

# The Holy Herald

Holy Spirit School Newsletter

At Holy Spirit School we

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**Term 4 Week 7 – 28th November 2018**

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## TAIKOZ



**On Thursday November 15th, students from Kinder to Year 6 were treated to a concert from the Taikoz percussion group. This was a culmination of five weeks of work in Music lessons, learning about voice rhythms, percussion techniques, and learning more about tempo, pitch, rhythm, beat and other dynamics. Taikoz were energetic, engaging and very professional. We were honoured to have students and teachers from the Aspect School, Albury.**

### 1st Sunday in Advent 2nd December Year C 2018

#### The Gospel - Luke 21:25–28, 34–36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive what is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Advent is the beginning of the church's liturgical year.
- The Advent period is concerned with 'waiting' for the coming of the Christ child.
- A recurring theme in the gospels read during Advent is looking towards the end times, when Christ will come again.
- Today begins the cycle of readings for Year C in the Lectionary. This means that most of the gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Luke.
- The Advent wreath is one way of preparing for the coming of the Christ child. The circle of greenery is a symbol of God's love without beginning or end, while the candles represent the four weeks of preparation time. One candle is lit each Sunday during Advent, and the final, central candle is lit on Christmas Day.



## Have we done our job?

As we come to the conclusion of another school year, I spend time reflecting on the Year 6 students that will move onto secondary school in a matter of weeks. I do so as a teacher and as a father of a Year 6 daughter. The same question goes around in my head. "Have we prepared the children for the future, have I (we) done our jobs as parents and teachers?" I came across this following story on the weekend. That I would like to share with you.

*A young man went to seek an important position at a large printing company. He passed the initial interview and was going to meet the director for the final interview. The director saw his resume, it was excellent. And asked, "Have you received a scholarship for school?" The boy replied, "No". 'It was your father who paid for your studies?' " Yes.' He replied. Where does your father work? ' My father is a Blacksmith'*

*The Director asked the young man to show him his hands. The young man showed a pair of hands soft and perfect. 'Have you ever helped your parents at their job?' 'Never, my parents always wanted me to study and read more books. Besides, he can do the job better than me. The director said: 'I have got a request: When you go home today, go and wash the hands of your father and then come see me tomorrow morning.' The young man felt his chance to get the job was high. When he returned to his house he asked his father if he would allow him to wash his hands.*

*His father felt strange, happy, but with mixed feelings and showed his hands to his son. The young man washed his hands, little by little. It was the first time that he noticed his father's hands were wrinkled and they had so many scars. Some bruises were so painful that his skin shuddered when he touched them. This was the first time that the young man recognized what it meant for this pair of hands to work every day to be able to pay for his studies. The bruises on the hands were the price that his father paid for his education, his school activities and his future.*

*After cleaning his father's hands the young man stood in silence and began to tidy and clean up the workshop. That night, father and son talked for a long time. The next morning, the young man went to the office of the director. The Director noticed the tears in the eyes of the young man when He asked him, 'Can you tell me what you did and what you learned yesterday at your house?' The boy replied: 'I washed my father's hands and when I finished I stayed and cleaned his workshop.' 'Now I know what it is to appreciate and recognize that without my parents, I would not be who I am today. By helping my father I now realize how difficult and hard it is to do something on my own. I have come to appreciate the importance and the value in helping my family.*

*The director said, "This is what I look for in my people. I want to hire someone who can appreciate the help of others, a person who knows the hardship others go through to accomplish things, and a person who realizes that money is not his only goal in life". 'You are hired'.*

*A child that has been coddled, protected and given everything he or she wants, develops a mentality of "I have the right" and will always put himself or herself first, ignoring the efforts of parents, family and friends. If we are this type of protective parent are we really showing love or are we helping to destroy our children? You can give your child their own room in a big house, good food, a computer, tablet, cell phone, and a big screen TV, but when you're washing the floor or painting a wall, children need to experience that too.*

