Hello all,

By way of introduction, my name is Fabiola and I’m mum to 2 energetic little boys - Isaac who is in Kinder and Lucas (4yrs). I’m also in the role of vice-president of the Holy Spirit P&F Committee for this year.

I had a good friend comment this week that I was a ‘bit keen’ (read – crazy) getting involved in the P&F in our first year of being at the school, and it made me reflect on why I signed up.

I’m going to take this opportunity to share my reasons with you all and tell you about the great work the P&F has done for the school and it’s students.

As a new mum to the school I was keen to get to know some other parents - aside from the mad dash to drop-off of a morning before work. I wanted to find another way to meet other parents and most importantly I wanted to be a part of the school community. When I found out the first P&F was coming up, I thought I’d go along to see what it was all about. It was a room full of smiling parents and carers, who were in the same boat as me – wanting to make a connection with this wonderful community that is Holy Spirit School. I wasn’t planning to put my hand up for any jobs (like most people, I really didn’t think I had time for that) but as it happened, I put my hand up and haven’t looked back.

Since then, I’ve had lots of people ask about the amount of effort involved. Has it taken some of my free time? Sure it has. Do I think it’s worth it? Absolutely!!

I have to say that being part of the P&F committee so far this year has been not only rewarding, but also fun! I’ve met some great mums (and dads too!) that I now consider friends.

This year alone, we’ve raised thousands of dollars through the election day BBQ, the upcoming Movie date (you can still buy tickets here), the Mother’s day stall and the Easter raffle. Our next events are for Father’s Day, a Mango drive and a school disco! Last year’s efforts meant each student now has access to Reading Eggs at no extra cost to the school or to parents.

We have two meetings a term and some casual ones whenever we all feel like it. I’ve attached a picture of our last casual catch up – these meetings are also a great excuse to eat cake without help from the kids :)

Our next P&F meeting is Monday 5th September at 7pm in the Community Hub. I’d like to personally invite you along to come and see what it’s all about - there might even be cake!

Lastly, if you have any questions, would like to participate, or just want to chat with some other mums and dads, drop me a line at HolySpiritPandF@outlook.com

Yours in fundraising,

Fab

Fabiola Viana De Freitas
Be Safe

SOUNDS LIKE
using kind words  No bad language remind people of the rules No bullying not making people sad
Report incident Listening to instructions Hearing kind words No fights/arguments Using safe words
Caring Things not being broken Happy Positive comments Not saying "no offence but..."
Not talking to strangers Not telling people to do things that are unsafe Being friendly
Calm Silence when the the alarm sounds Listening to instructions
people answering the roll Clearly Laughter
Not distracting others Cheering on Encouraging words
No breaking bones No crying
Silent footsteps Not calling out
Walking on the walkways
‘Don’t be mean, stop fighting’

LOOKS LIKE
Following rules Playing safely
Fun Keeping others safe
No hands on Cyber safety
Hands off, feet off Walking on the walkways
People playing in the right areas
Right place right time
Do what the teacher asks of you
Lining up
Picking up things so they are not a hazard
Everyone having a great time
Staying in your own work space
Not running during an evacuation
Not throwing things aside
Whole body listening to the teacher
Not getting bullied
Listening No arguments

FEELS LIKE
Admitting mistakes
Safe Calm Relaxed
Following rules
Doing the right thing
Awesome I’m happy
Trying new things without being afraid
Loved Treat others the way you wish to be treated Making the right choices
Welcoming
Comfortable and warm Honest to yourself Relaxed Respected
Included Peaceful Quiet Happy
Grateful Calm Good to be at school
People are respected Able to learn
People not being hurt
You are in a happy environment I’m not worried about getting hurt
You can trust your friends enjoyable no jealousy
You are not in danger I’m accepted

Positive thoughts
Thinking about possible consequences
Thinking positively Selflessness
I should not hurt people
Concentrate on the things I should do
Would that choice hurt me or someone else? Love others I’m special I’m safe
I can trust my friends I can do this
I can take risks with my learning
I have good friends I’m a good listener
I’m not alone Am I being safe?
No one is hurting me

MAKE ME THINK
Our spirit

Holy Spirit Primary Learning Olympathon
Ready… Set… GOING!

