

# The Holy Herald

Holy Spirit School Newsletter

At Holy Spirit School we

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**Term 4 Week 9 – 12th December 2018**

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Kinder enjoying some amazing experiences in Term 4.



**3rd Sunday of Advent Year C 16th December 2018**

**The Gospel - (Luke 3:10-18)**

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.





## LIFE IS AN OPPORTUNITY

All of us can recount “sliding doors moments” in our lives. They are those moments we ask ourselves “What if I had done that differently?” Newspapers often like to “dine out” on sporting stories of games that would have had different results if “that putt had been sunk for birdie on the 14th hole” or the “cricketer who dropped that catch when the batsman was on single figures” or the “forward who missed that set shot for goal when scores were tied”. Each one of these is a game that is far less important than the “what if moments” we all face in our daily lives.

Have you ever wondered the difference to your day if you chose to respond or initiate a conversation with a positive greeting or alternatively with a negative one, regardless of the way you are treated? All of us have entered circumstances when we have been annoyed. What we all know is that we achieve little when we treat others with disrespect. Most certainly it actually says more about what type of person we are. Yet, if we enter the same situation looking for solutions and with a respectful manner more often than not the end result is far more positive.

In a weeks time, our Year 6 students will reach a “sliding doors moment”. They will be faced with the end of their Primary School education. For all of them, they will be faced with moments when they can make a good choice or one they regret. On some occasions, they will be challenged to “go with the crowd” or make a tough choice to make the right decision. As parents and teachers, we will still have a part to play in being their “guides on the side” but ultimately as they mature we will no longer be with them for every waking moment.

In the last week of our 2018 school year, there will still be some “what if” moments that we will all face. The manner in which we respond is always up to us. How we respond will ultimately determine what “the door” looks like on the other side.

## 2019 Enrolments

If your child 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.

## Staffing & Transition for 2019

Please find attached the Staffing for 2019. It gives me great pleasure to welcome Mrs Diana Voss and Mr Corey Miller to our school community.

Next Tuesday we will be holding a Transition Session between 9:30 - 11 am. The students will be informed of their Homeroom for next year during this session.

## Reports

Your child's End of Year Report was sent home today. Please take a moment to read these as the teachers have put a lot of effort into preparing these. Unlike earlier in the year, there are no formal Parent/Interviews however, if you would like to discuss your child's report you are more than welcome to make an appointment with the Homeroom teacher before the end of the school year.

## Classes

As a staff, we have spent a considerable amount of time sorting out the homerooms for next year. We have done this with the best interest of each student.

## Communication

As always, we are looking at ways in which we can improve our communication and exposure to the wider Holy Spirit community. In the very near future we will be launching our brand new school website. We will continue using our fortnightly newsletter as a means of communication and our social media platforms. As of the end of this year, we will cease to use the SchoolApp and move to a new platform that comes out of the CED in Wagga. This should be operational in Term One next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jenny Awburn who has facilitated our SchoolApp and website in recent years. Her involvement with the school ends with her youngest son, Darcy, finishing Year 6 this year. I would also like to acknowledge Mrs Emily Poynter's work in building our new website.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mad About Maths 13th December CANCELLED DUE TO CAROLS**
- **Christmas Carols on the Oval 13th December. Children here @ 6pm for a 6.30pm start. If the weather becomes inclement, an announcement will be made via email and our social media platforms regarding any changes to the night i.e. Carols in the Hall with chairs set up and no picnic tea.**
- **Year 6 Fun Day Monday 17th December**
- **Transition Day (for students) 18th December 9.30 - 11.00am**
- **Year 6 Liturgical Celebration (Farewell) 18th December 6pm in the Church**
- **Students last day Wednesday 19th December**
- **Maths Interview Day Wednesday 30th January (See note next week with full details)**
- **First day of classes for 2019 Thursday 31st January** **Matt Kean (Principal)**

# Religious Education

## HSS Christmas Carols **Thursday 13th December**

Families are welcome to bring their own picnic tea to have on the Oval before Carols from 5:30 to 6:15. Students will be called to assemble at the front of the stage (The G) at 6:15. Carols will begin at 6:30 on the Oval.



 Sunday 16th December– **Third Sunday** of Advent

Tuesday 18th December– **Year 6 Graduation Liturgy** 6pm in the Church

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

Please remember Michael (WD) and Andrew (BD) Tants who have recently lost their Grandmother , Kaye Huxtable and Hudson (TP) and Jonas (RH) Piltz who have lost their Great Grandmothers.

*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. Amen.*



### St Vincent De Paul– Christmas Appeal

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the St Vincent De Paul Christmas hampers located in the school Office. The effort has been amazing!

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. The last day for donations will be this Friday 14th December.

Thanks for your help in this endeavour.

