Dear Parents and Carers,

Online safety

Consistently we reinforce the importance of online safety to our students. Through our programs we ‘develop Information and Communication Technology (ICT) capability as students learn to use ICT effectively and appropriately to access, create and communicate information and ideas, solve problems and work collaboratively in all learning areas at school and in their lives beyond school. ICT capability involves students learning to make the most of the digital technologies available to them, adapting to new ways of doing things as technologies evolve and limiting the risks to themselves and others in a digital environment.

(www.australiancurriculum.edu.au - General Capabilities ICT)

Monitoring children’s digital usage so that they are safe and lead balanced lives, and teaching the importance of respectful relationships, is paramount in our changing world. We now not only interact with people, socialise and develop relationships face to face, we do so online. We need to teach our children to interact safely and respectfully with others in all situations. The enormity of our cyber world is overwhelming, however, the basic principles of safety and respect for ourselves and others, do not change.

The following site from the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner has many useful and informative resources for parents.


Acceptance of Difference

One of our Mission statements at Holy Spirit is that – We respect differences and embrace diversity. As a community - staff, students, parents and carers, extended family, our priests – we recognise that we are brought together, not by chance but by fortune. Each person that is part of our community is with us for a reason. We see the goodness and uniqueness in each person and we work towards building a community where we reach out and we teach, through example that everyone is the not the same and that we look for the beauty in each individual.
Our spirit

School communities are inclusive and work extremely hard to cater to the individual needs of students and families. As a Catholic school we value individuals, we accept each person for who they are, and we strive to achieve the best possible outcomes for all students. Each person requires support, be it academically, socially, spiritually, emotionally or physically. No one is perfect, but each one of us is perfectly created in the image of God.

Celebrations – All welcome

Our families are invited to celebrate 20 years of Holy Spirit School. On Wednesday the 14th of September we will be holding family activities on our oval between 11.45am and 12.45pm. This will be followed by a family picnic lunch in Shakespeare’s Corner. Please come along to both events, bring some lunch to share as a family and join in a great community event.

Between 2.00pm and 5.00pm, classrooms will be open for Learning Journeys where you are invited to journey with your child/children on a grand tour of their learning, celebrating their achievements and successes.

Thank You

A sincere thank you to all parents, carers and families who support us in many ways. We would not be able to function without you. We truly appreciate your time, help, faith in us, encouragement, fundraising, planning of events, correspondence, feedback, participation, assistance, attendance at events. The list is endless.

God bless you all.

Working together to educate your children.

Anna D’Amico
Principal
Our spirit

Reconciliation for those receiving First Eucharist

A reminder that all children receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist MUST receive First Reconciliation.

The final First Reconciliation liturgy is on Saturday 27th August at 4:15pm. If your child does not receive First Reconciliation they will not be able to receive First Eucharist.

Other Reminders

A note confirming details was sent home last week—please return this to school as soon as possible.

Permission slips for Jesus Day were sent home yesterday—please return these by Tuesday 13th September.

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.

Departing Families

My child/ren

__________________________________________
will not be returning to Holy Spirit School in 2017

The school my child/ren will be attending is

__________________________________________

__________________________ Date

Signed ____________________________
Our new ACTION weekday and weekend bus timetable will commence Saturday 27 August 2016. There will be a range of timing changes and some new routes, making bus travel more convenient and reliable.

A reminder that there are also a range of changes to dedicated school services as well as regular route services that will affect students. We are encouraging families to plan their travel in preparation for Monday 29 August 2016.

A detailed list of all changes is available on the Transport Canberra website – transport.act.gov.au We would appreciate your assistance in reminding students and parents using your existing communications channels, such as school emails, newsletters or notices.

We have introduced region specific timetable books, to enable passengers to access region weekday timetables specific to their travel. Blue and Red Rapid routes are included in each book. These regions include Gungahlin, Belconnen, Central Canberra, Woden Valley & Weston Creek, Tuggeranong. Our weekend bus books will remain as a standalone timetable.

Region weekday bus books and weekend bus books are now available from our Recharge Agents, major bus stations, ACT Public Libraries or by calling 13 17 10.

For further information please visit the Transport Canberra website or call 13 17 10.
P & F News

On Sunday August 14th, the P&F held a Movie Fundraiser and it was a hit! It was an afternoon of laughter, popcorn and raffles!

We’d like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the following local businesses and members of the community that supported our school by donating (over 20!!!) prizes to be raffled in the cinema.

- Kristy McPhillips - Sash & Belle
- Melissa Bachi - Brows By Mel
- Sally Taylor - Tupperware - 0421 579 984
- Lina - Beauty by Lina

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 refer to last weeks newsletter to download the app.
National Wattle Day

Next Wednesday, 31st August, 4 students from Year 6 will represent the school, and symbolically all children of Australia, at a function to mark National Wattle Day at Government House. Maddison Fry, Holly Fahy, Aiden Monteleone and Mitchell Bashfield will make a presentation of freshly cut wattle to His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Her Excellency Lady Cosgrove, as part of the annual recognition of National Wattle Day, held on 1st September each year.

