



# Holy Spirit Primary School Newsletter

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fantastic year at Holy Spirit, a great year of learning and growing together. Thank you to our students for engaging in their learning. Thank you to our parents and carers who have so generously supported our sports days, carols night, book fair, bush dance and many fund raising activities. Thank you to Fr Myk, Fr Peter, Fr Sumesh and Fr Vincent and the parish team for supporting all that we do. Thank you to the committed staff for the great job they do each and everyday. May your homes be filled with the peace of the Christ-Child's love this Christmas.

### *A Christmas Creed*

*I believe that Christmas is a time for remembering Christ and the incarnation of God's love in human flesh.  
I believe that the important gifts of Christmas are the things we teach our children, the way we share ourselves with friends and the generosity and commitment we give to building a better world in our time.  
I believe that the finest carols are often sung by the poorest voices; from hearts made warm by the wonder of the season.  
I believe in the angel's message that we should not be afraid – that the child of Bethlehem is still to overcome all anxieties and insecurities.  
I believe in prayer and quietness and that if I wait in stillness and silence I will experience the presence of the one born in the manger, for he lives today as surely as he lived then.  
I believe in going away from Christmas as the wise men went: "another way." I want to be different when these days are past – more centred, more thoughtful, more caring.  
And I believe God will help me. Amen*

Kind Regards

Anne Hines

Principal

### **Office Hours 2018**

Please note that with Mrs Gonsalves retiring our office hours next year will be open from 8:30am – 3:30pm. Remember school hours are 8:20am – 3:10pm.

### **Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Ultimately, the source of our joy is the realisation that we do not have to be strong on our own. We are surrounded by love. This is highlighted in today's Gospel. The focus is on John the Baptist, whose mission from God was to point people towards Jesus. The Baptist was not trying to shed light himself. Rather, he pointed to Jesus. He never forgot that Jesus is the light of the world, the one who shows us God's face.

The Baptist recognises that his baptising is nothing more than a symbolic action. He is baptising with water and only with water. This baptism cannot bring about the new life that the people need. That must come from 'the one who is coming after me'. This one is standing among them, but they do not know him. The Baptist does not feel worthy even to perform for him the menial tasks of a domestic slave. It is not without significance that John's first image of Jesus is of one who is standing among us whom we do not know. John is challenging his community to reflect that they too, perhaps, are unaware of the presence of Jesus among them. The challenge of this opening scene is as urgent today as it ever was. Where is the Lord? How are we to prepare the way for his coming? Why do we not recognise him? This opening scene offers us another challenge. Are we, perhaps, so caught up in what we are doing that we forget that it is Jesus who is the revelation of God and the one who gives life?

*Fr Michael Fallon*

## Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus

You are the light of  
the world

You are light in our  
darkness

Bring hope into the  
lives of all people

Give your peace to all  
nations

Bless all of us  
gathered here

May we be living  
signs of  
reconciliation and  
harmony

May we reach out in  
solidarity and  
compassion to all in  
need

And let each of us  
carry your light in  
our hearts this day

Come Lord Jesus  
come.

Amen



## Class Teachers for 2018

KR ~ Mrs Cathy Blanch

KW ~ Ms Terese Collins

1R ~ Mrs Jackie Thompson

1W ~ Mrs Margaret Neilsen

2R ~ Miss Katrina Vukelic

2W ~ Mrs Margaret Selby

3R ~ Mrs Kylie Baker (Mrs Aggar ~ Wednesday)

3W ~ Miss Mia McPhillips

4R ~ Miss Danielle Gomez

4W ~ Mr Patrick Mackey (Mrs Aggar ~ Thursday)

5R ~ Ms Corinne Brooker

5W ~ Mrs Janelle Walker (Mon~Wed)/Miss Jessica Grant (Thurs~Fri)

6R ~ Mrs Julianne Green

6W ~ Mrs Deb Chapman

## Special Food Day

A reminder that drinks, chips and lollies will be on sale, this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## Girls Uniform

A reminder to parents to check the length of your daughters skirt during the school holidays. The skirt should sit on the knee. We have noticed some girls skirts are shorter than school uniform policy requirements we ask that this is rectified during the school holidays.



## From the Assistant Principal

Parents, I hope you don't feel daunted by the five weeks of holidays ahead of you. Enjoy the celebration of our Saviour's birth and make it the centre of your family celebrations. Also, enjoy the time with your children. What a blessing to not have to zoom around getting ready for school, picking them up and tearing off to swimming, soccer or dancing. I hope you get the opportunity to sleep in a little and just slow down.

Thank you for all your support during the year. It was wonderful to work with so many of you. I am always thankful when we can turn things around for the children by working together as a team and I look forward to continuing this practice next year.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication and continued effort that Mrs. Hines has put into her role at Holy Spirit. As mentioned at the Award Ceremony all her decisions were made with the children in mind, and what was best for them. The community will miss her greatly and we wish her well in her new role at Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta. Good Luck Mrs Hines!

Merry Christmas.

