

# The Holy Herald

Holy Spirit School Newsletter



**Term 2 Week 10 – 23rd June 2021**

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## Mortimer Shield Finals

Yesterday Mrs Brigden and Mr Sanson took some students from Years 5 and 6 to participate in the Mortimer Shield finals in Wagga Wagga. The girls League Tag Team played 3 games. They lost 2 and won 1. The boys Rugby League Team played 4 games and narrowly lost all 4. All students played extremely well and improved with every game. They were all a wonderful credit to our school. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who assisted with the travel and supported our students. Congratulations to all!



## Netball Gala Day

On Thursday, 10th June, seven Holy Spirit teams participated in the Albury Schools Netball Cup at JC Park. It was very fortunate that the overnight rain cleared up to make way for what was a nice sunny day. It was great to see all students giving their best and having a go against some very competitive competitions from schools across the border area. All students should be very proud of their efforts and how they represented our school. Well done.



## Deanery Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday, 16th June, 58 HSS students headed to the Les O'Brien Sports Precinct to represent our school at the Deanery Athletics Carnival. After a wet start, our students did a wonderful job displaying their growing sporting prowess, with many bringing home a place ribbon. Some of these students will now have an opportunity to represent our school at the Diocesan level. If this involves your child, a note will be sent home notifying you of this. Well done, Holy Spirit, we are very proud of your effort, behaviour and encouragement of each other. A special congrats to Ayden Tyrell who made runners up for the 12-13 Age Champions.



## From the Principal,

In the past five school weeks, I have conducted approximately 30 interviews for prospective 'new' Kinder 2022 families. There are more than 30 school families (siblings) that have also applied for a place for their child in 2022 and will be interviewed early in Term 3.

These interviews with 'non-sibling' families are an opportunity to find out more about the child and their family, share information about our school, the process leading towards enrolment and what it means to be a member of a Catholic School community.

In the lead up to these interviews we held three open sessions. At these sessions we utilised some of our Year 6 children, as student leaders, to showcase our school with a tour and conversation. We consistently receive positive feedback from these interviews that reminds us of how impressive the children of HSS are. The words and phrases relayed back to me describing our students are honest, polite, confident, friendly, engaging, helpful, upbeat, proud and a great reflection on our school, their families and themselves.

Developing these qualities takes time, perseverance, reflection and support. For some students they may come naturally, for others, it requires reflection on how they behave and what they need to develop. Each one of us at HSS has contributed to the children developing confidence, manners, pride and indeed all of the qualities we promote in the children of HSS.

Equally important is the role that families play in supporting their children by challenging them when their actions are less than satisfactory, challenging them to be better versions of themselves, working towards goals and acknowledging the many successes that children have. When communities work together to achieve common goals like this we will always see much better outcomes. We see children reach their potential. Thank you for what you do to support your children in becoming the very best they can be.

Imagine for a moment if families and schools didn't work together to support and encourage children to aspire to reflect gospel values? Imagine if we made excuses for poor behaviour? Imagine if we didn't correct children when they used less than satisfactory manners? Imagine if our community didn't encourage children to reflect on poor decisions? Imagine if we all didn't seek ways to be our best selves?

One of the great joys of working at HSS is watching children grow and mature into young adults that are ready to continue making a difference in the lives of others. Take a moment this week to reflect on how each one of us contributes to our future society by shaping the adults of tomorrow. Remember the adults of tomorrow are watching the adults of today, what messages will we send?

'It takes a village to raise a child'. (African proverb)

## UNIFORM POLICY

The vast majority of our students wear our school uniform with pride, both at school and out in public. There has, however, been a growing trend with some of our students not wearing the correct uniform, including black sports shoes as school shoes, different-colored socks or wearing the sports uniform on the wrong day. As always, if your child is out of the correct uniform we require a note to be provided explaining why your child is out of the correct uniform.

We would ask you to familiarise yourself with the Uniform Policy (attached separately to this newsletter). Starting next term, students who are not wearing the correct uniform and have no note will be recorded in Compass. Any more than three uniform recordings without approval each term, will result in a lunchtime conversation with a member of the leadership team.

## CHOICES

On Monday this week we concluded our Choices program for Semester One. To see all our students engaging in new and exciting learning opportunities was awesome. This year we invited members of our extended school community to showcase their special skill sets. Many thanks to the following parents and community members: Paul Frauenfelder, Emily Sarroff, Glynis Heard, Tess Darts, Melissa Van Lint, Glenn Strauss and Penny from the Thurgoona Golf Club.

## REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Last Friday afternoon Semester One Reports were uploaded to your Compass Portal. I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the teachers for all their hard work in writing these reports. Tomorrow, bookings for the P/T Conferences will open up on Compass. These conferences will take place in Week 1 of next term on Tuesday 13th July.

## COUNSELLOR

We have a new counsellor, Morgan Harding, from Centacare who will be at our school two days each week as of next term.

Matt Kean

Principal



# Religious Education



## Bishop's Visit—Friday 28th May

The Bishop visited our school the day before the Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated. All the students at Holy Spirit School were lucky enough to spend some time with Bishop Mark. The students and the teachers learned many new things!





## Saturday Mass

Thank you to all the students who helped at Mass on Saturday night. It was wonderful that we had so many students bring back a helper note. All students did a great job!



