



17 March, 2016

NEWSLETTER

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

Week 8, Term 1

Principal's Reflection

Dear Families,

We pray for our students who will be making their first Reconciliation tonight: Hannelie Reyneke, Dante Coneybeer, Sophia Callera, Natalia Grant, Isaac Alger, Pania Maika, Deklan O'Donnell, Dakota Paterson, Jose Soares, Aidan Ellis, Ava Stieber, Ronan Sullivan, