Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the Holy Spirit community for your generous support of the 2016 Learning Olympathon. We are very pleased to announce that the school raised over $22 400! This money will go to the P&F, who will in turn use it to support the school across many areas. On Monday this week we recognised the terrific efforts of all the students and celebrated with a lucky few who won raffle prizes. There was also the announcement of the grade who completed the most activities during the Olympathon – Well done Year 1 who had a uniform free day today to celebrate.

Congratulations also to 2 Kelly and 5 French who received a pizza and movie session for raising the most money in their part of the school. And finally the winner of the main prize, a $400 Westfield voucher, for raising the most money in the school, went to Ella in the ELC Orange class.

A fantastic week of celebrations was topped off last Friday night with a very special 20th Anniversary function here at Holy Spirit. The event was attended by over 80 past and present staff, including 5 Principals; Kerry Mabbott, Elizabeth Moroney, Paul Russell, Tim Elliott and Anna D’Amico. It was a great opportunity for friends and colleagues to catch up after many years, reflect on the last 20 years of Holy Spirit, and, to look ahead to a bright future for the school. Thank you particularly to Nat Tarry, Nerissa Hannaford, Julie Jenkins, Catherine Morris, Belinda Parkes, Cath King and all members of the planning team for their tireless work in making the occasion a memorable one.
Thank you

This has been a terrifically busy and exciting term! The students have worked very hard to achieve goals set following the 3-way conversations in Week 2, they have enjoyed crepes for Pozieres Day, raised money for Jeans for Genes Day, celebrated Book Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week, the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, completed the Learning Olympathon, officially opened the ELC and celebrated 20 years.

It is a credit to the students, the teachers and to the wider Holy Spirit community, to have such an active and vibrant learning environment. Thank you to everyone for a great term!

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable break from the busyness of the school routine. Have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing all the students ready for Term 4 on Monday, 10 October.

Yours in learning,
Cameron Tarrant
Assistant Principal

Departing Families

We are aware that some families will be leaving Holy Spirit at the end of this year. To help us with staffing and class structure for 2017, we would appreciate knowing which children (apart from Year 6!) will not be returning to Holy Spirit next year.
If your child/ren will not be returning, please fill out the slip and return it to school as soon as possible.

My child/ren
______________________________
will not be returning to Holy Spirit School in 2017
The school my child/ren will be attending is _____________________________________________

Signature
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Date

Signed ___________________________________
Celebrating First Eucharist

On Saturday 17th September thirty-three children from Holy Spirit celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist. It was a beautiful and reverent ceremony.

A sincere thanks to the parents and families who, as first teachers of faith, have spent the past few weeks on a journey with their children, sharing and renewing their faith. We also thank the teachers who worked with the children throughout this time – the support of Mr Hague, Miss Gaffey and Miss Nuske has been invaluable in preparing not just for Eucharist but also for Reconciliation – it has been a busy term!

Photos courtesy of Diana Masters and Catherine Morris – thank you.
Questacon comes to Holy Spirit

This term Year 1 has been learning all about mini beasts in their Science unit ‘Schoolyard Safari’. As a part of this unit, we invited Helen from Questacon’s Q2U to bring in some of her mini beasts and share them with us. We looked at all sorts of insects and arachnids including a Spiny Leaf Insect, a Stick Insect and an Australian Leaf Insect. Did you know that there are 2 types of spiders – ancient spiders and modern spiders? We learnt that the Peacock Spider was discovered on a tree at Black Mountain!!

Helen showing some students an Australian Leaf Insect

Ancient and Modern spiders catch their prey in different ways.

“I learnt that stick insect can grow up to 20cm!!” Rory 1H

“Male Dung Beetles roll up piles of poo for girl Dung Beetles” Bradley 1C

“I learnt that there is an insect called a leaf insect” Chelsea 1W

“I learnt that stick insects and spiny leaf insects are not harmful” Jovita 1 M/B

NEWS FROM ACTION

Commencing Monday 10 October there will be a change to the start and finish points for School Route 427.

Route 427 Commencing Monday 10 October 2016

Change to route: SR 427 will now start at Manning Clarke before Ooderoo Avenue – Bus Stop 6341. The service will commence at 7:53 am.

Additionally SR 427 will now finish at Gold Creek High at 8:46 am.
Election BBQ
15TH OCTOBER

ACT Election BBQ fundraiser - we need your help!

We're joining forces with Gold Creek to run a fundraiser on Saturday 15 October.

If you're able to help in any way, even for a small amount of time, please volunteer at http://signup.com/go/DccTCi

Thank you!

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

Secretary/Administration Officer
Part-time – Four days per week (22 hours)
Tuesday to Friday – 9.00am to 3.00pm

The position of Administration Officer/Secretary at Holy Spirit Parish has become available.

This role has responsibility for a wide range of administrative and organisational activities in a busy Catholic Parish in the Gungahlin area and to ensure the smooth and effective operation of the parish office. The Secretary/Administrative Officer is often the first point of contact for people connecting with the parish and therefore is required to have an understanding of parish functions and groups, must be able to answer a variety of general questions relating to parish life and must be able to show compassion, understanding and patience when dealing with a wide range of people.

Applicants must show enthusiasm and have the ability to contribute to building community, have excellent administration skills, be able to self-manage work priorities and projects and to work effectively within a small team.

For the full job description and selection criteria, visit our parish website holyspiritgungahlin.org.au or email Fr Mark Croker parishpriest@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au

Applications

To apply please provide a covering letter which includes your response to the Selection Criteria along with your Curriculum Vitae to Fr Mark Croker at parishpriest@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au.

For more information, contact the Parish Office on 6242 9622 (Tuesday to Friday).

Application close: Friday, 7 October 2016.
Our spirit

OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
At OSHClub your children have been enjoying the warmer weather, with lots of the children opting to play games outside. Some of these have been organised games, and some free play.

Our worm farm is going well, and your children have been busy weeding gardens in preparation of planting vegetables and herbs. We are in need of donations of garden tools, mulch, seedlings or plants. The Sun smart policy is back and all children attending OSHClub are required to bring a hat. I have noticed that there are a lot of children still not bringing them, could you please make sure that they have one in their bags.

If your child is unwell or you have picked them up early from school and they are going to be absent from OSHClub please call or text 0402 611 484 to inform us of this absence. This not only helps us, but our policy is that if we cannot contact parents or the school cannot give us information on your child, we contact the police after 25 minutes. We will be hosting an end of term BBQ on FRIDAY morning 23rd September 7.30am to 8.30am for our parents. Please join us we will be serving bacon and egg rolls, pancakes, toast and cereal, with orange or apple juice.

We are fast approaching the school holidays. You will find our pamphlets in the sign in/out areas, also information can be found on our website. Our excursions these holidays, are to the Circus in the first week, and to the National Zoo and Aquarium in the second week. Our incursions are Bollywood dancing, and Silent sports with Silent Disco. We also have many wonderful activities to keep your children engaged, with a different theme each day. Sun smart policy still applies, so children still need to bring a hat. Don’t forget that OSHClub do not supply food for the holiday program. We have found in the past that some children don’t have enough to eat, so pack plenty. We do provide “late snack” this is about 5pm and is the food that the children have cooked during the day, so it is only a light snack. Please make sure your children are appropriately dressed, especially on excursion days, we want the children to have a great day. A reminder that skate shoes are not appropriate for OSHClub, these cause problems each holiday program.

Enjoy the holidays, we look forward to seeing you all, and for those we don’t see during holidays, see you next term.

Last Fortnight’s Activities

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Parent Information

Phone OSHC program: 0402 611 484
Manager: Kathleen Rigby
Coordinators: Luke Gleeson, Sandra Gale, Stacey Lawson
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.