



20 May, 2015

NEWSLETTER

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

Week 6, Term 2

Principal's Reflection

Dear Families,

This coming Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. It is at Pentecost that we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.



The gift of the Holy Spirit dramatically changed the lives of the early Christians. The book of Acts is filled with accounts of the early Church's remarkable spiritual impact on the surrounding communities. A transformation was so evident that nonbelievers accused the Christians of "turning the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). Such was the dynamic, miraculous power of the Holy Spirit.

To fully grasp how God's Spirit can work with us, we must comprehend what the Holy Spirit is. It is not a person who, along with God the Father and Christ the Son, forms a "Holy Trinity". In Scripture the Holy Spirit is described as the power of God at work in our lives, the same power that was at work in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

It is our hope that the power of God at work in our lives will turn our lives upside down. However we need the help of the Holy Spirit to become godly in our thoughts, attitudes and actions. Pentecost serves as an annual reminder that our Creator still works miracles, giving His Spirit to us, empowering us to carry out His work in this world.

This Friday 22nd May, we will celebrate Pentecost and our School Feast Day with a mass in the church at 8:30am. All community members are most welcome to join us.

Next week marks the beginning of National Reconciliation Week. The week offers an opportunity for all Australians to focus on reconciliation and celebrate the rich culture and history of Indigenous Australians. Our students will celebrate this week in a number of ways including a special assembly, guest presenters and a Reconciliation Morning Tea hosted by our Years 5/6 students and teachers along with Jenny Kuhl our Indigenous Student Support Worker. The Reconciliation Morning Tea is open to all members of our community and will be held on Wednesday 27th May at 9:30am – 10:30am. We pray that the Spirit will gather all people as one family, one community and one nation.

Next Friday, 29th May is our first school working bee for the year. The working bee will run from 3pm – 5:30pm and will focus on lots of little gardening jobs around the school. A sausage sizzle will be provided for all workers at the end. Please let the front office know if you are able to assist, Remember many hands make light work.

God bless you all and keep you safe,

Simon Duffy

Mr. Simon Duffy
Principal

Reflection

*"I have given them the glory
you gave to me, that they may
be one as we are one"*

- John 17:22





Student of the Week Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

- * Transition, Rm.8 - Lachlan Doherty
Kyani Royal
- * T/1, Rm. 9 - Leo Nguyen
Annalise Nicholls
- * Year 1/2, Rm.3 - Chloe Duffy
- * Year 1/2, Rm.4 - Aidan Ellis
- * Year 1/2, Rm.6 - Aiden Marriner
- * Year 3/4, Rm. 14 - Zacharee Millington
- * Year 3/4, Rm. 15 - Milli Hylands
- * Year 3/4, Rm.17 - Raquel Caldwell
- * Year 5/6, Rm. 10 - Mya Brack
- * Year 5/6, Rm. 12 - Leo Caldwell
- * Year 5/6, Rm. 13 - Alexa Busteed
- * Sport Award - Alexsander Cubillo

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 :
Aiden Marriner

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to the following Students who celebrate their birthday in week 6:

- Faith Solo
- Xavier Ellis
- Erin Ladines



HATS

Please label your child's hat with a puff pen or white out on the brim of the hat to assist the front office and teachers with the return of missing hats to their owners.

CROSS COUNTRY GALA DAY

Congratulations again to Andrew Mathew-David, Maia-Lee Kerei and Madyson Wistrand in their two kilometre cross country run at Dripstone Park, Casuarina Beach. All students recorded faster times from their first trial run. Students will run again on Thursday 28th May for final trial. Following this, team will be selected of students to represent Darwin Region in July of this year. We wish our competitors well in their training and final run.

Results:

Andrew Mathew-David (5th in 10 year boys) – 10.03.10
Maia-Lee Kerei (1st in 11 year girls) – 11.36.55
Madyson Wistrand (2nd in 11 year girls) – 11.39.49

Kind Regards,

Paula Sellars
Deputy Principal/PE
Coordinator



HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for parent assistance to assist Mr. Yin, our maintenance man, to construct a low retaining wall around some garden beds. Assistance with mixing concrete and laying retaining wall bricks is needed.



If you are able to assist please contact the front office.

OSHC NEWS...

After School Care Charges (Fees are subject to change)

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

Casual booking– bookings made less than 24 hours in advance will be charged \$30.

All bookings and cancellations must be in writing.

Email is accepted.

RECONCILIATION MORNING TEA



Parents, Grandparents, Extended Family & Friends
Holy Spirit School invites you to our

Reconciliation Morning Tea

on Wednesday 27th May, 2015, 9:30am – 10:30 am
This informal gathering will be under the shady trees near the demountable [back of our school].

You will be warmly welcomed and served by our school leaders,
the Year 5 & 6 students.

