



Term 3, Week 6, 22 August 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It amazes me all that happens in a week at Holy Spirit and this week has been exceptionally full! By the end of this week, all students will have visited 15 different spaces throughout the school to hear a story and participate in an activity. So far I have welcomed 12 groups to the front office and shared *The Story of Growl* by Judy Horacek. Growl is a little monster who lives in a castle and she loves to GROWL!! Her neighbours ban her from growling until she scares away a robber. The story provides opportunities for readers to join in the growling. Take some time to enjoy the monsters our students have created which are displayed outside the hall.

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for the Parent Breakfast this morning. Megan Daley author of "Raising Readers" and blogger at childrensbooksdaily.com encouraged all of us to read aloud to our kids even when they are teenagers. I particularly loved hearing about the difference between books (levelled readers) for skill development and books in the library which should develop a love of reading. Special thanks to Ann-Maree and Monique for organising the breakfast. Thank you also to the special readers who have visited classrooms.

Tomorrow I begin long service leave and will return in Term 4. I am looking forward to the space to enjoy some reading as well as catch a few movies....recommendations welcome!

With every good wish,

Kim

Parents & Friends Association – Book Week

Thank you to the Parents & Friends Association who have financially supported the many activities and events to celebrate Book Week. A key event will be the Book Week Parade tomorrow morning at 8.45am where children are invited to dress as their favourite character from a book. Parents are welcome to come and join in the fun of the parade.

OPTIMINDS

The Opti-MINDS Creative Sustainability Challenge is an inclusive team challenge which EMPOWERS participants to THINK, CREATE & COMMUNICATE. Opti-MINDS is a creative problem solving event which requires teams to work together on a Long Term Challenge for 6 weeks without any outside assistance and respond to a spontaneous (unseen) challenge on the day.

Best wishes to our Optiminds teams as they compete in the challenge on the weekend. On Saturday the teams will perform, be interviewed by the judges to ensure they had no adult help and also respond to a spontaneous problem. Congratulations to the following students who will represent Holy Spirit: Millie, Carter, Georgia, Bernie, Ben, Celia, Ava, Mia, Abigail, Hamish, Sam, Jade, Nayibe, Lucia.



CALLING FOR SPARE OOSHIES!

A small Australian charity supporting sustainability and education projects in Kenya and Uganda, is sending Ooshie-topped pencils to children in need. A small gesture for children who have so little. So - if you have a spare ooshie (or 20!) cluttering the house, please drop at the office. Many thanks, Kate B, Year 2 mum, will organise collection & shipping



Chicken Pox

I have been made aware that there has been a confirmed case of Chicken Pox at New Farm State School. Please take extra precautions if your child can be impacted by this serious illness.

From the Primary Learning Leader – Troy Giess

Building *verbal reasoning* in your child is useful for improving their ability to understand and reason using words, an important part of the reading-writing connection. Not only is verbal reasoning important to assist in reading and writing, it also helps critical thinking and problem solving.

Verbal reasoning is not just about “being good at literacy”- children who can read and write well may struggle in this area. Moreover, verbal reasoning is not a curriculum-based skill learnt from memory.

The best thing you can do to help your child with verbal reasoning is encourage them to read. This gives your child a head start as they are building their vocabulary and general knowledge.

You can also try the following tips to boost your child’s verbal reasoning skills:

- Play word games and quizzes, for example, spotting the odd one out from a list of words, giving a synonym or antonym for a word, solving anagrams.
- Encourage your child to do crosswords and word searches, and play games like Hangman.
- Play word-based family games like Scrabble and Boggle.

As with all learning, the most authentic experiences that will improve verbal reasoning occur in the real world, and through experiences where your child is engaged. Most importantly, remember to keep home learning a fun experience for your children!

Regards, *Troy Giess*

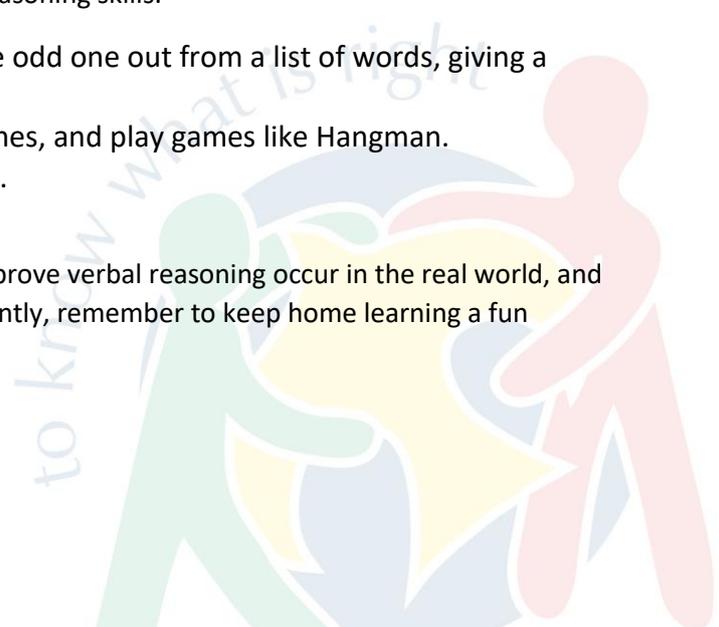
DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

- 23** Book Week Parade,
8.45am
- 29** Year 2 Class Mass, 9am
- 30** Fathers’ Day Breakfast

SEPTEMBER

- 5** Year 1 Class Mass, 9am
- 6** Assembly: 4H
SVDP Sleep Out: Yrs 4-6
- 11** P & F Meeting, 7pm
- 20** Assembly: MS
Last day of school for
term 3





Invito' – From the AP-RE

Next week I will take on the role of Acting Principal while Mrs Davis enjoys her long service leave. I'm very much looking forward to taking on this role at Holy Spirit for the remainder of the term.

