



Term 2, Week 7, 6 June 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The 7th July marks the 89th anniversary of the opening of Holy Spirit School. For 89 years parents have brought their children through the doors of Holy Spirit School seeking a Catholic education. These parents recognise the commitment of Holy Spirit School to the development of the whole child. Since 1930, Holy Spirit School has offered a program which focusses on faith education and excellence in learning. This continues in 2019 through our commitment to the vision and mission of our school.

As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost we look to the experience of the first disciples and their determination to spread the good news of the gospel to all they met. We are challenged to make the choice to become Christ's servants, confident that the Holy Spirit empowers us to do great things.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy God's consolations. We ask this prayer through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

With every good wish, Kim

Feast Day Celebrations

Our whole school will gather at the Cathedral of St Stephen tomorrow to celebrate our school feast day (Pentecost). This is an opportunity to recognise that we are part of a larger Catholic community and for students to enjoy learning about elements that make up the cathedral precinct. Thank you to the many parents who will be joining us for this excursion!

Holy Spirit Parish Pentecost Celebrations

We are looking forward to gathering with the parish community on Sunday at 9.00am. Our students will be reading the Prayers of Intercession in various languages and forming the school choir for the recessional hymn. Following Mass we will gather in the school hall and the choir will perform. I am grateful to Mrs La Spina for all the work she has undertaken to prepare our students. It is wonderful to see the commitment of these students to learning songs and the important behaviours needed to be in a choir.

NEWSFLASH

Stay tuned.....tomorrow the Trivia Night organising team will be emailing out the list of raffle prizes available at the Trivia Night. Generous donations have resulted in an amazing line up of prizes. Tickets will be available for: \$20 each; 3 for \$50 or 7 for \$100.

Holy Spirit Pastoral School Board

The school board has been reviewing the HSS Vision and Mission Statement. The review involves two parts: Firstly, confirming that the statement is a living document – do we have evidence to show that we are committed to the vision and mission in practical ways? Is the statement something that people experience? Are all community members committed to the statement?

Secondly, reviewing and updating the statement to reflect current and contemporary ways that students, parents and staff work in Holy Spirit School – are new programs and attitudes reflected in the statement?

The reviewed Vision and Mission Statement is included for your consideration. Please take some time to read the statement and send any comments to pnewfarm@bne.catholic.edu.au by next Wednesday, 12 June, 2019.



Vision and Mission of Holy Spirit School

Our vision is for an inclusive school with a welcoming Catholic faith community embracing hope, quality teaching and learning, tolerance and understanding of difference.

Through the ideals of Catherine McAuley of service, dignity and compassion and by living the Gospel of Jesus, we aim to empower learners of all ages to embrace challenge, transform and enrich our world 'to know what is right.

We will achieve this Vision by:

- Providing our whole community with Christ-centred experiences by being positive and compassionate role models focused on the Gospel values.
- Action and service within and outside our community to support the vulnerable and disadvantaged.
- Building positive relationships within our school, parents, parish and wider community, embracing love, compassion, justice and respect for all.
- Equipping our children with a desire for learning and encouraging them to develop capabilities to support a sustainable future.
- Supporting the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and social growth in an environment where children are confident, safe, valued for their individual abilities, background and aspirations to make a lifelong difference.
- Responding to technology to build capacity for 21st century learning.
- Supporting staff to continue to develop their knowledge and skills to implement best practice in teaching and learning.
- Encouraging and seeking opportunities to enhance our programs, environment and facilities as evidenced by current research and data.
- Implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning to enhance learning and wellbeing in a safe and supportive environment
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Our mission is supported by the following values built into the school community as our '**Five Keys to Success**' program.

