



6 May, 2015

NEWSLETTER

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

Week 4, Term 2

Principal's Reflection

Dear Families,

On Friday our children will be dedicating the morning to Mothers. All of our Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunties, Sisters and female caregivers are welcome to join us for breakfast and then a Mother's Day Liturgy. Breakfast will be held in the school courtyard starting at 7:15am and our Liturgy starting at 8.30am. We wish all of our mothers a wonderful day on Sunday and hope it is a happy and joyful time with family. Some of our families will celebrate this Mother's Day with new additions to the family. If your family is celebrating the arrival of a new baby, please give us the details at the front office so we can share your joy in our newsletter.

We will be running a Mother's Day Stall on Friday where students are able to buy Mother's day gifts ranging from \$1 - \$5. Each class will have an opportunity to purchase items. We are also still seeking donations of gifts for the Mothers Day stall. Any donations can be dropped at the front office. Also, our Mother's Day raffle will be drawn Friday afternoon. Therefore can all tickets please be returned by tomorrow.

Last week we heard the news of the devastating earthquake that struck Nepal. Sadly reports continue to describe the extent of the destruction and the loss of life. As a community we have offered our prayers for the people of Nepal. As a school community we will be holding a "Casual Clothes Day" on Monday 11th May to assist in raising funds that can be sent to Nepal. The funds will be forwarded to Caritas. Students are asked to bring along a gold coin donation.

Next week students from Years 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has been undertaken in all schools since 2008 across Australia. Testing takes place from Tuesday 12th-Thursday 14th May. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. The NAPLAN information is used in conjunction with school based assessments across all learning areas to get a picture of each student's achievement and progress and to help us in planning teaching and learning programs.

At the completion of testing an individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school during Term 3. Parents are encouraged to use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers.

School photos will be taken on Friday, 29th May. All students are required to wear full school uniform on that day including black shoes. Photo payments can be made online, through the school phone app or order forms can be collected and dropped off at the front office. A timetable is also included in the newsletter.

God bless you all and keep you safe,

Mr. Simon Duffy
Principal

Reflection

*"I have loved you just as the
Father has loved me. Remain
in my love."*

- John 15:9





Student of the Week Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

- * Transition, Rm.8 - Damien Marriner
Alicia Feeney
- * T/1, Rm. 9 - Savannah Coco
Ezekiel Tumanday
- * Year 1/2, Rm.3 - Jacob Kavanagh
- * Year 1/2, Rm.4 - Vy Nguyen
- * Year 1/2, Rm.6 - Mihaelia Bunn-Kurnoth
- * Year 3/4, Rm. 14 - Madison Kosic
- * Year 3/4, Rm. 15 - Valerie Balu
- * Year 3/4, Rm.17 - Maitashe Magodora
- * Year 5/6, Rm. 10 - Dylan Clarke
- * Year 5/6, Rm. 12 - Nathan Capati
- * Year 5/6, Rm. 13 - Joel Bourke
- * Sport Award - Lily Johnson & Tania Mathew

A **W.E.S.T** Award is presented to a person who is **W**elcoming, **E**ncouraging, says **S**orry and is **T**hankful.

This week's W.E.S.T Award goes to :
Alexa Busteed



Happy Birthday to the following Students who celebrate their birthday in week 4:

- Thomas Neighbour
- Czarina Angeles
- Luka Andruga
- Enrica Santos
- Enrico Santos
- Ethan Shiju
- Ashtyn Serra
- Tahlia Grace
- Reuben Thomas
- Lily Johnson



RE NEWS

Casual Clothes Day - Next Monday

Our school community was shocked and saddened to hear of the catastrophic earthquake that recently struck Nepal. The devastation in Kathmandu is immense, and communities across India and Bangladesh, as well as on Mount Everest, have been affected. The death toll continues to increase, with thousands killed or injured.

Holy Spirit will be having a casual clothes day for students next Monday, 11th May to raise money for Caritas to assist the children and families affected by the earthquake. We encourage you to give generously to our appeal. The money that we raise will be sent to Caritas, a Catholic organisation that is working with the people of Nepal. We pray that all affected continue to have faith, strength and courage as they journey through challenges and hardships.

