Dear Parents and Carers,

NAPLAN

In May, ACT Government and Non-Government school students sat the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The tests, which were undertaken by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across the country, covered reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The reports, which will be sent out tomorrow to Year 3 & 5 parents, provide a point-in-time or a snapshot of student achievement using a testing format and test conditions that are outside the normal school assessment procedures. Please keep in mind that the tests were in May and we would assume that every child has made progress since then. It is therefore important that if parents and carers have any concerns about the reports or their child’s progress, they should make a time to discuss these results, along with other school-based assessments, with their child’s teacher.

Holy Spirit 20th Anniversary and ELC Official Opening

On Wednesday 14th September, Holy Spirit Primary School will celebrate the official opening of our beautiful ELC and mark the occasion of our 20th Anniversary since opening in 1996. This day marks an important milestone in our history as a wonderful school, celebrating our past and our future. This day is all about coming together as a community. To do this, there are a number of events planned.

Wednesday 14th September

- 9.30am Official Opening of the ELC and acknowledgement of 20th Anniversary – Liturgy in the Hall
- 11.30am Community activities and games on the Oval. All parents are invited to join us for this
- 12.40pm opportunity to come together to enjoy our great school
- 12.50pm Community lunch. Please join with your children and the wider school community to bring a picnic lunch to share in and around Shakespeare’s Corner
- 2.00 - Learning Journeys / Open classrooms. Please take the opportunity to have your child take 5.00pm you through their classroom and share with you their learning

Friday 16th September

Holy Spirit Primary School 20th Anniversary P&F Evening Function – Shakespeare’s Corner – details to come


**Breakfast Time**

We have all heard the saying that ‘breakfast is the most important meal of the day’. This is so true for our students as they head into often long and busy days. While sometimes it is difficult to get children to eat a good breakfast, or time just runs out, it is very important that children do have a good breakfast before starting their school day. Concentration, socialisation skills and tolerance levels are all affected when children (and adults) become hungry. We do have a ‘Fruit Boost’ during our morning learning session, but it is necessary that the children have had plenty to eat before starting the day. Some children who attend Before School Care might have breakfast at home early, and may then not eat till after 10am. Breakfast is provided at Before School Care, but in the excitement of the moment, some children are choosing not to eat. We encourage all parents to give consideration to this important aspect of the day.

**Learning Olympathon**

We are well underway with our **Whole School Fundraiser** – Learning Olympathon. There has been a fantastic response to the activities, both in the classroom and at home. Students have completed a Reading Triathlon, Year 1 have been out to play football, the Brazilian national sport and there have been some amazing new Olympic Mascots created. The challenge now is to remember the fundraising aspect of the Olympathon. Please support the school and your children by way of donating to the Olympathon, either per activity completed or just a single donation. For each $10 raised, the students receive a raffle ticket, for a chance to win one of many fantastic prizes. All funds raised go directly back to the students through purchasing resources for the classrooms and completing projects around the school.

Upcoming important dates:

- Week 5 – Students / Classes complete the activities and challenges
- Monday 22nd August – Holy Spirit 2016 Learning Olympathon Closing Ceremony – Sponsorship forms returned to school please
- Wednesday Week 6 – Signed sponsorship forms, Activity Booklets and money envelopes sent home
- Week 9 – Monday 12th September – All sponsorship money returned – raffle tickets allocated
- Week 9 – Friday 16th September – Prize Ceremony
- Week 10 – Class Prize Day

**Car Park**

A reminder to please not use the top car park to do student drop off before school. As we have mentioned many times, for the safety of the students and in order to maintain traffic flow, students are not to be dropped off along the drive way at the front of the school. This carpark is a very busy congestion point for both Holy Spirit and Gold Creek schools, primarily for the use of staff. If you do wish to drop your child off at the top car park, you are required to park and walk your child across to the school grounds. **Unfortunately, consideration is being given to stopping access to this car park during peak times due to continued misuse and ignoring of staff directions.** Our first priority is student safety and we appreciate your support in this area.

Working with you to educate your children.
Cameron Tarrant
Assistant Principal
Grubby hands!

