



18 February, 2016

# NEWSLETTER

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

Week 3, Term 1

## Principal's Reflection

Dear Families,

Tomorrow we will take time to stop, remember and reflect on the 74th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin. The school captains, vice captains and myself will attend the Service at Darwin Cenotaph where we will lay a wreath, to honour the fallen on behalf of the Holy Spirit School Community.

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, Shrove Tuesday and the 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 18th 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.



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 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 any further please go to the website: [www.lifeeducation.org.au/primary-school-program](http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/primary-school-program)

Work place safety is everybody's responsibility. Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School has a Work Health and Safety team that meet regularly, if you have any school concerns that you would like to rise with the committee please contact Paula Sellars, our school's Work Health Safety Co-ordinator or myself.

A reminder that the Goal Setting Sessions with your child's teacher are on either Tuesday 23rd February or Wednesday 24th February between 3pm and 6pm. 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 2016. Booking for these meetings are done online. Parents are asked to go to the website: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and log on with the code (2Q6MZ) and make their booking. There are more details in the newsletter.

God bless you all and keep you safe,

Mr. Simon Duffy  
Principal

## Reflection

*"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. Everyone who asks receives; everyone who searches finds; everyone who knocks will have the door opened."*

*-Matthew 7:7-8*



# Student of the Week Awards

## Congratulations to the following students:

- \* T/1, Rm.8 - Damien Marriner  
Lucy Sullivan
- \* T/1, Rm. 9 - Lucas Jaravata  
Saoirse Cooke
- \* Year 1/2, Rm.4 - Michael Kariotis
- \* Year 1/2, Rm.6 - Tadhg Maika
- \* Year 3/4, Rm.10 - Bernie Miller
- \* Year 3/4, Rm.12 - Lasith De Silva
- \* Year 3/4, Rm.13 - Kosta Kariotis
- \* Year 4/5, Rm.17 - Czarina Angeles
- \* Year 5/6, Rm.14 - Alyssa O'Donnell
- \* Year 5/6, Rm.15- Reesi Markovsky-Cole
- \* Sport Award - Room 13
- \* Indonesian Award - Honey Chastain

A **W.E.S.T** Award is presented to a person who is **W**elcoming, **E**ncouraging, says **S**orry and is **T**hankful.  
This week's W.E.S.T Award goes to :

**Blake Barrett**



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

- Anastasia Thomas
- Izaiah Fermanis
- Cleo Bond
- Hannah Thomas
- Michael Copley
- Mark Copley
- Emily Tinsley
- Jose Soares
- Kalan Brooks
- Cassandra Kirby
- Amali Sweet
- Neve Krongold

## 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.

## SPORTS VOUCHERS

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.

## 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](mailto:garrynoel@iinet.net.au)  
Enrolment forms available from the front office.

## PIANO 2016

Lesson times are available for new students. Enrolment forms are available from the Front Office. Thank you

-Carolyn Gray (piano teacher)

## HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE SCHOOL APP?



Holy Spirit NT



Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School app allows for communication at the touch of a button. Stay connected to Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School Darwin from wherever you are. Keep up to date with the latest news and events. You can also read our newsletters and view our canteen menu.



## PARENT /TEACHER GOAL SETTING SESSIONS

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held at **3.00pm – 5:45pm** on **Tuesday 23rd** and **Wednesday 24th of February**. You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

Enter THIS school event code: **2Q6MZ**  
Then follow these 3 simple steps:



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](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

## BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 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](http://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

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Ardee Gojar (Room 8) and family on becoming Australian Citizens!



## HATS

Please label your child's hat with a puff pen or white out on the brim of the hat to assist the front office and teachers with the return of missing hats to their owners.

# Term 1 Calendar, 2016

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
<b>Week 4</b> February 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent	15 Life Education Van Basketball Gala day	16	17	18 Board Meeting	19 Bombing of Darwin ceremony @ cenotaph	Year 1/2 Room 4 – Tracey Coco
<b>Week 5</b> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lent	22	23 Parent/Teacher Goal Setting 3-6pm	24	25	26 Reward Afternoon	Year 5/6 Room 13 – Shannon Lea
<b>Week 6</b> March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent	29	1	2	3 AFL Gala day	4	Year 3/4 Room 15 – Caoimhe Kalinowsky
<b>Week 7</b> March 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent	7	8	9	10	11 Indoor Cricket Gala day	Year 1/2 Room 6 – Mimi Woolley
<b>Week 8</b> March 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent	14	15 Reconciliation Ceremony	16	17 Board Meeting	18 Rugby League Gala Harmony Day Dinner @ 5:30pm	Year 4/5 Room 17 – Steve O'Shannessy
<b>Week 9</b> March Palm Sunday	21 Holy Week	22	23 Easter Raffle Drawn @ 2:30pm	24	25 Good Friday	Holy Week (whole school)
<b>Week 10</b> March/April Easter Sunday	28 Easter Monday Holiday	29	30	31	1 Netball Gala Day Reward Afternoon	Transition/Year 1 – Kelsey Crowe

## INTRODUCING...

*Fr. Joseph Neonbasu*

I am Joseph Neonbasu MGL. I was born in Kupang-Indonesia on 3 April 1973. I am the 7th of 8 children. I have two sisters and five brothers. Two of my brothers are priests and that made me want to become a priest.