**God Bless you,**

**Joanne Davies Acting RE Coordinator**



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

<b>12th December</b>	
<b><u>Caller 3</u></b> <b><u>Rachael Fenselau</u></b>	<b><u>Team 11</u></b> <b>Natasha Zegiel-Fry</b> <b>Brendan O'Brien</b>
<b>19th December</b>	
<b><u>Caller 4</u></b> <b><u>Kelly Huckel</u></b>	<b><u>Team 12</u></b> <b>April Piltz</b> <b>Emily Saroff</b>
<b>9th January 2019</b>	
<b><u>Caller 5</u></b> <b><u>Sharnae Eftting</u></b>	<b><u>Team 13</u></b> <b>Natasha Zegiel-Fry</b>

#### **BINGO ROSTER continued**

<b>16th January 2019</b>	
<b><u>Caller 6</u></b> <b><u>Matt Kean</u></b>	<b><u>Team 1</u></b> <b>Angela Gleeson</b> <b>Mellany Mercer</b>
<b>23rd January 2019</b>	
<b><u>Caller 1</u></b> <b><u>Maree Brosolo</u></b>	<b><u>Team 2</u></b> <b>Leanda Meares</b> <b>Ben Taylor</b>
<b>30th January 2019</b>	
<b><u>Caller 2</u></b> <b><u>Natasha Zegiel-Fry</u></b>	<b><u>Team 3</u></b> <b>Kate Besford</b>

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<b>Early Stage One</b>	Cooper Heinjus	For filling up a whole page each day in his writing book.	<b>Stage Two Con't</b>	Chelsea Alvey	For amazing effort in all subjects, having a constant CAN-DO attitude.
	Amelia Church	For becoming a spelling EAGLE.		Harry Pizzey	For playing in a sportsmanship positive way.
	Mila Stieber	For her consistent effort and all -round improvement in Reading and Writing.		James Wrobel	For an awesome effort with his work all week.
	Dean Vinod	For enthusiastic participation in our Water Safety Program.		Jack Heinjus	For his ability to teach his peers new skills in Maths.
	Isaac Thomson	For using sounds to work out unknown words.		Reid Johnston	For an improvement in his application to his reading.
<b>Stage One</b>	Tex McPhee	For giving good answers in maths.	<b>Stage Three</b>	Annika Van Hoorn	For excellent Discovery Learning work.
	Caleb Warburton	For making his writing quick and much neater.		Tyrell Hodge	For great understanding of tricky Maths work.
	Gemma Ouansavatdy	For showing care and concern for others throughout the year.		Monijo Salanguste	For great work in every subject.
	Flynn Lafferty	For working consistently throughout the year to make pleasing progress in all subjects.		Vineet Malik	For great effort in all his swimming lessons all week.
	Ruhee Mohammed	For working consistently throughout the year to make pleasing progress in all subjects.		Zali Stieber	For noticing when others need help.
	Isaac Parkinson	For writing interesting and imaginative stories.		Gypsy Thomas	For willingly sharing her understanding of decimals in Maths.
	Stella Post	For progressing well in Reading. Keep it up!		Lucas Barr	For 100% effort and participation in our swimming program.
	Blake Russell	For his great improvement in swimming throughout the week.		Will Harrington	For his leadership skills and ability to think outside the box.
	Emilia Russell	For her improvement in reading fluency with complex texts.		Jordan Delaney	For fluent reading skills.
	Mia Harding	For fluent and phrased reading.		Edwin Hams	For always looking out for others and being a caring peer.
	Sierra Emerson	For perfect behaviour. Thankyou!		Jasmine Ouanesavatdy	For continuing to give her best in all that she does.
	Charlie Taylor	For making her reading sound smooth during Reading Recovery.		Sayah Parley	For always caring about others and showing "The Spirit of Jesus".
	Charlie Dunsmore	For reading with excellent expression during Reading Recovery.		Ethan Warburton	For showing growth in his confidence to share his Maths strategies with others.
	Rory McCarthy	For reading with excellent expression during Reading Recovery.		Georgia Hickey	For making steady progress with her writing.
	Rory McCarthy	For listening to her swimming instructor and learning new skills.		Isabel Burn	For her creativity and engagement during Visual Arts.
	Elijah Lane	For working hard in the pool to learn his swimming strokes.		Brad Molina	For champion effort with his timeline in History.
	Halle Yensch	For a great effort to learn and practiSe new swimming strokes.		Ariarn Donders	For trying hard with her timeline in History.
	Harry Lubke	For helping to keep our homeroom tidy.		Snehid Johnson	For a champion effort with his Timeline in History.
	Kaylee Pfeiffer	For showing the spirit of Jesus by keeping our space tidy.		Breanna Brown	For fantastic effort in all tasks.
	Ruby Holmes	For always trying her best in everything.		Hudson Nagle	For willingness to share ideas.
<b>Stage Two</b>	Roxi Harrison	For being an honest, caring and respectful person. Great work!		Isabella Clark	For her enthusiasm towards learning.
	Lachlan Burt	For working hard to learn his spelling words. Well done!		Taz Harrison	For improvements in Pattern and Algebra in Maths.
	Macey Yeo	For always being prepared and organised with her writing, resulting in outstanding work.		Marty Norman	For his team spirit and enthusiasm in PE.
	Matilda North	For always giving her best effort in all subjects and setting an example to others.			
	Jyi Milburn	For always aiming high with his school work.			