MJR Award

Last year, Holy Spirit worked with St Vincent de Paul to create a social justice award, the 'MJR' Award. This award is presented to the Year 6 student who has helped to make our school a more just community. It recognises the link between the great work of Vinnies in our local community and the way that we show the spirit of Jesus at Holy Spirit by 'Making Jesus Real'. Georgia Glover was 2014's very worthy recipient. Georgia's contribution is recognised on a special plaque, which was presented at last week's assembly. We thank St Vincent de Paul Holy Spirit Conference, including Ms. Celina Lai, Mr. Gerry McCormack and Mr. Mike Green for their support and generosity.



NAPLAN NEWS...

NAPLAN TEST DATES 2015

Tuesday 12th May

Language Conventions – 40 minutes Years 3 & 5

Writing – 40 minutes – Years 3 & 5 (Narrative or Persuasive)

Wednesday 13th May

Reading – 45 minutes Year 3 and 50 minutes Year 5

Thursday 14th May

Numeracy – 45 minutes Year 3 and 50 minutes Year 5

Handy tips for parents to assist in their child's preparation:

- Take the time to speak with your child about NAPLAN tests. Reassure your child that this is only one form of assessment that teachers use throughout the year.
- Online NAPLAN Practice Tests covering areas of Numeracy, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation can be accessed on www.smeebu.com. These assessments are designed to help build familiarity with the NAPLAN test format, they're also fun to do.
- Sample questions and example test booklets can be accessed on the NAPLAN website: www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests.html
- Speak with your child's classroom teacher for further information or clarification of tests as required.

Numeracy Plan of Attack – Strategies for answering test questions

- Read the problem carefully
- Underline/circle/highlight key words or phrases in the question
- Understand what information is required; use scrap paper for working out
- Choose and use the best problem solving strategies to find the answer
- Use specific techniques for answering different types of questions as shown for multiple choice, short answer and calculator question

Reading - Plan of Attack to incorporate the reading strategies

- Read the title and examine the illustrations.
- Note the text layout.
- Identify key points to summarise.
- Read the questions.
- Go back and read through the text.
- Interpret new words by using context clues.
- Understand that the texts may include names of places and people that are unfamiliar, and to read on rather than deliberate over the pronunciation of such names.

Specific techniques for answering questions

- Read the entire question carefully.
- Re-read and carefully underline/circle/highlight key words or the main phrase in the question.
- Understand what information is required.
- Refer back to the text to clarify information.

Write key words in margin of text to summarise each paragraph

READ MORE IN MAY CHALLENGE

Mrs. Baylis will be sending out competition details this week to celebrate National Family Reading Month (May). Your Family could win some great prizes. Visit www.scholastic.com.au/nfrm for more details.

Term 2 Calendar, 2015

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Assembly
Week 4 May 5th Sunday Easter	4 MAY DAY HOLIDAY	5	6	7 Cross Country School Assembly Board Meeting	8 Mothers Day Breakfast 7:15am Mothers Day Liturgy 8:30am Mothers Day Stall	Year 1/2 Room 3 Rowena Staude
Week 5 May 6th Sunday Easter	11 Caritas Casual Clothes Day	12 NAPLAN TESTS Grammar & Punctuation Writing	13 NAPLAN - Reading Cross Country	14 NAPLAN - Numeracy	15 Reward Afternoon	Year 5/6 Room 12 Emma McDonald
Week 6 May 7th Sunday Easter	18	19	20	22	22 Holy spirit Feast Day Mass Touch Gala Day	Year 1/2 Room 4 Tracey Coco & Dell Williams
Week 7 May Pentecost	25 National Reconciliation Week	26	27 Reconciliation Morning Tea	28	29 School Photos Working Bee 2pm-6pm Hot Shots Tennis	Year 3/4 Room 17 Steve O'Shannessy
Week 8 June Trinity Sunday	1 Year 5/6 Camp- Wallaroo	2	3	4 Board Meeting	5 T20 Blast Cricket	Year 1/2 Room 6 Emma Senior
Week 9 June Corpus Christi	8 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	9	10	11 Specialist Assembly Academic Reports Home	12 Holy Spirit Athletics Carnival 8am-1pm	Year 5/6 Room 13 Meg Irwin
Week 10 June 11th Sunday Ordinary Time	15	16 MultiLit Graduation 9am-10am	17	18 Reward Afternoon	19 Chief Minister's V8's Dance-a-thon 11am-12:45pm	Year 3/4 Room 14 Shannon Lea

LOOKING THROUGH THE WINDOW

Indonesian with Ibu Kirsty

Over the last two weeks students in the Indonesian Extension Class have been working hard to create short animations using the app – Tellagami. Students have used this app to create different animated characters and added Indonesian phrases and dialogue for the characters to speak. We also visited Ms Lauren and Ms Kelsey's Transition classes to demonstrate how to use this app and practise our Indonesian language with the Transition students.