I went to the Seminary to study to become priest when I was 15. I was in the Minor Seminary for 4 years. I continued my priesthood training to the Major Seminary in Flores Island for another 6 years. After I completed my bachelor of Philosophy in August 2001, I left the Seminary. However, I still wanted to become priest. In that year, I was asked to lecture at one of the Universities in Kupang. But I refused that offer. It made my family upset, especially two of my brothers. They tried help me for my future.

One night, my brother who is a priest called me from Australia. He was studying at Australian National University. He asked me to come to Australia to join the Missionaries of God's Love (MGL). I didn't want to come to Australia. However, in May 2002, Fr. Ken Barker MGL, the Moderator of the MGL invited me to come and to join the MGL. I felt the calling of God to go to Australia. I came to Australia in September 2002. I did my studies in Melbourne and finished my bachelor of Theology in 2007. I was ordained as a priest in Canberra on 12 December 2009.

My first placement as priest was in St. Benedict's Parish in Canberra, ACT. In February 2001 I moved to Darwin, at St. Martin de Porres Aboriginal Community. In 2014 I was the chaplain for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Darwin, Coordinating the Liturgy for the St. John's Boarders and Chaplain for the Multicultural Catholics of Darwin. Then in 2015, I was the chaplain at St. John's College. I was installed as Parish Priest on 7th February. Since then, I am enjoying the life at the Holy Spirit Parish, Parish Community and the School.

One of my greatest strengths in my relationship with God is singing. I have been singing since in my early childhood. I am enjoying singing with young People. I thank God of the gift of singing. In singing I can lead others into praise and worship our Wonderful God. God bless.



## ABSENCES AND LATE STUDENTS

### Holiday?

If your child/ren are going to be away during the school term please notify the front office by e-mail, phone, the school app, or come in and pick up a 'Notification of Absence' form.

### Leaving?

If your child is leaving the school please notify the office by completing a 'Termination of Enrolment' form which can be found at the front office.

### Late?

If your child arrives to school after the first bell (8:10am), please send them to the front office to be signed in. If they are not signed in they might be recorded as an unexplained absence.



### Sick?

If your child is sick please notify the front office by e-mail, phone or the school app. Your child's absence will only be recorded as a notified absence if you advise the school on the day.

## 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.

## LATE COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

Students who have not been collected by 2:45pm will be sent to After School Care to ensure supervision. Children collected before 3:00pm will not be charged a fee.

# Community Notices



## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

THE SUCCESS OF ANY CLUB DEPENDS ON ITS VOLUNTEERS.  
 IN 2016, CASUARINA FOOTBALL CLUB WILL BE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOU  
 MUMS AND DADS WHO WANT TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.

IT'S THE ROWDY WAY, ROWDIES FOR LIFE.....

CFC AGM: 6TH FEBRUARY 2016 FROM 11AM

**JUNIOR & SENIOR SIGN ON WEEKEND**  
**SAT 27TH FEB 10AM-1PM & SUN 28TH FEB 2-5PM**  
 PORTUGUESE & TIMORESE SOCIAL/SPORTING CLUB, BATTEN RD, MARRARA  
 NEW PLAYERS TO THE CLUB WILL NEED TO PROVIDE A COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE (JUNIOR) OR PROOF OF ID (SENIORS)  
 ANY ENQUIRIES- [WWW.CASUARINAF.C.ORG.AU](http://WWW.CASUARINAF.C.ORG.AU)  
 PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE IN JANUARY 2016 FOR NEW UPDATES REGARDING REGISTRATION



## FamFit Families, Fun-Fit, Tween-Fit, Kids Yoga, and Tween Yoga...

### FAMFIT FAMILIES

For Parents / Carers with unlimited children (age 3 years and up)  
 Saturdays @ 8.30am  
 Starts 20th February 2016  
 \$159 for 6 week block

### FUN-FIT (4-7yrs)

Mondays @ 3.30pm  
 Starts 15th February 2016  
 \$90 for 6 week block

### TWEEN-FIT (8-12yrs)

Mondays @ 4.15pm  
 Starts 15th February 2016  
 \$90 for 6 week block

### KIDS YOGA (4-7yrs)

Tuesdays @ 3.45pm  
 Starts 16th February 2016  
 \$90 for 6 week block

### TWEEN YOGA (8-12yrs)

Thursdays @ 4.15pm  
 Starts 18th February 2016  
 \$90 for 6 week block

### HOW TO BOOK:

PLACES ARE LIMITED - Please email Leah at [famfitnt@gmail.com](mailto:famfitnt@gmail.com) to secure your spot.

