Dear Families,

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary school is 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. Project Compassion 2016 carries the message “Learning More, Creating change”.

There will be two events held to raise money for Caritas in which students are asked to bring along a gold coin. Tomorrow, Friday 26th February students are encouraged to come to school with Crazy hair or Crazy sock and shoes or both. Please style your hair at home. Spray cans and gels are not permitted at school. On Friday 11th March students are asked to come along dressed in what they would like to do or be in the future.

It was fantastic to see so many parents involved with our **Parent Teacher Goal Setting Evenings** this week. We had over 180 parents attend and set goals with their child’s teacher. The feedback from staff and parents alike has indicated that it 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.‘)*

We have had a few concerns with toys at school this week. I take this opportunity to remind families that children’s toys are not allowed at school. If they are bringing them in for a classroom activity, they need to be handed to the teacher on arrival and collected at the end of the day. Thanks for your co-operation with this.

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 be aware that the old bucket hat with the purple trim is no longer part of the uniform, the correct hat is the wide brim, black school hat. 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
Congratulations to the following students:

- T/1, Rm.8 - Regan Barrett
  Hollie Lawlor
- T/1, Rm. 9 - Maurice Seden-Kurnoth
  Madison Tranter
- Year 1/2, Rm.4 - Lucas Clifford
- Year 1/2, Rm.6 - Tobias Thomas
- Year 3/4, Rm.10 - Jose Soares
- Year 3/4, Rm.12 - Gabrielle Thomas
- Year 3/4, Rm.13 - Addison Angeles
- Year 4/5, Rm.17 - Lane Morris
- Year 5/6, Rm.14 - Miya Millington
- Year 5/6, Rm.15 - Cheska Acuna
- Sport Award - Jacob Kavanagh
- Indonesian Award - Sedge Santiago

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:

Lachlan Doherty

Happy Birthday to the following Students who celebrate their birthday in week 5:

- Brandon Seiler
- Sofia Commons-Fidge
- Kingston Casimiro
- Leo Nguyen
- Freya Lacey

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 VOUCHER

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...

All canteen lunch orders are to be placed online at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au Registration is easy. Just follow the instructions on the website to register your account, add credit and you can start placing orders. The cutoff time for orders is 9am on the day the order is required. Orders must be placed before this time to ensure your child receives their order for the day. Orders can even be placed two weeks in advance. Recess orders can also be done online. Canteen is available Wednesday - Friday only.

OSHC NEWS...

Bookings and cancellations must be in writing. If you wish to cancel your child’s booking, please sign and return the cancella tion form at least 24 hours before the day you wish to cancel (Before 2:30pm for After School Care and before 7am for Before School Care). Cancellations received with less than 24 hours notice will be charged as normal fee.

The Change of Bookings Form can be obtained from the front office and from the OSCH building. All bookings and cancellations must be in writing and made through the front office. Email accepted, please email to: admin.holyspirit@nt.catholic.edu.au

A copy of the enrolment paperwork for Holy Spirit Out of School Hours Care was sent home to each family. Forms are also available from the OSCH building, the front office and the school website: www.holyspiritnt.catholic.edu.au

Completed forms were to be returned to the front office no later than Friday the 12th of February, 2016. Families will be charged the normal rate of $22 per child per day until the 12th of February, 2016 and the casual rate of $33 thereafter until forms are completed and returned to the front office.

PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISER

The theme for Project Compassion 2016 is “Learning more, creating change”.

On Friday, 11th March 2016 students are invited to dress up as what they would like to be when they grow up. (Gold coin donation)

All money raised will go to Project Compassion 2016.

CRAZY HAIR AND SOCK/SOCK DAY

26th of February. Please style your hair at home. Spray cans, gels and thongs are not permitted at school.

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.

BOOK CLUB

Issue #2, closes Friday 4th of March

HAPPY HEALTHY HAROLD VISIT

Well done to all our students who participated in the Regional Sports Basketball Gala Day, last week. One of our teams even came back with a division win!

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TERM 1 CALENDAR, 2016

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INTRODUCING...

Mrs. Emma Marshall

Emma was born in Launceston, Tasmania. Emma’s Mum’s name is Sandra and her Dad is called Robin. Emma is the eldest child and has a younger brother called Alex. Emma attended Evandale Primary School and St Patrick’s Catholic College.

In 2014 Emma got married to her partner Matt. Emma and Matt moved from Tasmania 3 years ago. They have been living in Katherine, Northern Territory and Emma was teaching at St Joseph’s Catholic College. Emma taught a range of classes including Transition, Year 1/2, Primary Art, Primary Music, Year 7 English and Year 7 Religious Education. Last year she was Curriculum Coordinator for T-6 and Religious Education Coordinator T-12. Prior to teaching in the Northern Territory Emma worked in the Catholic Education system in Tasmania for 5 years.

Emma has a golden retriever puppy called Poppi. Poppi was born on Anzac Day in 2015 – hence the name Poppi. Poppi is very spoilt and loves to swim.

Emma is enjoying teaching at Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School, the staff, students, parents and wider community are so welcoming which has made the transition easier. This year Emma is teaching in Room 8 Transition/Year 1 and is Assistant Principal Religious Education.

Looking through the window

Indonesian with Ibu Kirsty

We have had a great start to our Indonesian classes this term. After our long holiday, each class is revisiting the basic terms and vocabulary needed in everyday speech and life. We are doing this by playing games, practicing our language in oral role plays and completing written and oral activities. Each class will then move on to their new topics this term – Transition: All about Me, Year 1/2: My Family, Year 3/4 and 4/5: In the Classroom and Year 5/6: Personal Information.

There are many ways you can support your child’s language learning at home. This includes, encouraging them to practise words/phrases they are learning at school and by even asking them to teach you some of the language! There are a number of Indonesian phrase books and iPad apps which are also a useful way to reinforce and extend your child’s learning at home. It is also great for families to reinforce the value of learning a second language to their children as a way to understand and communicate with the world around us!

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.
Community Notices

Darwin Dragons Rugby Union Club

Juniors Training
u7’s, u9’s, u11’s, u13’s, u15’s, u17’s
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Commencing 1st March 2016 at 5:15pm
Field 1 - Rugby Park - 71 Abala Road Marrara
SIGN ON DAY
Sunday 6 March 2016 from 1-3pm
Airport Tavern McMillans Road Jingili
Contact: President - Puru Westrupp 0450 500 568
Or email darwindragonsrugby@hotmail.com

Did you know that you can download a Lent Calendar for your smartphone, or use the web version and set it as your homepage, to ‘Learn More’ and ‘Create Change’ this Lent?

Use the calendar to deepen your spirituality this Lent and learn about Caritas Australia’s work in six countries across the globe. Explore Project Compassion, meet inspiring people and reflect on the Lenten period through daily readings, prayers and social justice actions.

A children’s version is available online also; reflect together as a class, whole school, family and parish!

View or download at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar

With limited support services for children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos, Duangmala feared that her eight-year-old son, Hum Noy, would never reach his full potential because he has Down Syndrome. However, he now has the chance to learn and thrive at a school for children with intellectual disabilities, supported by Caritas Australia.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos learn, grow and reach their full potential. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.
INVITATION/PERMISSION TO ATTEND DARWIN REGION TRIALS – 12 & Under Rugby League Championship

Ages 10 - 12 Primary & Middle School Students
Players must be a minimum of 10 years – i.e. born no later than 2006, and a maximum of 12 yrs – i.e. born no earlier than 2004.)

You are invited to attend the 2016 12 & Under Rugby League Selection Trials for Darwin Region. To be eligible for selection in the Darwin Region Team students MUST attend 2 out of the 3 trial days.

At the end of the 3 trial days, selectors will identify the students that will make up the Darwin Region Team or Squad. Darwin Region will select 1 team. Darwin Region Team members will compete at the School Sport NT 12 & Under Rugby League Championships being held in Alice Springs from 16 – 19 May. Students will be selected based on their ability to participate as a team member, attend training, meet game specific criteria and agree to meet cost. Please remember it is your responsibility to get to and from training, if are unable to attend training, you must notify your coach/Manager or the Darwin Region office.

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If you are selected in the Darwin Region team, your coach or Manager will notify you of training dates and venues. More details will be provided by team managers after team selections have been made. This will include information on permission notes, codes of behavior, levy payments and uniforms.

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| 16 – 19 May| Alice Springs| $1040.00  
ALL LEVIES MUST BE PAID BY 4th May 2016 |

Please complete the permission note below and hand in to the coach/manager or School Sport Coordinator at the trials.

STUDENT CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE AT DARWIN REGION 12 & UNDER RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS – GIVE TO MANAGER or SSC

Given Name:  
Family Name:  

Date of Birth:  
Age on 31st Dec 2016  
Male  
Female  
School  

CONTACT DETAILS

Parent/Guardian Given Name:  
Parent/Guardian Family Name:  
Residential Address:  
Postal Address:  
Mobile Phone:  
Phone (AH)  
Email  

Does your child suffer from any medical condition? If yes, please list

Signed:  (Parent/Guardian)  Date:  /  /