Hello Parents and Carers,

It’s been such a busy term we can hardly believe it’s only a few weeks until the school holidays!

There have been some fantastic fundraising and school community activities this term, from the hilarious movie afternoon at Hoyts to the learning-filled Olympathon! Here’s a quick wrap up of our most recent P&F organised event, and details of the next fundraiser!

**Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast**

We were extremely grateful that the rain held off just long enough for dads, grandads and families to enjoy the morning together as well as a tasty Bacon and Egg sandwich. It was a wonderful morning that couldn’t have been done without the wonderful volunteers on the day. A huge thank you to the Kindy and Year 1 mums and all the teachers and staff that cooked and served over 400 bacon and egg sandwiches! Additionally, we’d like to give a big thank you and shout out to ALDI Supermarket at the new Casey Market Town for their generous donation of goods for the breakfast.

**ACT Election Day Sausage Sizzle**

The last Election Day fundraiser was such a hit with over $1600 raised for Holy Spirit. We will be holding another sausage sizzle for the upcoming ACT election on Saturday October 15th (Week 1 of Term 4) and need your assistance. If you’re free on the day or coming down to vote, we’d really appreciate your help, even just for one hour. We’ll send out further details about how to volunteer shortly through the school bag app and newsletter.

Last but not least, we invite you to support those businesses that support our wonderful school! Below is a list of the generously donated goods for our last few activities

- Sash & Belle
- Brows By Mel
- Sally from Tupperware 0421579984
- Beauty By Lina
- ALDI Casey

Yours in fundraising,

Your P&F
Last Friday we celebrated National Literacy and Numeracy Week with a morning of fun activities around our school.

We began with a Read Aloud in our classrooms and then the students moved on to some Numeracy games. It was fantastic to see children being challenged and engaged while having fun with numbers.

We were lucky to have some wonderful dads and other family members join us for both of these activities. The children loved sharing a story or a game with their special people.

Thank you to all the children who took part in The Great Book Swap. This was the first time we had hosted this event at our school and we are pleased to have raised over $170 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The children donated some wonderful books and thoroughly enjoyed taking a new book home to read.
Our spirit

National Literacy and Numeracy Week in ELC

As part of National Literacy and Numeracy week, Preschool Orange celebrated it by spending the morning playing some games with a Literacy and Numeracy focus. We used the Talking and Thinking mat to discuss what these terms mean. We then explained the rules of the many games we were going to engage with. It was a great morning and the children really enjoyed the opportunity to participate in games with a literacy and numeracy focus.

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 ________________________________

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There are photographs of children engaging in literacy and numeracy activities. The images show children writing on clipboards, playing with a Talking and Thinking mat, and other interactive activities.
Defence News...
On Wednesday I had the pleasure of taking some Grade 6 Defence Students to the AWM, to participate in the Battle for Australia Wreath Laying Ceremony. Over 20 schools attended this ceremony, along with WWII Vets and dignitaries. It was a very moving ceremony and Dr Brendon Nelson paid tribute to what he called “his favourite generation” – those people who grew up after WWI, battled through the depression and then lived through WWII. Tribute was also paid to the partners and families who kept the country going and worked in the jobs which produced the materials needed to sustain our war efforts. The ceremony was a solemn reminder of how much we owe to these brave men and women and it is because of their efforts, that we live in this free country today. Our Grade 6 Students were a credit to accompany and represented our school well.

A reminder to any families who are being relocated or deployed, please let me know, so I can support your child at school.

