



Term 3, Week 9, 12 September 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers - **Welcome to Week 9!**

Give thanks with a grateful heart.'

Over the last week there have been many opportunities for me to reflect on how grateful I am for the blessings in my life. At Staff Prayer last week, we reflected on the things in our life we are grateful for and had the opportunity to write that down and take it with us. I put it up at home where I could see it – *I am grateful for my family always*. I thought about the dinner we'd shared that night, the laughter around the table – *so grateful for the joy of family*; I then was blessed to be a part of the SVDP Sleep Out – a time to pause and think of those who are vulnerable, in need and without a home – *so grateful for a home and to feel safe*; On Saturday my great nephew Charlie turned one, such a great celebration and a privilege to be part of my extended family – *so grateful to share and build memories*. Being a teacher and APRE in this special community of Holy Spirit – *so grateful for the journey I've walked to this place*. *'Give thanks with a grateful heart.'*

*THANK YOU LORD, TODAY I GIVE THANKS FOR THE BLESSINGS YOU'VE GIVEN ME,
FOR THE KIND PEOPLE YOU'VE PLACED IN MY PATH, THE BEAUTY THAT EXISTS ALL AROUND ME,
AND FOR THE MILLION GENTLE MERCIES AND GRACES, THAT ARE PART OF EACH FRESH, NEW DAY.*

I SING YOUR PRAISES LORD.SO VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE YOU IN MY LIFE.

AMERICA BLESSINGS.

SVDP Sleep Out

Last Friday night 60 of our students gathered together for our SVDP Sleep Out. This is one of those nights that I really look forward to, having the opportunity to deepen the understanding of Social Justice with our students. It was an amazing night with many learnings for the children evident in their reflections. I was having a conversation with some Year Three students on Friday and they were asking about the sleep out and said they couldn't wait until they were in Year Four to participate. It has become one of those events that is part of our story as a Catholic community, living the Jesus story in a real way. We are grateful for the support from Kerry Drysdale - Caritas, Dan – St Vincent de Paul & Michael & Dan -Orange Sky Laundry. I'd like to share a message I received from Dan (SVDP)

Thank you for inviting me to your sleepout on Friday night and for so warmly welcoming me into the Holy Spirit community. Your school has an amazing group of staff and students. The evening was well planned and run, and it was clear just how much preparation would have gone into it. Amazing work.

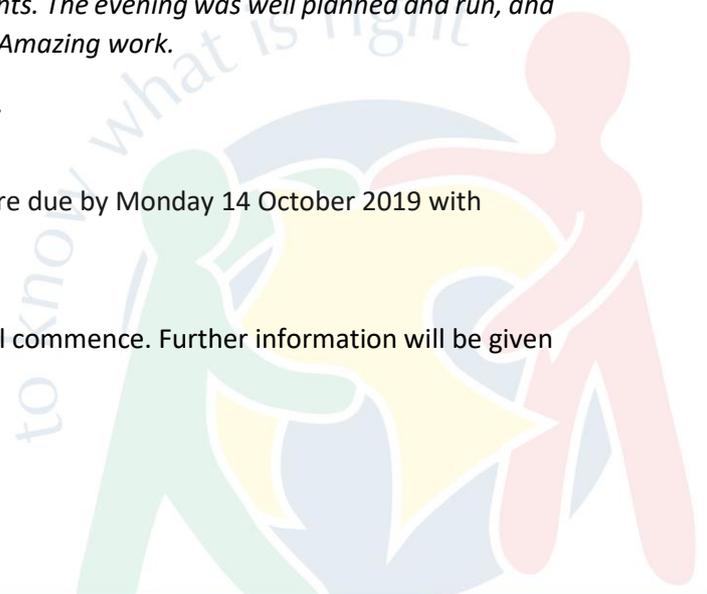
Thank you again to the students and staff who made this possible.

2020 Booklists

Booklists for 2020 will be emailed to parents tomorrow. Orders are due by Monday 14 October 2019 with delivery commencing 2 December 2019.

Holy Spirit Church Renovation

In the first week of the holidays the renovations on the church will commence. Further information will be given next week to keep you updated.





Bush Fires

The current bushfires have been devastating for all concerned. I invite you to keep all those affected by the fires in your prayers and give thanks to the emergency services who have been working tirelessly to help. We pray for their safety.

Term Four Class Masses

Next term our class masses will be held in the hall due to the renovations in the Church. **Confirmation** is on Thursday 10th October at 6pm at St Patrick's Church, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley. The choir have been invited to sing at the Confirmation Liturgy and received notes about this yesterday.

Have a great week, God Bless, Sue Williams, Acting Principal

From the Primary Learning Leader

In previous weeks I have written about the issue of maths anxiety that is felt by people at all stages of life. This is the concept that, when faced with a mathematical problem, people experience differing levels of anxiety towards their ability to competently work through and achieve success. After having conversations with fellow staff members and parents around the school I was reminded that this feeling is not limited to mathematical thinking.

Anxiety towards different curriculum areas is one of the challenges that our students face, and it is important that we remember a few pointers that can assist them better deal with this:

- Always focus on what your child CAN do. No matter how small it may appear to you, every little win is a win to remember!
- One of the most important learning attributes we can develop is confidence. Encourage your child to take risks and work tough when approaching challenging tasks.
- Be actively engaged in what your child is learning. Ask questions, show an interest, and celebrate when they learn something new.
- Let your child be the expert. They will grow in confidence by teaching you what they have been learning. This is particularly useful in an area they are not confident in.
- Focus on the PROCESS over the RESULT. It is vitally important to recognise when your child is working hard on a task even if they find an incorrect answer at the end. The more you value the process the more of a growth mindset your child will develop.

There are many ways to help with anxiety as it relates to school. Perhaps the most effective is to make sure you have open conversations about the positive learning experiences they encounter and to encourage a growth mindset approach in all areas.

Regards, Troy Giess

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

Due to the overwhelming success of the School Banking program Holy Spirit Primary School has decided to utilise the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Portal to track tokens and no longer issue physical tokens making it easier for parents and the volunteers. Your School Banking Co-ordinator will notify students when they are eligible to redeem a reward. To assist us in the transition could you please return any Dollarmites tokens the next time your child participates in School Banking.

Thank you, School Banking Co-ordinators

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

20 Assembly: MS

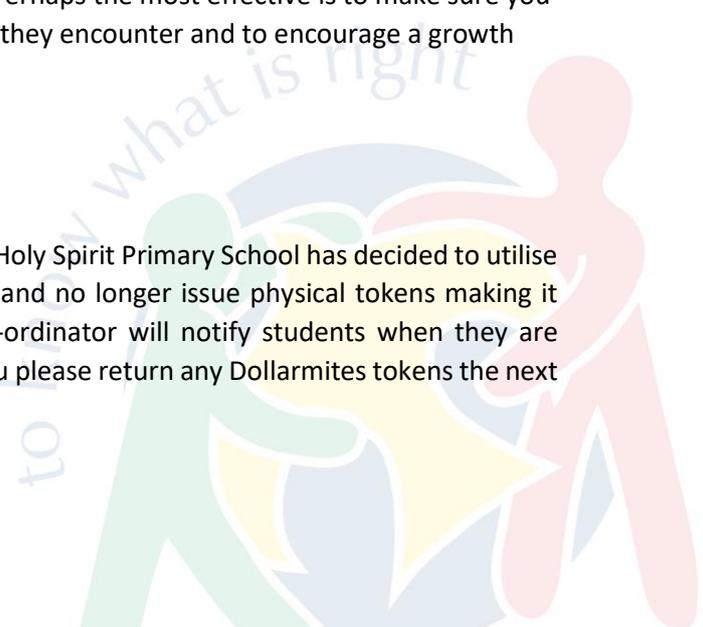
Last day of school for term 3

October

8 School starts for Term 3

9 P & F Meeting, 7pm

21 Pupil Free Day





Invito' – From the AP-RE

Thank you to all involved with the SVDP Sleepout last Friday. From families bringing along care products for our Helping Hands bags, to staff and guests who were able to assist, to the students who attended the night. This event was a true testament to the great spirit we believe and live out for others. Yesterday, at Sacred Singing, we shared both the song and video that was created throughout the night for all to enjoy!



On Monday the Faith Committee (Audrey, Siena, Cia, Evangeline, Benat, Grace, Amelie and Krystyna) and I attended the 'You are the Now – Be a 5th Gospel' Formation Day. This event, organized by leaders within our system, was open to Catholic school students in both years 5 and 6 as well as students in years 9,10 and 11. The day was organized to present students with the opportunity to explore what being the 5th Gospel meant in today's society. It was also another opportunity to understand how they, the future leaders, can make a difference.

Here are some reflections from the Faith Committee:

- The day was a great opportunity to join in the fun activities and learn more about following in the footsteps of Jesus - Audrey
- It was a great chance to meet and learn about students from other schools – Evangeline
- The day was a great experience on how to learn and live out the 5th Gospel - Benat
- It was a very interesting experience to have fun and participate in the activities - Grace

Overall the day was very positive and we look forward to sharing some of our experiences with the school community.

Have an outstanding week!

Cecilia Bozzi

COME MAKE A SPLASH

SWIMMING BOOKINGS OPEN

Swimming lessons will be running Monday to Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Lessons for all abilities from babies to advanced swimmer, adult non swimmer and adult endurance classes.

Bigfish Littlefish has over 20 years teaching experience with a team of wonderful instructors, we are ready for a fun season. Lessons run at New Farm state School. Book on site at New Farm State School.

Tue 10th Wed 11th Thur 12th September or on the phone:

Call Jo 0414 48667

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Student of the Week AWARDS

PREP S	Louis D Madison A	Working hard to sound out words when writing your recount. Participating confidently in Maths Groups this week.
PREP H	Finn T Laura G	For settling back into school life well and working hard. For always being organised and ready to start the day.
YEAR 1S	Elysse G Oliver D	Persisting with practising her skipping. Starting learning tasks straight away.
YEAR 1H	Lachlan C Siana D	Working tough to create your literacy retell this week. Well done! Showing the expected behaviours in the classroom and playground.
YEAR 2H	Libby C Oliver G	Consistently applying yourself to your spelling tasks. Being an enthusiastic student.
YEAR 2S	Audrey D Amelia C	Always being respectful in all the areas of our school. Amazing effort you are displaying during reading and writing.
YEAR 3H	Grace K Flynn O	Determination to complete all writing tasks this week. Attention and focus during Chinese lessons.
YEAR 3S	Alex P Vittoria M	Improved listening in class by making good choices. Making connections in learning with prior knowledge about science.
YEAR 4S	Louisa W Jacob F	Your amazing description in your narrative. Well Done! Detail, neat presentation and using the essential elements for a procedure.
YEAR 4H	William Mc Charlotte S	Demonstrating great comprehension of the Nanberry text. Showing courage and resilience in challenging situations.
MSH	Mary W Olive C	Responsible way you work in your committee group. Always showing respect to your leaders and other adults.
SPORTS AWARD	Abigail B	Demonstrating outstanding team work skills.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

FRIDAY 13 SEPT 2019

Wed Ordering: Maria Ganim
Shop Order Sveta Franks
Friday Label: Kim Freeman

Wed Prep: Sorkunde Gogenola /Lou Lou Boghossian
Sushi Pick up: Mellissa Smith
Duty Leader: Sarah Doneley

FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

Leanne Farinola, Candice Dettori, Nikki Accornero, Rachael Pimm, Christina Spenser, Rebecca Venables

FRIDAY 20 SEPT 2019

Wed Ordering: Therese Selfridge
Shop Order Renae Davie
Friday Label: Elizabeth Kelso

Wed Prep: Sorkunde Gogenola /Lou Lou Boghossian
Sushi Pick up: Shannon Schweizer
Duty Leader: Maria Patorniti

FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

Rita Chebib, Gloria Pena, Aleesha Cush, Melissa Smith, Beata Szolnokine, Raman Sidhu