Christine Figuero  
Assistant Principal

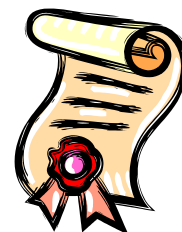
***Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our  
End of Year Assembly:-***

*'Excellence in Learning' - Maya Barros & Marina Matic*

*'Citizenship' - Ryan Sycz*

*'Sports' - Hayley Sepping*

*'Mulgoa Encouragement' - Anthony Fava*



***Christian Values Awards were awarded to the following  
students:-***

Kindergarten: Rome Naidu, You Ming Chong

Year 1: Zac Moore, Neyli Wijewardena

Year 2: Declan Blandh, Tayla Russell

Year 3: Harry Hu, Tayah Te

Year 4: Bianca Tipping, Ayesha Te

Year 5: Auriel Marquez, Eloise Polkamp

Year 6: Annaleise Spagnol, Maya Barros

**Our elected School Captains for 2018 are:-**

Connor Benedito, Dominic Pitronaci, Ellie Grieve and Sienna Roberts

**Our elected School Leaders for 2018 are:-**

Curtis McKinder, Adam Baxter, Christian Worsley, Ben Stylianou,  
Isabella Hargrave, Isabella Brglevski, Adeng Gak and Rheana Florido



# What's Happening at Holy Spirit...

Thursday 14 December

Christmas Mufti and Treat Day

Friday 15 December

Last day of Term for students

*Term 1 2018 commences Tuesday 30th January Years 1-6 and  
Kindergarten Thursday 1 February.*



## Christmas Mufti and Treat Day Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December



We are having a Mufti and Treat Day this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Children are to wear sensible play clothes in Christmas colours (*no singlets*) and closed in shoes (*no thongs*).

*Treats for sale at recess and lunch on the day will be:*

- Soft drinks ~ \$2
- Water or Popper ~ \$1
- Assorted Chips ~ \$1.50
- Assorted Lollies ~ 50cents

Thank you for all the families who supported our Christmas raffle. A total of \$839 was raised.

We would like to congratulate the following students who won a prize in our raffle.

Neave (1W), Dallas (KR), Jack (6R), Annalise (KR), Kaitlin (6R), Jessica (1R), Freya (KR), Ethan (1W), Brody (3R), Harry (3R), Michael (KR), Panos (KR), Maddison (KR), Emily (3R), Cash (KW), Curtis (KW), Declan (4R).



## Joke of the Day

**Q. Why was the computer tired at the end of the day?**

**A. Because it had a hard drive!**

**Student Attendance rate for last week was 87.4%**  
**Remember every school day counts!**



# School Uniform Reminder

One of the ways in which students visibly demonstrate their pride in their school and a sense of belonging to the school community is in the wearing of the school uniform. As I have mentioned before, there was care and thought given to designing these uniforms and visitors always comment on how smart the children look. Wearing the school uniform correctly every day is a requirement at Holy Spirit. I'd like to thank parents and carers for your support in ensuring that we maintain high standards of school uniform and would encourage you to continue this as it helps to build a sense of pride and belonging within our school.



Just a few reminders about school uniform before we leave for the Christmas break. Our Parent Handbook states:

***“Students are expected to keep their hair clean, neat and tidy and out of their face and eyes at all times. Haircuts are to be in a sensible and conventional style. There are to be no extremes of fashion in hairstyle cut or colour.”***

Teachers have spoken to children who are sporting haircuts that do not reflect the school policy. Please ensure that your child has an appropriate haircut when returning to school in 2018.

The other two items to mention are that children are to wear “Black leather school shoes” with their school uniform. These may be lace-up or velcro in style. Boots are not acceptable.

The school backpack with school emblem is the required bag for the children to have at school.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

## Uniforms

Parents we wish to advise that Oz Fashion have the following options for pick up of uniforms during the school holidays.

- Home delivery can be arranged for a fee of \$15. Please advise Elle when ordering that you would like your uniforms home delivered.
- Pick up can be arranged from Oz Fashions Granville. Please contact Elle to arrange a convenient time.

Please be advised uniform pick up must be **PRE ARRANGED** with Elle. If you have any questions please contact Elle ~ [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au).



Wishing you  
all the best  
for Christmas  
and the New Year.  
Enjoy the New Year  
holidays with  
your family  
Have a wonderful  
Christmas!  
Xmas

Thank you  
for making me  
feel at home  
a wonderful  
Christmas!  
Mr Mackey

Thankyou for your  
trust & support this  
year! Have a GREAT  
CHRISTMAS! D.Chp  
Merry Christmas and  
a safe new year.  
Enjoy your break  
with your  
family.  
Lisa xxx

At Christmas  
time and always  
may you share  
the joy the  
birth of Jesus  
brought to the world.  
Anne Hines

Wishing you all a  
Very Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year.  
Best wishes  
Maryjane Johnson  
xxx

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
from the Staff at Holy Spirit.**



Best wishes  
for the Christmas  
Season Maree Garzanti  
xxx

Wishing you all the  
very best for Christmas  
Mrs. Figueroa

Best Wishes  
for the  
festive season  
Enjoy Green xx

Wishing the Holy  
Spirit community  
a peaceful and  
happy Christmas.  
Thank you for your  
continued support  
And Bless  
Bernadette Vumbaca  
xxx

Wishing you and  
your family a  
Wonderful Christmas  
and New Year.  
Thank you for all  
your support.  
J. Thompson & M. Neilsen

Wishing all of our  
families a Happy and  
Blessed Christmas and  
New 2018 Year.  
Keep safe over the  
holidays and take care  
of each other  
Love from Jazz  
xx

Many many  
thanks for all  
your help in our  
Holy Spirit  
Community  
Dr. Havelle

Wishing you all  
a wonderful holiday  
time with your  
family. Bano

Best wishes for a wonderful  
Christmas holiday from Emily Williamson  
Wishing peace and joy  
for all  
Corinne Brooker



Best wishes for a  
wonderful Christmas and  
new year. Cathy Blanch xx