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www.hsringwoodnth.catholic.edu.au

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Date 14 August 2019

Message from the Principal

Dear parents, friends and Father Jose

It was with great pleasure and anticipation that many of our students celebrated their first Eucharist last weekend. Four masses were barely enough to contain the candidates and their families. I appreciate greatly the work of Marianne Condon and our parish staff in preparing the occasion. Our teaching staff have also worked diligently behind the scenes to support the work of parents in preparing the students. It was great to be a little part of the festivities. My thanks also to the many staff who went out of their way to attend masses on the weekend.

The staff and school board are working together to look at possible improvements to our site in line with our Master Plan aspirations. The next stage will occur tonight (Thursday 29/8) and further information will follow. I appreciate the time both groups are giving.

On Friday 30/8/19 our Father's Day breakfast will occur. I'd like to thank Kathryn Newman and Sharon Wolff for their work on this. Last year over 450 people were fed. I have a suspicion we may well beat this tomorrow.

We are starting to begin class lists for 2020. If you have a request to make in relation to this can you please direct them to your child's class teacher in the first instance. I am encouraging conversations to occur explaining reasons. I understand this may be a little different from past years, however class teachers are best positioned to assist in this matter and need to know any relevant information.

Finally, I will be away till the beginning of week 2 next term. I am comfortable knowing that Lauren and Melinda will lead our school with assistance from others in my absence.

Have a great week

Duncan



PARISH NEWS

Last weekend we had our 2019 First Eucharist Masses. There were 4 masses with a total of 76 children receiving Eucharist for the very first time. They were beautiful and memorable celebrations. Special thanks must go to Marianne, school REL, for all her hard and dedicated work in preparing the children and their families for this occasion. Also a big thank you to Duncan and the teachers who attended, Parish House staff, the singers and musicians on Sunday, altar servers and Fathers Jose and Alex for celebrating the masses. We hope that the children have deepened their faith and understanding of this very special Sacrament.

This Friday 30th August, there will be a Father's Day breakfast and stall in the Community Centre. We wish all our dads a "Happy Father's Day" for Sunday and hope you enjoy celebrating this special day with your families and that you are thoroughly spoilt.

On Wednesday 4th September, there will be a class mass in the Chapel at 9.00 am with Prep Katherine. All family and friends are warmly invited to attend this special celebration.

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to join other Christian Churches to celebrate the Season of Creation from 1st September to 4th October. We are invited to reconsider our relationship with God's Creation, in particular with the Earth. This "Season" has been going for a couple of years, but this is the first time Holy Spirit will join to celebrate it. As Father's Day is on 1st September, we shall begin our 4 week celebration on the weekend of 7-8 September. Through hymns and prayers, on each of the 4 weekends there will be a different aspect of creation. Week One focuses on the Ocean, week two on Fauna, week three on Storm and week four on Cosmos. You may notice small differences from the usual wording of the Reconciliation Rite and the Blessing.

Are you or someone you know thinking about becoming Catholic or completing your Sacraments? If you are an adult seeking answers to questions about becoming Catholic, or are Catholic and want to receive Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, we invite you to journey with us in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). If you are interested, please call the Parish Office on 9876 3077 and the RCIA Team will get in touch with you. The program will commence in October.

Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our Parish.

The Word and Spirit Magazine are available online at www.holyspiritparish.org.au

Ruth Frangeskakis

Parish Secretary

Holy Spirit Parish

120 Oban Road, Ringwood North 3134.

Phone: 9876 3077 or 9876 3717

Work days: Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-4pm



Volunteers Wanted Urgently!!

Fete is looking for
someone to run the
Hot Chips & Dim Sims
stall.

If you are interested
please contact

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL FETE MEETINGS:

Please come along to the Fete Meetings
and put forward any ideas you may have
or help you can offer.

Meeting dates:

TUESDAYS AT 7.30pm on:
9/7/19, 13/8/19, 10/9/19, 17/9/19, 24/9/19,

St Vinnies Appeal

'Help End the Pain of Poverty' is the theme of this year's St. Vinnies Appeal. Each classroom will be given a basket and we ask that you please donate food items that are non perishable and within the use by date. Items collected through the Vinnies Blanket Drive go to men, women and children feeling the pain of poverty, and doing it tough. The appeal will run from Monday the 2nd of September until Friday the 13th of September. Thank you for your generous support.

A Prayer for the Homeless

Lord our God,
You who so mysteriously call upon us
to share in the sufferings of Christ,
fill our hearts with compassion
for those who lack the warmth of a home.

We commend to you in prayer this day
all men, women and children
who suffer because they have no shelter;
those who sleep in our streets and public spaces,
who have nowhere safe to lay their heads,
and who wander from place to place as a way of life.

We pray for broken families who cannot pay the rent,
for those who are the lost and abandoned,
for those on the streets whose minds
have been touched by illness
or whose bodies are sorely affected by disabilities.

We ask that your merciful Grace be poured out
upon those with addictions,
those who have given up
in the face of enormous tribulations,
and those driven into a homeless life
by crushing poverty.

God of Compassion, your love for us is revealed
in your beloved son Jesus,
who was born into homelessness,
lived with nowhere to lay his head,
and died for us in agony on the cross.

Inspire us to act in justice,
by all means at our disposal, to right the wrongs
of people who are suffering
the deprivations of homelessness,
and to see in them the dignity of a brother and sister
redeemed by Jesus Christ.

Let us have the commitment,
as people of the Gospel, to be ever mindful
of our obligations we have
to the poor and marginalised,
to work in your name, O God,
to turn sorrow into joy
and to bring all those who live in darkness
into your own wonderful light.
Amen.

This Week Prayer

SCHOOL NEWS



STARS OF THE WEEK



CONGRATULATIONS—WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU ALL—YOU REALLY ARE STARS!!!

Our STARS are announced at assembly each week
Photos of our STARS can be viewed on DOJO



CONGRATULATIONS!!

To Our Term 3
SRC Representatives



Holy Spirit Community School

Site Improvements:

You may be aware that we are currently working on a master plan for our school. This plan sets out the site as it is and more importantly has designs for what we believe we need. Gracie Smith has been an invaluable help in this process. Part of what she has been working on are several playground improvements.

As you know we have shifted the sandpit and rebuilt it as you walk in the entrance to the school.

The Sensory Garden has begun and stage one has been completed as the first of 6 stages.

A 'Gaga Pit' is about to be constructed where the shipping containers were previously located.

A new fence is being constructed in the prep playground area as plans are being incorporated to improve the space available to our preps to play in. This fence is the beginning of this process.

The courts will be resurfaced (after the fete) with financial assistance from the P&F.

Currently under discussion:

An engineer is being contracted to prepare a report about the workmanship of the soft fall under the adventure playgrounds. Rectification is a top priority of this area as it is not suitable after a heavy downfall of rain.

The erection of permanent goals on the oval area.

Our students are at the forefront of any decision to improve our site. This takes time and money and all suggestions are welcome.



IMPORTANT DATES:

PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ALL IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:
Go to the "home page" of the school website:
www.hspringwoodnth.catholic.edu.au

Holy Spirit School

Today	Wednesday, August 28	Print	Week
Wednesday, August 28			
9:00am	Athletics Trials Day Back Up		
9:00am	1/2 Joanna Class Mass		
Thursday, August 29			
6:00pm	Next Master plan meeting		
Friday, August 30			
P&F FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST			
9:00am	Fathers Day Stall - Children will visit with their class.		
2:50pm	Assembly		
Monday, September 2			
WEEK 8			
Tuesday, September 3			
District Athletics			
7:00pm	School Board		
Wednesday, September 4			
Events shown in time zone: Eastern Australia Time - Melbourne			



BREAKFAST
Friday from 7am

Happy Father's Day

Father's day stall Reminder

The Holy Spirit Father's Day Stall is

This Friday 30th August

The children will be able to choose their own gifts for Dad, Grandpa, Pop (or any other special people in their lives)

All gifts are \$5

Please remember to bring along your money and a reusable bag

Any questions, please contact Kathryn on 0403 275 414



Save the date....

