



NEWSLETTER

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BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING TOGETHER

Connecting To The Gospel

For most of us, it would seem that Easter has long passed. Yet our liturgical season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen - we are baptised in him. In our readings this weekend a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that 'Spirit of truth' which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to 'proclaim the Christ' and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations. Are we up to the challenge? Fr Stan Kluk csma (Parish Priest)

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Dear Parents

Staff Development Day - Friday 27 May

This Friday the staff will be taking part in the "Spirit Dreaming Conference" at Homebush. This is our staff's Spirituality Reflection Day. There will be NO staff present at school on Friday - this is a pupil free day.

Teacher Reflection – Year 3

Over the last two weekends the children in Year 3 have received the Eucharist for the first time. They have participated in the Parish Based Eucharistic Program, which involved weekly lessons before the 10am Mass each Sunday. The parents were a vital part of this program. The Religious Education Program at school enhanced the students' knowledge, experience of liturgy and supported them in their preparation. We congratulate the children and their families and look forward to celebrating the Eucharist together as a grade in Week 7.



My First Eucharist was a very special day for me because I received the bread for the first time. I wore a beautiful white dress and I also wore a necklace. On the necklace was a medal that had a picture of the bread and wine.

The Mass was special and it was exciting. My family were there too! Afterwards we went home to have lunch and a special cake.

Sally Di Cristo 3J

I made my First Holy Communion on Sunday the 15th of May 2011. It was a very special day for me because it was a big step in my life because I was receiving Jesus' body and blood for the first time.

It was so exciting what I learnt on the way. For example, how to hold my hands to receive the bread and learning more and more about Jesus. At the end of the Mass, myself and all the other children got our certificate and it made me feel even more welcomed into the Catholic community. I felt like I was a super star when everybody was taking photos. It was one of the best days of my life.

Olivia Martino 3MH

On Sunday 15th May I made my First Holy Communion with some of the people in Year 3. Everyone had a job to do in the Mass. I had to read a prayer with six other people. When we went up to get the body of Jesus Christ it was a once in a lifetime experience and it also made you more a part of God's family. At the end of the Mass, Father presented me with a certificate so that everyone knows you have made your First Communion. To prepare for First Communion we had to go to special classes on Sundays. Also for two of the classes our leaders got some bread from the priest which was not consecrated. We practised how to receive Jesus Christ. It was fun doing the classes on Sunday but Holy Communion was more special. *Isabella Tziolis 3T*



Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs Erica Williams (Teacher 5W) on the birth of her beautiful baby girl – April Rose. Both Mum and baby are very happy and healthy.

Yours sincerely

P. Williams

Patricia Williams, Principal

School Fees

Please finalise your school fees by the end of this week. Thank you – Mrs Jo-Ann Jones



Song and Dance Holiday Program

The Song and Dance Program is now open to Year 3 students! If you are in Year 3 and interested in participating in the Song and Dance workshops next school holidays, please fill in a registration form (collect from Miss Bermingham, Mrs Hansell or the office) and return ASAP to either Miss Bermingham or Mrs Hansell. There are a limited number of places left so get in quick!

Event Dates – Week 5–Term 2 2011

Friday	27 May	Staff Development Day (Spirituality theme)
Tuesday	31 May	Primary Athletics Carnival – Dunbar Park, Marsfield Y 3-6 (Rescheduled)
Friday	3 June	Kindy Disco @ 5pm-6.30pm (School Hall) Year 3 & 4 Disco 7pm-8.30pm (School Hall)
Upcoming Dates		
Thursday	9 June	Year 6 – Visit to Canberra
Sunday	12 June	Pentecost Holy Spirit Feast Day Mass at 10am
Wednesday	15 June	RE Test – Year 6
Friday	17 June	Year 1 & 2 Disco @ 5pm-6.30pm (School Hall) Year 5 & 6 Disco @ 7pm-8.30pm (School Hall)
Monday	20 June	Year 4 – Visit to Maritime Museum
Thursday	28 June	Year 3 Excursion to Sydney Olympic Park
Friday	22 July	Kindergarten Visit to Calmsley City Fair
Saturday	23 July	TRIVIA NIGHT @ 7PM (School Hall) – details to follow
Monday	29 Aug–8 Sept	Years 3, 4 & 5 Swimming Program (Weeks 7 and 8) @ Ryde Aquatic
Monday	12 Sept–22 Sept	Kindy, Years 1 & 2 Swimming Program (Weeks 9 and 10) Ryde Aquatic
Monday	24 October	Staff Development Day (Mathematics) - <i>previously 3 June</i>
Sunday	13 November	Year 6 Confirmation at Holy Spirit Parish Church

Red Hot Furniture Sale

Thanks to the parent community for funds to purchase new furniture for Years 1 and 2.