We enjoy exploring how technology can enhance our language learning in the Indonesian Extension Class!



INTRODUCING...

Rowena Staude

Rowena grew up in Sydney, attending Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School and Mater Dei College. At school she enjoyed participating in liturgical dance and in high school, debating. Rowena plays the clarinet and saxophone and played the alto recorder in a Renaissance Quartet through high school.

She was awarded a Catholic Media Scholarship to study Journalism at the University of Southern Queensland. Rowena combined Journalism with Political Science and was the Secretary of the Darling Downs Young Liberals. In 1992 she met her soon to be husband James, who was serving in Army Aviation. James and Rowena married in 1994 and have two sons, Jacob in Year 12 and Ross in Year 9. They have lived in Toowoomba, Townsville, Brisbane, Adelaide, Sydney and Darwin (and a few places in between!).

Rowena completed a Graduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning at CDU, following her previous role as a researcher and secretariat at the Social Justice and Social Change Research Centre at UWS. In her spare time she loves to read, quilt and bake.



School Photo Day, 2015

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Friday 29th of May



Photo Order forms were distributed last week.

We would like to encourage all our families to order their photos online to decrease the chance of missing envelopes and monies.

Go to : www.leadingimage.com.au

And enter your *Shoot Key*

(You can also find this link through our school app.)

Your child's *Shoot Key* can be found on their order form.

If you have not received your child's order form please collect a spare one from the front office.

If you would like a Family Photo (sibling photo) you will need to collect a *Family Order Form* from the office.

Students are required to wear full and correct uniform

Girls:

- Black shorts or skorts
- Purple Polo School shirt
- School Dress
- White or black socks
- Black shoes

Boys:

- Black shorts
- Purple Polo School shirt
- White or black socks
- Black shoes

If not ordering online all envelopes must be returned by
Friday the 22nd of May.

UNIFORM

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 signed and then returned.

Purple polo shirt	\$26
Black Shorts or Skorts - plain black	\$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

TIMETABLE

<u>Time</u>	<u>Photo Group</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Photo Group</u>	<u>Room</u>
7:40am	Staff Photo	NA	10:30 am– 10:50am	Recess	
7:50am	Executive (Leadership)	NA	10:50am	Year 3/4	15
8:00am	Whole School	NA	11:00am	Year 3/4	17
8:30am	Year 1/2	4	11:10am	Year 5/6	10
8:45am	Transition	8	11:20am	Year 5/6	12
9:00am	Transition / Year 1	9	11:30am	Year 5/6	13
9:15am	Year 1/2	3	11:45am	Year 6 Students	10, 12 & 13
9:30am	Year 1/2	6	12:00pm	Student Leadership	10, 12 & 13
9:45am	Year 3/4	14	12:15pm	Family/Siblings	NA
10:00am	Community of Learners	7			

Holy Spirit Athletics Carnival, 2015

Friday 12th June 2015 - Programme

- **800 metres** – Students 10 – 12 years at 8am (students to nominate for this event)
- **Track events (20-100 metres)** – students from COL through to Year 6 (8:20 – 8:45am)
- **House chants to take place during this time**
- **Field events (all students)** – 9:00 – 10:30am (Junior Primary COL – Year 2 & Primary Years 3-6)
- **RECESS**
- **Field events (all students)** – 11:00 – 12:00pm (Junior Primary COL – Year 2 & Primary Years 3-6)
- **Relays (students from Years 3-6)** – 12:10 – 12:30
- **Staff/Student/Parent Relay** – 12:40 (Year 6 students only)
- **LUNCH** – 12:50 – 1:20pm
- **Announcement of results** – 2:30pm (afternoon assembly)

Year 3 – Year 6 Primary Rotations

Long Jump, High Jump, 200 metres, Discus & Shot Put

TIME	9:00- 9:30	9:30-10:00	10:00-10:30	11:00-11:30	11:30 -12:00
8 Year Boys/Girls (23)	<i>LONG JUMP</i>	High Jump	200 metres	Shot Put	Discus
9 Year Boys/Girls (26)	Discus	LONG JUMP	High Jump	200 metres	Shot Put
10 Year Boys/Girl (32)	Shot Put	Discus	LONG JUMP	High Jump	200 metres
11/12 Year Boys (25)	200 metres	Shot Put	Discus	LONG JUMP	High Jump
11/12 Year Girls (31)	High Jump	200 metres	Shot Put	Discus	LONG JUMP

