5 February, 2015

NEWSLETTER
Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

Principal’s Reflection

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the first full school week for 2015. It has been fantastic to see the Transition students find their feet and become part of Holy Spirit school community. This week I have been lucky enough to spend time in each of the classes assisting with academic work and taking physical education lessons with classes. I’m reminded each day of the vibrant and Christ filled community that is Holy Spirit.

Staffing arrangements for 2015:
- Principal-Simon Duffy
- Deputy Principal / Physical Education-Paula Sellars
- Religious Education Coordinator-Anna Hill
- COL- Assistant Director-Adam Darcey
- Curriculum Coordinators-Tracey Coco & Rowena Staude
- Inclusion Support Coordinator-Angela Saunders
- Music Teacher-Louredes Valles
- Indonesian –Kirsty Boath
- Transition, Rm. 8-Lauren Copeland
- Transition/Year 1, Rm. 9-Kelsey Crowe
- Year 1/2, Rm. 3-Rowena Staude
- Year 1/2, Rm. 4-Tracey Coco & Dell Williams
- Year 3 /4, Rm. 14-Shannon Lea
- Year 3 /4, Rm. 15-Anna Hill
- Year 3 /4, Rm. 17-Stephen O’Shannessy
- Year 5/6, Rm. 10-Caoimhe Kalinowsky
- Year 5/6, Rm. 12-Emma O’Halloran
- Year 5 /6, Rm. 13-Meg Polkinghorne
- COL-Bronwyn Tranter, Wati Salam, Itabo Boitshwarelo, Luzia Oliveira Murdock, Honghua Liu, Leah Middleton, Kani Rasas, Esther Thomas, Lourdes Valles
- OSHC Coordinator-Cherry Valenzuela
- Minilit & Multilit Program - Mimi Woolley, Cherry Valenzuela, Joanna Danko
- Library Assistant-Kath Baylis
- Finance Officer-Lee Mian Chong
- Admin Officer-Yolanda Gray
- Grounds Person-Yin Jongue
- School Based Officer-Indigenous Students-Jenny Kuhl
- Transition Defence Aide-Christine Crimmings
- Literacy Support /ISA-Christine Crimmings, Wendy Manolis, Jennie Zucaratto, Faye Ciubal, Jolie Chan, Maria Pereira, Luzia Murdock, Mary Gillespie
- Canteen-Janine Wetherall & Tammy Richards
- Homework Centre-Jenny Kuhl
- School Counsellor– Kelly Smith

An article in relation to the multi age class structure for 2015 has been included in this newsletter.

Parent Information Night
Holy Spirit school is committed to building positive partnerships between school and home. We strongly believe that effective partnerships are critical to achieving successful outcomes for students and Parent Information Sessions are one of the ways we work together to build partnerships and connections between home and school.

The Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday 10th February. Teachers will provide an overview of the curriculum for the year, homework and behavior expectations, class routines and events for each year level at these sessions. It is vital that at least one parent attends these sessions.

- Transition session from 4:30pm - 5:00pm
- Grade 1 and 2 session from 5:00pm - 5:30pm
- Grade 3 and 4 session from 5:30pm - 6:00pm
- Grade 5 and 6 session from 6:00pm - 6:30pm

Parent Involvement
Holy Spirit Primary school has a number of very dedicated parents who contribute in many ways to the life of our school community. We are always seeking new parents to contribute in some way and to be actively involved in the education of children. Children take great delight in seeing their parents help out and having them take an interest in their learning. You may like to consider contributing in some of the following areas:

- Classroom support
- Membership of our Parents and Friends committee,
- School Board Committee
- Physical Education program
- Occupational Health and Safety Committee
- Grounds and Maintenance committee
- Other?

Please fill in the tear-off slip in this week’s newsletter if you can help in any way-big or small. We welcome and encourage your support.

