

The Holy Herald

Holy Spirit School Newsletter

At Holy Spirit School we

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Term 4 Week 10 – 19th December 2018

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FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Tahlia Alvey, Darcy Auburn, Tisha Bahri, Breanna Brown, William Clohesy, Trent Collins, Liam Davies, Karlyn Davis, Katie Dedourek, Jaylin Fietz, Monet Graham, Elsee Green-Stewart, Edwin Hams, Evelyn Heard, Coden Heinjus, Max Heriot, Lucy Kaderle, Tyler Killalea, Joshua Kiraly, Charleigh Maloney, Cooper Maloy, Jamie McCarthy, Ella McLachlan, Callen Mertens, Adrielle Molina, Georgia Mooring, Brodie Nicholson, Marty Norman, Jasmine Ouanesavatdy, Crystal Padua, Sayah Parley, Lela Peters, Nicholas Phegan, Evelyn Pizzey, Joshua Quirk, Owen Robinson, Roley Sanson, Scott Soulsby, Archie Spencer, Chloe Stott, Geri Sullivan, Andrew Tants, Lachlan Thomas, Ella Tyrell, Deklan Walters, Ethan Warburton, Tahleah Witt

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Academic Award

Tisha Bahri
Scott Soulsby

Christian Discipleship

Jasmine Ouanesavatdy
Jaylin Fietz

Sport Award

Marty Norman
Tahlia Alvey

Creative Arts Award

Lela Peters
Roley Sanson



REFLECTING ON 2018

"Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So..... Get on your way!" (Dr Seuss)

And so we move into the final school day of 2018. I'm sure we all have many memories of our school year. I would like to acknowledge and give thanks to all members of our community for their contributions to our school in 2018.

- Thanks to the many parents and grandparents who help out in classrooms, on excursions, on the Bingo roster, on the fundraising committee, on the School Council, on sports fields and in so many other ways around our school.

- Thanks to Father Murphy for providing us with spiritual support and guidance.

Our school is more important than one person, our school will continue to thrive long after we have all gone. As a community, we should continue to challenge ourselves. In particular, we should set a high bar in the way we nurture and care for every child. It is our mission, as a Catholic School, to understand that the part of the fabric of our being is enrolling students from all cultural and demographic backgrounds. It is about working with our Special Needs students. As every child is unique... every child brings something that enhances our community.

We should all remember we learn more about ourselves in the way we treat other people regardless of how they treat us.

- Thanks to the parents of Holy Spirit for your exceptional support and love of your children and our school.

- Thanks to our staff for your dedication and love of your job. The manner in which you are prepared to take on tasks is outstanding. You love ALL of our kids. You look at ways to improve and you challenge me to be a better person and Principal.

- To the most important people in our school... our students. You are the reason we are all here. You inspire me to be a better person because of the people you are... Your love of learning and sense of fun is the reason I love my job. Your smiles and attitude to life make coming to work each day a pure delight.

We wish all members of the Holy Spirit School community a happy, safe, restful and prayerful break.

"You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose." (Dr Seuss)

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it's happened." (Dr Seuss)

Families Leaving

Today a number of families conclude their formal connections with HSS. Many of these families have had very long associations with our school, some extending into a second decade. We give thanks to these families for their support over the years and wish the families the very best for the years ahead:



Awburn, Collins, Fietz, Hams, Heriot, Kaderle, Maloney, Maloy, Mertens, Padua, Parley, Peters, Phegan, Quirk, Robinson, Sanson, Stott, Solesby, Sullivan, Walters and Witt families.

Staff Leaving

We would like to thank and farewell the following staff who will finish their limited term tenures at Holy Spirit at the conclusion of the 2018 school year. They all made a significant contribution to our school this year. I have little doubt that we will see them back at HSS in the near future.

Mrs Bianca Hogan, Mrs Kelly Noordam, Mr Nick Turner, Mr Blake Furness, Mr Ryan Kittelty

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

6:00pm and 9pm - Holy Spirit and 6:00pm - St Mary's Jindera

Christmas Day

9:00am - Holy Spirit and 9:00am St Mary's Jindera

2019 DATES

Students Resume Yr 1 - 6 Thursday 31st January

Kinders commence Wednesday 6th February

Swimming Carnival Yrs 3 - 6 Thursday 7th February

Wishing all our families a wonderful and happy Christmas.



Matt Kean
Principal

Thank you!

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to the parents who work quietly behind the scenes to raise funds for the school. You are all busy parents at this great school. You have given up peace and quiet and/or time with your family to come and help raise important funds needed to support the education of our students.

I am grateful to have had the chance to work with an incredible bunch of people, who have been very generous with their time and energy.

