

The Holy Herald

Holy Spirit School Newsletter



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Choir



EISTEDDFOD RESULTS

Debating

Three teams of year 5/6 students entered the debating competition. They worked hard with Mr Hamilton to prepare arguments and presented these very well in the competition. Two of our teams won their debates and all three teams had close debates meaning that they had great competition. All teams received fantastic feedback from the adjudicators and learnt a lot about debating by watching other debates on the day.

School Band

The school band competing in the eisteddfod not only marked their first competition together, but was the first time they had performed outside of the school. The adjudicator's comments were very positive and noted the "cohesive" way the band played together. They placed third in a very competitive field, and were really pleased with their result.

Choir

The Year 3/4 choir and the Year 5/6 choir performed the day after the band's glowing result. After having rehearsed during some of their recess times, the choirs were pitch-perfect, and enjoyed the experience of performing as a team. Both choirs placed first in their divisions, competing against schools from Wodonga, Bright and Myrtleford. Thank you to all band members and chorists for their time and effort.

School Production Update

A reminder that the school production is on September 17, 18 and 19. All children in Years 3 to 6 have been informed throughout if they are Cast A or Cast B.

Thanks to the parents who have helped already with costumes, and providing some props and set materials. I am still looking for a couple of handy parents who can either supply some set materials or help in its construction. We still need screens for side stage, and to build the stage up.

The hall has a new sound and lighting system installed. Over the next term, staff and students will be learning how to operate it. This will be a great asset to future assemblies and to the show.

If you have any questions or offers of help, please email Simon Goss at goss@ww.catholic.edu.au

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

Dear Families,

Tomorrow you will receive Semester One Reports for all students from K-6. This year's report will be a different format that has been implemented across all schools in the Wagga Wagga Diocese. Accompanying this newsletter is an explanation of the new reporting format from Catholic Education Diocese of Wagga Wagga. As advertised, each household needs to login to the Compass Parent Portal to book a Parent-Teacher Interview and access your child's Semester One Report tomorrow (Thursday, 4th July).

You will have the opportunity to meet with your child's homeroom teacher in a Parent-Teacher Interview in the first week of next term should you wish. Please note we will be starting these earlier, they will now run from 1:30-6:30 pm. Thank you to all class teachers who have written reports that are reflective of where children sit presently with relation to the curriculum at their age level.

Today's reflection from Michael Grose may help yourself and your child navigate report time.

Could try harder... always does her best... lacks concentration... distracted... a pleasure to teach...

Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar? Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped. Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before opening the Compass Portal to view your child's report, do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability? *Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last school report may provide you with a good yardstick.*

2. Do you believe that children learn at different rates? *There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.*

3. Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it? *Self-confidence is a prerequisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible. School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as Well Above Standard, At Standard or Below Standard etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format, school reports should provide you with an idea of your child's progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.*

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:

Focus on strengths. *Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths, even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.*

Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning. *If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.*

Broaden your focus *away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his/her peers will influence their happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to your child's future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so, don't dismiss these as unimportant.*

Discuss the report *with your son or daughter, talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.*

STAFFING

At the conclusion of the week, Mrs Re Bothe will finish working at Holy Spirit for the near future. Mrs Bothe has worked across all classes, including the Library from the beginning of the year. Mrs Bothe is taking a position at St John's, Jindera next term. I would like to thank Mrs Bothe for her contributions to Holy Spirit School this year.

QUIZ/TRIVIA NIGHT

We are once again holding a Trivia (Quiz) night for our school community. Get a table together to have a great time! Please see the accompanying flyer for details.

CANTEEN

Once again we are after more volunteers to assist with the Canteen. The ongoing sustainability of the Canteen requires volunteers. Please find a letter from our Canteen Manager, Mrs Nina Moran accompanying today's newsletter.

FAIR (CARNIVAL) MEETING

As advertised in the previous newsletter, we are hoping to run a Fair in Term 4 to take the place of the Twilight Carnival that was formerly held. A parent committee, with the assistance of the school, needs to be established to coordinate this event. We will be holding an initial meeting on Wednesday 31st July at 5:30 pm to get the ball rolling. If this event is to be a success, as it is in so many other schools, we require the assistance of you as the parent body.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT LEARNING COMMUNITY OVER THE FIRST SEMESTER. I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY BREAK.

Matt Kean
PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Nadoc Day - 3rd July 2019



Celebrated each July, NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for Australians from all walks of life, to come together and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. The week is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities but also by government agencies, schools and organisations, local councils and a growing number of workplaces around the country.

