

# The Holy Herald

Holy Spirit School Newsletter



**Term 1 Week 7 – 10th March 2021**

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## **Students who have represented HSS in sport so far this year:**

**Netball:** Eve Hunt, Abigail Brown, Zali Steiber, Lyla Thompson, Ava Loveless, Chelsie Ackerly

\*Eve and Zali advanced to Diocesan Trials

**Rugby League:** Harry Norman, Keoni Murray, Lewis Toohey

\*(Diocesan Trials are held tomorrow)

**Touch Footy:** Eve Hunt, Roxi Harrison

**AFL Footy:** Harry Hawkins, Tyrell Hodge, Ayden Tyrell, Jett Murphy, Tyce Harding, Will Harrington, Cooper Kiraly, Jackson Linehan, Kaleb Walsh, Logan Swan, Edward Smith, Zed McPhee, Mitchell Lafferty

\*Ayden, Jett, Will, Jackson, Eddie progressed to Diocesan Trials

**Soccer:** Lachlan Burt, Will Harrington, Harry Pizzey, Eddie Smith, Flynn Semmens, Emma Huckel, Hannah Burt

\*Will, Harry, Eddie, Flynn, Emma, Hannah progressed to Diocesan Trials

**Swimming:** Mackenzie Anstis, Lucas Barr, Ash Barr, Abigail Brown, Emily Bullivant, Riley Croft, Cameron Efting, Amelia Fry, Will Harrington, Sam Harrington, Toby Harris, Harry Norman, Harry Hawkins, Emma Huckel, Abbey Huckel, Daisy Irving, Solomon Martin, Zed McPhee, Tex McPhee, Ruby Mullins, Judd Murphy, Isla O'Brien, Saxon Plaszewski-Anstis, Amelia Post, Abigail Roennfeldt, Logan Russell, Emilia Russell, Eva Schneider, Zali Steiber, Milla Steiber, Tristan Thompson, Lewis Toohey, Isabella Trippett, Jack Webb, Ella Yeo

\*Ash, Emily, Emma, Zed, Tex, Isla, Emilia, Isabella Trippett all progress to MacKillop trials in a couple of weeks time

**We are very proud of all these students' achievements - Well done!**



## From the Principal...

We are a diverse community made up of 330 children, in excess of 35 staff and 600 parents. Each and every one of us is different. Different in the way we look, the way we behave, what we believe and how we approach things. The one thing we all have in common is a close connection to Holy Spirit.

One of the great strengths of our school is the diversity of our community. Interacting with people of different cultures, backgrounds and thinking strengthens our own capacity to broaden our own thinking and ideas. As a nation, Australia has one of the most culturally diverse populations in the world. These cultures have added to the richness of our First Nations people and have made Australia what it is today, a place that is safe to live in and one that aspires to respect all.

As a school, one of our core expectations is 'Respect for Others'. This is proudly displayed on every newsletter, our website and in several places in and around our school. The children of HSS learn these values very quickly. We work with them to 'break open' what respect means and looks like.

We must continue to challenge ourselves and one another to be 'people of the cross'. Just as Jesus spent time with the lepers and the outcasts (Mark 1: 40-45) we are called to treat everyone with respect.

Children will sometimes come home sharing details about an interaction at school that hasn't gone well. Perhaps they were called a name, perhaps they heard poor language or maybe there was inappropriate physical contact. Often they will share the name of a child who had behaved inappropriately. How we respond as adults is critical. We can choose to blame the other child or we can choose to support our child in how they should respond. We should certainly speak with respect. We should never speak badly about other children in front of our children. We are adults and if we want our children to develop skills of tolerance, compassion and respect we must reflect these ourselves.

Our children watch and listen to us closely, they will model our behaviours. They are the future leaders of our society. It is incumbent on us to model to our future generation of global citizens to search for the good in others.

'How would your life be different if... You stopped making negative judgmental assumptions about people you encounter? Let today be the day... You look for the good in everyone you meet and respect their journey.' (Steve Maraboli)

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last evening we held our School Council AGM. Congratulations to our new chair Ashleigh Robertson, our new secretary Somer Irving, and to Andrew Edwards, Kate Besford and Nuala Jewitt for their election to the Holy Spirit School Council.

Our school council consists of;

Chairperson - Ashleigh Robertson

Secretary - Somer Irving

Members - Sally Harriot, Andrew Edwards, Kate Besford and Nuala Jewitt, Ben Smith

Parish Priest - Fr Peter Murphy

Principal - Matt Kean

Assistant Principal - Cheryl Brigden

## VOLUNTEERING

We require your assistance. If you are able to assist with either Bingo or Canteen we would love to hear from you. Both ventures rely on the support of members of our school community. If you are able to assist or you require more information please don't hesitate in asking either of the following staff members:

**CANTEEN:** Mrs Nina Moran - [morann@ww.catholic.edu.au](mailto:morann@ww.catholic.edu.au)

**BINGO:** Mrs Melissa Pizzolato - [pizzolatom@ww.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pizzolatom@ww.catholic.edu.au)

## COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

As advertised on the weekend, Covid-19 restrictions have been eased. It is with great delight that we can welcome you back on site. If you are to come on site, we ask that you sign in via our QR code or via hard copy in our office. We are heading in the right direction back to normality.

## COMPASS

If you aren't receiving notifications via our Compass portal, can you please make contact with our School Office immediately. The vast majority of our correspondence is sent out this way.

