8th February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Holy Spirit Opening School Mass was a beautiful celebration and a wonderful way to formally commence our school year. The Mass included the Commissioning of our Year 6 Student Leaders. These senior students have an important role to play in being role models for all our students. Having met with the Year 6 students and their teachers, I have been impressed with the way they have enthusiastically taken on these leadership positions.

The Year 6 students, teachers and staff are currently at their camp in Coolum. I look forward to joining them tomorrow. I expect, from this experience, they will further bond together as a year level and have even more clarity on how they can contribute to Holy Spirit in their final year.

Thank you to Father Msami for leading the school in this celebration, and for his continued leadership of our Parish School. Thank you also to Father Gasper, Mrs Barrett-Coade, the Year 6 Classroom Teachers and all those involved in the preparation and coordination of the Mass. Congratulations to all the children in Years 1 to 5 for the reverent and meaningful way they participated in this celebration.

Parent Information Evening

A reminder to all parents in Prep to Year 6 that the Parent Information Evening will be held this evening commencing at 6.30pm in our school hall.

- 6.30pm ~ Presentation in the school hall from School Leadership Team
- 7.00pm ~ Information Sessions by Classroom Teachers in their classrooms
- 7.30pm ~ Repeat of Information Sessions by Classroom Teachers

Kind Regards

Patrick Dempsey
ICAS - International Competitions and Assessments for Schools - 2017

eaa.unsw.edu.au

One of the competitions and challenges we offer children at Holy Spirit is the ICAS competition run by the University of NSW. It is not compulsory but an opportunity for children to be tested in particular areas and for us to gather feedback about their progress. If your child is interested in taking part in ICAS, you can visit the ICAS website to access FREE practice questions for each subject area online.

https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions

Year 2: **Introductory**              Year 3:  Paper A              Year 4:  Paper B              Year 5:  Paper C              Year 6:  Paper D

The free practice papers tend to be a sample of some of the easier questions asked in the ICAS competitions, making them a good way to encourage participation.

Students can sit for as many or as few tests as they wish (or none at all). Please note that these tests are quite rigorous and may be too difficult for some children to attempt. To be eligible for the 2016 prices, please see instructions below. Notes will also be sent home before each test if children wish to nominate at that time.

Depending on a student’s year level, they can choose to sit for tests in the following areas:

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* Students can sit ICAS Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 12 June, and still be eligible for UNSW Medals.

Payments must be processed by 31 March 2017 to be eligible for 2016 prices. 2017 prices have increased by $1 excluding GST and will be effective from 1 April 2017. In order to beat the price increases all entries and full payment will need to be submitted to the School Office by Tuesday 21st March 2017.

The School will enter all students who wish to take part in one or more of these tests as a single group. Further information will be provided in upcoming newsletters. Tests generally take place before school and are held in the Resource Centre.
Opening Mass

Thank you to all who were able to share in our Opening School Mass last Thursday. It was a lovely celebration where we welcomed our new students, families and staff to our very special community here at Holy Spirit. We also asked God to bless us during this year as we endeavour to recognise the gifts we have been given and the gift of the people in our lives.

During the mass, Mr Dempsey and the Year 6 teachers called forward our Year 6 school leaders for 2017. We prayed that the Year 6 students be strengthened and supported in their leadership and that they may take on the role as servant leaders to all in our school community with pride. Fr Msami and Fr Gaspar blessed both the Year 6 students and their badges. The senior leaders then read to the school community their pledge of commitment.
Religious Education

Religious Education at Holy Spirit School is a deep, reflective and robust curriculum in which the children not only depth their knowledge of their own faith but study the life and times of Jesus (including the Jewish faith) and the messages he preached. Throughout primary school, the children will also study how the church, various people and religious groups have enacted, ritualised and live out the message of Jesus love and the Kingdom of God.

Below is an overview of what each year level in investigating this term in Religious Education.

Prep

This term, in Religion, Prep students will participate in a number of prayer experiences. They will understand that prayer helps us follow the teachings of Jesus and to live according to God’s plan. Students will recognise ways in which we pray, either alone, with others, using words, music, actions or in silence. Students will describe ways in which we come together during special celebrations and rituals to mark important times in the life of believers and in the Church year.

