch ~ 1:20pm</i>
<i>Friday 10 March</i>	<i>Augustinian Prayer ~ 3pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 15 March</i>	<i>Cross Country ~ Years 3 to 6 at School</i>



Week 6
Infants
IDEA
Primary
CONCLUDE



Week 7
Infants
SKILL
Primary
PROCEED

School Matters!



Our Student Attendance rate for last week was 96.5%
Remember every school day counts!

Parish Notice

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, St Clair will be running their next Sacrament preparation process for Confirmation for students in Year 5 who live in the parish area. The Parent Information Meetings will be held on Monday 1st May at 9:30am and Wednesday 3rd May at 7:30pm. The preparation sessions will run during the month of May.

Reconciliation preparation sessions will happen for students in Year 3 who live in the parish area this year commencing with Parent Information meetings on Monday 24th July at 9:30am and Wednesday 26th July at 7:30pm. The preparation sessions will be held during the month of August. For all enquiries contact the Parish Office on 9670 8222.

Mrs Carol Vella
Parish Sacramental Team Co-ordinator



Community News



Junior Indoor Winter Soccer


STARTS W/C: MON 27TH MARCH 2017

- Times from 4:20, 4:45, 5:10, 5:35 and 6pm
- 5 a side, Individuals and teams welcome!
- Boys and Girls Mixed Soccer (Play Together)
- \$7 per game per child.
- Register Online Anytime or any weekday at the centre from 10am-4pm.

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**Rego
\$10
Per Child**



Emmaus Catholic College

**OPEN NIGHT
Wednesday 8th March, 2017**

Come at 4pm for 1st tour and then presentation at 6pm OR come at 6pm for presentation then 2nd tour at 6.30 pm

Students and families from Years 5 and 6 are particularly welcome. Enrolment Applications for 2018 will be available that evening. For further details, please contact Mrs Biermann or Mrs Korb at the College on 9670 4588

87-109 Bakers Lane, Kemps Creek



Junior Indoor Cricket

Wednesday- U10's and U12's **Starts Wednesday 22nd March 2017**

Friday- U14's and U16's **Starts Friday 24th March 2017**

- Times from 4:20, 5:10 and 6:00pm
- 6 a side, Individuals and teams welcome!
- Boys and Girls Mixed Indoor Cricket (Play Together)
- \$7 per game per child. (Playing Shirt Included)
- Register Online Anytime or any weekday at the centre from 10am-4pm.

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