Awesome weeding work from some budding HS Gardeners and the Environment Team. We had a fabulous time yesterday getting to know our garden beds, digging, pulling weeds and meeting earthworms.

'The Plot' is back in business and we are on a journey to revive our community garden. The 'Fresh Tastes' team helped teachers organise plans for the garden yesterday afternoon. We welcome any interested gardening parents to share their skills with us. Please contact: Sam Bartley, Liz Creagh, Jodie Hardiman, Bronwyn Nuske, Nerissa Hannaford or Seamus Farrell, if you have time to help, seedlings to share, or suggestions to help us.

Happy gardening!
The Fresh Tastes Team

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

________________________________________

_______________________________________Date_________

Signed ______________________________________________________________________________
Be a Learner

SOUNDS LIKE

taking turns with talking

good manners

taking turns with talking

group discussions

encouraging comments

quiet

working hum

silence

asking questions

using names

fun

achieving

becoming better

different kinds of smart

we’re all included

like a leader

challenging

calm

proud

LOOKS LIKE

hands-up

Whole body listening

staying on task

looking at the speaker

work completed to high standards

FEELS LIKE

patience

visualising

think before we speak

gaining knowledge

“If I never try I will never know”

“I’m proud of my work.”

setting goals

“That’s really interesting!”

“I can do this!”
Jeans for Genes Day

We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations on Jeans for Genes day. With your generosity, we were able to raise $955 for Children’s Medical Research Institute’s fight against childhood genetic disease.

Thank you
Year 6 Leaders

School Fees

School fee payments are overdue. Reminder statements were sent home today. Please make your payments promptly.

Thank you.

Holy Spirit School introduces Qkr! as another payment option for fees and other events.

Qkr! (pronounced Quicker) is a FREE app to enable mobile payment for school fees and other fees e.g. camps, sacramental programs, sporting carnivals etc. (School fees are to be paid in full by Friday of Week 4 each term. If you wish to pay your fees by instalments, a direct debit will need to be established).

The app enables parents/carers to use their smartphone to make various school payments without having to give their child/ren cash or credit card details to carry to school. Qkr! can also be accessed from your iPad, tablet or computer.

Payments can be made by credit card (Visa and Mastercard) and debit cards, provided these cards have a Chip technology. Payment is made immediately from your account and paid into our bank account, with Safe and Secure MasterCard Technology.

At this stage only School Fees can by paid by Qkr!, as most other events have already taken place this year. All future events will be loaded onto Qkr!

Please see the attached flyer to download Qkr! onto your smartphone.
Our spirit

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced ‘quicker’) by MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:
- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

**Step 1 Download Qkr!**
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

**Step 2 Register**
Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

**Step 3 Find our school**
Our school will appear in ‘Nearby Locations’ if you’re within 10km’s of the school, or search for our school by name.

**Step 4 Register your children**
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.
Our spirit

Add your children’s details in Student Profiles

Select ‘Add student profile’

Add each child’s details

Manage each child’s details in Student Profiles

Purchase school items

Select a menu from our school

Select child you are ordering for

Select your items

Tap ‘Checkout’ then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.
Dear Parents and Carers

Good Shepherd Community Council are hosting a parent evening on Thursday September 1st. The guest speaker is David Price OBE an international educational futurist.

We would like to extend an invitation to our parish schools of Holy Spirit, Mother Teresa and St John Paul College and invite interested parents and carers to join us for this unique opportunity.

Have you ever wondered why we have a BYOD program at Holy Spirit?

Have you ever wondered how the BYOD program is benefiting your child?

Many of the jobs that the children of Holy Spirit will be employed in when they are adults have not even been invented yet. What does this mean for the education that they are receiving today?

David is the author if bestselling book “OPEN: How we’ll work, learn and live in the future”

This is a round table event and numbers are strictly limited.

$5 per person. Payment by Qkr

Thursday September 1st
7pm in Good Shepherd School Hall

Book your place now!

As numbers are strictly limited, please reply promptly to secure one of the remaining places. The cost of the night is $5 per person.

You can register by sending your name to
office.goodshepherd@cg.catholic.edu.au.

Please pay by Qkr (Look for Good Shepherd School, School payments, David Price)

Good Shepherd Community Council