Why do we celebrate National Wattle Day?
Wattle is our national floral emblem and is a symbol that comes directly from our land. Wattle represents all Australian people, as it has great diversity and resilience. The blossoming of wattle marks the start of spring each year, reminding us of renewal and the ability to start again, as it is often the first sign of new life after bushfire. Wattle is a unifying symbol for all Australians.

This week, keep an eye out for the first signs of wattle appearing around our beautiful city and maybe collect a little to wear on your uniform or to work next Thursday, 1st September, for National Wattle Day.

http://www.wattleday.asn.au/

Sports Shorts

Molly Hensley competed at the ACT Regional Cheerleading with Heat Cheerleading. Molly's teams had great results on the day Embers – Poms First Inferno—Cheer Second Heat Cheerleading also won Cheerleading Club of the day Spirit Award.

Money raised from the event go towards Ronald McDonald House Canberra & Cerebral Palsy Alliance.
Our spirit

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – PARTNERS IN CANBERRA’S FUTURE

ACT ELECTION

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

‘MEET THE CANDIDATES’

FORUM

Catholic School Parents and Staff in the ACT are urged to attend a ‘Meet the Candidates’ forum where candidates from all political parties in the ACT Election will be in attendance for the launch of the Catholic Education ACT Election Strategy.

WHEN: 5.30pm - TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 2016
WHERE: MERICI COLLEGE – WISE STREET BRADDOON

Catholic Education Commission
Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn

Authorised by Patrick McArdle on behalf of the Catholic Education Commission

Please RSVP via anna.damico@cg.catholic.edu.au
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OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

This newsletter finds Kathleen away for a while due to an injury. She will be completing work at home, and is in contact with all of the coordinators to ensure the smooth running of the program. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to Luke, Stacey or Sandra.

Your children at Nicholls have been participating in setting up a worm farm and have planted seedlings. Garden beds have been made available at Gold Creek, in the coming weeks we plan to get them ready for planting some vegetables.

It is almost September, this brings back the Be Sunsmart policy, so all children need to wear hats or they will have to play in the shade.

We still have a lot of lost property on our shelves including many drink bottles. If your child has lost any clothes or other items, please have a look as we will be either donating them back to school or donating them to St Vincent De Paul at the end of term.

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 us on 0402 611 484 to inform us of this absence.

You can now book your September holiday program online. We will be having the usual exciting incursion and excursion each week plus themed days with cooking, craft and active activities for your children to engage in. See you soon as OSHClub regards the Coordinators

This fortnight’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHClub program phone: 0402 611 484
Program Manager: Kathleen Rigby
Coordinators: Sandra, Luke and Stacey
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.
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 of 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.
Dear Parent,

Your child has been invited to a schools chess competition at Westfield Belconnen on Sunday 28th August, 2016 from 10am-3pm (registration from 9:30am), run by Canberra Academy of Chess.

Divisions: Primary Schools and Secondary Schools

Format: This tournament is run as an individual event, however there are also school prizes awarded. The winning school is determined by adding the top 4 scorers from each school. Each school can enter any number of players and there is no need to rank them into teams.

The tournament is a 7-round Swiss competition, which means all players play all 7 rounds and no-one is knocked out of the tournament. The top school in each division will be awarded $250 worth of equipment from Canberra Academy of Chess. There are also trophies for the top five individuals and top three schools in each division.

To Enter: The preferred method of payment is to pay online with your credit card at: https://canberraacademyofchess.com.au/payment
Enter the code: NBURURONXX and fill in the electronic form, instead of this form.

To ensure your place in the competition, please enter by Friday 26th August, 2016.
For general queries about the tournament, please call Bevan on 0432 230 262.

Alternative payment method

Direct Deposit
Account Name: Canberra Academy of Chess
BSB: 062 319 Account Number: 1036 9569 [Commonwealth Bank]
In the transaction description, you must write the code “WF”, followed by the child’s first initial and surname.
If you pay by direct deposit, you must email a receipt and this permission form to enrol@canberraacademyofchess.com.au

For information on this event and other chess activities, please visit the Canberra Academy of Chess website: www.canberraacademyofchess.com.au

Schools Chess Challenge 2016 at Westfield Belconnen
Individual Entry Form

I give permission to enter my child, ________________________________ to represent the school ________________________________ and play in the Schools Chess Challenge to be held at Westfield Belconnen on Sunday 28th August, 2016.

Division (please circle one): Primary Schools Secondary Schools

Relevant Medical Conditions/Allergies: ____________________________________________

Date of Birth: ___/___/______ Contact Mobile Number: ____________________________

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___/___/______

Contact Information:
Name: ___________________________
Address: _________________________
Phone: __________________________
Email: ___________________________