Big Things In Store The Australian War Memorial’s conservation and storage facility at the Treloar Technology Centre in Mitchell will be opening its doors for a rare opportunity for the public to view one of the worlds greatest military collections. A vast array of aircraft, rockets, vehicles, tanks, artillery, and equipment used by - or against - Australians in war for over a century will be on display. Doors will be open on the 10th September from 9:00am - 3:00pm and entry is by gold coin donation. Follow the link for further details https://www.awm.gov.au/events/big-things-store-1/

26 Sept - 8 October - DCO Canberra’s 100 Movie Ticket & Icecream Combo Giveaway! To celebrate DCO’s 20th Anniversary in 2016, we are offering families the opportunity to see a free movie screening with a complimentary ice-cream at the National Film and Sound Archives (NFSA). 72 tickets remain...first in, best dressed! To secure tickets, follow the link to select your movie of choice and then email dco.canberra@defence.gov.au with the movie name and number of tickets required. http://www.nfsa.gov.au/calendar/?startdate=2016-09-25&type=for-kids

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Vicki Walsh
DSTA

A Day at The War Memorial
On Wednesday some of our year 6 Defence students got the privilege to visit the Australian War Memorial and attend The Battle for Australia Commemorative Ceremony 2016. Three of us were selected to place a sprig of wattle onto a wreath so it could be laid later in the ceremony. It felt good to know that we had contributed to this special day. I can safely say that this experience has made me and many others more aware of what lengths our Defence Force went to protect our country in times of need.

Amy 6 Cambridge

20th Anniversary 16th September
As the old African proverb says, "It takes a village to raise a child." One could imagine then that it would take a community to raise a school.

The school community of Holy Spirit has nurtured and grown many children. Our teaching staff and families, embracing Catholic faith and values and encouraged the gifts and talents of all students. Holy Spirit promotes the development of knowledge, skills and values so that the children can develop into active life-long learners.

To celebrate 20 years of the Holy Spirit Catholic School community, all families and staff, both past and present are invited to join us on Friday 16 September from 6pm – 8pm to help celebrate this milestone on our history. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased online www.ticketebo.com.au/hsp20

Please RSVP by Monday 12 September for catering purposes.
This is child-free event.
**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 this term the children have drawn some beautiful pictures in chalk on the pavements outside the Community Hub. You may recognize some of these faces!

**MINI VINNIES NEWS**

Our wonderful group of Mini Vinnies students have given up many lunch times this term to help others.

They took all of the bags of clothing and blankets down to the carpark for collection by the team from Saint Vincent De Paul’s Mitchell Depot. Thank you all very much for your generous donations. They also finished making Happy Day Cards for the homeless and these will be collected on the last Wednesday of term when the students will receive their Mini Vinnies’ Membership certificates at Focus Assembly. The Night Patrol Team will also come and show the kids through the van that day after Focus Assembly.

**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

Always feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance, at Sharonmarie.harrison@cg.catholic.edu.au
Holy Spirit Primary
Learning Olympathon 2016

Over $15 000 and counting

Finals days to return any sponsorship money

Yes, we are fast coming the exciting conclusion of our Learning Olympathon. The prize raffles will be held next Thursday 15th September. All money needs to be returned by Monday 12th September so that raffle tickets can be given out.

Remember – a raffle ticket is given for every $10 brought in

• There are 4 raffle prizes for each section of the school –
  o ELC / Yr 1
  o Yr 2 – Yr 4
  o Yr 5 & 6

• Pizza and Movie party for the class who raises the most money
  o ELC – Yr 2
  o Yr 3 – Yr 6

• Uniform-free day for the year level with the most tasks completed

• $400 Westfield Gift Voucher for the student who has raised and returned the highest amount of money

So remember to collect any outstanding money and return it to be in the raffle for our fantastic prizes!
HOLY SPIRIT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

20th

ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATE WITH US

WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 11.45AM

ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON THE OVAL FOR TABLOID SPORTS

FOLLOWED BY A SHARED LUNCH IN SHAKESPEARE’S CORNER AT 1PM.

OUR CLASSROOMS WILL BE OPEN AT 2PM FOR LEARNING JOURNEYS.

We are currently producing a 20th Anniversary Book. Each student is represented in this keepsake. Books will be professionally printed and can be purchased for only $10.00.

Order your copy using Qkr!

or buy your copy from the front office in Week 9.
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!
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.
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.