The theme for 2019 is **VOICE, TREATY, TRUTH**
The Indigenous voice of this country is over 65,000 years old. They are the first words spoken on this continent. Languages that passed down lore, culture and knowledge for tens of thousands of years. They are precious to our nation.

They are words connecting us to country, an understanding of country and of a people who are the oldest continuing culture on the planet.

Today we celebrated a special Liturgy in the Hall, with the help of Darren and Clem. Thanks to all the students who helped with our celebration.

HATS

As of next term students will need to wear their hats every lunch and recess. If students don't wear their hats they will need to play in the shade. Students are able to wear SCHOOL Beanies before school.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 4th July

Semester One reports shared

Friday 5th July

Last day of Term 2

Monday 22nd July

Students return for Term 3

Tuesday 23rd July

Diocesan Athletics @ Alexandra Park

Wednesday 24th July

Parent Teacher interviews

Wednesday 31st July

Fair Meeting

Thursday 8th August

School Photos

Friday 9th August

Quiz/Trivia Night

Week 6 Term 3

Book Fair and Art Show

17th - 19th September

School Musical - Sally Sells Seashells

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 2019

The Gospel - Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. 'Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. 'Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.' The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'



BINGO ROSTER...

3rd July	
Caller 1 Maree Brosolo	Team 3 Kate Besford Natasha Zegiel Fry
10th July	
Caller 2 Natasha Zegiel Fry	Team 4 Cheryl Brigden Brendan O'Brien
17th July	
Caller 3 Wayne Daniell	Team 5 Darcy Irving Luke Mooring
24th July	
Caller 4 Kelly Huckel	Team 6 Jodie Thomas Kerrie White
31st July	
Caller 5 Sharnee Effting	Team 7 Luci Emmett Kirrilly Holmes

MERIT AWARDS

Academic Award	Ashley Anyanwu, Indiana Byrne, Emerson O'Brien, Elsie Hawkins, Samuel Harrington, Cooper Heinjus, Lachlan Markey, Stella Post, Bella Sanson, Aiden Fry, Angelika Nalzar, Jack Nixon, Blake Russell, Svend Jensen, Sophia Dedourek, Chelsie Ackerly, Lucia Biasin, Isla O'Brien, Sophie Church, Alivia Foster, Leroy Martin, Macey Yeo, Annabelle Grundy, Maddison Braybrook, Darcy Busch
Christian Discipleship Award	Faisca Wilson, Eva Jensen, Isla Peters, Paige Moran, Maddison Braybrook, Flynn Carter, Elissa Wrobel, Cooper Lansdown, Zara Besford, Charlie Dunsmore,
Creative Art Award	Ellira Graham, Rania Kotzur, Balsharn Kaur, Ryan McLaren, Blaise McGlynn, Alexis Kirkwood, Lacey Smith, Chayse Volker, Marlie Williams, Lauren Jewitt, Savannah Davis, Douglas Martin, Kierra Tunstall, Paige Moran, Sienna Nicholson, Emilie Yensch,
Sports Award	Lachlan Burt, Ayden Tyrell, Jackson Trollope

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Thursday 8th August. All orders will need to be placed online. There is a different format this year being that there is a special shoot key for Holy Spirit School being 49BGUKF4. Individual Packages are available to order with this shoot key. Family Photographs must be ordered **before 4pm** the night before photo day. An online booking slip with all details will be sent home with each child today.



SPORTS NEWS

Last Friday, 60 of our Year 3 to 6 students represented our school at the Albury Deanery Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park. Competing against students from St Patrick's Albury, St Anne's North Albury, St Mary's Corowa, St Joseph's Culcairn and St Patrick's Holbrook. Our students are to be congratulated for their competitiveness and sportsmanship. Many of our students placed First, Second or Third in their events and were presented with their ribbons at last Friday's assembly.

CONGRATULATIONS to **AYDEN TYRELL** who was the **Junior Boys Age Champion** and to **CODY GARDINER** who was runner up for the **Senior Boys Age Champion**.



The squad of students who will represent the Albury Deanery at the Catholic Education Wagga Wagga Diocesan Athletics on Tuesday 23rd July are: Harry Norman, Cody Gardiner, Ayden Tyrell, Charlie McGregor, Hudson Gull-Lowery, Jonas Piltz, Sienna Nicholson, Philippa Besford, Isabella Webb, Kelly Russell, Eve Hunt, Isabel Burn, Shakira Milburn, Ashleigh Barr, Jacinta Clarke, Olivia Markey.

The winner of the Year 6 Fundraising Firewood Raffle was Patrick Jewitt 2MM.



Thankyou to everyone who took part in this raffle.

HOLY SPIRIT IS A NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Foods such as Peanut Butter, Nutella and nutty snack bars are not permitted.