You have the opportunity to purchase pre loved tables and chairs (presently in the classrooms).

Student Table \$5

Student Chair \$3

Furniture is available to buy on Monday after school – from 3.15pm-3.45pm.

Please bring cash!

Thank you
Pat Williams

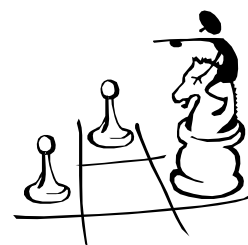


Congratulations to Children Celebrating Birthdays this week:

28 May – Darcy Donoghue 3I, Emily Lewis 6MD, Jakob Saville 4OB; **29 May**– Oliver Arcus 4M, Rachael Dunstan 4M, Caitlin Quinn 5B; **30 May** – Rachael Maggiora 6MD, Lachlan Quinn 2G, Matthew Tonkli 4M, Savannah Vidakovic 1G; **1 June** – Patrice Harapeti 6MD.

Chess

Did you know that chess is one of the few activities that turns on both sides of your brain. Over 50 students from Years 3-6 play in our Tuesday lunchtime competition. Holy Spirit is also now competing in the NSW Junior Chess League and one of our 12 players would like to tell everyone about Holy Spirit's latest interschool Chess activities.



"Several of our children have entered the NSWJCL and are really enjoying the challenge. Games have lasted from 3 to 56 minutes. The teams are getting lots of experience in not just Chess but learning to host games at Holy Spirit and how to be gracious guests and represent their school. Chess is a mind challenging game. The children are learning good sportsmanship skills along the way." (Darcy van der Zalm)

Thomas Smith, Ben Wilson, Daniel Ianni, Michael Moloney, Jeremy Robson, Conor Gough, Darcy van der Zalm, Robbie Wilson, Harrison Sinclair, Tristan Oliveri, Joe Lister, Daniel Fazzolari, Matthew Starr, Michael Shepherd (absent).

Reminder – Swimming Program 2011 (Term 3)

Term 2 School Fees were distributed two weeks ago. They include the swimming program fee of \$72 per student. The swimming program dates are as follows:



Years 3, 4, 5 (Weeks 7 & 8) – 29 August-8 September 2011

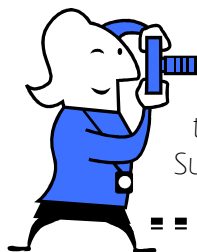
Kindy, Years 1, 2 (Weeks 9 & 10) – 12 September-22 September 2011

If your child is not attending the swimming program due to an extended family holiday or medical reasons, can you please send a note of explanation addressed to the Principal (Pat Williams).

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

We meet in 1G at **lunchtime** every **Tuesday** to join in weekly prayer and reflection. It only takes 10 minutes and it is a nice way to take time out to spend praying together. Everyone is welcome! Thank you, Mrs Debra Galofaro





First Communion Photos

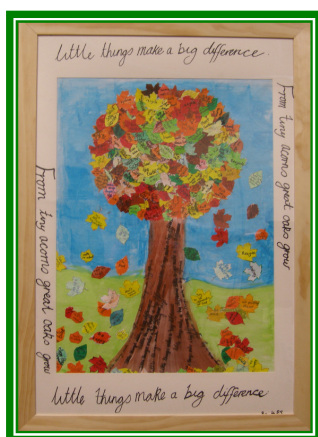
Parents of children who had their photos taken by Marissa are reminded that the photos will need to be collected from the Parish Centre and paid for on Sunday 19 June between 9am-10am (enquiries – Marissa 0402 319 150).

Environment News:

On Monday the winners of our first Stewardship Art Competition were announced. The Award was presented by Mrs Debrincat of Habitat Network an organisation promoting the restoration of natural capital.

Joint first place winners: 4PS and 6Hp

Meritorious award went to 2B



Thank you to all the classes for their outstanding art work which have been hung around the school for everyone to see. Also please take time to look at Habitat Network site for information on what you can do in your own backyard.

