Principal’s Reflection

Dear Families,

Through out this term I have been fortunate enough to watch many of our Reginal Sports Gala Day sporting teams play. It reminded me how much sport and Physical Education play a vital part in a child’s education and self-esteem. The teams have demonstrated great resilience, perseverance and team spirit throughout all their competitions. I was very proud to watch team members supporting each other to do their best.

Each week I have the privilege of assisting in teaching Physical Education lessons with our students at school and have enjoyed watching their skills and self-confidence increase over the term. As a passionate sports person, I take every opportunity to play alongside the students during the breaks and watch the positive effects that this has with them.

Every week at school we have our senior leaders act as great Physical Education role models through the lunchtime sports programme that they run. I encourage all parents to be actively involved in supporting and encouraging their child’s physical skill development.

A reminder that our Harmony day event is scheduled for next Friday evening, March 18th from 5:30pm for a 6:00 pm start. This evening is a wonderful opportunity for our families to gather together and enjoy a relaxing and social time. Each family is invited to bring a special dish to share. Our school choirs will entertain along with other entertainment. This other whole school social gathering provides an excellent opportunity to welcome old and new families to our school. The event will be held in the courtyard. The Book Fair will be on display throughout next week and during the evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tomorrow at school, Friday 11th March, students are asked to come along dressed in what they would like to do or be in the future. Students are asked to bring along a gold coin donation that goes towards our fundraising for Project Compassion.

We are currently seeking donations for our Parents and Friends Easter raffle. All Easter egg donations can be dropped off at the office. If you would like to assist in helping coordinate ticket selling or wrapping the Easter raffle please let the front office know.

Our next Parents and Friends meeting is on Tuesday 15th March at 5:30pm in the staffroom. Invitations are extended to all parents to become a part of our Parents and Friends association. Our P & F are a wonderful support to our students, families and staff both socially and financially. Their fundraising support in past years has enabled our school to fund wonderful new playgrounds and shade sails for the students. This is a great opportunity to be actively involved in the school and to get to know the staff and families.

God bless you all and keep you safe,

Mr. Simon Duffy
Principal
**Student of the Week Awards**

Congratulations to the following students:

- T/1, Rm.8 - Benjamin Lawes
- T/1, Rm. 9 - Leyla McLaughlin
- T/1, Rm.9 - Matteo Bernardino
- Year 1/2, Rm.4 - Chloe Duffy
- Year 1/2, Rm.6 - Tevin Ullas
- Year 3/4, Rm.10 - John Ndayizeye
- Year 3/4, Rm.12 - Lincoln Sinclair
- Year 3/4, Rm.13 - Ben Cox
- Year 4/5, Rm.17 - Zak Basted
- Year 5/6, Rm.14 - George Michael
- Year 5/6, Rm.15 - Ryan Nguyen
- Sport Award - Sophia Callera and Cheska Acuna
- Indonesian Award - Maurice Seden-Kurnoth

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:

Alexa Busteed, Mackenzie Bunn, Beth Kerwin & Veronica Thomas

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**Happy Birthday!**

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday in week 7:

- Madison Kula
- Kailum Walsh
- Lincoln Sinclair
- Reesi Markovsky-Cole
- Christina Kostopoulos

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**INTRODUCING... Miss Monica Cole**

I was born in Kogarah, Sydney and am the oldest child with one younger brother. Until the age of 6 I lived in Sydney then moved to the North Island of New Zealand to be closer to Mum’s family. I completed my primary education at Paihia Primary and started my secondary education at Bay of Islands College. Then at the age of 14 I moved to Darwin where I then attended and graduated Darwin High School. Next year I will be attending Charles Darwin University where I will be studying a Bachelor of Education (Primary Teaching).

Last year you may have seen me around as I worked with children in MultiLit and MiniLit during the Second semester. My hobbies include reading, being with friends, camping or relaxing by the pool.

It has been such a pleasure to be able to work with the wonderful kids at Holy Spirit.

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**PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISER**

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.

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**EASTER RAFFLE HAMPER**

Please send your donations for the Easter Raffle Hamper to the front office.

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**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.

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**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

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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. Available at the Front Office.

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**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.

