

Gracious God

Day by day, you enlighten and enrich our lives by your grace.

As we embrace your gift with gratitude, may your grace flow through us to shine your love on all we meet. We ask this through the grace and love of your son, Jesus. Amen.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Schools are busy places! It is extraordinary the number of things that happen in a day, week and throughout the term. This term we have, once again, experienced great learning at Holy Spirit. Teachers have prepared and facilitated

opportunities for children to broaden their knowledge in many areas of the curriculum. Learning expectations for learning, gathering, playing and transition spaces have been a focus as we implement our new Positive Behaviour for Learning Chart.

In Term 1 we have had our Inter-house Swimming Carnival, Zone Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival, and Cross Country Training. Thank you to the many parents who were able to help at the Athletics Carnival. We would not be able to hold this event without parent support.

In Term 1 we also gathered as a whole school to ask God's blessing on this new year and again for Ash Wednesday when we joined with Catholics and Christians throughout the world as we began the season of Lent.

Amidst helping Miss Secco prepare for her wedding, Ultimate Frisbee, dancing at the Summer Beach Disco and the fun of everyday, learning is our primary work! We have set school goals in literacy and numeracy in 2019 and already we are seeing great learning progress throughout our school. Our school data wall demonstrates learning in reading in Prep- Year 2 and writing in Year 3-6. Year 3 and Year 5 students completed a practice of NAPLAN online testing. The feedback they have provided will shape what is undertaken in Term 2 to enable them to feel confident learners in this new context. We welcomed new families to Holy Spirit during Prep enrolment interviews and re-connected with existing families as they enrolled their next child. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase

our school and I am grateful to the many children who helped with tours of our school.

Tomorrow we will gather as a school community to remember and celebrate our Christian story through the events of Holy Week. A time to remember we are a faith community and it is important that we gather in prayer.

We will also farewell Miss Pobar as she moves onto John Paul College. We thank her for her contribution to Holy Spirit School and wish her every blessing in her future.

And as the sun sets on Term 1, I am grateful to everyone - students, parents and staff for all you do to make this a wonderful community. It is the contribution of every person that brings our school Vision alive. I wish you the blessings of Easter and look forward to seeing everyone return to school on **Tuesday, 23 April.**

With every good wish,

Kim



Holy Spirit School
NEW FARM



Sacrament of *Penance*

April 5th, Friday, 5pm-8pm OR
April 6th, Saturday, 8.30am-9.30am

Please note the following:

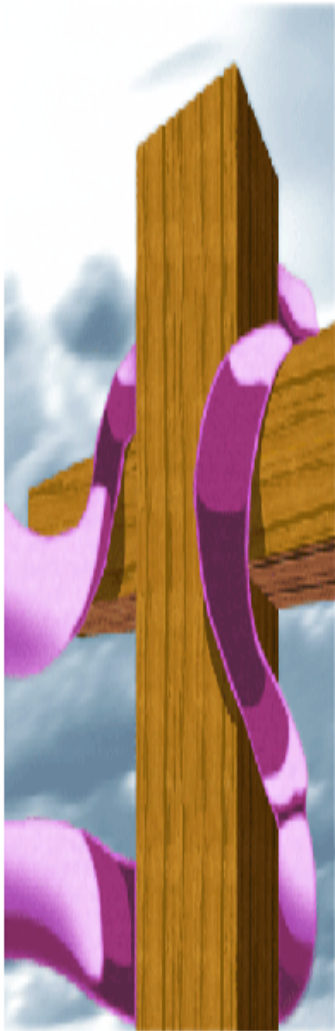
1. Penance preparation books must be completed using the Parent Guide which may be accessed through <http://flameoffaith.org.au/assets/uploads/parent-guide-penance.pdf>
2. Please let us know if the accompanying adult would also like to do Reconciliation.
3. If you still have your Mass attendance sheets (with at least **two weekends** signed by the priests) please ensure to give them to Fr Nacho together with the completed Preparation booklet.
4. All candidates are only required to attend **one** Penance for this schedule. There are two schedules to choose from. Please book via email (newfarm@bne.catholic.net.au)
5. Certificates for Sacrament of Initiation will be given at the beginning of Term 3 for all children who successfully completed the programs.

Thank you!

Holy Spirit Parish,

New Farm

EASTER TIMES 2019



**PALM SUNDAY
of the PASSION
of the LORD**

14 April: Usual weekend mass times
Blessing of the palms at each weekend Mass

**HOLY THURSDAY
of the
LORD'S SUPPER**

18 April: No morning mass
6.00 pm (Washing of Feet)

**GOOD FRIDAY
Celebration of the
PASSION of the LORD**

19 April: No morning mass and Holy Hour
9.00 am Stations of the Cross (English)
10.00 am Via Crucis (Italian)
3.00 pm Passion of Our Lord

HOLY SATURDAY

20 April: Easter Vigil 6.00pm

*Catechumens will become full members of the
Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.*

Mass time will be longer than usual.

9.00pm Spanish Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY
of the
RESURRECTION
of the LORD**

21 April

Masses at 7.00am; 8.15am (Italian); 9.30am