Dear Parents,

Whole School Focus

In November last year, Pope Francis declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy – a year where we are called to focus on the power of mercy. Not just receiving God’s mercy through prayer and reconciliation, but also the important role that mercy has in our relationships with each other.

As a school we started the year with a focus on The Door of Acceptance – that it is in being one community, which accepts everybody, which allows us to develop relationships that lead to mercy. Through this focus we looked at the school rules and how they help us be one community, as well as how we respect each other including the use of manners.

We then moved on to The Door of Love – that Jesus called us to love one another as he loved us. We looked at how Jesus wants us to treat one another, and how he calls us to treat everyone the same.

This term we are looking at The Door of Forgiveness – that when we don’t show love to one another, when we make choices that hurt others (physically or emotionally), we need to seek forgiveness. We will focus on how children should say sorry, and especially how they should respond (give forgiveness).

The word ‘forgive’ means to wipe the slate clean, to pardon, to cancel a debt. We ask others for forgiveness to help restore relationships – without forgiveness there cannot be relationship. Forgiveness is not granted because the person ‘deserves’ to be forgiven. It is an act of love, of mercy, and of grace. The symbol for the term shows that forgiveness is a choice we make, and an action we take, that comes from our love for others.

We have had two Focus Assemblies this term, breaking open what it means to be forgiven. Thanks go to 4 Camp and 1 Creagh and 3 Gaffey and 2 Kaptein who have shown us how God’s love for us means He will always welcome us back, and that this is the greatest example of how we should treat each other.

Three-way conversations

A huge thank you to all parents and teachers for the wonderful conversations that took place over the past week. The partnership between parents and teachers is very important, and the goals set with students help set the focus for the coming term. As always, if you would like to meet with your child’s teacher
The great flood

As most of you would have heard, we had a flood in the Early Learning Centre last week when a water main burst. The staff of the ELC and the Primary school worked tirelessly together to ensure all students were safe, and that the ELC sustained as little damage as possible. Once the water damage was controlled we shifted to moving mode, relocating one class to the multi-purpose room until the ELC can be repaired. A huge thanks goes out to everyone who helped, either in the ELC or working together to keep the school operational – it is in pulling together that we see the strength of our community.

First Eucharist

We have thirty-five students preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist – we ask you to keep these students in your prayers as they take this journey over the next few weeks. The other Year 3 students are supporting them on their journey, and we pray for them as well.

A reminder that all candidates need to attend Mass each week – and collect their jigsaw puzzle piece. This week they also need to bring along their Precious Memories ribbon - a link between the family stories we listen to, and the Godly stories we listen to at Mass.

SWPB

Continuing with our focus on our 4 school rules, this week our classes have looked at being Responsible. In the Newsletter this week is a summary of what our students and teachers believe being Responsible looks, sounds and feels like, and what it makes us think about. This whole-school reflection on what we want our school to be like, is part of our review and relaunching of the School Wide Positive Behaviour program.

Working with you in faith,

Kate MacGregor

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Seek forgiveness
“I’m sorry”
Give forgiveness
“You’re forgiven”
Our spirit

Be Responsible

SOUNDS LIKE

“Can I help you”  Saying sorry  Using manner  Reminding others to be safe
Telling the truth/ Being honest  Owning up to mistakes  Using caring words
Listening to others  Walking quietly on walk ways  Not screaming
Sound of silence  “Thank you”  Students listening
Asking others to play safely

Picking up rubbish  Self-control
Being on task  Patience  Helping others  Safe  Happy
Listening to the teacher and not speaking  Comfortable  Proud
Generosity  Hands off, feet off  Hands up  Like I am contributing  Trusted
Sitting quietly on the floor  Cleaning up your desks  Excited  Calm and sensible  Honest
People working as a team  Showing initiative  Inspired  Appreciative  A good leader
Seeing a need and doing something about it  I’m in control of my behaviour
Being a role model for others  Safe  Mature  Peaceful
Taking care of yours and others things  I am welcomed  People care about you
I can help others  Accomplished  Confidence
I can be safe on the equipment  Self control
I am being a learner  I am important  I’m included
I am liked  Apologising  Positive thoughts
Forgive others  Doing the right thing
Think about school rules

FEELS LIKE

LOOKS LIKE

MAKES ME THINK
News from Year 1......

Last term, our Year 1 classes read the book ‘Flat Stanley’ by Jeff Brown. In the story, a boy named Stanley wakes up one morning to discover that the big bulletin board that was above his bed had fallen on top of him during the night. Thankfully Stanley was fine, except for one thing - he was now as flat as a pancake! Stanley soon discovered however, that being flat had its advantages. At only half an inch thick, Stanley could slide under doors, fly like a kite and be posted across the country to visit his friend for the holidays.

Following on from our reading, the students in Year 1 have written letters and made flat versions of themselves to send to friends and relatives who live in different places. This week we are so excited to be mailing our flat people to towns and cities around Australia, and even overseas! We cannot wait to find out what our flat people get up to during their travels...and so let the adventures begin!
STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

KIDSMATTER PRIMARY

Component 3: Parenting support and education
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. This week’s link is on children's Learning and learning difficulties.

TUESDAY SOCIAL CLUB
At social club we drew some beautiful pictures in chalk on the pavements. Next Tuesday we will play some inside games in the Multipurpose Room! Children are invited to come along by their class teacher and they may bring a friend.