Our Mother's Day and Father's Day Stalls are always well received by our students and this year was no exception. Angela Gleeson, Mellany Mercer and their families perform an immense job getting these stalls up and running...a job that doesn't happen overnight but takes months of preparation. The parental support received on the day of the Stalls is humbling.

Every Wednesday night, a very small percentage of Holy Spirit School parents and teachers, volunteer their time to work at Bingo. I am in awe of their commitment considering they all have families to care for and responsibilities as parents and employees. Without their support for the 50 weeks of the year that Bingo operates (...yes, we only have 2 weeks off a year!), the school would be considerably worse off. Bingo is a huge fundraiser for the school and it would not happen if it were not for the support of our Bingo volunteers. I cannot thank you enough!

\$30,000.00 is given to the school every year through the efforts of our parents and teachers who volunteer their time to help support and improve the education of our students. As well as this donation, the Parents & Friends, through their amazing efforts over the past years, raised enough funds to purchase a new Adventure Playground in the Infants at a cost of over \$50,000. This was installed in early March this year and has brought enormous pleasure to every student in the school (...yes even the Primary students have checked out the wonderful equipment!)

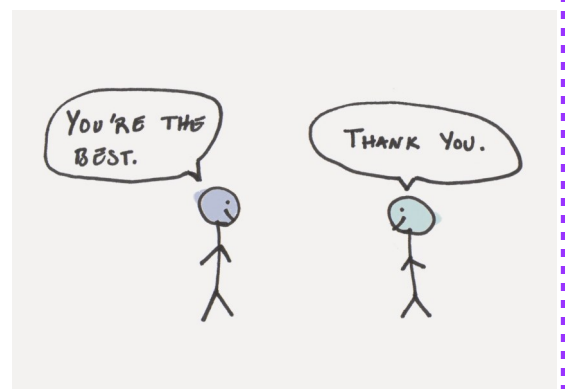
Our parent volunteers throughout the year have included:

Angela Gleeson, Mellany Mercer, Bev Lowe, Kate Besford, Fiona and Nathan Soulsby (both retiring), Cheryl Brigden, Terry Sullivan (retired), Brooke Dainer, Kerrie White, Luci Emmett, Wayne Daniell, Matt Kean, Ben Taylor, Kylie Lahm, Kirrilly Holmes, Glynis Heard, Kate and Nathan McAuliffe, Somer and Darcy Irving (retired), Brent (retired) and April Piltz, Tanya (retired) and Luke Mooring, Andrew Edwards, Natasha Zegiel Fry, Emily Sarroff, Brendan O'Brien, Marita Phegan (retiring), Gabriel O'Callaghan (retired), Jodie Thomas, Maree Brosolo, Lisa Harris (retired), Rachael Fenselau (retiring), Kelly and Craig Huckel (retired) and Sharnee Effting.

If you are interested in joining our team in 2019, we would love to have you.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to everyone.

Maree Brosolo





Student Resources 2019

Students are requested to bring these items to school on the first day in 2019

Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten

- 1 x box of tissues (large)
- 2 x large glue sticks
- Library bag (30cm x 30cm)

Stage 1 – Year 1 & Year 2

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| 2 x boxes of tissues (large) | Pencil sharpener (s enclosed lid) |
| 1 x thick highlighter | 4 x whiteboard markers (fine point) |
| Scissors (metal) | 4 x large glue sticks |
| Textas (optional) | 1 Pencil case |
| Library bag (30cm x 30cm) | |

Stage 2 – Year 3 & Year 4

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| 1 x box of tissues (large) | 4 x blue Biro's |
| 2 x large glue sticks | 4 x red Biro's |
| 2 x rubbers | 4 x lead pencils (HB) |
| 4 x whiteboard markers (fine point) | 1 Pencil case |
| Pencil sharpener (with enclosed lid) | Highlighters (thick) |
| Coloured pencils/textas/gel pens etc | Scissors (metal) |
| 1 x 30cm Ruler (clear, solid plastic marked in cm) | |
| 2 x Library bag (1 for Library and 1 for Home Reader) | |

Stage 3 – Year 5 & Year 6

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| 1 x box of tissues (large) | 4 x blue Biro's |
| 1 Pencil case | 4 x red Biro's |
| 2 x large glue sticks | 4 x lead pencils (HB) |
| 2 x rubbers | Library bag |
| 4 x whiteboard markers (fine point) | Highlighters |
| Pencil sharpener (with enclosed lid) | Coloured pencils/textas/gel pens etc |
| Scissors (metal) | |
| 1 x 30cm Ruler (clear, solid plastic marked in cm & mm) | |