Our Community - Story

This week we have engaged in Pastoral Groups as part of our Book Week celebrations. What a great opportunity it has been to share many of the short listed stories from the Children's Book Council, however it also gave me time to reflect on the wonderful community we have at Holy Spirit and the importance of story in our lives. I've been so impressed with our Middle School Students and the role they have played in organising and leading their groups, this has been echoed many times by the staff over the week. The children's enthusiasm has been contagious as we cut, colour, dance and draw our way around the school in our rotations.

The conversations during the week with parents about all things Book Week has no doubt been an important topic of conversation at home also. Seeing the excitement of children and adults at the Book Fair has added richly to our celebration.

Story is such an important part of our lives and I was reminded at the breakfast with Megan Daley this morning of those precious moments I spent reading with my daughters when they were young, sharing those special stories. We were always excited about dressing up for the Book Week Parade when they were at school and now they get to share their years of wisdom around my costume, often helping to design and make it!

Thank you to everyone for making this week so special!

Father's Day – DUGEs Day (Dads, Uncles, Grandads and Everyone who loves me)

Next Friday we will gather as a community to celebrate all those important male role models in our lives. Our morning will begin with breakfast, a visit to classrooms and then a liturgy to give thanks. We look forward to you joining us next Friday.

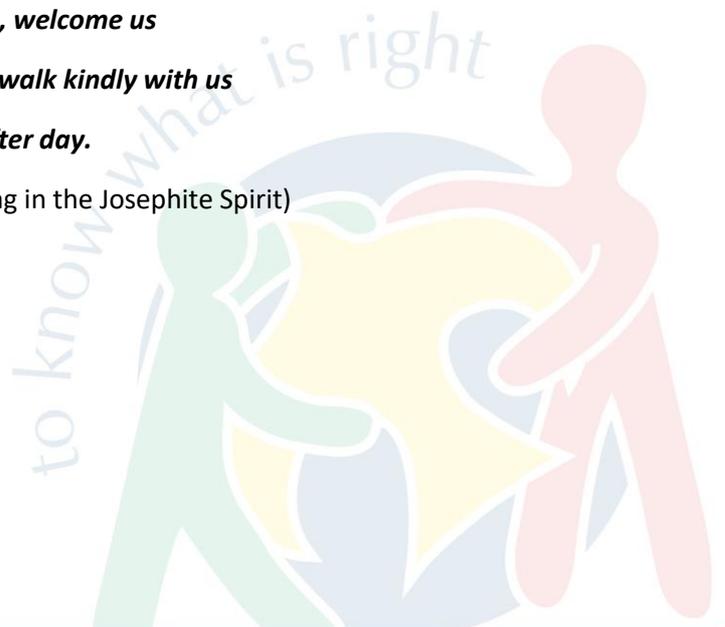
*God of surprises, release us,
dance with us, love with us,
rest with us, welcome us
feast with us and walk kindly with us
day after day.*

(Act Love Walk – Praying in the Josephite Spirit)

Have a great week,

God Bless

Sue Williams, AP-RE





Author Megan Daley at the Parent Breakfast this morning



TUCKSHOP ROSTER

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2019

Wed Ordering: Maria Ganim

Wed Prep: Sorkunde Gogenola /Lou Lou Boghossian

Shop Order Shannon Schweizer

Sushi Pick up: Rebecca Patterson

Friday Label: Elizabeth Kelso

Duty Leader: Leanne Cutuli

FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

Shelly Pearson, Cassandra Dahlheimer, Patricia Park, Tricia Read, Laura Butler, Carmel Muscillo

NOTE: If you are unable to commit to your allocated job, can you please arrange a replacement or swap with another volunteer and advise Shelly Pearson.

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 2019

Wed Ordering: Therese Selfridge

Wed Prep: Sorkunde Gogenola /Lou Lou Boghossian

Shop Order : Phoebe Dean

Sushi Pick up: Nikki Accornero

Friday Label: Kim Freeman

Duty Leader: Kerrie Taylor

FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

Fiona Keys, Nicole Tilse, Rodylyn Alix, Karen Whistler, Tina Campbell, Emma Langman



Let Us Make You Breakfast!

Fathers, Grandfathers, Male Role Model
and Children are invited.

Friday, August 30, at 7 am - 8.30 am

Tickets: \$8.00 each (NOW on Flexischools)

In efforts to make our school more sustainable
we ask if you can bring a keep cup for your coffee! Can children bring water
bottles or the like to fill with Spring Water.

Best Crazy Sock Competition for adult guests!

Prizes sponsored by New Farm & Cinemas

A Coffee or Hot Chocolate for each guest!

HAVE A BLAST!



FREE COME & TRY DAY

Gold Crest Cricket Club

Edmondstone Street, Newmarket

Saturday 28th September

8am-10am



**GOLD CREST
COBRAS**

**OFFICIAL KIDS
PROGRAM**