PIANO LESSONS

Please note the following changes to the piano timetable:
Week 7 Friday, 29 May, 2015 - No morning lessons: Lessons start at 1.30 p.m. (due to AMEB exams)
Week 9 Friday, 12 June, 2015 - No morning lessons: Lessons start at 1.30 p.m. (due to Athletics Carnival)

Thank you, *Carolyn Gray*, piano teacher.

BOOK CLUB

Issue #4, closes Friday, 22nd of May

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL NEWS...

Holy Spirit Athletics Carnival is only three weeks away and students from all year levels have been very busy practicing their events in readiness for the day.

We hope to see parents and grandparents join us on the day.

If you are able to assist in the marshalling of events, please contact myself or the front office.

Kind Regards,

Paula Sellars
Deputy Principal/PE Coordinator



Term 2 Calendar, 2015

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Assembly
Week 6 May 7th Sunday Easter	18	19	20	21 School Assembly	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 Special Assembly.	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- Walleroo	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

CANTEEN NEWS...

The Canteen has an online ordering service.
Got to: www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

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.

The school canteen is open Wednesdays to Fridays only.

LOOKING THROUGH THE WINDOW

Transition/Year 1 with Miss Kelsey

Welcome to room 9! We have had a very busy term so far, investigating and learning lots of different and new things!

In science, we have been learning about all sorts of different bugs! Last week we had the chance to have a close look at some earthworms from the worm farm. We absolutely loved sifting through the dirt to find lots of worms, After we had a close look at some earthworms, we drew diagrams and found out some interesting facts about them. Did you know that the longest earthworm ever found was 6.7 metres long!!!

We have also been learning all about our families in history, and have been busy collecting information to make a family tree! This has been very interesting and lots of fun.



LOOKING THROUGH THE WINDOW

Community of Learners with Mr. Adam

The Wutut Preschool class at Community of Learners have been enjoying learning lots of songs and movement games. Not only are the games lots of fun for the children, they promote oral language, social and fine and gross motor development.

Currently the children have working on developing their inner hearing. This is where they will sing a short song like *BINGO* or *Little Cabin in the Wood*, and each time the song is repeated some words or a line is omitted. The children still do the actions to the song and they need to keep singing the song internally to make sure that they keep in time.

The children's love of music is very clear when they frequently seek out the musical instruments and select some of their favourite CDs to play and sing along with.



School Photo Day, 2015

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Friday 29th of May



Photo Order forms have been distributed

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 sandshoes - 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)** – 12:30 – 12:45
- **Staff/Student/Parent Relay** – 1:00pm (Year 6 students only)
- **LUNCH** – 1:00-1:30pm
- **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	12:00-12:30
8 Year Boys/Girls (24)	LONG JUMP	High Jump	200 metres	Shot Put	Discus	REST
9 Year Boys/Girls (26)	REST	LONG JUMP	High Jump	200 metres	Shot Put	Discus
10 Year Boys (18)	Discus	REST	LONG JUMP	High Jump	200 metres	Shot Put
10 Year Girls (17)	Shot Put	Discus	REST	LONG JUMP	High Jump	200 metres
11/12 Year Boys (26)	200 metres	Shot Put	Discus	REST	LONG JUMP	High Jump
11/12 Year Girls (31)	High Jump	200 metres	Shot Put	Discus	REST	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	Sack Race	REST	Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump	Egg & Spoon	Dinosaur Egg Game	20 – 50m hurdles
Col Girls	20 – 50m hurdles	Sack Race	REST	Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump	Egg & Spoon	Dinosaur Egg Game
Transition Boys	Dinosaur Egg Game	20 – 50m hurdles	Sack Race	REST	Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump	Egg & Spoon
Transition Girls	Egg & Spoon	Dinosaur Egg Game	20 – 50m hurdles	Sack Race	REST	Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump
Year 1 Boys	Long Jump	Egg & Spoon	Dinosaur Egg Game	20 – 50m hurdles	Sack Race	REST	Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Throw
Year 1 Girls	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump	Egg & Spoon	Dinosaur Egg Game	20 – 50m hurdles	Sack Race	REST	Obstacle Course
Year 2 Boys	Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump	Egg & Spoon	Dinosaur Egg Game	20 – 50m hurdles	Sack Race	REST
Year 2 Girls	REST	Obstacle Course	Bean Bag Throw	Long Jump	Egg & Spoon	Dinosaur Egg Game	20 – 50m hurdles	Sack Race

Kind Regards,



Paula Sellars
Deputy Principal/PE Coordinator

ICE CUBE TRAYS NEEDED!

Year 5/6 need ice cube trays for art activities this term. We would greatly appreciate if you could save them and give to the front office or Room 10.



A great way to earn some Dojo points!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Has your family recently changed your place of residence?

Have you changed your phone number, place of work or postal address?