- **Confidence**
- **Resilience**
- **Persistence**
- **Getting Along**
- **Organisation**

Reviewed by Holy Spirit School Pastoral Board – May 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

- 7 NO TUCKSHOP**
Whole School Cathedral Visit
- 9** School Family Mass, 9am
- 12** School Board Meeting
P & F Meeting, 7pm
- 15 P & F Trivia Night**
- 26** Orange Sky Laundry Day
- 28 NO TUCKSHOP**
Zone 6 Athletics
(note new date)
Last Day of Term 2

JULY

- 15** Term 3 Commences





Invito' – From the AP-RE

Pentecost

'When the day of Pentecost came, they were together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' Acts 2

When reflecting on this reading from Acts, it struck me that we are all going to be together in one place, both tomorrow and Sunday, filled with the Holy Spirit. Celebrating together as community tomorrow we recognise that we are part of a wider Catholic community in Brisbane. Then gathering Sunday, we celebrate as the Holy Spirit community. What a blessing that we are able to experience the Spirit, the memory of the first Pentecost.

We look forward to celebrating these two important days as a community.

We pray:

Lord as we meet together, and celebrate once again the memory of that first Pentecost, may it be for us as it was then a moment of empowerment, an awareness of your Glory in this world, a life changing experience.

World Environment Day

This week we also celebrated Queensland Day and also World Environment Day. We are so blessed to live in such a place as Queensland, free from war and destruction. Let us always give thanks to God for this blessing:

Living God,

You reveal your great love through the beauty of Nature.

Help us to love and respect our world.

May we be 'seeds' for growth, raising awareness of the Sacred, and teaching all to see and treasure your spirit in the gift of Creation.

(Ways to Pray Calendar – BCE)



Have a great week, God Bless, Sue Williams

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2019

No Tuckshop: Cathedral Visit

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2019

Wed Ordering: Maria Ganim

Wed Prep: Sorkunde Gogenola /Lou Lou Boghossian

Shop Order Renae Davie

Sushi Pick up: Amanda Pham

Friday Label: Kim Freeman

Duty Leader: Shelly Pearson

FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

Gloria Pena, Michael Grabowski, Nili Covacich, Sveta Franks, Rachael Pimm, Dianne Weedon

TRIVIA NIGHT 2019

Saturday 15 June
6pm til 11.30pm

Come as your
Favourite Band,
Musical Genre or
Musical Era!

Get your tables of 10 ready now and table name too. Tickets available on Flexischools. \$45/ticket or \$450/table (includes entry, grazing platter of cheese, crackers, olives and dips and a main meal of your choice either: Fish + Chips OR Chicken OR Vegetarian Burger + Chips - includes vegan + gf - by Cuisine on Cue). Bar open on the night, cash or EFT. Purchasing individual tickets and don't have a table, leave it to us, we'll find a table for you!

A Message from Jo Stower – Primary Leader

Author focus: Jackie French (my hero)

In 2018 I was lucky enough to attend the ACEL (Australian Council for Educational Leaders) conference in Melbourne with other Primary Learning Leaders from Brisbane Catholic Education. This was an opportunity for us to listen to some of the best educational researchers from Australia and around the world as well as other talented Australians who spoke about effective learning practices for our children.

There are always stand outs at these conferences and for me this time it was our very own Jackie French who presented a key note address. Her message was simple and clear – ‘Books are the most powerful tool you can give to a child.’

Jackie French’s story is also remarkable.

Jackie French AM is an Australian author, historian, ecologist and ‘honorary wombat’, 2014-2015 Australian Children’s Laureate and 2015 Senior Australian of the Year. Jackie has written over 200 books for young children, older children and adults. Jackie is also dyslexic and she is patron of numerous literacy programs across Australia. She is a passionate advocate for equal-opportunity education. And she can’t spell.

Jackie is an advocate for the rights of the Child Reader

The Rights of the Child Reader

1. Every child has the right to learn to read, with the methods they need to do so.
2. Every child has the right to access the books they need; for pleasure, learning, empathy and to grow their brains.
3. Every child has the right to read books in their mother language, about their own culture.
4. Every child has the right to say, ‘This book is boring. May I have another?’
5. Every child has the right to be given books that are free of racism and hatred.
6. Every child has the right to access the extraordinary heritage of the written knowledge of humanity.

Every adult has the right to know that the children of this planet are being given the tools of literacy and the power of books to change the world and ensure our future.



Just a bit star struck!