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**THE YEAR OF MERCY – THE LOGO EXPLAINED**

The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto Merciful Like the Father(taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38).

The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one’s life.

One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one’s own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so-called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

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### LOOKING THROUGH THE WINDOW

**Physical Education with Mrs. Sellars**

I am very fortunate in my role at Holy Spirit to work with all students from Transition to Year 6 to teach Physical Education on Tuesday and Wednesday to all our students. Our students are provided a variety of activities that promote physical activity and health through our lessons. Students are involved in activities from *Blueearth Programme* as well as team sports. Students are given the opportunity to work individually and in partner and team games. Our weekly physical education lessons assist with student’s fundamental motor skill development. Our lessons are also there to support and encourage participation in gala days as provided throughout the year through Darwin Region School Sport.

Darwin Region has again provided a variety of sporting opportunities for students aged 10 – 13 years throughout the term. Our students have competed in basketball, AFL and indoor cricket so far. We thank our staff and parents who throughout the term have supported these important sporting events. Rugby league and netball gala days are to take place later this term and I thank staff and parents for supporting.

SEDA (Sports Education Development Australia) is working with us to assist in the delivery of Physical Education at Holy Spirit. I thank Sally Riley, programme facilitator who allows this to happen. Macy and Indra come along to participate in lessons with me and learn what is required in teaching PE to our students each Tuesday.

Golf again will play a major focus for our students in Years 3-6 with development staff coming along to assist in our lessons. This initiative is as a result of federal government funding and ‘Sporting Schools’. I thank Brett Rankin, Golf Operations Manager NT for making this happen. We have been invited also to be a part of a television advert (commercial) that Golf NT and Channel 9 Darwin are working on. This would involve students from Holy Spirit as well as staff. I will keep you posted and informed as required with this.

We look forward to your continued support with Health and Physical Education at Holy Spirit. The programme in place for Term Two promises to be just as exciting. Thank you to all parents/carers for your support in weekly lessons, gala days and after school events.

Kind Regards,

Paula Sellars
Deputy Principal/PE Coordinator
Community Notices

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

Darwin Dragons Rugby Union Club
Juniors Training
Tuesdays & Thursdays from - 5.15pm

U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17
*Seeking U13's Players in particular*
Rugby Park (Field 1) - 71 Abala Road Marrara
Junior Games commence Friday 1 April 2016
For further information
Email: darwindragonsrugby@hotmail.com
M:0450 500 568 – President: Puru Westrupp

Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Sreymom lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Sreymom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health and wellbeing of the region’s indigenous women and children. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.
Out of School Hours Care

Term 1 2016 Week 7

We have been very busy at After School Care. We are helping with the performances for Harmony Day. Some children volunteered to play the African Drums with Ms Ayak while some girls volunteered to learn a Hula dance from Ms Yola. Another group of girls will dance a Filipino dance as well. We will also help with decorations.

For the whole month of February Ms Zara started a colouring In competition and everyone did a very good job. We got so many entries from lower primary, middle primary and upper primary. Each winner from each category received a $15 Smiggle voucher. The winners are:

Lower Primary : Francesca Hilario
Middle Primary : Addison Fermanis
Upper Primary : Zoe Grant
Special prizes : Lasith Da Silva, Mary Anne Kariotis

We are also preparing to launch our Online Portfolio for every child attending OSHC. This online portfolio will show all the day to day activities and photos of the children while at OSHC. We are very excited to share this with every family.

The Vacation Care form is now available. This will be a 5 day (one week) program. We have so many exciting full of activities planned for the holiday program. Parents can get the forms from the front office and at After School Care building. Deadline of Submission : March 18 2016 FRIDAY.

Our Activities for this Term

Monday and Tuesday— Home Work Club
March— Harmony Day activities
  Easter Egg hunt
  - St Patrick’s Day
  8-10 / 15-17 Every Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday Swimming activity will commence on week 7 and 8
  Guitar Lesson - Friday

Home work Club will still run every Monday and Tuesday from 2:45pm to 3:15pm in the little kids room. If you wish to use this programme please let the Educators know to remind your children to do their homework. Mrs Cherry will teach Basic guitar every Friday afternoon. The children will need to bring their own guitar if they wish to join this activity. We will do a performance at the end of Term 1.