Matt Kean  
Principal

# Religious Education



## Caritas— Project Compassion

We are now in the third week of Lent with the Project Compassion story of Oliva, a 22 year old woman from Tanzania. She did not have the opportunity to go to school and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. As an adult, her business was losing money because she couldn't add up her money and give the right change to customers.

Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours, for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated. Attendance at her classes are growing. Her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

Approximately 260 million children do not have the chance to go to school.

At Holy Spirit School, students have taken home Project Compassion boxes and there is also a large one located in the front office. We will be collecting money for the rest of the term. To help us do that, we will be running an Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets are on sale in the Senior Weather Shed for all students. 1 ticket for 50 cents or 3 for \$1.00. Prizes will be drawn on Holy Thursday— the last day of Term 1. All money raised goes to Project Compassion. Thanks for your support in this worthy cause!

## Easter Egg Raffle

*50 cents each or 3 for \$1.00*



## Easter Egg Donations Please!!!!

To help us with our fundraising, we are hoping that families might be able to bring in some Easter eggs over the next two weeks, so that we can put together some amazing Easter Baskets that can be raffled to raise money for Caritas. Big eggs, small eggs, bunnies, any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Please give any donations to the front office.

Thank you in advance 😊





## St Patrick's Day 17th March

On Wednesday 17th March, Year 5 will be leading us in the St Patrick's Day Mass. We celebrate this feast day, as Fr Patrick O'Connell, our founding Parish Priest, came from County Mayo in Ireland.

**O'Connell** House (*green house*) is named after him. Because of the hard work of Fr O'Connell, Holy Spirit School is celebrating its *50th Anniversary* this year!

Children are free to wear appropriate GREEN CLOTHES on this day.



Yours in Catholic Education

Joanne Davies

Religious Education Coordinator

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**St Patrick's Day:** Wednesday 17th March

**Student Free Day (Albury Gold Cup):** Friday 19th March

**HSS Cross Country Carnival:** Wednesday 31st March (Term 1, Week 10)

**HSS Athletics Carnival:** Wednesday 28th of April (Term 2, Week 2)

**Last Day of Term 1:** Thursday 1st April



On Friday 26th February, a concert from Musicorp kicked off our shiny new instrument program for Years 3-6 students. Interested students can enrol to learn guitar, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion, flute and clarinet.

We are fortunate to have these opportunities for our students!

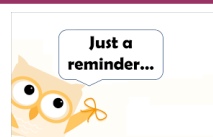


Congratulations to Barinder Singh (6MT) and family on the birth of Barinder's new baby sister Amanant.  
We wish your family much happiness with your new little bundle of joy.



# MERIT AWARDS

<b>Kinder</b>	Vanessa Blumer, Chaz Hinch, Hayley Mitchell
<b>Year 1</b>	Jack Irving, Aiden Walsh, Pippa Taylor, Queenie O'Connor, Ivy Howard, Bobin Sahni, Isaiah Noordam, Zarah Lubke, Cassidy Pankhurst, Reuben Webb-Hunt
<b>Year 2</b>	Heidi Jewitt, Faisca Wilson, Violet Thompson, Indiana Byrne, Chloe Ackerly, Kevin Zhou
<b>Year 3</b>	Maeve Summers, Baxter Graham, Bella Sanson, Amelia Mahoni, Xavier Sarroff, Adele Braybrook, Abbey Huckel, Ella Yeo, Rowen Davies, Judd Murphy, Elsie Hawkins
<b>Year 4</b>	Rory McCarthy, Ruhee Mohammed, Sierra Emerson, Charlie Thomas
<b>Year 5</b>	Jyden Newton, Layla Reid, Jamieson Comte, Lucia Biasin, Keoni Murray, Chelsie Ackerly, Parneet Bhullar, Zhiyuan Shen
<b>Year 6</b>	Amelia Post, Logan Swan, Tyce Harding, Kaleb Walsh



## Canteen Lunch Orders

Please double check you have selected the correct delivery date when ordering your child's lunch order to prevent any inconvenience for yourself and staff.



**Spread the word for people to come and play. Invite a friend and have some Bingo fun!**

**Every Wednesday in our School Hall.  
Doors open 6:30pm, 7pm start.**

### BINGO ROSTER...

**10th March**

**Caller**

**Sharnee Effting**

**Team**

**Melissa Pizzolato  
Stacey Shepherd**

**17th March**

**Caller**

**Nuala Jewitt**

**Team**

**Cheryl Brigden  
Eleanor Pearson**

### Saturday Morning Junior Coaching Program

Squash & Racquetball Junior Coaching is conducted each Saturday of the Victorian school term from 9.30 – 11.30 at the Wodonga courts, Hovell St Wodonga [left off Osborne St].

The programs cater for all levels and ages, from 5 to 18 and is conducted by qualified coaches. Racquets and safety glasses are supplied.

Squash and racquetball are great aerobic games that can be conducted in all weather.

We look forward to seeing you!

The Wodonga Squash & Racquetball Association



**Pupil Free day**

**Friday 19th March 2021**

**HOLY SPIRIT IS An Allergy Aware SCHOOL**

Please refrain from bringing nuts and food containing nut products.

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

Please remember Jessica Hartles (3OH) who recently lost her grandfather and to Amelia Post (6MT) & Stella Post (4BC) who lost their great grandfather.

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