COL – Year 2 Junior Primary Rotations

Sack Race, Obstacle Course, Bean Bag Throw, Long Jump, Egg & Spoon, Dinosaur Egg Game, and hurdles

TIME	8:40-9:00	9:00-9:20	9:20-9:40	9:40-10:00	10:00-10:20	11:00-11:20	11:20-11:40	11:40-12:00
COL Boys	<i>Sack Race</i>	REST	Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump	Egg & Spoon	Dinosaur Egg Game	20 – 50m hurdles
COL Girls	20 – 50m hurdles	<i>Sack Race</i>	REST	Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump	Egg & Spoon	Dinosaur Egg Game
Transition Boys	Dinosaur Egg Game	20 – 50m hurdles	<i>Sack Race</i>	REST	Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump	Egg & Spoon
Transition Girls	Egg & Spoon	Dinosaur Egg Game	20 – 50m hurdles	<i>Sack Race</i>	REST	Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump
Year 1 Boys	Long Jump	Egg & Spoon	Dinosaur Egg Game	20 – 50m hurdles	<i>Sack Race</i>	REST	Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Throw
Year 1 Girls	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump	Egg & Spoon	Dinosaur Egg Game	20 – 50m hurdles	<i>Sack Race</i>	REST	Obstacle Course
Year 2 Boys	Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump	Egg & Spoon	Dinosaur Egg Game	20 – 50m hurdles	<i>Sack Race</i>	REST
Year 2 Girls	REST	Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump	Egg & Spoon	Dinosaur Egg Game	20 – 50m hurdles	<i>Sack Race</i>

Kind Regards,



Paula Sellars
Deputy Principal/PE Coordinator

Community Notices

Host remote students

A great opportunity for your family to get to know students from a different culture

The Smith Family is a children's charity working with schools in the NT. We are seeking host families in Darwin to billet students aged 15-17yrs for one week as part of our work with remote schools.

No prior experience is necessary, just a welcoming and supportive home environment and bedding. The Smith Family provide assistance with Ochre cards, a full briefing and 24 hour support.

If you are interested in being a host family contact:

Elissa Shuey at The Smith Family (08) 8985 6841
elissa.shuey@thesmithfamily.com.au

Opportunities available to
host students in:
August OR September 2015



OPEN DAY

O'Loughlin Catholic College
Year 7 for 2016

Will be holding an Open Day for Year 6 students on Thursday 21st May from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

The aim of the day is to give students an opportunity to look at the College facilities, meet teaching staff and experience a typical Year 7 day.

Students attending urban Catholic primary schools will be transported to the Open Day. Students wishing to attend from other primary schools are asked to contact the College to reserve a place at the Open Day.

The Open Day will be followed by a Parent Information Evening for Year 7's 2016 in the 'Barn'; starting at 6:00pm.

Places for 2016 are already filling quickly. Interviews for those who have already filled in an application will begin after Open Day.



If you require any further information please contact the College on 8945 1277 or email secretary.oloughlin@nt.catholic.edu.au

Entertainment Espresso History Pasta Fontana Benvenuti Tombola Vino Community Family Gelati Art

DARWIN ITALIAN FESTIVAL



9 MAY 2015



 **CIVIC PARK** 
2PM - MIDNIGHT
www.italiansnt.com.au
[f /ItalianFestivalDarwin](https://www.facebook.com/ItalianFestivalDarwin)

Torontello Culture Pizzo Chianti Vespa Cucina Mangiare Singing Autombill Celebrazione Spaghetti Festo

DARWIN DRAGONS RUGBY UNION CLUB

Looking for players to fill its Under 9's team

Training on Tuesdays & Thursdays

Juniors - from - 5.15pm

U7's U9'S U13'S & U15'S

Seniors - 6.15pm

Rugby Park (Field 1) - 71 Abala Road Mararra

For further information

Email: darwindragonsrugby@hotmail.com

Or call

Puru - President on 0450 500 568

Michelle - Registrar/Secretary on 0404 442 352

**JUNIOR GAMES PLAYED ON FRIDAY EVENINGS
AT RUGBY PARK MARARRA**

