



3 March, 2016

NEWSLETTER

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

Week 6, Term 1

Principal's Reflection

Dear Families,


The Gospel this weekend was about giving second chances. Jesus tells the parable of a man who owns a fig tree that bears no fruit. Therefore he wants to cut down, however he is encouraged by the gardener to allow him to tend to it, to give it a second chance, before cutting it down. "Sir, leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it" (Luke 13:9). The message in this parable is for us to forgive and give a second chance. God calls us to give second chances. In this Lenten season we can take time to reflect on this and challenge ourselves and to act in a way that pushes us to give others a second chance.

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 to give them a second chance. 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". Last week's *Crazy hair or Crazy sock and shoes Day* raised \$266.90. The next Project Compassion event is on Friday 11th March students are asked to come along dressed in what they would like to do or be in the future.

Harmony Day on the 18th 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 theme for Harmony Day 2016 is - **our diversity is our strength**.

We look forward to sharing a multicultural dinner with all members of our Holy Spirit community on Friday 18th 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



Crazy hair day



Reflection

"My one command to them was this: Listen to my voice, then I will be your God and you shall be my people. In everything, follow the way that I mark out for you, and you shall prosper."
-Jeremiah 7:23



Student of the Week Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

- * T/1, Rm.8 - George Andreou
Anastasia Thomas
- * T/1, Rm. 9 - Maria Andreou
Leonardo Prandi
- * Year 1/2, Rm.4 - Niesha Casimiro
- * Year 1/2, Rm.6 - Magda Reyneke
- * Year 3/4, Rm.10 - Raquel Caldwell
- * Year 3/4, Rm.12 - Dante Coneybeer
- * Year 3/4, Rm.13 - Alex Cubillo
- * Year 4/5, Rm.17 - Sophia Marcayda
- * Year 5/6, Rm.14 - Anthony Paolucci
- * Year 5/6, Rm.15- Mon Pinitkittikhun
- * Sport Award - Ryan Nguyen
- * Indonesian Award - Jack Barton

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 :

Brandon Seiler



Happy Birthday to the following Students who celebrate their birthday in week 6:

- Brianna Sedgman
- Deacon Brown
- Ashleigh Hayne
- Paddy McAuliffe-Smith
- Aiden Marriner
- Dylan Seden-Kurnoth
- Lane Morris

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.

VACATION CARE

Vacation care forms are now available from the front office. To secure your child's place please return them to the front office by the 18th of March.

OSHC NEWS...

Bookings and cancellations must be in **writing**. If you wish to cancel your child's booking, please sign and return the cancellation 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 OSHC 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.

BOOK CLUB

Issue #2, closes Friday 4th of March

LOOKING THROUGH THE WINDOW

Music with Mrs. Valles

In Music, the Year 5/6 classes have been exploring the Reggae Rhythms. Reggae is a style of music that first developed in Jamaica in the 1960s. Important elements in the reggae feel are: accents on the offbeats, a pronounced bass line and a slower but jauntier rhythmic feel than rock 'n' roll.

Students initially listened to, and then performed, the song Listen to the Reggae Music. Then the class was divided into groups to create their own verses. Confidently, they sang their compositions to an audience incorporating body percussion as well as untuned percussion.



Term 1 Calendar, 2016

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
Week 6 March 3 rd Sunday Lent	29	1	2	3 AFL Gala day	4	Year 5/6 Room 15 – Caoimhe Kalinowsky
Week 7 March 4 th Sunday Lent	7	8	9	10	11 Indoor Cricket Gala day	Year 1/2 Room 6 – Mimi Woolley
Week 8 March 5 th Sunday Lent	14	15 Reconciliation Ceremony	16	17 Board Meeting	18 Rugby League Gala day Harmony Day Dinner @ 5:30pm	Year 4/5 Room 17 – Steve O'Shannessy
Week 9 March Palm Sunday	21 Holy Week	22	23 Easter Raffle Drawn @ 2:30pm	24	25 Good Friday	Holy Week (whole school)
Week 10 March/April Easter Sunday	28 Easter Monday Holiday	29	30	31	1 Netball Gala Day Reward Afternoon	Transition/Year 1 – Kelsey Crowe

EASTER RAFFLE HAMPER

Please send your donations for the Easter Raffle Hamper to the front office.
Tickets coming soon!



Where: School Library

Starts Monday 14th of March

Parents welcome from 8am - 5pm.

Great books for sale!

Open during the Harmony Day Dinner on Friday the 18th of March.



PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

The senior choir require assistance in sewing six new choir vests. Material is supplied. If you are able to assist please contact the front office

INTRODUCING...

Miss Orla Kitt

Orla was born in Galway, in the west of Ireland. She has three brothers and comes from a family of teachers, many of whom moved into politics. Her father, a former teacher, is the Deputy Speaker of Parliament in Ireland. She was influenced by her family's love of learning and by her primary school principal to want to become a teacher.

Orla spent 8 years teaching in Ireland before moving to Melbourne in 2014. She moved up to the Northern Territory last April and loves it here. She appreciates and enjoys the hot weather, coming from chilly Ireland! She also enjoys the laid-back and friendly manner of Territorians.

Orla loves music and enjoys playing the guitar and singing with her class. During her free time she enjoys playing the violin, yoga, reading and travelling.

She is delighted to have joined Holy Spirit this year and is enjoying teaching all the wonderful children in Room 13.



2016 - JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

The Jubilee of Mercy will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica on 8 December 2015 (the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council) and concludes when he closes that same door on 20 November 2016.



What is the Year of Mercy?

Pope Francis says, "We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. The motto for the year, *Merciful like the Father*, serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of God who asks us not to judge or condemn but to offer love and forgiveness instead.

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 \$45/week or \$9 per day.
- **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.

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



PALMERSTON
ATHLETIC CLUB INC

Palmerston Athletic Club Sign up date for new members

Sunday 06th of March 2016

Location – Sundays – Marlow Lagoon Recreation Area
Palmerston 9:30 to 11:30 AM for community athletic program

Or

7th of March 2016 (Monday) – Marrara Athletic Track – Darwin –
5:30 to 7:30 PM

We welcome young and young at heart.

Please check out face book page and to see what we have done so far.

<https://www.facebook.com/PalmerstonAthleticsClub/>

<http://paccheetah.wix.com/athletics>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFtul8rHKh3C0Gj3C5IViAQ/videos?shelf_id=0&sort=dd&view=0

The cost is \$100 year and we accept sports vouchers.

We are proudly sponsored by Northern Territory Government

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Generational poverty has led to many challenges in Dominic's community in Papua New Guinea, including gender inequality, alcohol abuse and violence. Since receiving training in the Caritas Australia supported Community Conversations program, Dominic has learnt communication and problem solving skills to lead his community towards a more peaceful, prosperous future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help empower communities in Papua New Guinea to lead their own development and create more harmonious futures. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Project Compassion
Lent Calendar

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Did you know that you can download a Lent Calendar for your smart phone, 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



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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.

Would you like to play Netball???

Northern Districts Eagles Netball Club are currently taking registrations for their Junior and Senior teams. The season will begin in March, Trainings are on Mondays and games are on Wednesdays. The ages to play are from 7 years onwards (must be turning 7 this year).

If you would like to know more information, please contact us on the below:

<http://districts.darwinnetball.org.au>

or check out our Facebook Page

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.



TRIALS			
Day	Date	Time	Venue
Monday	21 st March	3.30 – 5.00pm	Warren Park (Souths), Marrara
Tuesday	22 nd March	3.30 – 5.00pm	
Wednesday	23 rd March	3.30 – 5.00pm	

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.

IF SELECTED – SCHOOL SPORT NT EVENT DETAILS		
Date	Host Venue	Travel & Levies Costs (ESTIMATE ONLY)
16 – 19 May	Alice Springs	\$1040.00 <i>ALL LEVIES MUST BE PAID BY 4th May 2016</i>

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 31 st 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: / /