



Holy Spirit Primary School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8~ 14 June 2017

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many children have fears that surface at various times in their lives. Sometimes fears are triggered by an event or an unfortunate accident. Children can also learn fears from adults e.g. fearing a trip to the dentist because they have overheard their parents own fears.

Parents can help their children deal with fears. Some suggestions include:

- Distinguish between caution and fear. Caution is the recognition of possible dangers and consideration of ways of dealing with them safely. Fear can be debilitating and diminish the ability to cope.
- Investigate the source of the fear by listening to your child. Show them you understand how they feel and give them permission to express their feelings.
- Reassure them by telling them the truth. Ensure there are as few changes as possible in their lives following a trauma.
- Teach them some skills to cope, give them ideas on how they might beat their fears.
- View the positive side of events and show your faith in their ability to cope. Just as children pick up on parental anxiety they also learn optimism from their parents.

Michael Grose 'Parenting Ideas'.

Kind Regards
Anne Hines
Principal

Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews

School reports will be sent home on Friday 23rd June. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held primarily on Tuesday 27th June. This year interviews will be booked online and further information will be sent home.

Table-a-thon

Please remember to collect table-a-thon money and send to the school office asap. All children who have returned money by Friday 23 June will receive a zooper dooper iceblock at lunch on that day.

Social Justice

Please remember to send in a pair of socks for St Vincent De Paul in the next few weeks to support our social justice work here at Holy Spirit. Thank you.

Mufti Day

The last day of term, Friday 30th June will be a mufti day for students. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation and in return wear sensible play clothes and closed in, jogger type shoes. The money collected will go towards technology.

Gymnastics – Stage 2 and 3

Over the last few weeks our students in years 3-6 have been fortunate to engage in a specialist, gymnastic programme. This was the result of a grant application submitted by Mrs Green.

First Communion

Congratulations to the students who recently received the Sacrament of Eucharist in our parish church over the long weekend. Thank you to the parents for their work in the preparation of the children.

From the Principal continued...

Water Safety

This week all children attended a one hour 'water safety' presentation. Rebecca Little facilitated the program and explained to the children ways to keep themselves and others safe in all kinds of situations involving water.

From Assistant Principal

Early Bird Reading and Writing 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 and writing 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 and assist in writing for Kindy or Year 1 students. Congratulations to all the children in Year 3 who took up the challenge. Well done.

Thank you also to the Year 5 and 6 students who manned the official table, giving out cards and organising the process for me. 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 writing and keep learning!

Christine Figuero
Assistant Principal



Year 6 Prayer

Saving God,

*We seek you
in the wind,
and find you
in the storm.*

*We call to you
in faith,*

*and trust you
in danger.*

*Be with us
always,*

*when we walk
on troubled
waters.*

*We ask this
through Christ
our Lord.*

Amen.

What's Happening at Holy Spirit...

<i>Thursday 15 June</i>	<i>Stage 1 Liturgy of the Word ~ 12pm</i>
<i>Friday 16 June</i>	<i>School Assembly ~ 2:30pm</i>
<i>Thursday 22 June</i>	<i>Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day</i>
<i>Friday 23 June</i>	<i>Augustinian Prayer ~ 3pm</i> <i>Reports go home</i>
<i>Tuesday 27 June</i>	<i>Parent Teacher Interviews</i>
<i>Thursday 29 June</i>	<i>Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day</i>
<i>Friday 30 June</i>	<i>Mufti Day ~ Gold coin donation</i> <i>Last day of Term 2</i> <i>Term 3 commences Monday 17 July</i>

Congratulations to the following students who have received Awards at our School Assembly on Friday 2 June

Principal Award

Jaxon (KR), Sofia (KW), Tiana (1R), Mary (1W), Connor (2R), Prabnleen (2W), Mitchell (3R), Angus (3W), Zoe (4R), Ayesha (4W), Jarred (5R), Jaida (5W), Hayden (6R), Sebastian (6W)

MacKillop Award

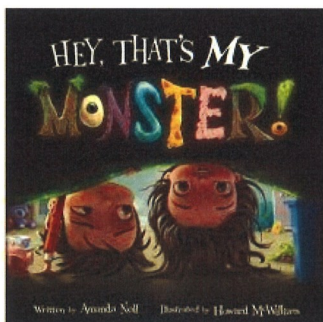
Bol (KR), Akuot (KW), Gizelle (1R), Ava (1W), Ciara (2R), Sophia (2W), April (3R), Yannick (3W), Mikayla (4R), Lynette (4W), Ellie (5R), Eloise (5W), Grace (6R), Jasmine (6W)

Holy Spirit Award

Georgia (KR), Noah (KW), Hunter (1R), Sienna (1W), Mia (2R), Alad (2W), Irene (3R), Ranya (3W), Lachlan (4R), Marko (4W), Isabella (5R), Flynn (5W), Marina (6R), Maya (6W)

Year 6 Writing Samples

Hey, That's My Monster!



'Hey, That's My Monster!' is an exciting new sequel to Amanda Noll's 'I Need My Monster'. Following on with the story of Ethan, a young boy, and Gabe his Monster, we are introduced to Emma, Ethan's restless little sister. With slightly eerie drawings, courtesy of Howard McWilliam 'Hey, That's My Monster!' and 'I Need My Monster' grab the attention of young readers imagination.

