Holy Spirit Newsletter Reminders

Week 8, Thursday March 19th, 2015

Community Conversation

Thank you to all those who came along to the Community Conversation in the staffroom last Thursday. We really appreciate the input, suggestions and contributions that were shared on the day. It is very important that parents at our school have a voice in what is happening at Holy Spirit.

These opportunities will continue to be offered next term.

There will also be an opportunity next term for parents to share some feedback on the surveys that our families completed last year.

Prep Enrolments for 2016.

Enrolments for Prep 2016 are now open.

Open day tours and a 2016 enrolment information evening will be on next Tuesday March 24th.

New families interested in finding out more about the school can join us for a tour at 9.15, 10.00 or 12.00 on March 24th.

There will also be an information session at 7.00pm on March 24th.

Existing families with Prep 2016 enrolments need to collect an enrolment form from the office.

Grade 5/6 Camp

The Grade 5/6 children attended camp at Bacchus Marsh over the last 3 days. We were blessed with beautiful weather and the children had a great time joining in the adventure and challenging activities that were on offer. We will have some great photos for the newsletter next week.

Camps do not just happen and we thank everyone who gave their time to make it a success and keep it a safe experience for everyone. Thank you to Vince Lodato, Siang Teoh, Lorraine Cappozzo and Anna Ianzano for giving their time as volunteer parents on camp. Thank you for your enthusiasm and the care you showed for all the children…...and the teachers.

Many thanks also to Emily, Tom, Erin, Shirley, Rob and Catherine who gave up their time to organise and facilitate the camp. Your commitment to the children is, as usual, fantastic.

Student Banking

Learning to save at an early age is a great habit. If your child is interested in opening a student saver account with CDF (Catholic Development Fund), please collect an application form from the office.

Student banking occurs every 2nd Tuesday.

The next student banking day is Tuesday March 24th.

Electronic Newsletter

Don’t forget, you can choose to read the newsletter on our skoolbag App or website if you don’t want a paper copy.

Please return the form from last week’s newsletter or you can get one from the App if you want to not receive a paper copy from next term.

Important Date Change

A date was incorrectly noted on our calendar that needs to be removed. There is NO school closure day on April 13th. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Important School Board Meeting...

Tonight, March 19th, 7.30PM

There will be a meeting of the existing School / Parish Board tonight, Thursday March 19th. We are hoping that all existing members of the Board from 2014 will attend this meeting at St. Anthony’s.

Tonight’s meeting will set the scene for an exciting new launch of our School Board that will see it become an even more important part of the improvement and organisation at Holy Spirit. This will also provide the parent community with a stronger voice that can be listened to as we make important decisions into the future. Early next term we will be inviting the community to express interest in forming a new Board that can serve the school into the future, this will be an opportunity for any other parents to become Board members.
Casual Green Clothes and Green Iced Donuts.

On this special day all Holy Spirit students are invited to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day by wearing GREEN casual clothes for a gold coin donation.

Green Iced Donuts with sprinkles (baked fresh by Donut King) will be available to purchase over the counter at the tuckshop at lunchtime. Cost is $1.50 per donut. Tuckshop will operate as per usual on this day.

Sausage Sizzle: Thursday 26th March.

Nevenka and her wonderful helpers will be holding a sausage sizzle during lunchtime on Thursday 26th March. Sausage in a slice of bread with/without sauce $2.00 each. Please note no IOU’s.

All profits from St Patrick’s Day and the sausage sizzle will be donated to the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Holy Spirit P.S. is one of 15 schools to be selected to present our donation during the telethon on Good Friday. Be watching between 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to see some of our students live on TV.

Thank you for your continued support. HSPA

HEAD LICE. (NITS)

Every so often we are informed of a case of Head Lice (Nits) and there are certain times of the year when they are more common. Autumn and Spring are problem times. We have had a few cases recently and we ask every parent to keep a close eye on their children’s hair to ensure that this does not become a problem at the school.

Nits are easily treated with products available for the chemist and children are free to return to school immediately once they have been treated. Children need to go home from school if they have Nits until they are treated.

It does help to keep us informed if they turn up on your child so we can remind others. Kinders and Child Care centres are often also very common breeding grounds for Nits and they are easily passed on to others and then brought into the school. Please help us to ensure that this does not become a problem.

End of term

Please keep in mind that Term 1 ends next Friday March 27th at 1.30 pm. Please make arrangements to ensure your children are collected on time on this day.

Term 2 begins on Monday April 13th.

Fee and Levy Payments online.

Many parents are now paying fees and other accounts online by directly transferring funds. This is great BUT...... PLEASE make sure you put your first name, surname and what it is for.

EG: John Smith. Fees.

Lost clothing

Please keep an eye on the clothes that your child brings home. It is not uncommon for children to pack other children’s clothes in their bag by mistake and take them home. We ask that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child’s name so that we can return lost items easily. Unnamed items will usually end up in the Lost and Found cupboard which Kerry or Shirley can direct you to if something goes missing.

FREE....... We have 1 FREE voucher for a holiday program at Northcote Aquatic Centre for these holidays valued at $60. If you would like this voucher, please let us know by next Monday and we will put all the names in a draw. Please only let us know if you know it would be used.