Principal’s Reflection

Dear Families,

Welcome to all students, staff and families to the start of the 2016 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:
- Orla Kitt: Yr. 3/4 class teacher
- Emma Marshall: Transition/Yr. 1 teacher
- Monica Cole: Inclusion Support Assistant
- Kylie Ammerlaan: Inclusion Support Assistant

It has been great to see so many excited and happy faces as I visited classrooms yesterday. A special welcome also to the new families who have come from far and wide to join our Holy Spirit school community this year:
- Ann Jose
- Bernardino
- Boithswarello
- Bool
- Brown
- Chandler
- Commons-Fidge
- Craig
- Daly
- Gojar
- Hayne
- Hilario
- Johnstone
- Kariotis
- King Mu
- Krajsek
- Kulda
- Lawlor
- McLaughlin
- Prandi
- Sahy
- Siby
- Tranter
- Wakefield
- Walsh
- Watson
- Win

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 9th 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/1 & Grade 1/2 meeting will be held from 4.30pm – 5.30pm
- Grade 3/4 meeting will be held from 5.30pm – 6.00pm
- Grade 5/6 meeting will be held from 6.00pm – 6.30pm

Our opening School Mass will be held on Friday 12th Feb at 8:30am 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 5th 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
**SPORTS VOUCHERS**

Sports Vouchers are available from the front office. If your child has not received one please visit www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au or call 1800 817 860 to request a new or replacement voucher for your child.

**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.

**HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE SCHOOL APP?**

Happy Birthday to the following Students who celebrate their birthday in week 1:

- Beth Kerwin
- Isaac Alger
- Jason Mathew

**CHILD SAFETY AND WELLBEING**

- Parents are reminded that staff supervision commences at 7:45am each morning prior to school commencing at 8:10am. Parents who require care before this time are asked to book their child into the ‘Before School Care Program’ at a cost of $45/week or $9 per day.

- Parent pick up – Parents are reminded that the Parent pick up is for a drop off in the morning and collecting in the afternoon. It is not a designated parking area.

**PARENT HELPERS NEEDED**

On Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday) 9th February we are looking for parent helpers from 9 – 10.30am to assist with preparing pancakes and serving them to students. If you are able to assist please contact the office.

**CANTEEN NEWS...**

All canteen lunch orders are to be place online at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Registration is easy. Just follow the instructions on the website to register your account, add credit and you can start placing orders.

The cutoff time for orders is 9am on the day the order is required. Orders must be placed before this time to ensure your child receives their order for the day. Orders can even be placed two weeks in advance.

Recess orders can also be done online.

**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.

**OSHC NEWS...**

Bookings and cancellations must be in writing. If you wish to cancel your child’s booking, please sign and return the cancellation form at least 24 hours before the day you wish to cancel (Before 2:30pm for After School Care and before 7am for Before School Care).

Cancellations received with less than 24 hours notice will be charged as normal fee.

The Change of Bookings Form can be obtained from the front office and from the OSHC building. All bookings and cancellations must be in writing and made through the front office. Email accepted, please email to: admin.holyspirit@nt.catholic.edu.au

**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 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.

**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**

If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail please contact the front office with your preferred e-mail address. You can also access the newsletter through the School App and on our website: www.holyspiritnt.catholic.edu.au

If you are receiving and do not require a hard copy of the newsletter because you access it through e-mail and/or the school app please notify the office.
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