Thank you to: Daisy Irving, Sophie Church, Isla Peters, Levi Mahoni, Alexis Kirkwood, Amelia Church, Zara Besford, Pippa Taylor, Aiden Fry and Charlotte Quinn.

## First Communion

Next Term, students in Year 3 will begin their preparation for First Holy Communion. The date for this has been changed, due to a new clash with an event at Holy Spirit Church. The date originally advertised at the beginning of the year was Sunday 12th September at 10am. The **new date** is now **Saturday 11th September at 6pm.**



**SAVE THE DATE**

## **Holy Spirit School 50th Anniversary celebration.**

Holy Spirit staff warmly invite you to attend our forthcoming 50th School Anniversary. An evening celebration will be held on Friday September 10th in our school hall. There will also be a morning School Mass, Open School, Special Assembly (remembering & celebrating our past) & Student Art Show...more details to follow. Stay tuned! If you know of any well known/famous ex-students please let the School Office know.

## **BUNNINGS BBQ**

On Saturday 12th June our school held a BBQ at Bunnings Albury. This event was organised by Mrs Natalie Beasley who is a new Kinder parent. It was a wonderful initiative that raised money to purchase some new appliances in our School Canteen. A massive thank you must go to the following parents and staff who gave up some of their Saturday to assist with the BBQ. We are all incredibly grateful.

Nat Beasley, Scott Harris, Joanne Harris, Ben Taylor, Grace Finn, Sally Webb, Alex Hodge, Trent Castles, Joanne Davies, Glenda Fisher, Nicole Barr, Sonia Bullivant, Emily Garlick, Jessica Tomich, Sonya Pfeiffer, Judd Waters, Renee Williams, Rebecca O'Brien, Rebecca Barker, Tim Peverell, Tanya Peverell, Maree Brosolo, Cheryl Brigden and Matt Kean.



## Merit Awards

<b>Kinder</b>	Lilly M, Amelia T, Chaz H, Jessveen S, Jeet S, Zoey F, Skylar L, Elizabeth S, Jude S, Fintan O, Caitlyn S, Annabelle L
<b>Year 1</b>	Paige M, Taylor T, Oliver C, Isaiah N, Thea M, Darcy C, Noah M, Levi M, Thomas M, Shaan S, Lara L, Emily D, Leylah W, William S, Skylar W, Patrick W
<b>Year 2</b>	Lola T, Vinuka A
<b>Year 3</b>	Zoey T, Judd M, Kingston M, Jake M, Mia W, Lachlan M, Zanden H, Saxon P, Oska H, Thomas C, Emerson O, Gurleen G, Kai E
<b>Year 4</b>	Rory M, Levi P, Bismet B, Zara B, Issak G, Ruby H, Sierra E, Kamden G
<b>Year 5</b>	Harry H, Victoria C
<b>Year 6</b>	Edward S, Eve W, Abigail B, Ebony H, Hemant B, Emmett H

### Dates to remember

**Year 6 Excursion to Wolki Farm: To be advised**

Casual Clothes & Crazy Hair Day (tomorrow): Thursday 24th June  
(Gold Coin Donation)

Year 2/3—Albury Entertainment Centre (Singin' in the Rain): Friday 25th June

**Pupil Free Day: Monday 12th July** Staff Training: Holy Spirit Staff are currently completing a 10 hour online and face-to-face course on Dyslexia and other reading difficulties and will be continuing their training on this day.

1st Day of Term 3: Tuesday 13th July

HSS NAIDOC Celebration: Friday 16th July

Diocesan Athletics: Tuesday 20th July

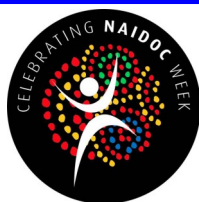
Grandparents Day: Friday 23rd July

Family Fun Bingo Night: Friday 30th July from 6-8pm.  
(Details to come in the near future)

HSS 50th Anniversary Celebrations: Friday 10th September

### **BINGO ROSTER...**

<b>23rd June</b>	
<b>Caller</b> <b>Maree Brosolo</b>	<b>Team</b> <b>Kate Besford</b> <b>Ben Taylor</b>
<b>30th June</b>	
<b>Caller</b> <b>Matt Kean</b>	<b>Team</b> <b>Melissa Pizzolato</b> <b>Brendan O'Brien</b>
<b>7th July</b>	
<b>Caller</b> <b>Natasha Zegiel</b>	<b>Team</b> <b>Melissa Pizzolato</b> <b>Kirrilly Holmes</b>



**HEAL  
COUNTRY!**  
4-11 JULY 2021

### **HSS NAIDOC Celebrations**

NAIDOC week is a time when Australians come together to celebrate and learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and heritage.

NAIDOC week this year is 4-11 July. This year's theme is **Heal Country, heal our Nation**. *Heal Country! - calls for stronger measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage.*

Holy Spirit School will celebrate NAIDOC week on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of July, beginning with a Welcome to Country, assembly and smoking ceremony at 11.30am followed by different activities to learn about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait culture.

The children may wear coloured clothes but they need to be the colours of the Aboriginal flag (black, yellow and red) or Torres Strait flag (green, blue, white).



**Recently Jake Archer and Keoni Murray attended the McKillop Cross Country in Sydney. They placed 49th & 55th. It was a massive day and was freezing cold but they had a great experience.**  
**Great effort boys!**