*After eating, have them wash the dishes with their brothers and sisters, let them fold laundry or cook with you, pull weeds or mow the lawn. You are not doing this because you are poor and can't afford help. You are doing this because you love them and want them to understand certain things about life. Children need to learn to appreciate the amount of effort it takes to do a job right. They need to experience the difficulties in life that people must overcome to be successful and they must learn about failure to be able to succeed. Children must also learn how to work and play with others and that they will not always win, but they can always work harder to reach their goals. If they've done their best, then they can take pride in all the effort they put forth.*

**The message is; Life is about giving and serving and these qualities are taught in our homes.**

### Parent Appreciation Evening

*We will be hosting an Appreciation Evening on Monday 10th December at 6pm. This is a celebration for all those community/school members who have contributed to our school throughout 2018. **For catering purposes could you RSVP to the School Office by Friday 7th of December.***

If you have assisted at any of the following school events and activities you are encouraged to attend. Some examples include: Reading, Pine Bark Working Bee, Pancake Making (Shrove Tuesday), Canteen, Bingo, Excursions, Sporting events - eg gala days, all carnivals, School Council, Mothers/Fathers day stall, Discovery Time helpers, Gardening and donation of plants and assistance on School Photos day.

### 2019 Enrolments

If your child(ren) is not returning to Holy Spirit School in 2019 could you please come and see me as soon as possible. This will assist us in organising classes and planning for 2019.

### THIS WEEK

**Thursday, 29th November**

- Mad About Maths 3-4 pm

**Friday 30th November**

- Term 4 School fees due

### COMING EVENTS

**Monday 10th December**

- - Appreciation Evening 6pm

**Wednesday 12th December**

- EOY Reports sent Home

**Thursday 13th December**

- Carols on the 'G' from 6pm

**Tuesday 18th December**

- Year 6 Liturgical Celebration

**Wednesday 19th December**

- Students Last Day



## STAFFING

I would like to inform you of the extension of Ms Margaret Brassil's secondment to the Catholic Schools Office in Wagga for the 2019 calendar year. As a school community, we would like to pass on our congratulations to Ms Brassil for the extension for her appointment. In the coming weeks, we will be appointing an acting Assistant Principal.

We are currently in the process of sorting out homerooms for next year. As a staff we put a great deal of time and effort into this process to ensure we are meeting the needs of the students; academically, socially and physically. The students will be participating in a Transition Session for 2019 on Tuesday 18th of December between 9:30-11 am.

### Vale – To remember in your prayers..

Please remember Owen Robinson (Year 6) following the loss of his mother last week. Traci was an ex-student of Holy Spirit School, and Owen's Grandmother, Trish Scammell, was the school's secretary for many years .

*Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



## Religious Education

*Advent is Here! Jesus is coming!*



### This Sunday the season of Advent begins

This Sunday we celebrate the start of the Advent – the season of waiting. Advent is a season of preparing, of 'getting ready'. Advent is not just a season of sitting down and waiting; Advent is a season of getting up and getting ready. Advent is the church season that runs for the last few weeks before Christmas. It starts four Sundays before Christmas Day so in 2018, it begins on Sunday, 2nd December. Advent lasts a different number of days each year because it always starts on a Sunday but Christmas Day falls on a different day of the week each year. Here are some things you can do to prepare for Advent....

Light a candle on an advent wreath each day

- Read a book about Advent or Christmas
- Go to Reconciliation before Christmas
- Do nice things for people.



### St Vincent De Paul – Christmas Appeal

As in previous years, Holy Spirit School have been invited to participate in the Christmas Appeal 2018. The society has identified individuals and families in our community who are eligible for support over the Christmas period and plans to distribute gifts on or prior to 10th December 2018. If anyone would like to donate **new** unwrapped toys up to 12 years of age, or "in date" non perishable food items, please leave these in the front office. Boxes will be available from next week that items can be placed in. There will also be a donation box to collect funds located in the office.

**God Bless you,** Joanne Davies Acting REC Coordinator



## Thank You

A big thank you to Ray Mercer - Peards Albury and Rachael Fenselau for your kind donations of plants to our Choices Program.

We really appreciate your efforts and the children have had a lot of fun getting their hands dirty in the garden.



