Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past few weeks Cameron Tarrant and I have been interviewing new families who wish to enrol their child into Holy Spirit Primary. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet people who want their child to be educated at our school, because of its excellent reputation. This is something that our school community should be immensely proud of. Many parents look around at different schools before making their choice, and they also tell me that from visiting our school during the enrolment period, that Holy Spirit stands out as a warm, welcoming, well-resourced and calm educational environment. During this interview process, I also have the opportunity to tell parents what wonderful students we have attending Holy Spirit. This is certainly reinforced after they have had a tour of our school, led by our articulate and very well presented Year 6 leaders. I am proud to be part of our school.

In the busyness of life, we fail to reflect on how lucky we are to belong to a vibrant community such as ours. It is important to stop and to be grateful. I know as a staff we pray often for our school, our families and our students, and we thank God that we are here. What are you grateful for?

High Standards

The staff is pleased to report the great improvement in our students’ self-management. The school has a calm and orderly feel, that is expected in order for all children to learn. Students are moving into class quietly and are settling quickly into sessions of teaching and learning. Teachers are continuing to expect that students’ behaviour and work is of a high standard. Our students have great potential and it is expected that they work hard and try their best in all situations. We congratulate them on their efforts.

Reports

Teachers are very busy finalising reports for Semester 1. A great deal of time has gone into teaching, learning, assessment, and reporting on what has been achieved over the past 5 months. Reports will go home at the end of Week 10, and Three Way Conversations will take place in Week 2 of Term 3. More information about this next week.

Communication

Reporting is one way of communicating to parents. We value and encourage open and honest communication. Please talk to us if you have concerns, are worried or you have suggestions. We would rather hear from you personally if you have something to say, rather than hearing it second hand from other parents who may only have part of a story. Talk to your child’s teacher or the Leadership Team if you have concerns, or have something nice that you would like to say. We all appreciate a word of encouragement and are happy to listen, assist and take action if there is a need.
Carparks

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have taken note of our requests concerning car park etiquette, and children’s safety in, and around, our parking areas. We enjoy working with you, as we continue to educate and care for your children.

God bless you and your family.

Anna D’Amico
Principal

First Reconciliation and Eucharist

Children in Year 3 or above are invited to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist. A note was sent home with Year 3 children last week, and there are spares in the Front Office. The preparation program begins with an information session at Holy Spirit Church on

**Tuesday 21 June at 1pm or 7pm**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at various times from

**23-25 August**

The children from Holy Spirit School will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist on

**Saturday 17 September at 4pm**

If you have any questions about the program please contact your child’s teacher or email Kate MacGregor (REC):

katrina.macgregor@cg.catholic.edu.au
On Year 5 Challenge Day, Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd, Mother Theresa and Mt Carmel schools were invited to John Paul College for some fun activities. All the schools participated in some activities to mix people and the schools up. We went to the JPC assembly and then started our first activity.

I went to woodwork. We were given a rectangle made out of plastic and we got to use a hand thing that carves, to make a different shape. We had to make a key ring. Next was Dance and the dance teacher picked some students to run the class and they played a couple of songs were the students made up some dance moves. Next was PE where we played some ball games like hockey, soccer or end ball. We had lunch and afternoon tea there. We had a wrap and a chocolate muffin and fruit as well.

By Daniella

Last Thursday the Year 5 students from Holy Spirit along with students from other primary schools participated in a challenge day at John Paul College.

I was really looking forward to the day to see what challenges were in store for us. As soon as I heard the word challenge it reminded me of camp, but this time (fortunately for me) there would be no mud or honey carrots involved!

Firstly, we were lucky enough to get to watch one of their Focus Assembly's, which was brilliant. At the end of the assembly the students even presented a fashion parade, modelling the clothes they had made in Textiles and Design.

After focus assembly we were given a tour around the school, then we were split in to groups and went to the activities allocated for us. There were activities such as cooking, dancing, woodwork, Chinese, sport and sustainability. My personal favourite was cooking. Just the smell of those scones cooking in the oven made me hungry!

We all had a great day at JPC and I hope to attend High School there in a couple of years.

By Annika Masters
Year 5 from Holy Spirit, Mother Teresa, Good Shepherd and Mt Carmel went to John Paul the second college for a challenge day.

We made sweet and sour scones and others made sweet scones in the JPC kitchen and at the end we got to taste others scones and they were delicious!!

We did some PE activities like N zone a bit like netball where you had to get the ball to the other side of the room while passing the ball whilst the opposing team is trying to interfere you scoring. We had a hockey activity with some rubber sticks to use and finally we played some soccer with some JPC students as keeper for both teams.

We had a Chinese class and we learnt a word called "ni hao" meaning hello and we made a symbol that makes us healthy and happy forever.

We made a keychain in woodworks sorry I didn't do it I can't do very much.

We did dance as you can expect you dance.

Year 5 got to see how JPC works and, to be honest with you, I liked it a lot; especially the technology.

Brendan Ryan Year 5 French

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**Our Land**

Back at home, where gum trees sway, the little kids started to play. Little knowing what has begun, overseas under the bright sun.

Afghanistan is where we fight, we fight together with all our might. As we march, we march with pride, hand in hand, side by side.

When gun shots are heard all around, we duck for cover anywhere that is found.

As we try so hard to hide, memories of home keep coming to mind.