Classes are held at Rosebery Middle School, Rosebery.

[www.famfitnt.com.au](http://www.famfitnt.com.au)

DOWNLOAD OUR FREE FAMFIT NT APP FROM THE PLAYSTORE OR APPLESTORE!

**With Banks Hockey Club**  
 Players of all ages and ability welcome  
 Free hockey stick, ball and shin pads for all new juniors  
 Sign up on Saturday 27th February 9-12 at  
 Marrara Hockey Centre, or at training.

For more info contact Roxy 0428823672 or email [banks\\_hockey\\_club@hotmail.com](mailto:banks_hockey_club@hotmail.com), visit our website [www.bankshockeyclub.com](http://www.bankshockeyclub.com), or find us on facebook.

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**Come Try & Sign On**  
 Aussie T- Ball is a fun program for children; it helps develop their coordination & motor skills, build confidence, make new friends and learn a new sport.  
 Come join the fun!!!  
**\$100- including Player Pack**  
 Program runs Feb 24<sup>th</sup> to April 6<sup>th</sup>

Ph: 0417993050  
 Email: [baseballnt@baseballnt.com](mailto:baseballnt@baseballnt.com)  
[www.darwinbaseball.com](http://www.darwinbaseball.com)



**School Sport Australia  
Combined Swimming Championships  
Darwin, NT  
15th – 21st September 2016**

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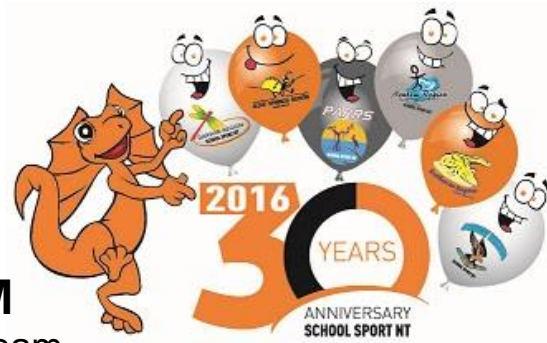
**Information and Nomination Form:  
School Sport NT Combined Swimming Championship Team**

School Sport NT will select a team of Northern Territory school students, including para-athletes, aged 10 to 19 years **as at 31 December 2016** to compete at the School Sport Australia Combined Swimming Championships in Darwin. The following is the selection criteria:

- Team members' selection will be based solely on **performances in events from 3rd to 6th March 2016 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 on the nomination form.**
- Team limitations will be based on number of competitors allowed in each event (check the School Sport Australia website at [www.schoolsportaustralia.org](http://www.schoolsportaustralia.org) for more details).
- Students wishing to nominate **MUST** have participated in their last Region Swimming Carnival held either at the end of 2015 or the beginning of 2016 unless they have notified their region of exceptional circumstances.
- **School students who are between 10 and 19 years on 31 December 2016 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 26<sup>th</sup> February.**
- A squad will be announced at the conclusion of the NT Open and Age Championships. **A team with reserves will be identified by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** once all acceptances have been received/or not from the selected squad members.
- **A levy covering fare equalised travel, uniforms, event levies etc will be payable to School Sport NT (approximately \$800.00 but will be confirmed once team make-up is known)**

**Nominations forms must be forwarded to the School Sport NT Office for the student to be considered by **FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** for selection in 2016 squad.**

**School Sport NT is expecting to send a team of up to 40/50 swimmers along with 4/5 team officials**



## NOMINATION FORM

School Sport NT Swimming Team  
 School Sport Australia Combined Swimming Championships  
 Darwin, NT 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016

I wish to nominate for selection as a member of the School Sport NT swimming squad for the 2016 School Sport Australia Championships. 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 probably be approx. \$800);
- 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 Championships; and
- swim in the events for which I have been selected and have accepted

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Date of Birth:</b>
<b>Club:</b>	<b>School:</b>
<b>Phone (home):</b>	<b>Parent's mobile:</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Parent's email:</b>
<b>Signed (parent):</b>	<b>Parent's name:</b>
<b>Signed (swimmer):</b>	<b>Region:</b>
<b>Participated at Region event:</b>	<b>Regional School Sport Coordinator Signature:</b>
<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>

NOMINATED EVENTS (Individual events only)

**Please send this nomination form along with a \$10 non-refundable fee to the School Sport NT Office. Endorsed forms will be forwarded to swimming team officials.**  
**EMAIL: [admin.ssnt@nt.gov.au](mailto:admin.ssnt@nt.gov.au) FAX: 8948 0257. 1 Namarluk Drive, Ludmilla**

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