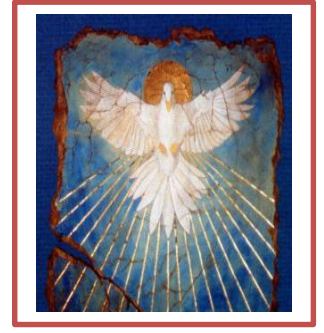


HENSCHKE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Our
Lady of Fatima Parish
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION – 2017
“Spirit Filled”



NOTE 1

Dear Parents,

This term Year 6 will begin their classroom preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. This is one of the highlights of their final year at Primary school and of their Christian lives. We always look forward to *assisting* you in preparing your child for this Sacrament. You have already prepared your child for full membership of the Church by presenting them for the other two *Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism and Eucharist*.

Like Baptism, this is a “once-in-a-lifetime” Sacrament. But unlike Baptism, your child and family will be fully involved in the preparation and decision-making. This Sacrament deepens our relationship with Jesus and his Church and it empowers us to carry on the life and mission of Jesus given to us at Baptism. It also helps us to celebrate and appreciate the action of the Holy Spirit within us and the Church. Confirmation goes back to the original **Pentecost** experience. Without Pentecost, the early followers of Jesus would not have been able to continue the mission of Jesus. We still call Pentecost the Birthday of the Church. *Confirmation is our own personal Pentecost.*

Confirmation will be celebrated on the weekend of 26th - 27th August. There will be 2 Masses to choose from; **Friday at 6pm or Sunday 12 noon**. If you already know which Mass you would like please advise your child’s teacher as numbers are strictly limited. If your child has already been Confirmed, make sure the Teacher is aware of this. Children of other Faiths are fully included in the Program and as a parent you will receive the same notes and background information (if you wish).

The cost will be **\$20** which includes the folder and program printing, photographs, medal/chain or pin, certificate, book mark, buses, silk sashes and printing. The cost for children (already Confirmed or of other Faiths) who do not wish to receive the medal/pin and sash will be **\$5**.

We will hold a **Parent Information evening -19th July @ 7pm (WEEK 1)** to outline the Program and give Father Paddy the opportunity to speak to us about this Sacrament and to deepen our understanding of Confirmation and the Holy Spirit. **Commitment Masses will be on the weekend of 22nd/23rd July**. The Information Meeting is for **PARENTS ONLY** and will be held in **the Year 6 classrooms**.

Yours sincerely in Christ.

Lesley Quinlivan

(Miss) Lesley Quinlivan (REC)

My child _____ will be / will not be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We would like Friday 25th August @ 6 pm.

We would like Sunday 27th August @ 12.00 midday.

Enclosed is \$20

Enclosed is \$5

My child is of another Faith and I do not wish to receive the Information sheets and notes.

Signed: _____