29 January, 2015

NEWSLETTER

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

Principal’s Reflection

Dear Families,

Welcome to all students, staff and families to the start of the 2015 school year. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break over the holidays. I am very excited about the challenges and opportunities in store this year and look forward to working with you all.

As we start a new school year we ask God’s blessing on us; students, staff and families. Students are now in new classes, the work is new and sometimes challenging but each day we know Jesus walks with us and together we’ll achieve great things. We pray that we all do the very best we can at Holy Spirit; to live, to love and to grow in Christ. Amen.

A warm welcome to the new staff members who have joined the Holy Spirit school community this year:

Shannon Lea  
Yr. 3/4 class teacher

Kelsey Crowe  
Transition/Yr. 1 teacher

Kirsty Bouth  
Indonesian teacher

It has been great to see so many excited and happy faces as I visited classrooms today. A special welcome also to the new families who have come from far and wide to join our Holy Spirit school community this year:

- Balu
- George
- Kerwin
- Nguyen
- Romano

- Brooks
- Ginis
- Krongold
- Nishimoto
- Royal

- Coco
- Grace
- Lacey
- Livesley
- Owens
- Smart

- Copley
- Hall
- Livesley
- Parker
- Wright

- Doherty
- Kainulainen
- McLeod
- Perez
- Yallop

- Feeley
- Kang
- Mitchell
- Poniris
-

- Fermanis
- Kerwin
- Navin
- Porter

We look forward to getting to know you all throughout the year and hope that you enjoy your time at Holy Spirit.

Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 10th February.

This is a great opportunity for parents to find out about the curriculum, behavioral expectations, homework requirements and any other class routines and planned events. It is vital for at least one parent to attend these information evening. They are essential to establishing good relationships and communication between the school and families.

- Transition meeting will be held from 4.30pm – 5.00pm
- Grade 3/4 meeting will be held from 5.30pm – 6.00pm

- Grade 1/2 meeting will be held from 5.00pm – 5.30pm
- Grade 5/6 meeting will be held from 6.00pm – 6.30pm.

Our opening School Mass will be held on Friday 13th Feb at 9am in the Holy Spirit Church. Parents are invited to join us for Mass and for coffee/tea in the staffroom afterwards.

I encourage you all to be actively involved in our school community and to work in partnership with us as we teach, guide, care and support your children to achieve their best academically, spiritually, socially, physically and emotionally.

We will also be starting the year with a Family Welcoming Picnic held on Friday 13th of February at the Casuarina swimming pool from 5.30pm – 7pm. Families are encouraged to bring along a picnic dinner and meet new and old friends. The entry cost is at pool prices.

God bless you all and keep you safe,

Mr. Simon Duffy
Principal
### 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 - $21
- **Socks** - white or black - $5
- **Sandals** - black or brown - $5

**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.

### School Fees - 2015

Families are advised the following school fees for 2015 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)**

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### Community of Learners (fees are subject to change)

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### Canteen News...

The Canteen has an online ordering service.


Sign up - add your child - add credit

To place an order:
1. Select your child
2. Select order date
3. Add meal items to your order
4. Confirm your order

You can also access the online canteen ordering through the school App.

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### Back to School Voucher

Have you used your child’s “Back to school” voucher? It is worth $150 and can be used against the Book and Service Levy or uniforms. Valid till the end of Term 1. Available at the Front Office.
## Term 1 Calendar, 2015

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**If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please fill out the form below.**

Family Name: ___________________

☐ Yes, I would like to receive the school newsletter by e-mail instead of a hard copy.

My preferred email address is:

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Please return this slip to Yola at the front office.