# MERIT AWARDS

<b>Early Stage One</b>	Jinty Lubke	For enthusiastic participation and wonderful sharing at our Teddy Bears Picnic.
	Mia Hunt	For her wonderful writing efforts - always completes tasks enthusiastically.
	Tex McPhee	For always expressing himself creatively when writing stories.
	Jaylah Hodge	For working with classmates when they are in need of help.
	Samuel Harrington	For his keen enthusiasm to write stories full of description.
	Isaac Thomson	For being able to solve Maths problems in multiple ways.
	Annabelle Nagle	For great work on the high frequency word list.
<b>Stage One</b>	Thomas Clohesy	For sharing his knowledge about John the Baptist with others.
	Daisy Irving	For being an excellent sport in Choices - Blueearth.
	Sophie Stevens	For being an enthusiastic participant in Choices—Blueearth. For helping others to tidy our homeroom.
	Harry Lubke	For showing kindness by including others in games.
	Zhiyuan Chen	For showing kindness by helping the year 1 students with their new readers.
	Millah Braybrook	For making a fantastic 'Busy Town' art work.
	Layla Reid	For making a fantastic 'Busy Town' art work.
<b>Stage Two</b>	Toby Harris	For acts of service to help others.
	Abigail Brown	For gently helping in quiet acts of service.
	Zali Stieber	For working hard in class and producing great work.
	Sam Willoughby	For great work and trying hard.
	Vineet Malik	For always putting 100% effort to everything she does.
	Annabelle Grundy	A kind, caring and helpful member of class.
	Amara Lee Farmer	For 100% effort in everything she does.
	Chloe Harris	For applying himself to the task and working very hard in Mathematics.
	Phoenix Hutton	For strong thoughts and a positive resilience when things were changing.
	Dylan Mc Carthy	For all your wonderful efforts with school work and keeping up your "Can Do" attitude.
	Nalin Bhattarai	For being willing to help others in lessons on PROJECTS.
	Emma Huckel	For the creative way you showed the information about Diwali festival.
	Amelia Brigden	

<b>Stage Two Cont'd</b>	Sienna Thomas - Bottrell	For her amazing 100% commitment to all her school work.
	Hemant Bhattarai	For working so hard in Maths to complete all his Fractions work.
	Aliera Tucker	For always being so positive and encouraging towards others.
<b>Stage Three</b>	Mitchell Lafferty	For great understanding of fractions.
	Cameron Effting	For greater application to her work.
	Emilie Yensch	Lovely bookwork.
	Liam Davies	For showing excellent technique and enthusiasm during dance.
	Georgia Hickey	For her excellent focus in English classes this term.
	Max Heriot	For being a great helper and showing initiative in the lead up to our 'Remembrance Day' Assembly.
	Kierra Tunstall	For stepping out of her comfort zone and helping greatly when needed.
	Evie Heard	For creating a fabulous 'Howard Arkley' design of the 'Lighting Building'.
	Tisha Bahri	For fantastic efforts and achievements in maths.
	Jack Harris	For his thoughtfulness and care for his fellow students.
	Amelia Street	For giving her best in all tasks and striving to show what she has discovered.
	Angus Darwent	For working towards his goals and focusing during activities.

## BINGO ROSTER...

**28th November**

**Caller 1**  
**Maree Brosolo**

**Team 9**  
**Somer Irving**  
**Wayne Daniell**

**5th December**

**Caller 2**  
**Natasha Zegiel -Fry**

**Team 10**  
**Kylie Lahm**  
**Andrew Edwards**

**12th December**

**Caller 3**  
**Rachael Fenselau**

**Team 11**  
**Natasha Zegiel - Fry**  
**Brendan O'Brien**

## HOLY SPIRIT IS A NUT-FREE SCHOOL

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





## OUR EXPECTATION SIGNS

A big 'Thank You' to Kris Comte - KC Signs for his creation and installation of our new school Expectation Signs and to his very tall helper Stafford Killalea.

I'm sure we all agree they will be a constant reminder to all that these three expectations are at the heart of what we believe in at Holy Spirit.



*Thank You*



# Are you aged under 25 years?

**Do you have a parent or sibling who has:**  
A long term illness, disability or  
mental health condition?

**The Intereach Commonwealth Respite and  
Carelink Centre can help and support you with:**

- Practical assistance in the home
- Help with getting license
- Help with tutoring or other education support
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