20th of September (last day of term) for our COLOUR RUN!!!

This is our biggest fundraiser for the year and lots of fun. Notices will be out soon so keep an eye out for them.

Wednesday, September 4	
Duncan on LSL	
1:30pm	SRC Appeal for St Vinnies -
9:00am	Prep Katherine Class mass
Thursday, September 5	
Duncan on LSL	
SRC Appeal for St Vinnies -	
District Athletics BACK UP	
10:30am	Prep- Market fresh incursion
Friday, September 6	
Duncan on LSL	
SRC Appeal for St Vinnies -	
2:50pm	Assembly



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ClassDojo
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Holy Spirit Spring Soiree

Wed 11th September, 2019
 3.50pm OR 5.00pm OR 6.15pm
 In the Holy Spirit Community Centre
 Please join us for our Spring Soiree,
 Showcasing the talents of our wonderful Piano, Keyboard & Guitar students!

RSVP asap to nardellachris@gmail.com
denisphelan@gmail.com
 Please wear school uniform to this event

The _____ family is delighted /unable to attend the
 Spring Soiree on Wed 11th September at

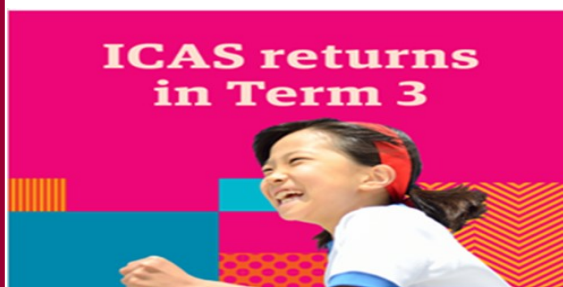
Please circle: 3.50pm Piano/ Keyboard only
 5.00pm
 6.15 pm

Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Entertainment books

Click on the link below to find out how to order your 2019 entertainment book.

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 www.entertainmentbook.com.au/
 orderbooks/18707a8](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/18707a8)



The Maths Competition and English Competition will both take place in the last week of this term. Dates are listed on the school calendar

Thanks
 Lauren, Kayla and Lee

VOLUNTEERING at Holy Spirit Community School

Thank you to all those parents/care givers who have completed the CHILD SAFETY QUESTIONNAIRE online. Unless I have contacted you specifically requesting something further, you are now registered on our Volunteer Data Base and are able to volunteer for class room activities and excursion for 2019.

If you would like to become a registered volunteers please follow the links below and ensure the office has a copy of your current WWCC.

Follow this link to the power point [Read for answers](#)

Follow this link to find the questions [2019 Volunteer questionnaire](#)

Community News



Flutter into spring these school holidays!
Extend Squad keeping little bees busy with
cheerful excursions and lively incursions!

Book 14 days in advance to receive the early bird rate.



Book online today extend.com.au
Enquiries 1300 366 437 support@extend.com.au

Calling all children from Kinder to year 4.

'You are Invited'

to come and join in
Children's Liturgy of the
Word.

During Sunday 5pm mass on: 21st, 28th July

4th, 18th August

1st, 15th September

Come along to listen, hear and be a part of the word
of God and to meet and make friends at Holy Spirit.



FREE WORKSHOPS

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE AUTISM?



Encouraging Interaction: through play and social learning A workshop for parents

Date: Monday 19th August
Time: 1.30—4.30pm
Venue: EACH,
75 Patterson St,
East Ringwood

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
To register:
www.Amaze.org.au/early days

How Early Days can help:

Early Days provides workshops for parents and other family members of children 0-6 who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis or are going through the assessment and diagnosis process.

What this workshop offers:

- Understanding play, social learning
- Strategies to scaffold and encourage play and social learning

More about Early Days workshops

- Free to attend
- Held in small groups of 4-15 and gives you an opportunity to meet other parents
- Light refreshments provided
- Childcare is NOT provided



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www.earlydays.com.au
promoting development of
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It is highly recommended you attend the "My Child and Autism" workshop prior to attending this workshop.


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What this workshop offers:

- Understand the importance of working as a transition team
- Tips and ideas to help you ready your child for school

More about Early Days workshops

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- Lunch & light refreshments provided
- Childcare is NOT provided

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Maroondah Magic Basketball Club

We are the largest basketball club in the Kilsyth & Mountain Districts Basketball Association.

Our free skill development clinic for Prep to Grade 3 will run over the following four Fridays at Dorset Primary School Gym
23rd, 30th August and 6th, 13th September 2019
Girls: 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Boys: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

We will teach dribbling, passing, shooting, running & teamwork with the goal that interested boys & girls can join our club and play basketball in a team.

As a club, we are proud of our volunteer coaches and their expertise in player development.

FREE Magic drink bottle & basketball for new under U7 miniball players that register for the Summer 2019/20 season.
FREE pair of Magic socks for all other new players.

Register at any time during the four clinics and receive **20% off** your first season's fees!

If you're unable to attend the clinic but would like to play, or find our more, please contact Peter Cunningham, Coordinator, Magic Basketball on 0400 577 476.

Maroondah Magic Basketball Club Skill Development Clinics Attendee Form

Text your child's name, gender and date of birth to the club on 0400 577 476 if you would like to RSVP for clinics or require further information.
www.maroondahmagic.com.au

The Holy Spirit Code of Conduct and CECV commitment statement to Child Safety is now prominently displayed at the Visitor Sign In IPad. There is a clause in the sign in process that advises you are acknowledging and accepting these documents upon signing in to the school.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN OUT before leaving.



Teachers have been using the "Child Friendly Version" of the Holy Spirit Child Safe Policy in the classroom to educate your children on Child Safety. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding this.

HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

We have a Code of Conduct in place that ALL staff & visitors are required to follow.
We run Child Safety sessions for our volunteers, early in the school year.
We would like to encourage our parents to obtain a Working With Childrens Check, and either attend a "child safety session" or apply for the online training we can supply.
All volunteers and classroom helpers must be registered as having completed **Annual** Child Safety training at Holy Spirit School.



You are invited to tour Billanook College and meet our staff and students

School at Work Tours

Thursday 28 March, 9.30am

Friday 17 May, 9.30am

Wednesday 19 June, 9.30am

Tuesday 30 July, 9.30am

Thursday 24 October, 9.30am

Friday 29 November, 9.30am

Saturday Morning Tours

Saturday 23 February, 9.30am

Saturday 4 May, 9.30am

Saturday 31 August, 9.30am

Early Years Walk

Thursday 14 March, 9.30am

Wednesday 29 May, 9.30am

RSVP essential -
www.billanook.vic.edu.au
or Phone 9724 1179

EARLY LEARNING TO YEAR 12

Billanook College, 197-199 Cardigan Road, Mooroolbark, VIC 3138



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Parenting Blog

Leaving your kids home alone



by Michael Grose

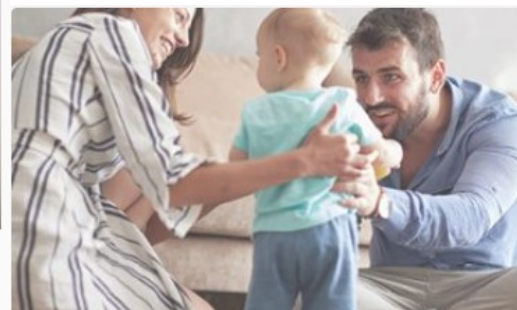


Being home alone is a significant developmental marker for many children and young people.

However there are many issues to consider including legal ramifications when you leave children at home unsupervised. Parenting Ideas founder Michael Grose takes you through the positives and pitfalls of this traditional rite of passage for kids.

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE](#)

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/>



POSITIVE PARENTING

Creating a consistent parenting storyline



by Michael Grose

"My partner needs to hear this!" This is typical of many comments I've been hearing lately from participants at my...