



# Holy Spirit Primary School Newsletter

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 3, I hope you had an enjoyable holiday break. The children have come back refreshed with some wonderful memories of their holidays.

Mornings are often chaotic. Both parents and children have a great deal to prepare for the day. Attention-seekers and dawdlers often find mornings an ideal time to keep parents busy. Many morning difficulties arise due to a lack of clear understanding of the roles to be performed. Most children are capable of doing their morning tasks without parental interference.

- Establish a clear routine. With your children's help – work out an order of activities that everyone understands.
- Identify the jobs that children should be able to do routinely that directly involve them e.g. getting their cereal, putting their plates in sink or dishwasher, dressing for school and packing school bags.
- Be aware of possible distractions and minimise them e.g. TV. Television if it is to be watched can be turned on when children are dressed and ready for school. Uniforms can be laid out the night before to prevent children dawdling over finding their clothes.

'Michael Grose 'Parenting Ideas'.

Kind Regards  
Anne Hines  
Principal

### Scripture Reflection

This Sunday's Readings invite us to re-examine our goals in life. What am I living for? What do I want in life, for myself? For those I love? Is there something still hidden that if I found it I would give everything up for it? Among the broken and unexplored shells, is there a precious pearl waiting for me that would make all the searching and all the suffering worthwhile?

The Gospel says: Yes, there is. And it is God himself calling me into a close communion of love – a love for which I am made. It is this communion of love that is the only life worth living. Nothing else, however alluring and distracting, can take its place, and to have this intimacy is to have everything. It makes everything worthwhile, for then everything is a sacrament, revealing God.

We are meant to live a life of intimacy with God. Let us continue our search for truth and for love and for prayer. But let us not forget that God is the one searching for us. Let us stop rushing and hiding and allow God to find us, for our longing for God is only a shadow of his longing for us.

### Metal ring pulls

The metal ring pulls on cans are quite sharp. We would appreciate children not bringing cans with ring pulls to school to prevent injury.

### Census

Our school census day is Friday 4 August. If your child is away on this day a note explaining their absence must be sent in on their return.

## From the Principal continued...

### **Bush Dance**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6pm we will have a sausage sizzle and bush dance. Please note this date in your diary.

### **School Committee**

Our next school committee meeting is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7pm in the school library. Mrs Julianne Green, our numeracy coordinator will discuss learning in Mathematics. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

### **Staff Development Day**

There is a staff development day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August. On this day the teachers engage in professional learning and there are no classes. Parents are asked to make alternate arrangements for their children on this day. Thank you.

## From the Assistant Principal

School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools. Every day of attendance adds to a student's achievement and success at school. Holy Spirit continues to support this campaign and encourages you to assist in ensuring that your child is at school. If your child is away because of illness please send a note or ring the office to explain the absence.

The article below was shared by Catholic Education, Parramatta diocese and explains in more detail the importance of attendance for the success of our students.

*Australia has one of the very best education systems anywhere in the world. Each day, our young people are provided with opportunities to learn more about the world they live in through their experiences in and out of the classroom. Schools teach children about themselves, their relationships with others and about life beyond school. This includes preparing them for the workforce.*

*Regular attendance at school is critical to ensuring that every student has the kind of opportunities in life that he or she deserves. When students are not at school, they are missing out on so much. Without the knowledge, the skills or the support that schools are so good at providing, young people can get left behind and find themselves underprepared for a fast-paced and often very challenging world.*

*This year our school is supporting a campaign called 'Every Learner, Every Day', an initiative designed to remind students and parents why regular school attendance is so important. As part of this campaign, a range of resources and strategies are available to help parents and schools on the CEDP website.*

*I appreciate that this is not a matter that may impact on a large number of our families; however, if the 'Every learner, every day' campaign can assist even just a few students to be at school more regularly, with all the benefits that come with that, it is a terrific outcome.*

Improved attendance helps to ensure that we fulfil our school motto ensuring growth and love of learning.

