Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday last week, all of the students and staff were involved in our first ever Thinkfest. What a brilliant day it was of team work, collaboration, amazing ideas and incredible creations. Our Year 5 and 6 students took on their roles as leaders with commitment and care for the younger students in their teams. Thank you to all the students and staff for their engagement throughout the day.

**Thinkfest**

Thinkfest was a day for all students at Holy Spirit to be involved in solving different tasks. The focus of the tasks were Communication, Community, Enterprise and Construction. Our group’s focus was Construction. We made a model of a family Utopia that included activities available for all age groups and any member with a disability. Our team worked really well together because we listened to one another’s ideas. It was a very challenging day for us but it was worth it because we had so much fun!

**Ryan H and Matthew A, Year 6.**

Thinkfest was interactive and so much fun! It gave us the opportunity to make new friends in different grades and come up with great ideas together. We were a part of the Community group and created Go Fish Day posters, games, menus and plays—all to do with fish!

We would like to thank Penny, Mary and Mr Tarrant who organized the day for us, and our teachers for supervising the teams. The day was a great success! We had loads of fun and best of all, we learned new things!

**Maddison F and Mikayla T, Year 6**

**Athletics Carnival**

There I was, with butterflies. My teacher hands me my name tag. We are walking to the oval. That’s a relief, we have to watch the ELC and Kinder races first… so cute. The battle cries have started! Ow, my ears! I’m off to my first rotation, Novelty Events, my favourite. Over and under, hoola hoop chain. Now shot put, I can feel the cold, heavy ball. Long jump – my turn. Run. Jump. Yes! 2 metres, best jump yet. 800m run next. I came 4th, not bad. Finally, 100m and 70m sprints. That was a busy day!

**Jason S, Year 4**

Congratulations to all the boys and girls and thank you to all the staff and parents for their efforts and encouragement at the athletics carnival last Friday. Even though it was cold, the day was a great success.
Representatives from the Commonwealth Bank will be at Holy Spirit School tomorrow the 3rd of June between 8.30am and 9.30am. If you would like to set up a savings account for your child so that they can participate in School Banking, it is a great opportunity to do so.
STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

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You will find some links placed here which will lead you to up to date information on children’s mental health. These links will allow you to quickly access important knowledge and resources. Following our last link to information about children’s mental health problems, this week’s link is called Getting help.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Loss and grief are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. Learning to deal effectively with these issues is central to personal well-being and happiness. Unresolved grief can also affect a student’s learning. Holy Spirit School is proud to be offering an Australian education program called ‘Seasons for Growth’ again, commencing in Week 8 this term. This program is designed for children who have experienced significant change in their family because of death, separation or divorce. The change needs to have occurred at least six months prior to the child starting in the program. I run this program every second year and it has been very helpful to many, many children here at Holy Spirit. Some children have already been given a note to take home but if your child missed out and you would be interested, please contact me at sharonmarie.harrison@cg.catholic.edu.au. I would like to start the program before the end of this term so please contact me as soon as possible, thank you.

MINI VINNIES NEWS

Our Mini Vinnies group are working on a prayer to be included in the Saint Vincent De Paul Society’s Mini Vinnies, Little Book of Prayers. I will have the final prayer here for you to read soon! We will also be running a Winter Appeal – a collection of blankets and warm clean clothing in good condition. Your eldest child will bring home a note outlining what is needed and a large bag to put items in. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity!

Always feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance, at Sharonmarie.harrison@cg.catholic.edu.au

Sharon Harrison
Student Welfare/Chaplain

Canteen News.......

Empire Catering provides the Canteen Services to the Holy Spirit Primary School. Empire Catering has been operating for several years, servicing Government, Catholic & Private Schools. We also cater for private functions, meetings, conferences & parties.

The Holy Spirit Primary School Canteen is opened from Tuesday to Friday 9am till 2:00pm. Students and Staff are able to purchase items from the canteen and lunch orders are to be placed online at www.flexischools.com.au

Our aim is to provide quality & nutritional home cooked meals for the children. Our menu will constantly be changing until we reach this goal. Little by little we will be removing the pre packaged food items and replacing them with nutritional restaurant grade home cooked meals.

Empire Catering is working closely with Nutrition Australia to meet every standard that is currently required for our schools to provide nutritional & healthy lunch items for our children.

We are also working towards having Jamie Oliver attend our schools in 2017 for some refreshing and motivational ideas towards building a healthier school canteen industry.

A copy of our new menu is on the Holy Spirit website.

We would love to hear any suggestions that you may have, or any food items that you might like to see on the menu. Please feel free to email us at empirecatering1@bigpond.com

Regards
Empire Catering
Mobile: 0408 200 481
This term we have started our weekly Nature Walks in the Orange class. We have some beautiful surrounding bushland to explore. After discussing the expectations for these nature walks, the children came up with their own rules, with the focus being on their own behaviour roles and responsibilities. The whole idea around nature walks are to allow the children to take risks within a safe environment. They are able to run, climb and explore without someone doing it for them. We started off climbing rocks and this week we moved to climbing trees. The children do all the climbing independently and have to problem solve how to get up and down.

**Uniform Shop**
Open Monday and Friday Mornings
8.30—9.00 am
Last Thursday more of our Year 6 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Archbishop Yllana (Apostolic Nuncio) spoke to the children about being anointed, or consecrated to God, and the significance of this sacrament. The children, and the entire congregation, were very prayerful throughout, and there was a true sense of the Holy Spirit among those gathered. Thank you to all who kept our candidates in your prayers—these young adults have completed a significant journey, with the support of their families, teachers and peers.
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