



Have a Happy & Holy Christmas

Christmas Newsletter, Term 4, 2014

Principal's Reflection

Dear Families,

I feel an incredible sense of gratitude and appreciation as I reflect on the year that we have had together at Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School. The celebrations and highlights have been many and varied and I am so glad that I have been given this opportunity to lead the school community. I look forward to seeing community members at our End of Year mass held on Friday at 8:30am at Holy Spirit Church.

I have been truly grateful for the dedication and commitment of parents at Holy Spirit this year. There is no doubt that the families contribute considerably to the wonderful community atmosphere and school spirit. Parents have worked tirelessly for the whole school community and their efforts have had a major impact on student learning – enabling us to provide fantastic resources for our students, including new iPads, school phone app, new junior playground and the list goes on.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Fr. Jimmy and our School Board members who are committed to the pursuit of excellence at Holy Spirit and to building a strong, faith filled Catholic community. The support, advocacy and wisdom of our Board members have been a real asset to our school and has made my job as Principal a pleasure.

I acknowledge and thank the fabulous Holy Spirit staff that continually strive to provide challenging and stimulating learning opportunities for our students in partnership with families. Each staff member goes above and beyond in so many ways. I have been truly blessed to work with such enthusiastic, passionate and fun loving colleagues. This was particularly evident with last Thursday night's Christmas concert.

Finally I would like to say how proud I am of our students and all that they have achieved this year. It has been a privilege to be entrusted with their care and education and to watch each one grow not only academically but also in faith, love and wisdom.

Farewell to the staff, students and families who are moving on or beginning a new venture and thank you for being a part of our community. We hope Holy Spirit always holds a special place in your heart. We wish Ms. Kate Fiedler and Mrs. Dewi Claridge all the best

at their new schools in Victoria next year. We welcome Kristy Boath and Shannon Lea to our teaching staff at Holy Spirit for the start of the 2015 school year.

I take this opportunity to thank our Year Six students for their many contributions to our school community. I wish them all the best for their move to Middle School and hope that their memories of Holy Spirit School will be fond. The Year 6 Graduation mass and dinner will be held at Holy Spirit Church starting at 6pm followed by dinner and awards at school on Wednesday 10th December. All Holy Spirit community members are most welcome to come along and farewell our Year 6 students.

The school has received two early Christmas presents. Firstly, the school was successful in receiving a \$37,000 grant from the Block Grant Authority funded by the Australian Government. Solomon MP Natasha Griggs visited the school to hand over the BIG cheque. This money will assist in providing large shade sails over our new playground and outdoor learning space. Secondly, we received a \$5000 grant from the Long Day Care Upgrade Grants to assist in improving the flooring in the Community of Learners building. Both projects will take place over the holidays.



We also finish the year by launching our "new" school website. The new web address is www.holyspiritnt.catholic.edu.au. This new website along with our school app aims to provide the most up to date information for parents about our school community.

As this is the final newsletter for 2014, God bless you all and keep you safe this Christmas season.

Simon Duffy
Mr. Simon Duffy
Principal



Student of the Week Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

- * Transition, Rm.2 - Whole Class Award
- * Transition, Rm 9 - Ezekiel Tumanday
Nita Dunt
- * Year 1/2, Rm.3 - Whole Class Award
- * Year 1/2, Rm.4 - Dante Coneybeer
- * Year 1/2, Rm.6 - Antonis Michael
- * Year 1/2, Rm.8 - Whole Class Award
- * Year 3/4, Rm. 14 - Whole Class Award
- * Year 3/4, Rm. 15 - Dylan Mwaramba
- * Year 3/4, Rm.17 - Grace Salter & Faith Solo
- * Year 5/6, Rm. 10 - Kebbeh Dennis
- * Year 5/6, Rm. 12 - Tiahne Clarke
- * Year 5/6, Rm 13 - Jonah Wistrand
- * Sport Award - Jackson Lay & Jesse Brown

A **W.E.S.T** Award is presented to a person who is **Welcoming**, **Encouraging**, says **Sorry** and is **Thankful**.

This week's W.E.S.T Award goes to :
Emily Tinsley & Michael Xipolitas

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following Students who Celebrate their birthday in week 9 & 10:

- Brandon Kurnoth
- Caleb Paterson
- Chelsea Biddlecombe
- Raquel Caldwell
- Brandon Seabrook

FRONT OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The front office will be closed from the
19th of December - 9th of January Inclusive.

The office will open again on the 12th of January.

Office hours will be 8:30am - 3:30pm.

As there will be only be a small number of staff at the school during the six week break we ask that you please call the office before coming in to ensure that the front office is open for your visit.

ACCOUNT PAYMENT-HOLIDAY PERIOD

Due to the small number of staff over the holiday period, authorised payments from credit cards will not be processed. Please contact Lee at the front office on 8927 3411 or email finance.holyspirit@nt.catholic.edu.au for more information or to make alternative arrangements.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to the many families who have already finalised their school accounts for 2014. To those families who still have fees outstanding please be aware that payment is now overdue and fees need to be paid as soon as possible.

If you believe that that you will not be able to pay your school fees account by the end of the school year (12th Dec, 2014) or are having difficulties making payments, please contact the office and make an appointment to arrange a payment plan. Payments can be made at the School office between 8:00am and 4:00pm Monday to Friday, by cash, cheque or EFT. Credit Card payments can be made over the phone or electronic payments can be made directly to the school.

As previously advised we have changed banks, from CBA to NAB. Please make arrangements to change your direct debits to the new account details. Time is running out so please give this matter your urgent attention.
Our new account details are as follows:

Account Name: Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School
Branch Number: 08 5933
Account Number: 39 895 1673

SCHOOL FEES - 2015

Families are advised the following school fees for 2015 will apply. These fees have been recommended by the CEC Finance, Facilities & Resources Committee and endorsed by the Bishop. If the level of increase creates any hardship for you please make an appointment with the Principal to discuss the circumstances.

- 1st Child \$274.25 + levies = \$405.25 per term
\$274.25 + \$65 + \$45 + \$21 = \$405.25
- 2nd Child \$246.83 + levies = \$377.83 per term
\$377.83 + \$405.25 - \$45 = \$738.08 per term – total of 2
- 3rd Child \$219.40 + levies = \$350.40 per term
\$350.40 + \$738.08 - \$45 = \$1043.48 per term – total of 3
- 4th Child levies only = \$131.00 per term
\$131.00 + \$1043.48 - \$45 = \$1,129.48 per term – total of 4

Levies

- \$65.00 Books & Services (per child/per term)
- \$21.00 Excursion (per child/per term)
- \$45.00 Air-conditioning (per family/per term)
- \$42.00 B&S extra for Years 5 & 6 (per child/per year)

Community of Learners (fees are subject to change)

One Child	\$330 per week	\$75 per day
Child Care Benefits (CCB) apply		

After School Care (fees are subject to change)

One Child	\$100 per week	\$20 per day
Child Care Benefits (CCB) apply		

Before School Care (fees are subject to change)

One Child	\$8 per morning (includes breakfast)
Child Care Benefits (CCB) apply	

Uniform 2015

Students are expected to wear full school uniform each day.

A signed note from parents must be sent to school if a student is out of uniform. Students out of uniform will be issued with a note to parents advising breach of uniform - the note is requested to be returned signed

School Uniform Prices

Purple polo shirt with school emblem and black collar -\$26

Black Shorts/Skorts - plain black with **NO** logos, stripes -\$21

Dress -\$38

Hats - Black school hat -\$13

Black shoes or sandals - must be plain black with black laces

Socks - white or black

Sandals - black or brown

Jewellery

A wrist watch may be worn and a thin gold or silver chain with a cross but no other form of jewellery is acceptable.

Students who have pierced ears may wear one pair of 'sleepers' or 'studs' only.

Hair

Needs to be neat and tidy at all times. Hair is not to be hanging in the face of students, if longer than students shoulders needs to be tied back. Purple or black ribbons are acceptable.

Nail Polish is not to be worn at school.

Hats are a compulsory uniform item

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please check for any library books that might be 'hiding' at home or in bags and return to them to Mrs. Baylis in the Library or to the front office before the end of the school year.

PIANO NEWS...

PIANO RECITALS

On Sunday 7 December the piano students will be having Piano Recitals in the Holy Spirit School Library, GselleSt, Casuarina, commencing at 2:30 p.m. Families and friends of current and prospective students are welcome to attend.

2015 ENROLMENTS

Piano/keyboard enrolment forms are now available at the School Office. Completion of the form doesn't necessarily guarantee placement in the piano program. This will depend on the availability of lesson times, but unsuccessful students will be placed on a waiting list until lessons do become available.

2015 LESSONS

Lessons in 2015 will commence in Term 1, Week 2 Wednesday 4 February. Parents will be notified of lesson times in Week 1.

Christmas Concert



Learning Indonesian with Ibu Dewi

Time flies and we are already at the end of the year; and this will be my last Indonesian newsletter. Transitions and Year 1/2s learnt about clothes and applied the words into simple phrases. Year 3/4s learnt Indonesian through folktale and story. Year 5/6s learnt about the Indonesian cultures through the movie "Laskar Pelangi". Here are the words that we learnt this term:

	1/2	3/4	5/6
Topic	Food and Beverage (Makanan dan Minuman)	Folktale: Where does the mosquito's sound come from? (Cerita: Asal-usul Bunyi Nyamuk)	Movie: "The Rainbow Troop" (Laskar Pelangi)
Key words	<i>Makan pagi, makan, minum, makanan, minuman</i> (breakfast, to eat, to drink, food, drink) <i>Nasi putih, nasi goreng, bubur, kopi, teh</i> (steamed rice, fried rice, porridge, coffee, tea) <i>Roti tawar, roti bakar, sereal, susu, jus</i> (white bread, toast, cereal, milk, juice) <i>Nasi goreng, mi goreng, ayam goreng, ikan goreng</i> (fried rice, fried noodle, fried chicken, fried fish) <i>Kentang goreng, roti sosis, pai, limun</i> (fried potato/chips, sausage bread/hotdog, pie, lemonade/softdrink) <i>Nasi kuning, lumpia, kue, es krim, permen, buah</i> (yellow rice, spring roll, cake, ice cream, lolly, fruit) <i>Suka/tidak suka</i> – Like/dislike <i>Mau/tidak mau</i> – want/not want	Keywords: <i>Nyamuk, ayam, kera, tupai, gadis, subang</i> (mosquito, chicken, monkey, squirrel, young girl, earrings) <i>Badan, hutan, darah, rumah, asap, padi, suara, pesta, pintu</i> (body, jungle, blood, house, smoke, paddy, sound, party, door) <i>Punya, tinggal, suka, minum, menunggu, datang, pergi, pinjam, lihat, dipukul, jadi, mau, membakar, ketuk, masuk</i> (to have, to live, to like, to drink, to wait, to come, to go, to borrow, to look at, to be hit, to become, to want, to burn, to knock, to come in) <i>Besar, bagus, kecil, marah, diam</i> (big, good, small, quiet) <i>Pada zaman dahulu, seperti, belum, banyak, sekarang, juga</i> (Once upon a time, alike, not yet, many, now, too)	<i>ada</i> – there is/are <i>tidak ada</i> – there is/are not <i>ini</i> – this <i>kelas</i> – classroom <i>baru</i> – new <i>sekolah</i> – school <i>kepala sekolah</i> – principal <i>guru</i> – teacher <i>murid</i> – student <i>bernama</i> – named <i>sekarang</i> – now <i>masalah</i> – problem <i>kadang-kadang</i> – sometimes <i>persahabatan</i> – friendship <i>menyelamatkan</i> – to save <i>tentang</i> – about <i>orang</i> – people <i>miskin</i> – poor <i>kehidupan</i> – life <i>pulau</i> – island <i>kaya</i> – rich
Phrases	<i>Kamu suka makan/minum apa?</i> (What do you like to eat/drink?) <i>Saya suka makan/minum ...</i> (I like to eat/drink ...) <i>Kamu tidak suka makan/minum apa?</i> (What don't you like to eat/drink?) <i>Saya tidak suka makan/minum ...</i> (I don't like to eat/drink ...) <i>Kamu mau makan/minum apa?</i> (What do you want to eat/drink?) <i>Saya mau makan/minum ...</i> (I want to eat/drink ...) <i>Saya tidak mau makan/minum ...</i> (I don't want to eat/drink ...)	FOCUSING ON WORD ORDER <i>Badan besar</i> (big body) <i>Nyamuk punya badan besar seperti ayam.</i> (The mosquito has a big body like chicken) <i>Darah kera dan tupai</i> (monkey's and squirrel's blood) <i>Nyamuk suka minum darah kera dan tupai.</i> (The mosquito likes to drink monkey's and squirrel's blood) <i>subang emas bagus</i> (good golden earrings) <i>Nyamuk punya subang emas bagus.</i> (The mosquito has good golden earrings). <i>Anting nyamuk</i> (mosquito's earrings) <i>Farida pinjam subang nyamuk.</i> (Farida borrows the mosquito's earrings).	FOCUSING ON WORD ORDER <i>Kelas baru</i> (new class) <i>Ada kelas baru di sekolah.</i> (There is a new class at school) <i>Persahabatan "Laskar Pelangi"</i> (The Rainbow Troop's friendship) <i>Persahabatan "Laskar Pelangi" menyelamatkan sekolah.</i> (The Rainbow Troop's friendship saved the school) <i>Film ini</i> (This film) <i>orang miskin</i> (poor people) <i>kehidupannya</i> (their life) <i>Film ini tentang orang miskin dan kehidupannya.</i> (This film is about poor people and their life) <i>Pulau kaya</i> (rich island) <i>Film ini di pulau kaya di Indonesia.</i> (This film is in a rich island in Indonesia)
TRANSITIONS Keywords: (Review: Colours and Numbers) Clothes: <i>kaos</i> (tshirt), <i>celana</i> (pants), <i>rok</i> (skirt/dress), <i>kaos kaki</i> (socks), <i>sepatu</i> (shoes), <i>topi</i> (hat), <i>kemeja</i> (shirt), <i>sarung</i> (sarong), <i>kebaya</i> (Indonesian traditional dress), <i>peci</i> (Moslem male's hat) Celebration: <i>kado</i> (present), <i>kue</i> (cake), <i>lilin</i> (candle), <i>selamat ulang tahun/selamat hari jadi</i> (happy birthday), <i>pohon</i> (tree), <i>lonceng</i> (bell), <i>bintang</i> (star), <i>malaikat</i> (angel), <i>natal</i> (christmas), <i>selamat hari natal</i> (merry christmas) Phrases: <i>Topi merah</i> (red hat). <i>Dua topi merah</i> (two red hats). <i>Saya memakai sepatu hitam.</i> (I am wearing black shoes). <i>Umur saya ...</i> (My age is ...)			