“Together we Grow”

Christine Figuero  
Assistant Principal

## Year 3 Prayer

Dear God,

We are grateful and thankful for our family, friends and the many people in our lives.

We feel blessed and happy that you have guided our loved ones with gentle, caring qualities that bring us together.

When we feel confused, worried or scared our loved ones support and comfort us through our problems. We thank you for the many blessings you have given us through our relationships with one another.

Amen.



## Did you know....

**Did you know**  
1 in 6 primary students are not attending school regularly. Schools are here to help.  
If you are having attendance issues with your child please contact us so we can support you to address them.

every learner every day ✓

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

### 20 Minutes Reading a Night



Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
Reads 20 minutes per night.	Reads 5 minutes per night	Reads 1 minute per night.
3600 Minutes per year	900 Minutes per year	180 minutes per year
1800 000 000 WORDS PER YEAR	282 000 WORDS PER YEAR	8000 WORDS PER YEAR
90 <sup>th</sup> percentile	50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	10 <sup>th</sup> percentile

By the end of Year 6, Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole days. Student "B" will have read only 12 whole days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school....and in life?  
Nagy and Herman (1987)

## Joke of the Day



**Q. Why did the banana go to the doctors?**

**A. Because it wasn't peeling well**

# Year 3 Writing Sample

## All about Gorillas

### Baby Gorillas

A baby gorilla has dark black/navy blue, scruffy, furry fur. Baby gorillas have silvery big hands and feet with navy blue arms. Their nose is huge and light coloured grey. A baby gorilla has a round furry body, giant bold dark brown eyes and a thin mouth.

### Western Lowland Gorilla

One type of gorilla in the world in Africa is the Western Lowland Gorilla and their family name is Hominidae.

### Behaviour

Western Lowland Gorillas climb trees but stay on the ground most of the time. These gorillas like to play on their back. Playtime is very important as they learn to fit in copying their dad.

### Habitat

Western Lowland Gorillas live in Africa. They live in wild forest areas.

### Diet

Gorillas are vegetarian. They mostly eat roots, bark and juicy fruit. Some gorillas can wash their food before they eat it.

### Facts

Western Lowland Gorillas are led by a male silverback. They can be up to over 5 feet tall. A group of gorillas is called a troop. Baby gorillas are called an infant and stay with their mum until they are 5 months old. Western Lowland Gorillas are critically endangered however can live up to 35 years old.

By Harry 3R

## Best Days Ever

In the school holidays I went go kart racing with my dad, Spida, Elijah and his mum. I had so much fun in the holidays.

When I was there, I was racing Bailey in the go karts. You had to put on a helmet and a mask and you had to use the brake and the accelerator.

I went to ice hockey with Phil, Sara, Brooklyn, Lachlan, Dave, mum and Wyatt. Lachlan and Brooklyn is in my school too.

I also went to TGI Fridays. I went with my mum, Phil and Wyatt. I had fish and chips.

My holidays were my fav days because I was so happy every day everything was amazing. It was the best days ever!

By Jorjah 3R



## Year 3 Writing Sample continued..

### **The Best Sydney Harbour Holiday.**

In the holidays I had a very fun day at Sydney harbour with my cousin Ben and my baby cousin Flourish she is five months old.

I saw Luna Park from across the water and we bought McDonalds. I had Fanta and a cheeseburger. My cousin Ben and I threw chips at seagulls and more and more came to have some chips.

Ben and I moved up and one seagull came up to eat my cheeseburger. I left my burger near the seagull and the seagull ate my burger. I started to cry and cry because I was sad that the seagull stole my burger and started to eat it.

**By Mashac 3W**

### **My Holiday**

All You Can Eat

I went to all you can eat for dinner with my nan and pop. An adult had to be with me when I was getting the food. The food was so good I felt like I was in heaven. Then for dessert I had waffles and jelly. Now it was time to go home.

