



# Holy Spirit Community School

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Date 23 July 2020

## Message from the Principal

Dear parents, friends and Father Arsenio

Welcome back to the start of a new term. In some ways this was to be expected and as such I am pleased to let you know that staff have come back ready to go.

The feedback we sought at the end of last term was utilized and implemented. As such the additional week was beneficial in establishing some improvements to our teaching and learning. As a staff we will implement the current system for the next week and then make some evaluations and tweak further what we are doing.

I would like to stress:

Teachers are only providing remote learning to students. Any students on site are being supervised by support staff, NOT TEACHERS. Given we have over 80 students here next week I am looking to reduce numbers and will be asking teachers to contact families to pick up students at 1pm. Afternoons are an issue given we do not have enough support staff to supervise. Teachers require this time to plan and set up for the next day. (This condition does not apply to families who have been recognized as essential workers). Please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

It was pleasing to hear during the week that Jobseeker and Jobkeeper payments will continue for a little longer. These are incredibly difficult times for many people. This is one of the reasons that we announced that we will keep our fees at the current rate next year. That being said if fee payments cause any issue please don't hesitate to contact Melissa Barrett or myself.

Best wishes  
Duncan



# PARISH NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3. In accordance with instructions from the Premier and the Bishops of Victoria, all masses, sacraments, liturgies and group activities are suspended till further notice. The Church and Chapel are locked till we can re-open. Readings, Prayers of Intercession and Gospel reflection are included in The Word weekly and available on the parish website [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au). Recorded masses (click on the YouTube icon), important information, Spirit Extra and the Spirit Magazine are available on the site. The Parish office is closed however, the staff still monitor the phone, mail and emails. If you need to contact the Parish Office, please call our mobile 0434 224 483, leave your name and contact number and we will return your call as soon as possible. Our email address is [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)

The Parish held it's annual AGM last Wednesday via Zoom. About 30 parishioners joined the chat and spoke about how COVID has affected their group and what they have been engaging in over the last year. The booklet and minutes of the AGM are available on our website. A big thank you to all Parish Groups and we must support each group and ministry during these difficult times.

Please everyone stay safe and look after yourselves and keep up those prayers.

*Ruth Frangeskakis*

*Parish Secretary*

*Holy Spirit Parish*

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*Work days: Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-4pm*



# Prayer of the Week

## *Student Prayers during Remote Learning*

The 5/6 level have all been busy writing prayers during this challenging time in our community. They will use these prayers as a focus each day during Class Prayer and Meditation. Here is one from each grade for you to read to your family. They are beautiful prayers and really highlight the faith of our children at Holy Spirit.



Dear God,  
Please teach us how to  
all work together as  
one community and as  
one family. We hope  
that you can guide us  
through to the other  
side of this world wide  
pandemic and we are  
still together as one  
whole loving family♥  
Amen

Tillys prayer ♥



Name: Sophie

Dear Lord,  
Thank you for keeping our friends, family  
and the people in our community safe from  
this virus. Please help and stay close to all  
of our nurses and doctors that are risking  
their health to treat, look after and be with  
patients that are unwell. Please be with  
everyone who needs you.

Amen





### Through These Rough Times

Lord,  
Through these rough times, we  
might be sad

But through these rough times, we  
will come together as a community.

Through these rough times, it might  
be hard

But through these rough times, we  
will learn new things.

Lord our God, guide us through  
these times, and help us to find the  
good in everything that happens.

AMEN



Summer Wootten



Prayer from 5/6FB

God our Maker,  
We praise you for the Gift of  
Community.

Thank you for the communities in  
which we work and live.

Thank you for the community that  
is your Body, the Church.

Fill us with your Spirit today, so  
that, as one we reflect your  
guidance and love to each other in  
our world.

In Christ we pray,  
Amen

### Zara's Prayer

Dear God,  
I thank you for my education helping me to learn and excel in many  
different ways. I thank you that during this tough time I am still  
able to learn and do the best to my ability.

Amen



*We proclaim a crucified Christ*

1Cor.1.23

07 July 2020

Dear friends in Christ,

Today's decision to place metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire areas back into Stage 3 lockdown for the next six weeks from 11.59pm Wednesday 8 July is sobering news. It is truly disheartening, and will bring renewed distress to so many families and individuals.

These words from Psalm 22 have come immediately to my mind (words that were on the lips of Jesus as he was crucified): *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.* (Ps 22.1-2)

Yet, I want to encourage you in grace, trusting in the abiding closeness of our loving Lord, who promised to be with us always.

In returning to Stage 3 restrictions in those specific areas, sadly the public celebration of Mass, which we have only just re-commenced, will need to go back to live-streaming; churches will need to be closed again to any private prayer; and the numbers allowed for funerals and weddings will be severely limited.

We expect specific details around the restrictions will be released by the civil authorities over the next 24 hours, and will be communicated to you as soon as possible. I ask for your patience in the meantime.

Now is a time for attentiveness to the care of one another. In the face of our own despondency and fears, our fatigue and anxieties, may we learn to hold firm in faith and hope, and experience sustaining moments of love. As the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews encouraged: *Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works.* (Heb 24.10)

Friends, while the Psalmist knew struggle and pain, there were also words of confidence that came from the heart: *In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.* (Ps 22.4-5)

May our Lord Jesus be with you, and may His Blessed Mother accompany us all.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,  
Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli  
Archbishop of Melbourne



# SCHOOL NEWS



## Congratulations to our Stars of the Week



*Stars will be announced at assembly and will be in the next newsletter.*





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Tuesday 28 July 2020

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1 September 2020



**Friday 24 July**  
**Monday 10 August**  
9.30 - 10.30 am

Applications  
for  
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# AT HOME, ONLINE PILATES

Hi, I'm Brigid Buyck, Mum of Zach (Grade 4), Gemma (Grade 1) at Holy Spirit & Lachie (Year 7) Aquinas.

I am a qualified Pilates & Aerobics instructor and offering Pilates classes via Zoom during lockdown.

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