There are few picture books available on the market with high quality illustrations but 'Hey, That's My Monster!' is on an entirely new level. There are exciting plot twists you could *never* see coming, and interesting and relatable characters.

I assure you, your little monster will love the innovative story line and everything about this toe-nibbling series.

By: Terina-Grace

HEY THAT'S MY MONSTER - REVIEW

Do you have little monsters that won't go to bed, no matter how many bedtime stories you read? Well Hey, That's My Monster will get your little ones into bed within the blink of an eye.

Hey That's My Monster is an unique book that captivates the imagination of a child and engages them with their love of fantasy creatures. The vivid illustrations by Howard McWilliam and amazing storyline by Amanda Noll has come together to create the perfect bedtime story for you and your children.

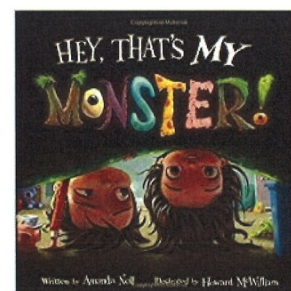
One night Ethan looks under his bed and can't find his Monster but finds a note that reads "So long, kid gotta go. Someone needs me more than you do. - Gabe. Ethan can't go to sleep without HIS monster. More importantly where did Gabe go? Help Ethan with his challenge to bring Gabe back and find the perfect monster for Emma (Ethan's little sister). Will Gabe go back to be Ethan's monster?

Hey That's My Monster is the perfect sequel to I Need My Monster, following with the theme of a fantasy monster book with many giggles and shivers weaved within the pages. This book will have your little monsters to bed the fun way.

My rating



By Maya



Hey That's My Monster - Review

Have you ever picked up and read the awesome book, Hey That's My Monster by Amanda Noll? I love this book because it is a fun and entertaining kids picture book. The language and pictures that Noll uses will keep your little monster hooked and wanting to read on.

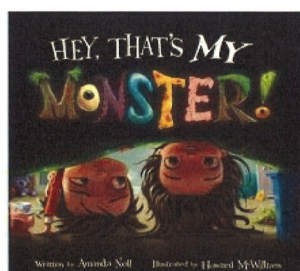
Ethan adores his monster Gabe, but when his little sister Emma can't sleep, Gabe has to go and try to make Ethan's little sister sleep. Ethan does not like this, he wants his monster back!!! Read the book to find out what happens next.

This book is amazing for little children and I assure you they will go to sleep on time, dreaming about monsters.

My Rating:



By Madison



Year 6 Writing Samples continued...

SLIDE!!!

This was not my choice, not at all
It was my dad's.
"Why, Save Me, NOW!!!" I screamed.
But all my dad could do was laugh his head off
at me.
"Like seriously dad, you could be a bit more
supportive?" but it came out more like "blah colgh ahhh beme iegsap bluh.
I was so horrified that I was shaking like I just got electrocuted.
And I know!! I try not to look down, but of course I did.
I totally flipped out.
"I'M GOING TO DIE, I'M GOING TO DIE" I squeal.
Everyone stares.
All those eyes stare at me thinking I was a baby.
But I couldn't help it.
It was the first ride I had ever been on and I hated it!!
I wish I never decided on this with my dad.
I wish I stayed down with my mum and little brother waiting for my dad
to finish reliving his childhood memories.
"I wished I could go home"!!

By Marina



The Slide

My heart was racing faster than a V8 supercar. This slide felt big as a skyscraper, my hair was standing up like it was about to run away. My eyes looked as big as a boulder and this bag I'm on made me feel like I just rolled around some itchy grass. I could hear my dad saying something directed to me, but it wouldn't register through my thick brain. But one thing I knew that did was me saying to myself... Will I survive this???



By Elijah

Administration

Kiss-n-Ride

Just a reminder to parents that Kiss-n-Ride finishes at 3:30pm. All students need to be picked up by this time. We understand on the odd occasion that parents/carers may be delayed, if so please contact the school office.

Fees

Parents please be advised that Term 2 fees are now **overdue** and must be finalised immediately.

This excludes parents who have made and are adhering to 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.





**Student Attendance rate for last
week was 95%**
Remember every school day counts!

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.





Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP
or  

Follow these **easy** steps!



- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
- 2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
- 3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
- 4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

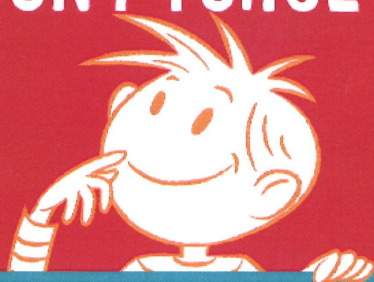
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That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:
18 June

Community Events

PENRITH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CARNIVAL of the ANIMALS

Saint-Saëns
Carnival of the Animals
Vaughan Williams
The Lark Ascending
Ravel
Mother Goose Suite

Dress up as your favorite animal and come join the Carnival!



Sunday 18 June
11.00am
Q Theatre
Joan Sutherland
Performing Arts Centre



HELP US PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

We're currently developing a 10 year strategy for how to manage and improve our sport, recreation, play and open spaces across the whole of Penrith.

Tell us what you love about Penrith's sport, recreation, play and open spaces, and what you'd like to see added or improved.

The survey is available until 16 June.
yoursaypenrith.com.au

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