MINI VINNIES NEWS

Our wonderful group of Mini Vinnies students have taken all of the bags and bags of clothing and blankets down to the carpark, for the team from the Saint Vincent De Paul's Mitchell Depot, who collected the items today. Thank you all very much for your generous donations. They also finished making the Happy Day Cards for the homeless and these will be collected next Wednesday when the Night Patrol Team come and show the kids through the van.

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 cyber safe, 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,
Holy Spirit Primary Learning Olympathon
8th – 22nd August 2016

Starts next week...

On Wednesday the Olympathon Torch started its journey around the classes – with a lolly guessing competition.

Have you started collecting sponsors? We will complete a tally of the money promised early next week.

Week 4:
Monday 8th August – Holy Spirit 2016 Learning Olympathon Opening Ceremony

All students will begin to work on their Learning Olympathon Activity Booklet, teachers signing off on the 10 activities as they are completed over Weeks 4 and 5.

School Fees
School fee payments fees are due by Friday 12th August unless you have a direct debit in place.

Merit Awards Week 4

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NAPLAN ONLINE - TRIAL OF THE NEW ONLINE ASSESSMENT PLATFORM

You may have heard that NAPLAN online is being introduced across Australia from 2017, with an aim for all Australian schools administering NAPLAN online by 2019.

NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Your child’s results will be returned to you faster, within a couple of weeks rather than a couple of months.

Between 16 and 26 August 2016, our school is participating in a trial of the new NAPLAN Online platform (the computer system the test will be taken on). This trial isn’t ‘another’ NAPLAN test for 2016, rather, it is a chance for teachers and students to test the new platform in a real-life classroom environment. A selection of our students from Years 4 and 6 will participate in the trial, by undertaking either one or two online tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. Each of these tests will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us make sure we have adequate bandwidth capacity, wireless connectivity, and whether students have access to a sufficient number of devices for NAPLAN testing. During the trial, we will also have the opportunity to practice managing the classroom for an online assessment, as well as the new test administration processes.

Feedback from schools participating in the trial will inform transition to the online assessment as well as provide valuable feedback to shape the final development of the NAPLAN online platform.

Participation in this trial is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Julie Jenkins (NAPLAN Coordinator).


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Term 3 School Banking Competition – The Dollarmites have discovered Prize Lights in the Outback sky.

School bankers who make 3 or more deposits in Term 3 have a chance to win one of the Star saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs. See the poster in the Front office area or look out for a flyer in your bank book.

There is also an additional entry for bankers online at: commbank.com.au/prizelights

Good luck from the Dollarmites.
“Pozières Day” with thanks

Last Friday we held Pozières Day as part of the “Pozières Project”.

Children could be seen all around our school wearing the French colours Blue, White and Red and tucking into some delicious French crepes!

Madam Roveta and Vicki Walsh would like to say a big thank you!!

to everyone for their generosity with their donations.

Total figure will be known next week.

A big thank you to the Defence Students and the Hospitality Students, who helped out on the day, spreading the chocolate mousse, delivering the crepes and collecting the money.

The monies will be gratefully received by the organisers of the “Pozières Project” and our school can be very proud of our involvement and participation in it.

Don’t forget if you are ever in Pozières, France to go and visit the new Australia School which should be opened by July 2018.

Vicki Walsh, DSTA

“N’oublions jamais l’Australie”
Program Update

Please welcome to Nicholls our new coordinator in the Rockets (grade 1-2) Stacey Lawson. Stacey is studying education at university and has a background in management in the banking sector. She is quickly getting to know your children and completed a hand over period with Rachel Holland, who is now studying in New Zealand. Your children and the team members at Nicholls have been engaging in lots of physical activities to try and keep warm. They have enjoyed the ropes and obstacle courses in the hall and playing in the tepee. In the Magicians, children have been enjoying the new kitchen play space and participating in talent shows. The mix up days held Wednesday through to Friday are working well. Your children get to choose which activities they would like to participate in, therefore they may not be in their regular room. The children are enjoying the autonomy and variety this brings, however it may take a bit longer to locate your child. Your patience is appreciated. We have a plethora of lost property which is now located on the shelves in the entry to the hall. If clothing is labelled we will return it to your child. Half way through the term and at the end of each term items not collected are donated back to the school or to St. Vincent De Paul.

At the moment we are operating at full capacity, this is determined by the amount of space in the joint facility. This is 165 children in the afternoon. If you cannot get your child in, please keep checking our website for cancellations as we are no longer keeping a waiting list.

Please introduce yourself to Stacey and ask her or the other coordinators if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks see you at OSHClub soon. Kathleen and team.

This Fortnight’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0402 611 484
Program Manager: Kathleen Rigby
Coordinators: Sandra, Stacey and Luke
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.
Holy Spirit P & F Movie Date!

Join us for a private screening of Bad Moms
Hoyts Belconnen
Sunday 14 August 2016
2:30pm

Tickets $25 each includes tickets to win lucky door prizes!
Extra tickets for prizes available for purchase at the event. We have partnered with the secure online ticketing services of Ticketebo for the provision of our tickets.

Buy online today by going to

TODAY is the last day to purchase your movie tickets, and we’ve still got 30 seats to fill! Please come along and invite your friends. I have to tell you that unfortunately, if we don’t fill these seats, the event will be cancelled.

If you’re up for a parents afternoon at the movies – you’ll have a fabulous chance of winning one of several great prizes (Handbags, Wine, Tupperware and salon vouchers) as well as contributing to the schools fundraising efforts!