Year 1

This term, Year 1, will be learning about ‘What is so special about Jesus’? We will be exploring the nature of Jesus’ mission and ministry. Students will listen to, view and read accounts from the scripture texts including, ‘Jesus calls the Disciples’, ‘Jesus Feeds the 5,000’ and ‘Jesus Heal the paralysed man’. They will identify the key events, places and characters in the life of Jesus and explore the similarities and differences in these accounts. Before Easter, our fertile question ‘How did the Jesus story end in the Gospels?’ We will revise the Easter story with a special focus on Palm Sunday from the Gospel of Matthew and Luke.

Year 2

In Term 1, the Year 2 students will learn about their responsibility to pursue peace and justice out of respect for human life and all creation drawing on their own experiences. They will develop their understanding of the loving relationship God unconditionally offers to people; and their understanding of sin, as evident in the free choices that harm the individual and their loving relationships with God. They will explore ways in which believers seek to heal these relationships through reconciliation and prayer. The students will investigate ways in which believers celebrate reconciliation with God and with others in the Sacrament of Penance.
Year 3

Students of year 3 will explore the Decalogue (Ten Commandments) and the Beatitudes. Both contain messages of how the scriptures can a guide in making decisions. The students will link these messages to their own lives; looking at the reasons we have rules and how we follow these rules in our everyday life. The focus question will be, ‘How can Jesus Challenge our community’?

Students will explain how the scriptures provide a foundation for living a moral life, including respect for basic human rights and acknowledgement of responsibilities, in particular to the poor and disadvantaged.

Year 4

In Year 4, we are focusing on what it means to be a community. This term, students will use scripture texts such as the Decalogue and Letters to St Paul to connect ideas about living in a community. Students will also analyse the story of, ‘Jesus Heals the Blind Man’, as well as explore the Sacraments for Healing and discover how they continue the mission and ministry of Jesus today.

Year 5

In Year 5, students are learning to appreciate the significance of community for sharing and strengthening the faith of believers, past and present. They will broaden their appreciation of the significance of personal and communal prayer and worship through the celebrations of Eucharist, Sabbath and Prayer.

Year 6

In Year 6 this term, students will initially focus on ‘Just’ leadership. They will investigate how the title, ‘Servant leader’ can be a reality in their life and interactions at Holy Spirit school. They will then identify and describe many ways in which faith is lived out in the lives of believers past and present, including Catholics in a developing Australian nation (c. 1900 CE to present). They will analyse the key messages and contexts of some Old Testament prophets. Year 6 will explain the significance of Jesus’ ‘New Law’ for the way believers live their faith and examine the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.
School Fees

School Fee Statements for Term 1 will be emailed to parents this week with payment due by Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February 2017.

It is not too late to complete a Direct Debit form. Direct Debit is the school’s preferred payment method. Forms are available from the parent portal and/or school office. If you are wishing to use this method, please complete the form and return it to school as a matter of importance.

If paying your 2017 school fee commitment in full, you are eligible for a 2.5% discount on the Tuition component if fees are paid by the 1\textsuperscript{st} March 2017.

Thank you.

Loving Learning: Curriculum and Literacy News

‘Targeting Reading, Children Succeeding’

Dear Families of Holy Spirit School,

This week we are planning for Term 1 with the teachers from Years P-2. We will be working in the Collaboration Space attached to the Resource Centre. Mr Dempsey, our principal, will be joining us for part of the day, as well as Mrs Bennett, Teacher-Librarian. We will be planning engaging, quality learning experiences for the children and making decisions about rich assessment tasks.

Accelerate Literacy Learning Project

In 2017, Holy Spirit School, Bray Park is part of Brisbane Catholic Education’s, “Accelerate Learning Project.”

As part of this process, three Brisbane Catholic Education Officers will be working closely with the leadership team, the school’s literacy leaders and P-2 classroom teachers in engaging and progressing student literacy.

Mrs Michelle Buiatti, Mrs Trudi Lucas and Mrs Amanda Sheridan will be working with P-2 teachers in classrooms each fortnight on Monday and Tuesdays.

Thanking you for your interest and support in our endeavours.

Kind regards,

Michaela Lewis, Primary Learning Leader, and Marianna Foley, Literacy Coach, P-2.
Assembly Awards

ASSEMBLY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their class certificate at assembly on Monday 13th February. Assembly starts at 2.10pm in the school hall and all are very welcome to come.