Opening School Mass
We look forward to celebrating the beginning of our school year with our first school Mass that will take place next Friday 13th February morning at 9am. I encourage all members of our community to join us for this special celebration as we join with Fr. Jimmy and the Parish to welcome new families, students and staff to Holy Spirit school and to welcome back those returning. This Mass will also include the commissioning and blessing of our 2015 student leadership group.

There will be coffee and tea for parents following the mass in the staffroom.

God bless and keep you safe.

Mr. Simon Duffy
Principal
CLASSROOM NEEDS
A reminder to families to please supply their child(ren) with an art smock (old shirt) and a tissue box for their classroom.

PARENT PICK UP / DROP OFF ZONE
Parents are reminded that the Parent Pick Pp is for a drop off in the morning and collection in the afternoon. It is not a designated parking area. The speed limit is 5km per hour.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION
If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail please contact the front office with your preferred e-mail address. You can also access the newsletter through the School App. If you are receiving and do not require a hard copy of the newsletter because you access it through e-mail and the school app please notify the office.

SCHOOL FEES - 2015
Families are advised the following school fees for 2015 apply. These fees have been recommended by the CEC Finance, Facilities & Resources Committee and endorsed by the Bishop. If the level of increase creates any hardship for you please make an appointment with the Principal to discuss the circumstances.

1st Child $274.25 + levies = $405.25 per term
$274.25 + $65 + $45 + $21 = $405.25

2nd Child $246.83 + levies = $377.83 per term
$377.83 + $405.25 - $45 = $738.08 per term – total of 2

3rd Child $219.40 + levies = $350.40 per term
$350.40 + $738.08 - $45 = $1,129.48 per term – total of 3

4th Child levies only = $131.00 per term
$131.00 + $1043.48 - $45 = $1,209.48 per term – total of 4

Levies
$65.00 Books & Services (per child/per term)
$21.00 Excursion (per child/per term)
$45.00 Air-conditioning (per family/per term)
$42.00 B&S extra for Years 5 & 6 (per child/per year)

Community of Learners (fees are subject to change)

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BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER
Have you used your child’s “Back to school” voucher? It is worth $150 and can be used against the Book and Service Levy or uniforms. Valid till the end of Term 1. Available at the Front Office.

SCHOOL DANCE WORKSHOPS
What will your child learn from a ‘Dance Nation Dance Course’ at your school:

About:
Dance Nation comes to you from Adelaide and Melbourne to teach a wide range of different dances and styles in a familiar environment. Whether it be your early learning centre, primary or secondary school, Dance Nation has an age appropriate course just for you! We place special emphasis on building self confidence, creativity and self esteem in young children.

Australian National Curriculum:
Dance Nation dance programs can be used as the key movement mediums in health and Physical Education and be identified in The Arts learning area as on of the five art forms. Our courses are specifically designed for children aged between the ages of 2 – and 14. Students from Year 3–6 will participate in Dance Nation’s three core dance learning experiences; creating a dance masterpiece, performing and reviewing dances. A dance program for K-2 adds particular importance in learning a wide range of different dances in a structured environment combining the skills of flexibility, fitness, movement, body awareness and fun!

Family Information:
Your children will have 1 dance session per day across the whole week. This will give your child the opportunity to learn and create up to 3 fun and energetic dances to showcase to you on the night of the concert. We can’t wait to come and dance with your children!

For more information please visit: www.stompdc.com.au or www.dancify.com.au

Congratulations to the following students:

- Transition, Rm.8 - Magda Reyneke
- Lucas Clifford
- T/1, Rm 9 - Maddison Grace
- Leo Nguyen
- Year 1/2, Rm.3 - Tahlia Grace
- Year 1/2, Rm.4 - Jack Barton
- Year 1/2, Rm.6 - Addison Fermanis
- Year 3/4, Rm. 14 - Cody Dwyer
- Year 3/4, Rm. 15 - Danielle Krongold
- Year 3/4, Rm.17 - Sedge Santiago
- Year 5/6, Rm. 10 - Terry Poniris
- Year 5/6, Rm. 12 - Lele Balu
- Year 5/6, Rm 13 - Bethany Kerwin
- Sport Award - Miguel Ladines

A W.E.S.T. Award is presented to a person who is Welcoming, Encouraging, says Sorry and is Thankful.

This week’s W.E.S.T Award goes to: Michael Ginis and Judeann Latu

PO Box 40030, Casuarina, NT. 0811 | email: admin.holyspirit@nt.catholic.edu.au | website: www.holyspiritnt.catholic.edu.au | Ph. 08 8927 3411 | Fax: 08 8927 9791

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### HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE SCHOOL APP?

Haven't downloaded yet? Why not do so now! You will receive weekly updates for student notices, newsletters, sports results, and more. Click on the image to open your phone's web browser or scan the QR code to download the Holy Spirit NT app.

### Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to the following Students who Celebrate their birthday in week 1 & 2:
- Jason Mathew
- Rhys Pascoe
- Alex Cubillo
- Danielle Krongold
- Shallen Hart

### SPORTS VOUCHERS

The Government Sport Vouchers were distributed last week. If your child has not received one please visit [www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au](http://www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au) or call 1800 817 860 to request a new or replacement voucher for your child.

### NEW WEBSITE!

Holy Spirit School has a new website address! If you would like to view our new site please follow the link below:

[www.holyspiritnt.catholic.edu.au](http://www.holyspiritnt.catholic.edu.au)
MULTI-AGE CLASS STRUCTURE AT
HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Learning and teaching in a multi-age classroom

Throughout Australia there are many schools that have mixed-age classes. Multi-age grouping is just one of the ways used to organise classrooms and it is used very effectively at Holy Spirit Primary school. It is the deliberate mixing of children from various age groups of more than one year in the one class. Multi-age groupings are also known by other terms, e.g. vertical, family and heterogeneous groupings. Multi-age classes at Holy Spirit allows us to have flexibility with class groupings, enabling us to distribute students across classes, taking into consideration each child’s learning and behavioural needs, students that work well together, students’ strengths and areas for development.

What are the benefits for teachers and children?

Research has highlighted the benefits for both teachers and children when learning and teaching in a multi-age classroom. Benefits include more holistic, child-responsive curriculum practices that consider the understandings, capabilities and dispositions that children need for future work, e.g. working in diverse environments that seek workers who are multi-skilled, literate, cooperative, creative, adaptable, independent and resourceful. Teachers program and cater for the range of student abilities in their class, extending those who are working at level and beyond and providing support for those who are still consolidating their knowledge and understandings of specific concepts.

In a multi-age setting, younger children benefit from the positive models of older children, often aspiring to their levels of capability. At the same time, older children often rise to the expectations of the younger children and teacher, being very responsible and having opportunities to lend and use their expertise.

At Holy Spirit Primary teachers work together across year levels to plan learning experiences that cater for the range of abilities and interests of students in their classes.

What does the research say about multi-age learning and teaching?

- Teachers concentrate on what children can do, rather than what they can’t do. There is never any fear of failure, which builds confidence.
- Competition is removed from the classroom. There is no comparison with other children and children are always ready to “have a go”.
- Children are allowed to make choices and express themselves in many ways. Creative activities are common.
- Children’s ideas are welcomed, and can be tried out. Children feel good about themselves, which makes an excellent environment for learning.
- There is freedom of choice and exploration of many ideas, which makes learning an exciting and real part of children’s lives.
- Children enter a class where there are older children, so settling in is much easier. Older children are provided with leadership opportunities, which develops their confidence and makes them feel very worthwhile and important.
- Children are not segregated into class year levels. They mix freely and are encouraged to work and play together, to cooperate and make connections with students across year levels.
- Schedules and routines are established that enhance student responsibility for their own learning and flexible use of time.
- Group learning experiences provide opportunities to extend students across and within year levels.
- Children are encouraged to have a high level of independence and efficiency in learning individually or in combination with others.
- Children serve as “teachers” to others within and across different year levels (peer tutoring).