Winter Lights

I went with my sister Ayesha, dad and mum to Winter Lights. First I played with pretend snowballs and I saw Sienna and Hally. Then I went ice skating it was my first time but I was really good at it. I also went on a roller coaster, it was supposed to go around 4 times but it went 5 times.

Despicable Me 3

I had a great time at the movies. I watched Despicable Me 3 and it was very funny. My favourite character was Balthazar Bratt. We got drinks from McDonalds and a big popcorn bucket. The movie was amazing, I loved that Agnes thought it was a unicorn but it was a goat with one horn cut off.

**By Tayah 3W**

# WHAT DO WE LOVE ABOUT HOLY SPIRIT???

This week some of our year 6 students asked the children that question. Here are their answers:



## Table-a-thon Raffle Prize Winners

Congratulations to the following students who received a prize in our raffle:

KR ~ Hamish  
KW ~ Jack  
1R ~ Patrick  
1W ~ Emily  
2R ~ Lynden  
2W ~ Sofia  
3R ~ Jorjah  
3W ~ Angus  
4R ~ Maya  
4W ~ Noah  
5R ~ Damon  
5W ~ Brooke  
6R ~ Kaitlyn  
6W ~ Makayla




*congratulations!*




# What's Happening at Holy Spirit...

<i>Thursday 27 July</i>	<i>Buddy Mass ~ Year 2 &amp; Year 5</i>
<i>Tuesday 1 August</i>	<i>Early Bird Reading and Writing ~ MPA 8:30am</i> <i>International English Competition</i> <i>5R Reconciliation ~ 11:30am</i> <i>School Committee Meeting ~ 7pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 2 August</i>	<i>Early Bird Reading and Writing ~ MPA 8:30am</i> <i>Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day ~ Jamison Park</i> <i>Year 1 Excursion ~ Life Education Centre</i> <i>5W Reconciliation ~ 11:30am</i> <i>Hot Dog Day ~ Canteen</i>
<i>Thursday 3 August</i>	<i>Buddy Mass Year 3 ~ 9am</i> <i>Year 6 Excursion ~ Life Education Centre</i>
<i>Friday 4 August</i>	<i>August Census</i> <i>Augustinian Prayer</i>
<i>Tuesday 8 August</i>	<i>Early Bird Reading and Writing ~ MPA 8:30am</i>
<i>Wednesday 9 August</i>	<i>Early Bird Reading and Writing ~ MPA 8:30am</i> <i>Macquarie Netball Clinic ~ Jamison Park</i> <i>Voice of Youth</i>

*Please note in your diary we have a Staff Development Day on Friday 18 August.  
No school on this day.*



# DON'T FORGET!



## Book Club

orders are due:

7th August 2017

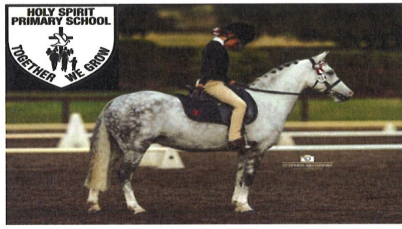
*Just a reminder if your child is participating in the Premier Reading Challenge their reading logs are due to be entered online by Friday 25 August.*

*Well done to all students who have taken part in the Challenge this year*





# School News



It's with great pleasure, that we can inform you that Holly and her pony "Skipper" have just competed in the 2017 NSW Equestrian Inter-schools Event. With a very successful start on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June, they placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the Combined Training, 45cm class. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, was another successful day where Holly won her handler class, placed well in both her rider and Show hunter pony event to be then given overall 8<sup>th</sup> place out of a massive 25 riders. Once again Holly and I would like to thank Ms Hines, Mrs Figuero and Holy Spirit Primary School, St Clair for the opportunity to proudly represent the school.

## *Installation of School Zone Flashing Lights*

*New school zone, flashing lights have been installed in Todd Row for the safety of the students at Holy Spirit Primary school.*

*We very much appreciate the installation of the lights and the support we receive from Tanya Davies, our state Member for Mulgoa. The lights have been known to assist with the reduction of speed and severity of injury.*