STUDENTS OF THE TERM for INDONESIAN:

Transition (Ibu Lauren) - Edward Hammer
 Transition (Ibu Sarah) - Thomas Neighbour
 Year 1/2 (Ibu Emma) - Luke Pascoe
 Year 1/2 (Ibu Tracey/Meg) - Aiden Ellison-De Castro
 Year 1/2 (Ibu Kate) - Cody Dwyer
 Year 1/2 (Ibu Angela/Dell) - Maitashe Magodora

Year 3/4 (Ibu Rowena) - Jacqueen Nguyen
 Year 3/4 (Ibu Anna) - Daniella Zuccarato
 Year 3/4 (Bapak Stephen) - Blake Barrett
 Year 5/6 (Ibu Caoimhe) - Azura Fitzsimmons
 Year 5/6 (Ibu Emma) - Josh Jarel Zarris
 Year 5/6 (Ibu Meg) - Salevasa Gray



May Peace and Joy be with you!

- Ibu Dewi

Term 4 Calendar, 2014

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Assembly
Week 9 December 1 st Sunday Advent	1 Academic Reports home this week	2	3	4 REWARD AFTERNOON	5 Whole School Mass Student Awards Year 6 Retreat with Fr Dan	Year 3/4 Room 17 Steve O'Shannessy
Week 10 December 2 nd Sunday Advent	8	9 Christmas Raffle	10 Year 6 Graduation- 6pm Mass, 7pm awards and dinner	11 Water Activities T-5 <u>Students finish</u>	12 <u>NO SCHOOL</u> <u>VACATION CARE</u> <u>AVAILABLE</u>	Simon Duffy and Paula Sellars

Term 1 Calendar, 2015

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Assembly
Week 1 Jan/Feb	26 Australia Day Holiday	27 Staff Professional Learning	28 Staff Professional Learning	29 Students Resume school	30	
Week 2 February	2 MultiLit and MiniLit resume	3	4	5	6	
Week 3 February	9 Homework Centre to begin (Monday – Wednesday)	10 Parent Information Night 4-6:30pm	11	12	13 Whole School Mass at 8:30am (beginning school year)	
Week 4 February	16 Life Education Van	17	18	19 Bombing of Darwin Anniversary	20	
Week 5 February/March	23	24 Parent/Teacher Inter- views 3-6pm	25 Parent/Teacher Inter- views 3-6pm	26	27 REWARD AFTERNOON	

Rugby NT

During this term, Trent Gorrie, Game Development Officer from Rugby NT came along to work with students from Transition to Year 6 in all our Physical Education lessons. Students participated in the Coles NRL Backyard League Program.

It gave students the opportunity to become involved in Rugby League at a less formal level.

This was a free program, with students receiving a certificate, book and a football. We thank Trent, Darren and Bob for their work over the three weeks with our students. We look forward to working with them again in 2015.

Paula Sellars

Mrs. Paula Sellars
Deputy Principal / PE Coordinator



2014 in Pictures

