HENSCHKE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Our
Lady of Fatima Parish
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION – 2017

“Spirit Filled”

NOTE 2

Dear Parents

Year 6 have started work on their school based Confirmation program.

This program is composed of 5 Units and also forms the basis of the Diocesan Sacramental Program. We believe that this program, combined with your support, will give the children a thorough grounding in the Sacrament, a deep understanding of the Holy Spirit and a willingness and confidence to receive this final Sacrament of Initiation into the Church.

The 1st Unit in the program “**WE LISTEN**” invites the candidates to explore the Scriptures to discover where our knowledge and understanding of the Spirit comes from. Beginning with the first book of the bible, Genesis, the children discover for themselves the deep wealth of information about the Spirit that God’s people have always known and understood. They follow the human story that can never be separated from God’s Spirit. From Old Testament to New, they learn how our understanding and appreciation of the Spirit has grown and developed. It reminds the children (and us) that this Sacrament is deeply rooted in Holy Scripture and is fundamental to our living as followers of Jesus.

The powerful events of the first Pentecost are celebrated with the joy and excitement they deserve. The children gain a deep appreciation of this event as the true ‘birthday’ of the Church and the vital role that the Holy Spirit plays in the life of the Church and in each of us.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

- ⊕ ╬ Share the family bible (or consider getting one!) Allow the children to show you some of their favourite references about God’s Spirit.
- ⊕ ╬ Make a real effort to ***celebrate Mass together each week*** and encourage your child to take a more active role. Remind your child that this is ***their Parish*** and Church membership is for a lifetime. Your commitment on 22ND/23RD is to the Church/Parish not the school and needs to be undertaken within a parish Mass!
- ⊕ ╬ Spend some time reading over and sharing the work your child has completed in their special folder.
- ⊕ ╬ Talk about times that you have felt ‘moved’ by God’s Spirit to say or do something that you otherwise would not have.
- ⊕ ╬ Share ideas and information on the saints; explain why you chose your child’s name and your own saint’s name.

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PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION

Heavenly Father, You sent your Spirit upon the Apostles at Pentecost to strengthen them and enable them to spread the Good News of Jesus. We pray for our children that You would send upon them Your Spirit to strengthen them with the gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgement and courage, knowledge and reverence, and the Spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. Thus strengthened may they fully live their faith and be your witnesses in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen