Dear Families,

Yesterday at our whole school liturgy, we acknowledged the beginning of the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. Over the coming weeks we prepare ourselves for Easter. It is a time set aside for reflection on Jesus Christ – his suffering and his sacrifice.

At our school Liturgy the students, staff and parents received the ashes on their forehead, as a sign of our willingness to repent and ask God for forgiveness. Students were reminded that during the season of Lent we are invited to recognise our failures, to seek forgiveness, to grow deeper in faith and stronger in love through prayer, fasting and good deeds to others.

It has been great to see so many families in our school community over the last two weeks. The Parent Information Evening, Opening Year School Mass, the Welcoming Family Picnic, assisting with Shrove Tuesday and participating in yesterday’s Ash Wednesday liturgy have all been well attended. Parent involvement plays a vital role in the success of any school and we are blessed as a school to have such vibrant parent community.

Our next big school social event is the Harmony Day Dinner held on Friday 20th March from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at school. This event is a wonderful opportunity for families to gather and celebrate our cultural diversity, as well as watching performances from our school choirs and dancers.

Today it was time to stop, remember and reflect on the 73rd Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin. The school captains, vice captains and myself attended the Service at Darwin Cenotaph where we laid a wreath, to honour the fallen on behalf of the Holy Spirit School Community.

This week at school there is a real buzz of excitement around as each of the classes from Community of Learners through to our 5/6 students visit the Life Education Van and get to meet Healthy Harold. This week, each of the year levels is focusing on different modules from the Life Education program. The program aims are to assist students to:

1) Acquire age appropriate knowledge to support informed health choices
2) Develop and practice skills and strategies to act upon individual decisions
3) Recognise the values and attitudes that may influence lifestyle choices and behaviours.

Sessions are designed to be age specific and sequential. The idea of the program is to help develop connections between home and school, between families, children and their teachers. If you would like more information please go to the website: www.lifeeducation.org.au/primary-school-program

A reminder that the Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Sessions with your child’s teacher is either on Tuesday 24th February or Wednesday 25th February between 3:00pm and 6:00pm. Bookings for these meeting are made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the school code: BK8NG. The purpose of this meeting is to have time with your child’s teacher to discuss your hopes and dreams for your child’s achievements during 2015.

God bless you all and keep you safe,

Mr. Simon Duffy
Principal

Reflection

“Send out your breath and life begins; you renew the face of the earth.”
- Psalms 104:30
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:
CHILD SAFETY AND WELLBEING

- Parents are reminded that staff supervision commences at 7:45am each morning prior to school commencing at 8:10am. Parents who require care before this time are asked to book their child into the ‘Before School Care Program’ at a cost of $40/week.

- Parent pick up – Parents are reminded that the Parent pick up is for a drop off in the morning and collecting in the afternoon. It is not a designated parking area.

LATE COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

Students who have not been collected by 2:50pm will be sent to After School Care to ensure supervision. Children collected before 3:00pm will not be charged a fee.

Happy Birthday to the following Students who Celebrate their birthday in week 4:

- Jose Soares
- Zane Mitchell
- Kalan Brooks
- Kassandra Kirby

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT LITURGICAL DANCE AND SENIOR CHOIR IS CANCELLED FOR NEXT WEEK.

PARENT / TEACHER GOAL SETTINGS

Parent/Teacher Goal Settings will be held between 3:00pm – 6pm on Tuesday 24th February and Wednesday 25th of February. You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY best.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Enter THIS school event code: BK8NG

Then follow these 3 simple steps:

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teachers
3. Choose times

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

BOOKINGS CLOSE
TUESDAY 24TH OF AUGUST at 9am

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, Please contact the front office. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 89 273 411.

Interviews are strictly 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 89 273 411

GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons are available on Thursdays.

1/2 hour lessons.
Solo $25 | Group $20.00

Contact Garry Jackson
Ph. 89 455 326 or email: garrynoel@iinet.net.au
Enrolment forms available from the front office.

Dolce Violin School by Sarah

Learn Violin at Holy Spirit!

LESSONS DURING SCHOOL, HOURS 9 - 2.30pm

Violin Tutoring: Suzuki, AMEB, Music Maestros Methods and Musicianship.
AMEB qualified teacher with over 10 years’ experience.

Group or Individual options. Enrolment Forms available at Front Office/Email

m: 0402 657 103 w. dolceviolinschool.com e: sarahhadd78@gmail.com
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**SHROVE TUESDAY**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**
Community Notices

UPCOMING PARENTING COURSE - 2015

Offering affordable parenting courses to help parents manage the big and small problem of family life.

