Principal’s Reflection

Dear Families,

The Gospel this weekend was the story of the Transfiguration. It is a moment when God calls us to make a new future; God calls us beyond our comfort zones and boundaries. God calls us to focus beyond ourselves. How do we think beyond ourselves and focus on others? How do we show our children to think beyond themselves? In this Lenten season we can take time to reflect on this and challenge ourselves to act in a way that pushes us out of our comfort zones and further into the lives of others.

One such way we do this at Holy Spirit Catholic Primary is by participating in Project Compassion. It is Caritas Australia’s annual fundraising and awareness raising appeal, bringing thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. It runs through the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace.

The Project Compassion 2015 theme is “Food for all” which shares Pope Francis message, “I invite you to make space in your heart… respecting the God-given rights of everyone to have access to adequate food.” Each year at Holy Spirit we hold events to assist in raising donations as well as the Project compassion boxes that were sent home at on Ash Wednesday. One of our planned upcoming events is “Crazy Hair day” to be held on Friday 13th March. Children are encouraged to participate and bring along a gold coin donation.

Harmony Day on the 20th of March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. The message of Harmony Day is “Everyone Belongs”.

We look forward to sharing a multicultural dinner with all members of our Holy Spirit community on Friday 20th from 5:30pm in the undercover area. Families are encouraged to bring along food to share with other families. There will be performances from our school choirs on the night. Put the date in your diary.

God bless you all and keep you safe,

Mr. Simon Duffy
Principal
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 = $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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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 (2nd April). Available at the Front Office.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

Snack size meat pies (120gm) now available - $2.50

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.

BOOK CLUB

Issue #2, closes Wednesday, 11th of March
Happy Birthday to the following Students who Celebrate their birthday in week 6:

- Aiden Marriner
- Paddy McAuliffe-Smith
- Dylan Seden - Kurnoth
- Remia Suradi – Lawton
- Isabella Paolucci
- Lane Morris

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 natsaha.guse@ntschools.net

COACH: Emi-Lee Miners

Region Sport Coordinator: Hannah Roll 89451899 hannnah.roll@ntschools.net

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 hannnah.roll@ntschools.net

**LOOKING THROUGH THE WINDOW**

**With Year 3/4, Rm 17 – Mr. O**

Room 17 has been investigating, ‘What makes a positive learning environment?’ They were given the opportunity to work in small teams and evaluate their group’s effectiveness.

Students were required to research, record and create an information poster on a specific topic related to the history of Indigenous cultures. From here, each team was required to give an oral presentation on their topic.

Furthermore, the class was required to give constructive feedback to each team’s presentation. At the conclusion of the presentations, each individual reflected on their team’s performance and how well they worked together whilst acknowledging areas for improvement.

**INTRODUCING...**

**Kelly Smith – School Counsellor**

Kelly was born in Melbourne and is the eldest child. Influenced by the need to help others and love for psychology, Kelly decided to complete a Bachelor in Social Science, specialising in Psychology at Swinburne University. From there, Kelly completed a Masters in Counselling at Monash University.

After a surprise visit to see family in Darwin, she fell in love with the warmer climate and amazing scenery. As soon as her masters was completed, she applied for jobs in Darwin and was successful.

Throughout the week, Kelly works across three Catholic schools; Holy Spirit, St. Paul's and St Johns. Kelly enjoys meeting new people, being outdoors and playing sport.

“It is fantastic to be spending my second year at Holy Spirit. I am at Holy Spirit on Mondays from 8am to 4:30pm and I am happy to meet with anyone who has any concerns they may wish to discuss.”

**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.

**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
**Term 1 Calendar, 2015**

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**UNIFORM**

Students are expected to wear full school uniform each day. A signed note from parents must be sent to school if a student is out of uniform. Students out of uniform will be issued with a note to parents advising breach of uniform - the note is requested to be signed and then returned.

- Purple polo shirt $26
- Black Shorts or Skorts - plain black $21
- Dress $38
- Hats - Black school hat $13
- Black shoes or sandshoes - must be plain black with black laces
- Socks - white or black
- Sandals - black or brown

**Jewellery**

A wrist watch may be worn and a thin gold or silver chain with a cross but no other form of jewellery is acceptable. Students who have pierced ears may wear one pair of ‘sleepers’ or ‘studs’ only.

**Hair**

Needs to be neat and tidy at all times. Hair is not to be hanging in the face of students, if longer than students shoulders needs to be tied back. Purple or black ribbons are acceptable.

- Nail Polish is not to be worn at school.
- Hats are a compulsory uniform item

**CRAZY HAIR DAY**

Style your hair wild on **Friday, 13th of March**.

**Please style your hair at home.**

**Spray cans and gels are not permitted at school.**

Gold coin donation.
All proceeds towards Caritas.

**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 **sever 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.

**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.
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.

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**Lá Fhéile Pádraig - Aifreann i gaelach**

You are invited to celebrate St Patrick’s Day, Tues 17th March, with a Mass in Gaelic at The Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Gsell St. Casuarina at 5.30pm. Mass will be concelebrated by Fr Jimmy O’Gara and Bishop Eugene Hurley.

Please bring a plate to share with light refreshments afterwards.

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**Darwin Dragons Rugby Union Club**

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

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**COME AND BE A PART OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL RUGBY UNION CLUB IN DARWIN**

The Mighty Casuarina Cougars are looking for junior players aged U5—U17 for the 2015 union season

Junior training starts 3 March 2015
First game is 10 April 2015

Contact our Junior Co-ordinator
Leith Wood on 0409 044 617

Or send an email to:
cougarsjuniors@internode.on.net

Or check out:
Facebook @ Casuarina Cougars
www.casuarinarugby.com.au

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