



# Holy Spirit Community School

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No 1

Date 6 February 2020

## Message from the Principal

5-2-20

Dear parents and friends

Welcome back to the 2020 school year. It was such a delight to be able to welcome everyone back last week. To those families returning to our school I hope that you had a wonderful break and that your children are coming back with a sense of expectation. If what Kayla has planned for our curriculum this year is anything to go by they should be. To the families new to our school, thank you for placing your trust in us and I am looking forward to a fruitful partnership over the next seven years.

Over the holiday break the school's leadership team worked for two days in assisting with the set up of our school for 2020. I am most appreciative that Ben, Kayla, Marianne, Melinda and Lauren were prepared to dedicate their time to improve what we do at our school. This work culminated in the writing and completing of our Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the year. Our AAP is derived from the School Improvement Plan that was a direct result of our review in 2017. The AAP will be shared with all families shortly so please watch out for it.

I know it is hard to believe however we are preparing the enrolment process for students in Prep 2021. I would be most appreciative if you could speak to family and friends who may be considering our school for their child. Please let them know about what we do here and also feel free to direct them to our website.

Just a couple of reminders:

Assembly started again last Friday. We will gather in the hall at 2:50 every Friday and everyone in our community is welcome to join us. It is a great way to wrap up the week. Assembly has a focus on the learning of the week and positively acknowledging our students for their contributions as well. Please feel free to join us.

This Monday is a school closure day. Staff will be learning about a spelling program that will be rolled out called SMART spelling. Students are not required to attend school. This is the second of the closure days that we are able to take each year to work on professional development.

Have a great week

Duncan



# PARISH NEWS

Welcome to the start of a new school year. A very warm welcome to our Prep children and their families and to any other families new to the school.

As you would be aware from last year, we currently do not have a Parish Priest and are awaiting for one to be appointed. We have the Dominican's celebrating our weekend masses in the interim and we are very grateful to them. On Wednesdays a Communion Service will be held in the Chapel at 9am but we will have mass celebrated on Friday's at 9am in the Chapel. It is business as usual in the Parish Office but please be aware the Office is not open on Mondays. Our Parish Secretaries are, Ruth Frangeskakis working Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Jenny Philp working Thursdays and Fridays. Our office hours are from 8.30am to 4pm. Jacinta Bibby is our Pastoral Associate and she works Wednesday to Friday.

The Parish is running an Alpha program commencing Wednesday night 5<sup>th</sup> February from 7-9pm or Friday afternoons from 1.30-3.15 pm. If you are interested, you can register at [bit.ly/hsAlpha2020A](http://bit.ly/hsAlpha2020A) or contact the Parish House on 9876 3077. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. It starts with a meal, then watch a video and break up into smaller groups for discussion. Our guests can listen only or participate in the discussion. There is no need to feel any pressure. It is a wonderful program please consider coming along.

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February there will be an Opening Year School Mass at 9am in the Church. All families and friends are welcome to join the children in the first mass for the school year. On the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February we have the First Reconciliation Commitment weekend. The children will be asked to attend one of our weekend masses, Saturday 6pm or Sunday 9am or 5pm. They will be called to come forward and state their commitment for First Reconciliation. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Have a lovely week ahead.

*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.*

*Ruth Frangeskakis  
Parish Secretary  
Holy Spirit Parish  
120 Oban Road, Ringwood North 3134.*



# Prayer of the Week

Dear Parents,

Here is a prayer that was read last week on the school closure day. I would like to wish you all a wonderful year in 2020.

I can be contacted on [mcondon@hsringwoodnth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mcondon@hsringwoodnth.catholic.edu.au) if you have any questions about Faith Education at Holy Spirit. I have also included the dates for masses and Sacraments for Term 1 below. More details will come closer to the time of your child's sacrament.

**Marianne Condon**  
**Faith Education Leader**

Dear God,

We thank you for guiding us and helping us with being whole hearted teachers who keep persisting, making mistakes and daring greatly every day.

We pray that our actions are true to our values so we continue to build a culture of trust, authenticity and clarity.

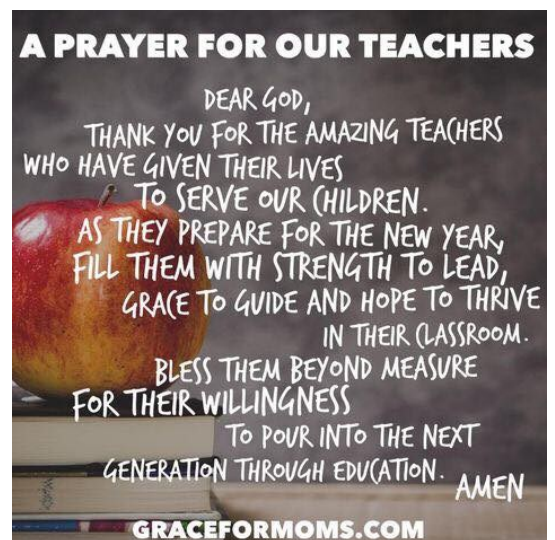
May our professional relationships continue to flourish as we remind each other to be grateful, to have empathy and to practise mindfulness as often as possible. May these actions keep us passionate, feeling empowered and engaged during our journey at Holy Spirit.

We also pray for the health and wellbeing of our students and their families and that our partnerships with our community continue to be inclusive.

May value be placed in the strengths of all who cross our paths so that we can all make a difference. God bless and protect our families as we continue to support each other.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Amen



# Term 1 RE Calendar 2020

Term 1 Wednesday 29th Jan-Friday 27th March			
Wk 3	Beginning of Year Mass and Staff Commissioning	Friday 14th February	11:30 am in the Church
Wk 3	Reconciliation Commitment Masses	Saturday 15th February Sunday 16th February	6:00 pm 9:00 am & 5:00pm Holy Spirit Church
Wk 4	3/4 Chris/Marianne Class Mass	Wednesday 19th February	9:00 am Holy Spirit Chapel
Wk 4	Prep Welcome Mass	Sunday 23rd February	5:00 pm Holy Spirit Church
Wk 5	Ash Wednesday Mass	Wednesday 26th February	9:00 am Holy Spirit Church
Wk 6	3/4 Melissa/Kat Class Mass	Wednesday 4th March	9:00 am Holy Spirit Chapel
Wk 7	Reconciliation Workshops	Tuesday 10th March	5:00 pm or 7:00pm Holy Spirit Church
Wk 7	3/4 Corinne Class Mass	Wednesday 11th March	9:00 am Holy Spirit Chapel
Wk 8	3/4 Micaela Class Mass	Wednesday 18th March	9:00 am Holy Spirit Chapel
Wk 8	The Sacrament of Reconciliation	Wednesday 18th March	7:00 pm Holy Spirit Church
Wk 8	Confirmation Commitment Masses	Saturday 21st March Sunday 22nd March	6:00 pm 9:00 am & 5:00pm Holy Spirit Church
Wk 9	Holy Week at Holy Spirit	TBC	TBC
Wk 9	3/4 Danni Class Mass	Wednesday 25 th March	9:00 am Holy Spirit Chapel
	Easter during holidays	10th April Good Friday	

# SCHOOL NEWS



## STARS OF THE WEEK



**No stars of the week this week**

# Congratulations!

To our past student Lachlan on receiving the School Champion Sporting Award!



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

# Important Dates

**Monday 10 February 2020**  
School Closure Day

**Tuesday 17 March 2020**  
School Photos

# Calendar of Events

## Friday, February 7

9:00am Interschool Sport vs Croydon Hills PS Blue

2:50pm Assembly

## Monday, February 10

School Closure Day

## Tuesday, February 11

7:30pm P&F meeting

## Wednesday, February 12

Prep Rest Day

Prep testing

## Thursday, February 13

Recycle bins emptied

## Friday, February 14

9:00am Interschool Sport vs Ringwood Nth PS

11:30am Opening School Mass

2:50pm Assembly

## Saturday, February 15

6:00pm Reconciliation Commitment Mass

## Sunday, February 16

9:00am Reconciliation Commitment Mass

5:00pm Reconciliation Commitment Mass

## Monday, February 17

Whole school photos

9:30am District Swimming

## Tuesday, February 18

7:00pm School Board

## Wednesday, February 19

Prep Rest Day

Prep testing

9:00am 3/4 CM Class Mass



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ING ALL OUTSIDE  
ACTIVITIES.  
HATS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE FOR \$12.**



# Volunteering At Holy Spirit

If you are thinking of taking on the very important role of volunteering within our school, we ask that you read the following information carefully. We place a high value on our volunteers who are integral to the Holy Spirit experience for our students and provide an important link to the community.

The school takes child safety very seriously and in order to volunteer at our school, the following steps need to be adhered to:

- ◆ Ensure you have provided the office with a copy of your current Working with Children Check (Please note no adult is able to volunteer at our school without a current WWCC).
- ◆ Read the Child Safety Briefing for Volunteers 2020 and complete the Child Safety Questionnaire.
- ◆ Read all the relevant policies, including the CECV Commitment to Child Safety, HS Code of Conduct and HS Child-Safety Policy available on the school website: [hsringwoodnth.catholic.edu.au](http://hsringwoodnth.catholic.edu.au) (Current Parents – HS Community Files – Files and Policies – Policies for Volunteers).

**Please note that even if you have completed the above in previous years, you are required to do so again for the 2020 school year.**

# School Banking School Banking 2020



CommonwealthBank

School Banking will commence **TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY**.

Banking day will be every **TUESDAY** and students should bring in their book and deposit weekly.

For every 10 new bank accounts open and for every 10 deposits made the school receives \$5. Last year the school banking raised in excess of \$1500 for Holy Spirit.

All new families are encouraged to join our Holy Spirit banking program, its easy to join online or in a branch. Application forms are also available from the office.

It is a great way to introduce your child to banking and saving! For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

This year the prizes include some environmentally friendly and reusable rewards such as:  
Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)

Treetop Stationery Set

Tomato Seed Kit

Magic Mist Drink Bottle

Snakes & Ladders Game



**Have you checked out our brand new school website?**

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Friday 21 February, 9.30 - 11.00 am

OPEN DAY

Tuesday 17 March, 2.30 - 6.30 pm

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contact our Registrar, Ms Robyn McCann,  
on 9890 9097.

We look forward to welcoming your family  
to our College.

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**WHITEFRIARS**  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS

# OPEN DAY

## Sunday 1 March



**Tours from 10.30am bookings required**  
**Register at [whitefriars.vic.edu.au](http://whitefriars.vic.edu.au)**



*Catholic schools have a strong moral,  
legal and mission-driven  
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school environments where children  
and young people are respected,  
their voices are heard and where  
they are safe and feel safe.*

CECV Child Safety Commitment Statement 2016

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