Please contact the front office with your updated contact details.

LATE COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

Students who have not been collected by 2:50pm will be sent to After School Care to ensure supervision. Children collected before 3:00pm will not be charged a fee.

ABSENCES AND LATE STUDENTS

Holiday?

If your child/ren are going to be away during the school term please notify the front office by e-mail, phone, the school app, or come in and pick up a 'Notification of Absence' form.

Leaving?

If your child/ren is leaving the school please notify the office by completing a 'Termination of Enrolment' form which can be found at the front office.

Late?

If your child arrives to school after the first bell (8:10am), please send them to the front office to be signed in. If they are not signed in they might be recorded as an unexplained absence.

Sick?

If your child is sick please notify the front office by e-mail, phone or the school app. Your child's absence will only be recorded as a notified absence if you advise the school on the day of absence or provide a medical certificate.

Holy Spirit Goes Nude (Nude Food, that is!)



Each year Australians send 4 million tonnes of food to landfill. That's \$8 billion worth of fresh food, leftovers, packaged and long-life products, drinks, frozen food and takeaways! We discard up to 20% of the food we purchase. This equates to 1 out of every 5 bags of groceries we buy!!! If you add up all the food Australia wastes each year, it's enough to fill 450,000 garbage trucks. Placed end to end, the convoy would bridge the gap between Australia and New Zealand over 3 times! Yuk, how disgusting!

Holy Spirit Primary School has been caught red handed with children bringing in 4 wrappers on average to school each day! So we have decided to improve the school's recycling and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. Starting this week, every Wednesday will be a "Nude Food Day." When planning lunches for this day, and throughout the year, please help us minimise food and packaging waste by packing a nude lunch!

Try to pack ...

A Nude Lunchbox

- Snacks in reusable containers
- Drinks in a reusable container
- Reusable utensils when needed
- A reusable lunchbox or backpack
- Small pieces of fruit, yoghurt or snack items in a reusable container



Avoid ...

A Disposable Lunchbox

- Lunches packed in plastic bags or wrap, foil, wax paper
- Disposable drink boxes, pouches, cans, cartons, and bottles
- Disposable forks and spoons
- Pre-packaged single-serve snack items



Here are a few more suggestions:

- Help children make nutritious, waste-less lunches and let them make their own lunches.
- Try packing lunches the night before and storing them in the fridge overnight.
- Cut up fruit and vegetables and pack them in reusable containers so that children can eat some and save the rest for later. (Hint, a rubber band around sliced apple will prevent browning!)
- Encourage your children to bring home uneaten food to eat after school. Appreciate that play time is also important, so discuss with children how much they can reasonably eat in one day. Often children throw uneaten food away because they don't want to upset the person who packed the lunch – YOU!
- If your children have chips, savoury biscuits, or other snacks try buying a larger bulk pack (rather than the more expensive so called 'convenience' packs with lots of packaging) and have your children put the same quantity into a reusable labelled container that they bring home each day.
- Avoid buying drinks in packaging that cannot be resealed. Many children take just a few sips at snack time and discard the rest.
- Reducing the cost for disposal of food packaging at school means more money to spend on learning resources and teaching support.



Community Notices



Let's keep it safe on Territory Day!



Fireworks can be fun but they are dangerous. Take care when using them by following these safety tips.

- It is illegal to possess fireworks outside of Territory Day. Only buy what you can use on Territory Day.
- Use a sand bucket to stabilise fireworks and clear a 5 meter radius around the bucket. Have a hose or bucket of water ready for emergencies.
- Avoid wearing synthetic clothing (e.g. nylon, polyester) when around fireworks as stray sparks can cause them to catch fire.
- Dud fireworks can still go off, leave them for 15 minutes and then douse with water.
- Never point, hold or throw lit fireworks and don't hold more than one lit sparkler at a time.
- Supervise children at all times. Never give fireworks to children under 12 years of age.
- Alcohol can affect your judgement and coordination so don't drink before using fireworks.
- If you receive a burn injury cool the area immediately by placing under cool running water or submerging in cool water for at least 20 minutes.



In **emergency** situations dial **000** to contact Fire, Police or Ambulance.

www.nt.gov.au/health

www.fire.nt.gov.au

JUNE JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Looking for an activity for your kids to do during the coming School Holidays?

NT Swim School has the answer:
with our exclusive KidFit NT Program

Kid Fit NT

Designed to get the kids off the couch and out keeping active on their bikes visiting Darwin attractions.

Full Week: \$230

Sibling discount of 10% (off second, third and so on) when booking in for a full week

Per Day: \$50 (please let the office know which days)

Early Bird Fee: 10% off (non-refundable)

if booked and paid in full 2 weeks prior to program

To book or for more information please
email info@ntswimschool.com.au or call 89481000