On Monday we celebrated the Opening Ceremony of the 2016 Learning Olympathon. It marked the start of a great two weeks of learning and fun related to the Rio Olympics, imagining what it would be like to be an Olympian and to always do your best. The Olympathon Torch made its final journey through the classrooms, with 3 Hague correctly guessing 280 lollies in the torch. The Olympathon Oath, written by all classes, is a wonderful collection of thoughts about the importance of learning.

A reminder that the Learning Olympathon is the main whole-school fundraiser for 2016. Please try to collect sponsors from family and friends to raise money that will go directly back to our students through school projects and resources. An updated sponsor tally will be taken next Monday.

All the students also saw the raffle prizes that are part of the Learning Olympathon. They include vouchers to JB HIFI, fantastic books and activity sets, buckets of skittles and a Star Wars pack that looks incredible! The prize for the highest money earner is a $400 Westfield Gift Voucher.

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School Fees

School fee payments are due tomorrow unless you have a direct debit in place. Thank you.
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

SCIENCE

‘The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools are independent evaluations of students’ skills and knowledge in core learning areas and provide insight into students’ understanding.’ Nick Connolly, UNSW Global

Holy Spirit Primary School congratulates the following students who participated in ICAS Science this year. These students will receive certificates at next week’s Focus Assembly: Nikith Balmuri, Harry Eyles, Joseph George, Alivia Holden, Ethan Swinil, Liana Ma, Sonia Ohri, Tanveer Deol, Joshua Matthew, Ryan O’Donnell, Owen Richardson, Anthony Bebek, Baasil Ahmed, Rafid Ahmed, Hayden Gardiner, Joshua Koroma, Angus Simpson, Callum Webb, James Cunliffe, Mehretayehu Eyassu, Aidan Monteleone,

**Merit:** Aocheng Liu,

**Credit:** Sienna Ness, Lidija O’Donnell, Liam Shain, Emily Gardiner, Joshua Liang, Daniel Baraniecki, Elizabeth Schaffarczyk, Haydn Saywell, Xavier Schaffarczyk

**Distinction:** Matthew Robinson, Mia Eyles,

**High Distinction:** Kenneth Le,

"Pozières Day" with thanks

The figure raised for the “Pozières Project” came to $780!

Madame Roveta and Vicki Walsh are very grateful for everyone’s generosity with this project. These monies will now be forwarded onto the organisers of the “Pozières Project” and we shall keep you informed of the new French school’s development.

**Merci beaucoup!!!**
Year 4 have been working on their skipping skills in Sport this term. Last Thursday morning we were very lucky to have the Jazzy Jumpers skipping group perform for the school. The Jazzy Jumpers wowed us with their amazing group, pair and individual routines; including some incredible skills by Tate in 1 Hardiman, who is also a member of the Jazzy Jumpers. After the performance, 4 Hickman were keen to ask the skippers just how they manage to perform those awesome routines and have been practising some of the tricks the Jazzy Jumpers performed ever since!

Look out Australia’s Got Talent!

The Jazzy Jumpers train at the Amaroo School Gym. Their recreational class is on Monday afternoons from 5-6pm with the first lesson as a free trial. For more information, please see their website www.jazzyjumpers.org.au or their Facebook page www.facebook.com/jazzyjumperscanberra.
Canberra Girls’ Programming Network Cryptology Workshop

There has never been a more exciting time to be a female learning about technology! The Canberra Girls’ Programming Network is a community for female students to learn about computer programming and technology through workshops, and gives exposure to female role models across academia, government and industry. Please register now by emailing: su-en.williams@defence.gov.au or courtney.ross@defence.gov.au and Cc ASD.DISH@defence.gov.au

What: The workshop topic is Cryptology! The art of protecting secrets started thousands of years ago from the early Egyptians. Cryptology is one of those ancient sciences that has endured to modern day communications. This workshop will centre on the famous Caesar Cipher named for its creator Julius Caesar. Join us to be code-breakers for a day!

Where: At St Clare’s College Canberra-1 McMillan Crescent, Griffith ACT 2603

When: Sunday, August 21st

Please arrive by 9:45am for registration. Workshop begins at 10am
Parents and teachers invited at 3:30pm
Conclude by 4pm

Who: Female students from Years 4 to 12

What do I need to know? No need to have coded before! But also for students who are ready for more programming challenge.

How? You’ll need to register to attend. Email su-en.williams@defence.gov.au or courtney.ross@defence.gov.au and Cc ASD.DISH@defence.gov.au

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Holy Spirit Primary School (Nicholls) is held on Mondays from 1:10pm – 2:00pm and it’s not too late to join.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.