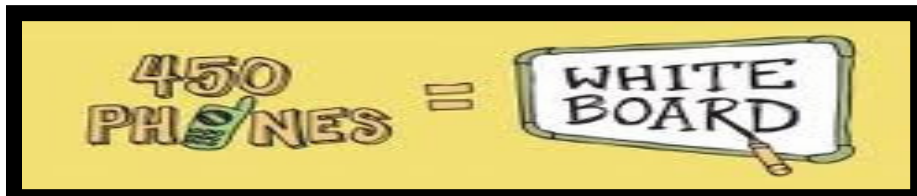
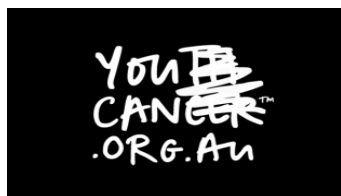
http://www.habitatnetwork.org/Creating_habitat.htm



You Can Schools Program

Please donate your old and unused mobile phones to help our school win amazing educational products such as white boards and cameras. Just simply place your old mobile phones in one of the YouCan collection bins located outside the school office, the Kindy Learning Centre or in the Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) building.

Simply by donating and recycling your old and unused mobile phones can help save a young life in the fight against cancer and contribute to a greener planet. Enquiries please contact Vanessa Leeder (0414907499) or Sarah Callaghan (0414299857).





P & F NEWS

Hi everyone, well we are halfway through Term 2 and you will have received some info from the Social team re: dates for discos, mobile phone recycling program, and there is information yet to come on a Movie day, as a family social event and the details for the Trivia Night and cookbook. We have been very busy!!!

A big thank you to Sharon Kelly - who has kindly volunteered to take over the management of the Second Hand Clothing Pool from next term. THANKS SHARON!!!!

The clothing pool website is down, due to a virus that has affected all sites managed by Crazy Domains. We will advise when it is back up and running..... sorry for the inconvenience.

We are working on some special order days in the canteen, details are yet to be finalised, but these will be via a prepaid order system. Hopefully one will be on Wednesday in Week 7.



"COOKING WITH SPIRIT" We will be producing a cookbook called "COOKING WITH SPIRIT". Requests for recipes will follow shortly as well as further details on this fundraiser. *We greatly appreciate the sponsorship by Allianz – the insurer that offers a world of protection.*

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Sports News

Paul Sironen 7 a side

Congratulations to all students who represented the school at this event. All teams played with great skill, sportsmanship and attitude and we also thank our teachers and parent helpers who managed, coached and supported our teams and who also helped set up, pack up and wash the jerseys! **Well done to the Yr 6 Boys, Yr 6 Girls and Yr 4 Boys who won their divisions.** All results, photos and reports will be in the Term 2 Sports Newsletter.

Balmain Knockout

Date is still TBA. There will be a training session for all teams on Friday 17th June at Holy Spirit from 3.20 - 4.00pm

Primary Athletics Carnival

Arrangements are coming together for the Primary Athletics Carnival to be held Tuesday 31st May at Dunbar Park. All students: **- will compete in a 100m heat; - have a choice of entering the long jump; - will be in a ball game and relay; have an opportunity to go in novelty events.**

In sport lessons students have participated to determine the finalists for each age group in the Shot and High Jump - these lists and the Discus finals lists will be posted on the glass doors by tomorrow - Thursday. All competitors in the discus must be at Dunbar Park by 8.15 next Tuesday to complete the finals prior to the start of the day - for safety purposes. Lists of 800m and 200m competitors are displayed. Please note – students who are competing in the 800m will be transported to Dunbar Park on the first bus. Thank you to all parents/helpers that have volunteered to help on the day (if you are available to help set up at Dunbar Park we would appreciate it and will be there from 7.45am setting up). The program for the Primary Athletics Carnival will be sent home tomorrow - Thursday - this will include the job list for the day. . *Looking forward to a fabulous event!*



AFL Holy Spirit After School Clinic

Come and Try AFL at Holy Spirit! 195 Coxs Rd., North Ryde!



Last Thursday 19th May was the 1st session however you can still join for the next 5 weeks – until 23rd June, 3:30pm to 4:30pm. The cost of \$40 includes:

- Weekly program with AFL coaches
- AFL backpack (Includes football, drink bottle, cap, CD ROM and much more) TO REGISTER Online

aflauskick.com.au > enter postcode > Come & Try AFL Holy Spirit Community Centre or Email kieran.donohue@aflnswact.com.au or call Kieran on 0423 417 683 for enquiries.