Please complete and return to your child/ren’s class teacher

I/We __________________________ parent/s of ________________________________
( please print name)

Room/s _________________________ would like to become involved in the school in the following ways________________________________________________________________________

Signed: ________________________________ Date: __________________________

Phone contact details: ____________________________________
Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School invites you to the:

Welcome Family Picnic

When: Friday 13th of February
Time: 5:30pm - 7pm
Where: Casuarina Pool

Cost of Entry
- Adult: $4
- Child / Concession: $2
- Seniors Card Holders: $3.40
- Children under 4: Free
- Spectators: Free
- Family Concession: $10 (2 adults/ 2 children)

Community Notices

Rince na h’Eireann
Darwin Irish Dance Association
Come and Try day
Sat 7th Feb 15, 9 - 11am
Classes for Children (5+) and Adults
Masonic Hall, Stokes St, Parap
Contact: rincenah@bigpond.com
Romola: 0412 288 424
Website: www.darwinirishdance.com

ARE YOU A LEVEL 4 ACTIVE SWIM & SURVIVE SWIMMER?

POOL LIFESAVING SPORT
4TH Feb 2015 – 1st April 2015
Royal Life Saving NT holds
Pool Lifesaving Sport at Casuarina Pool on
Wednesday evening from 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Junior Pool Lifesaving Squad:
Must have completed Level 4 or above Active Swim & Survive
program or swim freestyle 50m
Improve your fitness and skills in swimming and water safety
under the guidance of Pool Lifesaving coaches.
SPORT VOUCHERS CAN BE USED.
For further Information please contact:
Royal Life Saving Society NT
T: 04188 570 76
Email: sportnt@rlssa.org.au
Community Notices (cont.)

Dolce Violin School by Sarah Ladd

ENROLING NOW FOR 2015!!
Music is so much fun! STARTS Term 1, Week 3!
Violin Tutoring: Suzuki, AMEB, Music Maestros
Methods and Musicianship.
AMEB qualified teacher with over 10 years' experience.
Lessons are available at school.
Group or individual options.
Enrolment Forms available at Front Office/Email

m: 0402 657 103  w: dolceviolinschool.com  e: sarahladd78@gmail.com

CONGOLESE Parenting Program
TIPS – Tips and Ideas on Parenting Skills

Being a parent is wonderful but also challenging. At the Tips & Ideas on Parenting Skills Program we discuss our experiences as parents. We share simple and practical ideas and learn new information. Mothers, fathers, aunties, uncles, grandparents – anyone who looks after children is invited.

When 10am Saturday 21 February (Information session & morning tea)
Saturday 7 March
Saturday 21 March
Saturday 11 April

At Holy Spirit Primary School
Gsell Street, Casuarina (nearest corner: Angelo Street, parking available)

Bookings essential. Please call
- Rebecca on 0469 319 652
- or Kaydee on 0478 691 355
- or Gail at Melaleuca on 8985 3311

Transport and childcare provided if necessary. Please let us know who many and how old the children are when you are booking.

Topics to choose from:
- Feelings
- Let's work together (as a family and community)
- Instead of hitting, what can I do?
- Dealing with tantrums and other misbehaviours
- Responsible children
- Honesty
- Helping children feel good about themselves
- Good labels, bad labels
- Teenagers
- Family fun

Junior soccer training takes place at AWOF with 1966 English Premier League Everton FA Cup Champion Mike Trebilcock on Saturday mornings from 8.30am – 9.30am.

This is for ages 4-15.
It costs $150 per 10 week block, or $15 per session (we accept NT Government Sports Vouchers). Every child who signs up for ten weeks receives a free AWOF Junior T-shirt

Friday night junior 5-a-side football competition

Unlimited subs! 14 week comp! $7 per player!
5pm start

To enrol a team call Amy on 89852844
OR
Email us: info@awof.com.au