

# The Holy Herald

Holy Spirit School Newsletter



**Term 4 Week 2 – 23rd October 2019**

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## “Make little things great”

‘Do small things with great love...’ (St Therese)

Holiday periods for me are opportunities to reflect on many things. They provide time for me to read, time to think, time to ‘recharge’ and time to consider what lies ahead. Reading the story of St Therese was a wonderful reminder of my role in the universe.

St Therese's story is a brief, yet impactful one. She became a Carmelite nun at age 15 after her mother died years prior, with the sole intention to just save souls.

St Therese's message is universal. We don't have to be a saint to do small things with great love. Everyone is called to become more like a saint - more like St Therese - and do everyday things with as much love as possible; recognise your weaknesses and give them to God, and recognise your strengths and thank God for them.

Before we become swept up in the emotions of the events of our school in Term 4, stop and consider what is really important. What really matters in our lives is to live life to the fullest, to enjoy every moment. Challenge your children and yourself this term to enjoy every occasion, enjoy every time you see your child accomplish something or equally be challenged by a situation because that's how we learn, we learn through experience. And then remember how lucky each and every one of us is because we were indeed born in a lucky country, a country that our children have so many opportunities that don't exist in other countries.

With these thoughts in mind, we can then all truly accept that there will be times in the term ahead when things don't go as they should or as we would want. Accept that life is like that. We often share with our children that they control their attitude. If we approach a circumstance with an attitude that it “is someone else's fault” then we will blame others for the situation or, alternatively, we can accept a positive “can do” attitude to every situation, then difficult situations become a challenge that we can overcome. Enjoy this term, because we are truly blessed to be a part of Holy Spirit School.



## NSW CPS Basketball Championships

This weekend 6 teams from HSS will compete in the CPS Basketball Championships. We wish each team well for an enjoyable weekend of games. We are one of the three organising schools for the Championships, I would like to thank the school staff for the support thus far and for the weekend ahead. I would also like to thank those parents who have volunteered to coach and manage the teams. We look forward to hearing about teams who represent our school with pride and display outstanding sportsmanship.



Compass

We are still learning about how to best utilize the Compass Platform and its many components. We are continuing to share information and events, which is important for you as parents to access. If you are still unsure about accessing any parts of Compass could you please contact the School Office.

When your child is coming to school late or leaving early (as in part absence) please do not put it into Compass as a note; you sign them in/out using the Kiosk at the front of the School Office. You only enter a note if it is a full day absence.

## Congratulations

It gives me great pleasure to announce that over the past fortnight two of our staff members have announced their engagement to be married. Our best wishes to Miss White and her fiancé, Nathan & Miss Dainer and her fiancé, Daniel.



## Year 5 Overnight Excursion

Last week our Year 5 students attended Borambola for their 3-day overnight excursion. The students had an incredible time. While in Borambola they completed a range of activities including: BMX riding, flying fox and the mud run, just to name a few. I would like to thank Mr Sanson and Miss Dainer for all their work planning and attending the camp and Miss Steadman and Mr Turner for their involvement.



## Important Dates for Term 4

Mad About Maths:	30th October/ 13th November/ 27th November - 3-4pm
School-Wide Transition:	10th December - 9:15-10:45 am
Parent Appreciation Evening:	12th December - 6-7:30 pm
Christmas Carols:	16th December - 6:30-8 pm
Yr 6 Graduation:	17th December - 6 pm
EOY Assembly:	18th December - 12 midday
EOY BBQ:	18th December - 1pm onwards
Last day for students:	18th December



## Footy Tipping 2019

Congrats to the following tipsters who participated in this year's footy tipping and won the specified round or finished in the top 5 overall. All we have been given is the username, which in most cases was a nickname, so could all prizes be collected from the School Office.

ROUND WINNERS	OVERALL WINNERS
Rd 4: Pipster 19	1st: Caitriona Sweeney
Rd 8: Chloe A	2nd: Jess Hammo
Rd 15: Maz	3rd: Bean
Rd 18: Jo Harris	4th: Josiah K
Rd 23: Oli	5th: Liz Jones

## UNIFORM

Please find attached the Uniform for 2020. There have been some minor adjustments that have been made to the uniform for next year and beyond. I would like to thank you for the input and the feedback you provided us. Please note there is a 12-month change over period, with the expectation this will be the official uniform in 2021.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### First Reconciliation– 16th November, 2019 – 5:30pm

The Year 2 Catholic children have begun their preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for the following students;

Zara Besford, Jaxson Brown, Patrick Jewitt, Elijah Lane, Abigail Lavakeiaho, Eliza-Kate Maxsted, Stella Post, Mitchell Seidel, Charlie Thomas, Jake Archer, Shally Bui, Dustin Carey, Sierra Emerson, Max Frauenfelder, Gabriella Glazebrook, Daisy Irving, Ava Linehan, Harry Lubke, Blake McAuliffe, Rory McCarthy, Violet Moran and Tristan Thompson

**If your child should be making their First Reconciliation and are not listed above, please see your child's teacher as soon as possible.**

### Important dates for your calendar

Holy Spirit School Mission Day– Thursday 31st October

All Saints' Day - Friday 1st November @ 9:15am

16th November– Saturday 5:30pm—Year 2 First Reconciliation

23rd November - Saturday Mass– 6pm

### Staff Well-Being

On Monday 14th October, our staff attended a retreat at the Old Priory in Beechworth. We were in-serviced on the new Staff Well-Being toolkit, a new initiative from the Catholic Education Office-

Wagga Wagga.



We are aware that a number of families have lost loved ones over the past weeks and some families who are caring for sick family members.

*May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them, and from our prayers and thoughts for these families.*



### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th October 2019

#### The Gospel - Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



## BINGO ROSTER...

**23rd October**

**Caller**

**Sharnee Effting**

**Team**

**Glynis Heard**

**Kate McAuliffe**

**30th October**

**Caller**

**Matt Kean**

**Team**

**Somer Irving**

**Jodie Thomas**

**6th November**

**Caller**

**Nuala Jewitt**

**Team**

**Kylie Lahm**

**Andrew Edwards**

## MERIT AWARDS

**Kinder:** Cian O'Hearcain, Rania Kotzur, Henry Taylor, Kevin Zhou.

**Year 1:** Violet Thompson, Charlotte Quinn, Lola Tomich, Tex McPhee, Isabella Giddings, Caleb Warburton, Xavier Saroff, Grace Lafferty, Lochlan Walsh, Precious Van Every, Tahlia Farmer, Dominick Cahill, Jaylah Hodge, Elsie Hawkins, Cooper Heinjus, Isabella Trippett, Eva Schneider.

**Year 2:** Sukhman Sangha, Hollie Shead, Ava Linehan, Zara Besford, Aiden Fry.

**Year 3:** Svend Jensen, Noah Edwards, Adena Manibod, Acme Khulal, Sophia Dedourek.

**Year 4:** Riley Croft, Ty Hodge, Logan Russell, Michael Gooding, Nalin Bhattarai, Emmett Himes, Emma Huckel, Monijo Salanguste, Kaleb Walsh.

**Year 5:** Jyi Milburn, Sinead Ni Earcain, Samuel Willoughby, Allira Graham.

**Year 6:** Maddison Braybrook, Kayla Green-Stewart, Jaymz Godde, Taz Harrison, Conor Slade, Hudson Gull-Lowery, Lucia Biasin, Stella Eysers, Ella Nixon, Shakira Milburn.

Hello Parents and Friends of Holy Spirit School,

My name is Dr Michelle Wood and I am the new Student Wellbeing Practitioner. I work at Holy Spirit on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I have moved from snowy Mansfield in Victoria to live in Albury!

I have worked as a counsellor for over twenty years with children, parents, couples and families.

I have five grown-up adult children who are all living in Melbourne (2 boys and 3 girls).

I love cycling, reading, listening to music, meditation, and walking in nature.

My mobile phone number is **0407 231 085**. Please do not hesitate to give me a call or speak to the principal or your child's teacher if you feel that your child or you could benefit from support.

Michelle



**RAFFLE**—Support Brave Hearts Dragon Boat Club to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

Tickets are available at the Office or the Year 6 girls will be selling them at Recess and Lunch out in the playground.

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5



Raffle drawn Saturday night 26th October at 'Relay for Life' Alexander Park, Albury



## Springdale Heights Preschool

**Taking enrolments for 2020 preschool now!**

Pop into the preschool or visit our website and fill in an enrolment enquiry form

[www.springdaleheightspreschool.com.au](http://www.springdaleheightspreschool.com.au)

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8 Canara Place, Springdale Heights



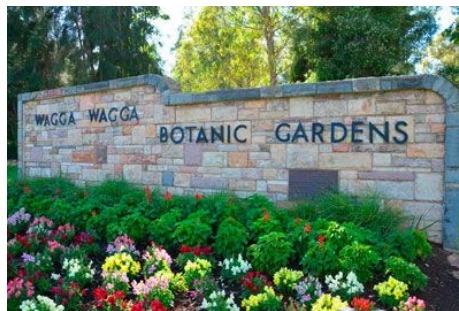
### HOLY SPIRIT IS A **NUT-FREE** SCHOOL

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

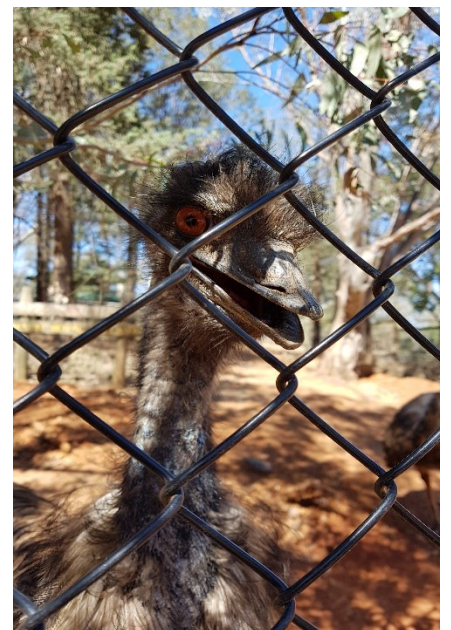




## Kindergarten's trip to the



More photos and stories to  
follow in the next newsletter.







**Year 2 Excursion to Nail Can Hill, Albury. Geography focus :  
Local Places and Spaces and how can  
we care for them.**

The Year 2's enjoyed a stunning day of blue skies on their excursion to Nail Can Hill, Albury in Week 10 of Term 3. We learnt about the local plants and animals as we hiked across the Ridge Walk Trail. Danny, from Parklands Albury/Wodonga, was a wonderful Guide and many parents came along to support us. We even found some old nail buckets that can be discovered all over this area and is the reason why this hill is called Nail Can Hill. Thank you to everyone involved and we hope families will be encouraged to go have a walk along this local space to enjoy the beauty we have nearby.