We remember the flat open plains, the kangaroos and the Great Dividing Range.

The red dust we kicked up as we ran, while yelling "This is our land!"

Suddenly I am filled with lots of might, as I remember this why we fight. We fight for our country, its land and its name, and that no other country can quite be the same.

By: Jacqueline Andrae Year 6
STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

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.

SAFE SCHOOLS HUB

The Safe Schools Hub for Parents provides you with information and resources that you may find useful in helping to make your child’s school experience a positive and happy one. Get ideas on how to stay cybersafe, and how to deal positively with bullying and harassment. You’ll also find out about encouraging self-respect and protective behaviours in your child. The following is a link to the Safe Schools Hub website which is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education. http://safeschoolshub.edu.au/for-parents

PLAY GROUPS

Holy Spirit Play Group

We continue our play group this year and we invite parents and carers to join us in our Community Hub from 9.00am – 11.00am on Thursday mornings. please feel free to come along during term time.

Cheeky Cherubs Playgroup is held in our Community Hub on Wednesday mornings from 9.30-11.30; it is run through ACT Playgroups. There are limited places and a small fee does apply to this group so if you would like further information please contact the front office.

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

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Welcome to Week 8 of Term 2 Sports and Fitness at Holy Spirit School.

Congratulations goes to...

ACT Cross Country Representatives

Well done to Caleb Nixon, Joshua Orr, Sara Small, Chelsee Kelley, Logan Harrison, Sophie Murray and Cameron Bushell on being selected for the ACT Cross Country Carnival that was held on Tuesday 14th June. Official results have not been received as yet.

ACT Girls Touch Representatives

Fantastic work by so many girls from Holy Spirit on not only making the team, but winning the entire carnival. The players who made the carnival were Lahni Hall, Abbie & Samantha Bailey, Maddie and Ellie Hyland, Ainslee Henman and Jess Crowe. The other player was from Burgmann School. The girls are pictured with their coach Jess from St Thomas at Campbell. Another title to these fantastic ambassadors for female sport!

Upcoming Carnival Information

ACT Swimming Carnival

Our best wishes go to Hadyn Saywell, Emily Lomas, Joshua Prior and Cameron Bushell on being selected for the ACT Swimming Carnival to be held on Friday 24th June. Please make sure you bring your permission notes with you to the pool on the day. Coordinator for the team will be Miss Kate North from Ngunnawal Primary.

Catholic Schools Netball Carnival

(Note: Much earlier enrolment in 2016!)

The Catholic Schools Netball Carnival will be held Sunday 30th October. The school hosting this year is Sacred Heart Pearce.

North Canberra/Gungahlin District Athletics Carnival

This carnival is to be held Thursday 11th August 2016 at the AIS Outdoor track. Holy Spirit was the first school in our district to hold a school carnival. Details on selections (how many students per age group) has just arrived from the organiser (Burgmann School), so a permission note will be distributed shortly. School contact for this carnival will be Mr Farrell.

ACT Athletics Carnival

The ACT Schools Athletics Carnival is to be held Tuesday 6th September 2016. This carnival is the follow up to the district carnival and is very competitive. School Coordinator for this carnival will be Mr Scott Prowse from Burgmann School. Our school contact will again be Mr Farrell.

Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival

Every year, many schools travel to Boorowa (country NSW) to help support the two schools in town with their annual sports carnival. The Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival will be held Friday 16th October. The carnival is open to Years 2-6 in both sports. Transport is by private car. A permission note will be issued shortly. School entries will need to finalised by Friday 12th August 2016 at the latest. School Coordinator for this carnival will be Mrs Anne Bell.

If you have any sports announcements or news to share in this section, please email either myself or the front office.

Have a happy and safe weekend everyone!

Mr Seamus Farrell
**Program Update**

At OSHClub this month the children and educators have been enjoying ‘Mix Up Days’ on Wednesday through Friday. This means that all children at the program have the choice of 4 different rooms, each with a different activity type: active games in the hall, craft activities in the Magician’s, cooking in the kitchen, and quiet time/ICT in the library. On Fridays, the program’s activities are centred around a single theme chosen by the children in advance. Our upcoming themes include ‘Around the World’, ‘Sporting Glory’, and ‘Party Time’.

A reminder that for June and July in the ACT the children are no longer required to wear hats while outside. Please come and check lost property, we will be sorting through it soon. Any unnamed items will be donated to St. Vincent De Pauls, named items will be returned to the children or the school.

Finally, a reminder that enrolment for our Holiday Program is now open! You can find the brochure for our activities online and at our program. Highlights include excursions to the National Zoo and Aquarium and Questacon, incursions from Reptiles Inc and Ms. Kandinsky’s Art Workshop, as well as fun activities themed around ‘A Day in the Outback’ and the ‘Rio Olympics’. Please remember to pack morning and afternoon tea, water and lunch. Note we cannot cook or warm up any food that children bring. Make sure your children come appropriately dressed for excursions and cold weather. Please no skate shoes or sandals, we want to keep your children safe. Any of our friendly staff are always happy to answer any questions you might have about the day-to-day functioning of the holiday program, as well as the specifics of each day’s activities throughout the Winter break.

Thank you from everyone here at OSHClub, and we can’t wait to see you this school holidays!

### Next Week’s Activities

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Before School / After School Care Program

OSHClub Head Office: 02 8355 5300

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.