



# Holy Spirit Community School

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## Message from the Principal

19-2-20

Dear parents and friends

What a surprise last Friday was. To go from one extreme to the other was 'interesting' to say the least. Considering the damage, the sudden storm caused to three classrooms, we have actually emerged from it ok. I am most appreciative of the parents who offered immediate assistance as well as the staff who moved items after school preventing further damage and assisting recovery. As a result we should have all rooms functioning again this week.

This week has seen 2021 Prep enrolment interviews begin. I am in the process of enrolling 46 siblings. I would be most appreciative if community members could spread the word that new families will be encouraged to enroll in April. There is more information on our website.

We have a welcome Mass at 5pm this Sunday for our prep students and their families. Please feel free to join this celebration. I appreciate the assistance of our Pastoral Associate, Jacinta Bibby, facilitating this as well as our prep staff and Marianne Condon our RE leader.

Please feel free to join our Ash Wednesday Mass next week (Wed 26<sup>th</sup>) as well.

One of the great tasks I get to complete each year is to host two Dad's Nights. Essentially all 'significant' males in our community are invited to come and meet others and have a chat with me. The first is being hosted at the Croydon Hotel on 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Each of our levels will be hosting information nights shortly. They will be seeking input from parents in some capacity to ensure the content is what parents need. I had a great chat with the 1/2 teachers recently so I know they are centering their night on what you need and want. Lauren, Kayla, Melinda and I will also be attending one of the nights if you'd like to speak to a member of the school's leadership team. Please feel free to speak to any of us.

Have a great week

Duncan



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EVENTS  
AND DATES  
PLEASE GO  
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SCHOOL  
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# PARISH NEWS

This coming Sunday we have the Prep Welcome Mass at 5.00 pm in the Church. All prep children and families have been invited to attend this special mass and there will be a sausage sizzle afterwards. A very big and warm welcome to our Prep children. Please note there will be no Children's Liturgy so that the children and parents can partake in the whole mass.

Also as we approach the Lenten Season, on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February there will be a whole school mass at 9.00 am in the Church to celebrate Ash Wednesday. All family members, siblings and parishioners are welcome to attend. Those unable to make the 9am mass, there will be mass at 11.30 am at St Anne's and at 7.00 pm at Holy Spirit Church.

Just to keep you informed, after Jacinta (our Pastoral Associate) spoke with Monsignor Tony Ireland on the week of 11<sup>th</sup> February, there is still no news to convey on our vacant Parish Priest position.

"GRACE" this year's Lenten Program is a 76 page full colour book containing short daily reflections as well as longer reflections. Jacinta will be leading a discussion group using this resource in the Mary Bresnan Room on Thursday afternoons at 1.30 pm from 12<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April. If anyone is interested, contact the Parish House to register your interest.

The Holy Spirit Community Dance will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30-11.30 pm. Great music and great fun at \$15 per person. BYO drinks, nibbles and glasses. Tea, coffee and sweets will be provided. Why not get a table of friends together and come along for a great night. Bookings can be made through the Parish House on 9876 3077.

Enjoy the rest of your week.  
*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.  
Phone: 9876 3077 or 9876 3717  
Work days: Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-4pm*



# Prayer of the Week

## Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated by the whole school in the Church at 9:00am.

On Ash Wednesday, many Christians receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads. This sign has been used by God's people for hundreds of years to show that we are sorry and wish to be better. The cross marks the start of the Lent and reminds us to grow to be more like Jesus. It is the beginning of our preparation for Easter when Jesus dies on the cross and rises from the dead. Lent is a special time when we stop and think about how we can play our part in God's hope for a world that is fair, just and peaceful.

Through prayer , fasting and almsgiving we take focus from ourselves and instead focus on our relationship with God. We pray that we may walk with God in faith, hope and love and be aware of the needs of others, so that we may reach out to them during this holy season.

### A Prayer from Caritas 2020

God of all peoples and nations,  
As you accompany us on our Lenten journey,  
May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity,  
Our almsgiving be an act of justice,  
And our prayer anchor us in love and compassion.  
Awaken our hearts and minds that  
we may be one human family.  
As we all go further together.  
We as this in Jesus' name,  
Amen



# Pray For Roman



Late last year Roman DeAngelis, aged 8, was diagnosed with a very rare type of brain tumour. He requires daily treatment at the Royal Children's Hospital. Roman is a Year 3 student at St Patrick's, Lilydale. His mother, Linda DeAngelis, works at Holy Spirit Community School Ringwood North. She worked with prep students in 2019 as a Learning Support Officer. Due to the severity of Roman's illness and the daily treatment required she is unable to work. We are raising funds to support Roman and Linda. Roman is currently being transported by Linda from Lilydale to the hospital, on a daily basis for treatment. This financial support will assist with medical expenses, supporting his grandparents who live overseas, to assist be relocating to Melbourne in the short to medium term as well as for travel expenses. We are aiming to raise \$15000 by the end of the year. Financial assistance is required urgently as treatment has begun. We are urging both school communities to get behind this cause firstly by donating to this campaign as well as spreading this appeal as far and wide as possible. Given the specialised nature of firstly Roman's condition as well as his treatment, financial assistance is the preferred method of help at this time.

**<https://www.gofundme.com/f/pray-for-roman>**

# News from The Board

The new School Board met for the first time on 17 February 2020. We received a great presentation from Duncan Arendse (Principal) and Lauren Witnish (Deputy Principal) about Holy Spirit's NAPLAN results and the outcome of the Catholic Education Melbourne School Improvement Survey (CEMSIS) data. Overall it is pleasing to note the positive trend in NAPLAN data which reports performance at Years 3 and 5 against state and national averages for literacy and numeracy. The CEMSIS data provides three levels of analysis - Student, Family and Staff responses. The data is being used by staff to develop comprehensive action plans. The data will continue to form the foundation of evidence to guide Holy Spirit's improvement plans.

## School Board members 2020

The School Board will meet twice per term. This is an opportunity to meet with the Principal and staff around the progress being made at Holy Spirit.

Andrew Conway – Chair
Kylie Papadopoulos – Deputy Chair
Melissa Niemann – Secretary
Ben Lannen - Staff Representative
Nick Byrne – General Member
Jane Carmody – General Member
Lauren Cefai – General Member
Kerry Childs – General Member
Belinda Semos – General Member
Andrea Shaw – General Member
Sharon Wolff – Parents & Friends Representative

## Winter Shelter

The School Board discussed the plans for the Winter Shelter program being run by the parish and noted the success of the 2019 program. Whilst it is noted that some families have expressed concerns, the school Board noted the various policies and controls in place and indicated its support for the program to be conveyed to the parish.

## School Board Work Plan

In addition, the School Board work plan has been realigned to the STAR framework and at each meeting we will be looking at aspects of STAR. For example:

STAR element	Board element	Success Indicator
Stay Safe	Child Safety	Ensuring Holy Spirit is a safe environment for children, staff and the community
Try Your Best	Excellence	Using data and evidence to drive actionable insight and overall trendline improvements
Act Responsibly	Finance & Advocacy	Ensuring the structure of finance is understood and that use of School resources and fundraising is done so responsibly
Respect Others	Engagement	Parent, family, community, staff and student voices are listened to and engagement is strong.

Our next meeting will be 17 March 2020 at 7pm. If you have any thoughts that you would like discussed please don't hesitate to make contact with me or any member of the School Board.

Thanks

Andrew Conway

# SCHOOL NEWS



## STARS OF THE WEEK



# Congratulations!

To our students who competed at the Ringwood North District Swimming competition. Well done Joshy P, Aiden W, Abigail M, Zach B, Pene B and Abbie B on your efforts and PB times today!

Congratulations and good luck to our Division qualifiers: Joel P, Zoe G, TJ W, Amelie N and Tilly Y, who will compete early in March.



# Congratulations!!

## Our 2020 Leaders

### **School Leaders**

Sophie Heazlewood  
Lucy Postill  
Jasmine Fasciani  
Lachie Motteram

### **House Captains**

**Ella Stone**  
Jasmine Gurgone  
**Zac Antonellos**  
**Cooper Childs**

### **Sport Leaders**

Pat Faulkner  
Austin Wallace  
Daniel Nielsen  
Zoe Guerin  
Tj Wolff

### **E-Smart Leaders**

Lily Doherty  
Adrian Bisignano  
Macy Vendel

### **The Arts Leaders**

Emily Frolich  
Nicholas Pereira  
Tiana Keane  
Josh Currow

### **Library Leaders**

Nina Forde  
Grace Kaberry  
Maddy Rieusset  
Shania D'Souza  
Ben Nicholls  
Angelique White

### **Japanese Leaders 2020**

Beau Blackshaw  
Lily Dixon

### **Sustainability Leaders 2020**

Amelie Porter  
Elissa Newton  
Milly Foster  
Max Georgostathis

### **Liturgy Leaders 2020**

Aaron D'Souza  
Keven Attale

### **S.T.A.R Leaders**

Abby Sette  
Pia Crozier  
Noah Woods  
Archie Pinney

# Our Leadership Team



Duncan Arendse

Principal

I love working at our school because I have the opportunity to be involved in the teaching and learning of our students. I am also in a privileged position to empower both staff and parents to act in the best interest of our students.



