Principal's Reflection

Dear Families,

It was fantastic to see so many parents involved with our Parent Teacher Goal Setting Evenings this week. We had over 190 parents attend and set goals with their child’s teacher. The feedback from staff and parents alike has indicated that has been a positive experience where teachers have been able to gain many insights into the children in their classes from their student’s first educators; their parents.

There is no doubt that the best outcomes for children happen when teachers and parents work together to support their learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child’s teacher to maximise your child’s chances of school success.

1. Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve
2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive
3. Support your teacher’s expectations with activities at home
4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time
5. Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes
6. Skill children to work with others
7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties
8. Participate fully in class & school activities
9. Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience
10. Talk up what happens at school

(Michael Grose ‘10 Ways parents can work with teachers to help kids ACHIEVE.’)

The Holy Spirit School Board meets each month during school time. The 2015 Holy Spirit School Board is made up of the following members: President – Fr. Jimmy O’Gara, Executive Officer: Simon Duffy, Teacher Representative: Paula Sellars, Chairperson: Johanna Stieber, Finance Officer: LeeMian Chong, Community of Learners Representative: Adam Darcey and Board Members, Breanna Ellis, Georgina Makia, and Trish Pini. I would like to thank the board for the fantastic work that they do in guiding and assisting our Holy Spirit school community. We are looking for additional members to join our board. Expressions of interest to become a board member can be made to Fr. Jimmy or myself.

Throughout this year each of our Yr. 6 students are involved in our “Mercy Leadership groups” which assist within our school community each Wednesday afternoon. The Mercy groups are based on our school’s rich history with the Sisters of Mercy who were the founding order of our school and who showed love and compassion to all. I wish all our Year 6 students the best this year and hope they strive to live out our school motto of “to live, to love, to grow in Christ”.

At this early stage of the year I would like to congratulate our students who are coming to school every day in full school uniform. We have given our students a few weeks to ensure that they have the correct uniform. Please check the prospectus and observe uniform guidelines. They are a condition of enrolment at Holy Spirit School. Next week uniform slips will be sent home with students who are not wearing correct uniform. Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated.

God bless you all and keep you safe,

Mr. Simon Duffy
Principal

Reflection

“So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were urging you through us, and in the name of Christ we appeal to you to be reconciled to God.”

- Corinthians 5:20
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 = $1043.48 per term – total of 3

4th Child  
levies only = $131.00 per term  
$131.00 + $1043.48 - $45 = $1,129.48 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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For more information please visit: 
**SPORTS VOUCHERS**

The Government Sport Vouchers have been distributed. If your child has not received one please visit www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au or call 1800 817 860 to request a new or replacement voucher for your child.

**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.

**GUARD 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.

**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.
- Please note that Holy Spirit has two students that have severe allergic reaction to eggs and egg products. As a precaution a note has been sent home to the families of students in their respective classes to make parents aware when packing school lunches. Eggs have also been removed from the school canteen.
- **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.

**INTRODUCING...**

Mrs. Kirsty Boath

Kirsty has joined Holy Spirit as the Indonesian Teacher. She was born in Brisbane however moved to Nhulunbuy, NT when she was ten years old. After completing her schooling in Nhulunbuy she then moved to Darwin to study Business at CDU and commenced her career in Human Resource Management. It was during this time that Kirsty developed an interest in training and education and decided to return to university to study teaching.

Kirsty has taught in a number of teaching roles in Darwin including Ludmilla Primary School, Jingili Primary School and the Darwin Languages Centre. She has a passion for languages and has now completed postgraduate studies in both ESL and Indonesian.

Although Kirsty married a local and has spent most of her time in the NT; she is still a Queenslander at heart and is a passionate supporter of the Broncos and Queensland Reds.

She has two sons who keep her very busy and is she is currently learning how to play the guitar. Kirsty is thoroughly enjoying being a part of the Holy Spirit Catholic School community.

**LOOKING THROUGH THE WINDOW**

With Transition, Rm 8 – Miss Lauren

Welcome to Transition Room 8! We have been having such a fun time at Holy Spirit! We have been learning lots of different things and have been very busy. Take a look at some of our fantastic photos!

- We have been investigating the weather!
- We celebrated Shrove Tuesday with yummy pancakes! Thank you to Mum’s and Dad’s for helping!
- We had fun writing our numbers 1-10 in the sand!
- We had fun with Healthy Harold and learnt about staying safe
Term 1 Calendar, 2015

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SPORT: Basketball (Girls and Boys)
AGES: 10 – 13 year Born 2005 - 2002
DATE: Friday 27, Mon 30, Tues 31 March
TIME: 3.30 – 5.00pm
WHERE: Marrara
BRING: Water Bottle, Sunscreen, hat, appropriate footwear
Note: You must attend at least two of these trials to be eligible for selection
If Selected SSNT 12/13 & Under Championship Event
DATE: 1 – 3 June
HOST REGION: Alice Springs
COST: $905.00 (price is subject to change)
Region Sport Coordinator: Hannah Roll 89451899
hannah.roll@ntschools.net

SPORT: Rugby League – Boys and Girls
Note NO age dispensation.
DATE: Mon 23, Tues 24, Wed 25 March
TIME: 3.30 – 5.00pm
WHERE: Warren Park, Souths Fields, Marrara
BRING: Water Bottle, Sunscreen, hat, appropriate footwear, mouth guard
Note: You must attend at least two of these trials to be eligible for selection
If Selected SSNT 12& Under Championship Event
DATE: 18 – 20 May
HOST REGION: Katherine
COST: Approx. $325.00
TEAM OFFICIALS
MANAGER: Natasha Guse
natasha.guse@ntschools.net
COACH: Emi-Lee Miners
Region Sport Coordinator: Hannah Roll 89451899
hannah.roll@ntschools.net

CHANGE OF ADDRESS
Has your family recently changed your place of residence?
Have you changed your phone number, place of work or postal address?
Please contact the front office with your updated contact details.

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

NEW WEBSITE!
**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
- **Tuning into Kids** - Tuesdays 20 Oct to 24 Nov, 9:30am - 12pm

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

**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, aunts, 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
- Gaskell Street, Casuarina (nearest corner: Angelo Street, parking available)

**Bookings essential. Please call**
- Rebecca on 0469 319 652
- or Kaylee on 0478 691 355
- or Gail at Melaleuca 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

**Waratah Hockey Club**

Are you interested in playing hockey in 2015?

Junior Training commences on Wednesday 04 March 2015 at the Marrara Hockey Centre

Waratahs welcomes children aged from 5 to 17 years.
Age groups are U8s, U11s, U14s and U17s.

- Every new junior member receives a free hockey pack including stick, ball, shinpads, bag and playing shirt.
- All our junior coaches are fully accredited
- We are a family club focused on a safe playing environment
- School sports vouchers accepted

Games are played on Friday nights (U17s) and Saturday mornings (all other junior grades).

For more information please visit our website at www.waratahhockeyclub.com
or email us at waratahhockeyclub@westnet.com.au