Anglicare NT
Tuning into Kids - Tuesdays 24 Feb to 31 March, 6pm - 9pm
123 Magic - Tuesdays 12 May - 26 May, 6pm - 9pm
Tuning into Teens, Tuesdays 29 July - 1 Sep, 6pm - 9pm
Tuning into Kids - Tuesdays 20 Oct to 24 Nov, 9:30am -12pm

Call 89464800 or email: resolve@anglicare-nt.org.au to discuss fees and secure your booking.

CatholicCare NT
Triple P - Power of Positive Parenting (teens)
Tuesdays 17 Feb - 3 March, 6pm -8pm
Tuning into Kids, Tuesdays 14 April -19 May, 9:30am-12pm
Triple P - Power of Positive Parenting (0-12 yrs.)
Tuesdays 26 May - 23 June, 6pm -8pm
Tuning into Kids, Tuesdays 4 Aug - 8 Sep, 9:30am-12pm
Triple P - Power of Positive Parenting (0-12 yrs.)
Tuesdays 10 Nov - 1 Dec, 6pm -8pm

Call 8944 2000 or email: darwin@catholiccarent.org.au to discuss fees and secure your booking.

Aged between 4-18? Boys and girls are welcome to come down and play Rugby Union. It is a great way to get active and make great mates. University Pirates are holding a junior sign on day at the University Clubhouse Building Green 2 Casuarina Campus Lakeside Drive on the 28th of February from 3pm -6pm. Free Sausage sizzle and slip and slide come down and experience Rugby the game they play in Heaven.

Contact Frank Jennings for any further information on 0412838732

Darwin Dragons Rugby Union Club

JUNIORS SIGN-ON DAY
Thursday 19 February 2015 from - 5.15pm
U7’s through to U17’s
Training Nights - Tuesdays & Thursdays
Juniors 5.15pm & Seniors 6.15pm
Rugby Park (Field 1) - 71 Abala Road Mararra
For further information contact:-
Email: darwindragonsrugby@hotmail.com
Phone: President - Puru Westrupp on 0450 500 568
Information and Nomination Form:
School Sport NT Combined Swimming Championships Team

School Sport NT will select a team of Northern Territory students, including para athletes, aged 10 to 19 years as at 31 December 2015 to compete at the School Sport Australia Pacific School Games in Adelaide. The following is the selection criteria:

- Team members’ selection will be based solely on performances in events from 19th to 22nd March 2015 at the NT Open and Age and 9 and under Championships being held in Darwin.
- Achievement of a benchmark in one event will be sufficient for consideration for the team. Please nominate events in order of preference.
- Team limitations will be based on number of competitors allowed in each event (see tables on following pages).
- Students wishing to nominate MUST have participated in their last Region Swimming Carnival held either at the end of 2014 or the beginning of 2015 unless they have notified their region of exceptional circumstances.
- School students who are between 10 and 19 years on 31 December 2015 will be considered for selection if they meet the base performance standards of 28 according to the Australian Age Point system. Please note these times represent base performance standards for consideration by selectors only, and achievement of these does not guarantee selection into the squad.
- Multi Class (MC) swimmers will be selected on consistent performances in two or more events.
- If a student believes he or she is competitive at the relevant points standard but is unable to compete at the Championships, an application for consideration must be made directly to the School Sport NT Office before Friday 6th March.
- A squad will be announced at the presentation event following the NT Open and Age Championships and a team and reserves will be identified by Monday 13th April once all ascendencies have been received or not from the selected squad members.
- A levy to cover travel, accommodation, food, uniforms, event entry fees will be payable to School Sport NT (levy will be approximately $3,000.00).

Nomination forms must be forwarded to the School Sport NT Office for the student to be considered by FRIDAY 6TH MARCH for selection in 2015 squad.

School Sport NT is expecting to send a team of up to 40/50 swimmers along with another 160 students in the other sports of Basketball, Touch, Football, Softball, Table Tennis and Goal Ball.

I wish to nominate for selection as a member of the School Sport NT swimming squad for the 2015 School Sport Australia Pacific School Games. I have read and understood the selection criteria.

IF SELECTED I AGREE TO:
- Pay the nominated levy for the Event.
- (Levy amount to be determined, expected to be approx. $3,000.00);
- Comply with all School Sport NT and School Sport Australia rules and codes of conduct;
- Inform the Team Manager if I sustain any injury or illness coming into or during the meet;
- Maintain an appropriate training schedule for my events up to the Games; and
- Swim in the events for which I have been selected and have accepted.

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**OFFICE USE ONLY**

**NOMINATED EVENTS (Individual events only)**

Please send this nomination form along with a $10 non-refundable fee to the School Sport NT Office. Enrolled forms will be forwarded to swimming team officials.

EMAIL: database@nt.gov.au FAX: 8948 0257, 1 Nemartuk Drive, Ludmilla

School Sport NT Swimming BSB: 633000 Acc No: 142589449 with name by deposit