Lauren Witnish

Deputy Principal, School Maths Leader

I love the variety of my role, every day is different, some much easier than others!!

I love my Leadership role and planning and working with all the staff in my Maths capacity.

Outside school, I love going down to the beach and every moment that I spend with Bailey.



Melinda Buscema

Learning Diversity, Wellbeing and Deputy Principal

Being a part of our community continues to be a privilege for me after several years of working here. I

value the emphasis placed on student wellbeing, building relationships and the inclusive education we

offer all of our diverse learners. I love walking, dancing, music and I remain a hopeful Roos supporter.



Marianne Condon

Religious Education Leader & 5/6 Teacher

Holy Spirit is a warm, welcoming and a very supportive community to work in. The children and parents are friendly, approachable and really invested in their learning and school life. As the Religious Education Leader I love working with all staff, students and parents for the faith formation of all.



Ben Lannen

eLearning Leader, Wellbeing Leader and 1/2 Teacher

I love the buzz of teaching at HS, the thrill of seeing kids 'get' something for the first time and empowering staff in the areas of wellbeing and contemporary digital learning.

I also love playing cricket, watching the mighty Tigers, going to the movies and spending time with my family.



Kayla Flindt-Petersen

Learning & Teaching Leader and English Leader

I am a lifelong learner and love learning with my students. I love the challenge of inspiring and making learning fun. My favourite thing is seeing students showcase their learning and watching them grow.

Teaching is a superpower! I also love to travel and explore the world we live in.



# Important Dates

## **Fri 28 February 2020**

Dad's Night At  
The Croydon Hotel

## **Mon 2 March 2020**

Prep 2020 Parent Info Night

## **Tues 3 March 2020**

1/2 Level Info Night

## **Wed, 4 March 2020**

3/4 Level Parent Info Night

## **Fri 6 March 2020**

Twilight Cinema

## **Wed 11 March 2020**

5/6 Level Info Night

## **Tues 17 March 2020**

School Photos

# Calendar of Events

### Friday, February 21

9:00am Interschool Sport vs Great Ryrie PS

2:50pm Assembly

### Sunday, February 23

5:00pm Prep Welcome Mass 5pm

### Wednesday, February 26

Prep Rest Day

9:00am Ash Wednesday Mass 9am

### Thursday, February 27

8:15am Prayer in the chapel for Roman De Angelis. All welcome.

### Friday, February 28

9:00am Interschool Sport vs Croydon Hills PS Red

2:50pm Assembly

6:30pm Dad's night at Croydon Hotel

### Monday, March 2

7:00pm Prep 2020 Parent Information night

### Tuesday, March 3

7:00pm 1/2 info night

### Wednesday, March 4

Prep Rest Day

### Thursday, March 5

8:15am Prayer in the chapel for Roman De Angelis. All welcome.



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



## 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



# Prep Enrolments 2021

**Prep 2021 enrolments for  
existing families.**

Please collect an enrolment form from the office  
or the school website.  
Interviews are being conducted now.

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**TRAINING DAY SUN 9th FEB**  
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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 two Fridays at

Dorset Primary School Gym

20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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 starter pack (including drink bottle, basketball and Magic socks) for new under U7 miniball players that register for the Winter 2020 season.

**FREE** pair of Magic socks for all other new players.



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](#)

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](http://www.maroondahmagic.com.au)

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

[www.hsringwoodnth.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hsringwoodnth.catholic.edu.au)

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Saturdays 9am-10.30am. First session Saturday 18th April

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Holy Spirit P&F presents

2020 Twilight Cinema Event

ROBERT DOWNEY JR.

# DOLITTLE

6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 | 6:00pm BBQ | 7:30 Movie

Holy Spirit Oval @ 120 Oban Rd, Nth Ringwood

Popcorn | Choc Tops & Coffee available for purchase

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# OPEN DAY

## Sunday 1 March



**Tours from 10.30am bookings required**  
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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



*Catholic schools have a strong moral, legal and mission-driven responsibility to create nurturing 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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