**Sunday, 19 May 2013: Pentecost Sunday**

At the first Pentecost and, from our own experience, we know that the Spirit works in unpredictable AND ordinary ways. From the Acts of the Apostles we learn that where the Spirit of God is active all sorts of gifts are present:

- boldness to stand up for what we believe;
- the ability to hear and listen;
- an end to fear that locks us in on ourselves;
- confidence in the salvation won for us in Christ;
- fidelity to Jesus’ commandment to love;
- clarity about what’s true and;
- an ‘at hominess’ with God.

The problem for many of us is working out where the Holy Spirit is leading us. This requires the gift of the discernment of spirits. We ask that our children hear the whisper of the Spirit in their hearts and follow the path God has lit for them. We leave you with some Buddhist wisdom:

> Watch your thoughts, for they become words.  
> Watch your words, for they become actions.  
> Watch your actions, for they become habits.  
> Watch your habits, for they become character.  
> Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.

**Mother’s Day**

We hope that all our Mothers, Grandmothers and carers had a wonderful day last Sunday. Thank you to all those who were able to attend our celebrations last Thursday. A special thank you to Jacquie Shamoun who bravely accepted my invitation to read with her daughter Isabella. We were blessed to witness a beautiful sharing of God’s word between mother and daughter.

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**Student Awards**

We congratulate this week’s Student of the Week Award recipients:

- Myah Abi Kabalane
- Sarah Kahila
- Natalia Gebrail
- Charlie Bechara
- Rita Nohra
- Charbel Farah
- Aleu Tiap

- Montell Kumar
- George Maatouk
- Moså Lemoto
- Jonah Eldick
- Brayde Roebeck
- Helena Taouk
- Andrew Lin

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**Religious Education Matters**

**2013 - Celebrating 75 Years of Catholic Education at Holy Family School**
Parent Representative Group Fundraiser
Our parent group is launching an exciting new fundraising idea. You will find attached to this newsletter an order form for yummy slices, cakes and cookies. This is a very easy fundraiser:

Show this order form to your friends, family, workmates and neighbours. Write down the items they would like to buy and collect the money from them. Make sure you order some yummy things for your family. Return all order forms and money to school by Friday 31st May. No orders can be accepted without payment. Slices will be delivered and distributed during the last week of term—just in time to enjoy these treats over the school holidays.

All money raised will be used to reduce the cost of our Term 4 Swimming Program. If every family sells/buys just four items we will raise over $1,200.

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Happy Birthday!
This week we would like to congratulate Jordan Kastrounis, Madison Saouma, Jasmin Ghamraoui, Anthony Dib and Aaliyah Afu who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Encourage fair play
Sport and games are a great way for children to learn about teamwork, rules, winning, losing as well as providing invaluable physical activity. Parents can encourage fair play by:
- Emphasising effort and having fun, not just winning.
- Cheering and acknowledging good play by both teams.
- Talking about the game not the result.

For more information about encouraging fair play go to the NSW Sport and Recreation website [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au) or phone 131 302.