Clothing Pool

The clothing pool is open this coming Thursday from 8.30am-9.20am. Alternatively, uniform items may be purchased using the pre-paid ordering system. Please direct all enquiries to 0409 742 876. Below is the roster for our parent helpers for this Thursday



Friday 26 th May	Jane Price	Lesley Nohra
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Clothing Pool Website The website is offline for maintenance and we are sorry for any inconvenience. If you would like to place an order and pay with direct transfer (as you would on the website) Please email the order to holyspiritclothingpool@gmail.com and I will get back to you with a total amount and bank details. Thanks, Lesley

*** Due to the Pupil free day on Friday 27th May. The clothing pool will be open on Thursday 26th May instead.**



PUPIL FREE DAY – The Centre is Open

Holy Spirit Out of School Hours Care is open on Friday 27th May from 7am to 6pm. To make a booking, simply let Donna know – either in person or via 9888 1298. Cost is \$35 – remember you receive 50% back via the Child Care Rebate.



Athlete's Foot - Holy Spirit Promotion

The Athlete's Foot sports shoe stores at Macquarie and Top Ryde City have a great deal going for our school. If you, your friends or family purchase a pair of shoes from either store and tell the assistant they are a student, parent or friend of Holy Spirit, they will donate \$5 which can be used to purchase sporting goods or other things for our school. Since Christmas we have accumulated over \$750, and we are currently planning which sporting goods to buy with it! This is an ongoing promotion, so if you are contemplating buying shoes from Athlete's Foot at Macquarie or Top Ryde City, make sure you tell them you go to Holy Spirit!



Canteen News



Sushi is \$2.80 - available weeks 6 & 9 **Watermelon** is no longer available

Fri – 27 May	PUPIL FREE DAY
Wed – 1 June	Virginia El-Koura (DC), Susanna Barba, Silva Elmassian, Loucine Vartikian, Julie Murray
Fri – 3 June	Fiona Felice (DC), Nikki Bilic, Tenley Betts, Millie Booth, Mary-Ellen Kinna
Wed – 8 June	Jo Campbell (DC), Sandy Phillips, Kim Pope, Rebecca Nehme, Tracey Hinteregger
Fri – 10 June	Natasha Lakic (DC), Margaret Harmey, Yellin Pereira, Meriann Iacullo
Canteen enquiries – Jo Campbell m 0407 078 599 2011 Spring/Summer Canteen Menu available www.hsnryde.catholic.edu.au or School Office	

If anyone has any suggestions or enquiries for Canteen please email Jo Campbell at jcampbell66@bigpond.com

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Thank you Stylish Scents for the beautiful flowers donated every week for our School Office

The 2011-2012 Entertainment Books have arrived at Holy Spirit Primary School!



Entertainment Books are a great way to save money while enjoying a night out or a day with the family. Each book is full of hundreds of 25-50% and two-for-one offers from popular restaurants, cinemas, hotels, arts and sporting venues. You will receive over \$15,000 in valuable offers, valid through to 1 June 2012.

ASK YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A BOOK!



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Three Entertainment Books are available to purchase:

Sydney version for \$65; Sydney North version for \$65

Parramatta/The Hills/Blue Mountains/Macarthur version for \$60

To purchase an Entertainment Book, complete the order form below. Place the completed order form with payment (cash or cheque) into an envelope marked 'Entertainment Books' and return it to your child's class teacher or the front office. Books will be sent home with your child in April - at the beginning of Term 2. If you would like to view the Entertainment Books, there will be display in the front office from the beginning of Term 2.

Books will be available before school next Monday and after assembly next Monday for purchase and/or collection. You can also check out the Sydney and Sydney North books. The display books will be left on the reception desk at the Front Office for your perusal.

Contact Donna D'Silva on 9808.1635 or 0422392901 or dmaquilina@yahoo.com for any further information.



2011-2012 Entertainment Books Order - Holy Spirit Primary School

Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

I would like to order:

_____ x Sydney North Entertainment Book/s @\$65 each (GST inc) = \$ _____

_____ x Sydney Entertainment Book/s @\$65 each (GST inc) = \$ _____

_____ x Sydney Greater West Entertainment Book/s @\$60 each (GST inc) = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

I would like to pay by: _____ Cash or _____ Cheque

(please make cheque payable to Holy Spirit P and F Association)