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From the Student Enrichment Team

Year 6 Parents - Personal and Social Development (Puberty)
On Monday 20th February, parents of students in Year 6 are invited to attend an information session on content that will be included at school regarding Personal and Social Development (Puberty). This is a great opportunity to ask questions and be fully informed about the extent of information that will be covered with your child. Jennifer Mason, the course facilitator will attend this evening. Please see attachment for further information. A hard copy note will be sent home after camp.

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parenting Course here at Holy Spirit again
Parents of children under 10 years of age, are invited to attend a FREE 3 week parenting course here at school. This course will run on the following dates:

Thursday 23rd February
Thursday 2nd March
Thursday 9 March
5:30 - 7:30pm

Please see attached flyers for more information.
We will have limited spaces available for 1-2-3 Magic. Please contact Nerida Searle on (07) 32053955 or email nsearle@bne.catholic.edu.au if you are interested in attending.
QLD OZ TAG SERIES

Special congratulations to James Hay and Dion Danby (both in Year 6 Mind) who have been selected for in Qld Oztag Tri-Series teams. Dion will play for the Qld Barbarians and James will play for the Qld City Centurions. Well done boys. We are very excited for you!

![James in action!](image1)

![Dion with his team](image2)

Calendar Dates

These dates are current at time of publication.

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Future dates to note:
- Friday 10th March: Pine Rivers Sport Gala Day  
  For Year 5 and year 6 students
- Friday 24th March: School Cross Country  
  All grades
- Friday 5th May: Pine Rivers District Cross Country  
  Usually Grade 5 and 6 students
- Friday 12th May: Zone 6 Cross Country  
  Grades TBA
- Friday 16th June: School Sports Day  
  All grades
**School Banking**

School Banking News

Remember to send in your deposit books for school banking tomorrow. Make 10 school banking deposits to be eligible to order a reward. Rewards available to order in Term 1 are the colour change markers and cyber handball (blue and yellow one).

New to school banking? It is now even easier to open an account for your child. Just follow the link below, or if you prefer, call in to The Hub and a parent volunteer would be happy to help. You don't need to be a current Commonwealth Bank customer. [https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking](https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking)

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**This week in the school Tuckshop**

First up I would like to thank Yara for stepping up last Friday and joining us in the tuckshop on her last free day before starting fulltime work. We appreciate your time Yara.

I still have vacancies in the tuckshop on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays if you have a couple of hours once a month please give me a call. If you cannot work in the tuckshop maybe you have time to bake cookies or cupcakes? Again, please come and see me, or phone the school on day Tuckshop is open and I will have a chat with you.

I have completed the rosters but am having trouble with my computer at home so cannot email at the moment. They are coming. I have an IT expert at home but that means..... nothing.

A quick reminder that we have taco boats on Mondays with chicken or mince with tomato and lettuce. On Wednesday is our Sushi day with Teriyaki Chicken or Tuna with carrot and cucumber. On Thursday with have our nachos with or without sour cream. And Friday is Vietnamese rolls with teriyaki chicken and fresh fruit salad.

Healthy eating winners are Amy 6H, Parker 1M, Cooper 2P, Lochlan 5S, Tina 6M, Caitlin x 2 6H, Jackson 1M, Tyler 5H, Tamara 4M. Congratulations and please collect your small prize from the tuckshop.

Roster Thurs 9/2:Penny

Fri 10/2: Ben, Gerry, Penny

Mon 13/2: Blanche (Baking) Blanche, Gillian, Trish

Wed 15/2: Heather, Penny, Natalie

Thurs 16/2: Gail, Jenny (Gail, Katy)
Fri 17/2: Penny, David, Kellie

Have a great week and remember-Time is a very precious gift, so precious that it is only given to us moment by moment.

Keep smiling

Sharyn

Community News

LAWNTON GIRL GUIDES – Celebrating 50 Years
Gumnuts, Brownies, Guides, Ranger Guides, rangers, Olaves, Leaders, Unit Helpers, Support Group Members are all invited to join us in celebrating Lawnton Guides 50th Anniversary on Sunday 19th February from 2.00pm – 4.00pm at the Guide Hut. RSVP 10th February debnsteve22@bigpond.com 0422 878 073.

PINE RIVERS PUMAS RUGBY UNION
Under 6 – Under 16 Sign On and Try rugby night – Friday 10th February from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. Pumas Rugby Club, Les Hughes Sporting Complex, Francis Road, Bray Park. For more information email: president@pumasrugby.com or phone Rick on 0488 998 948.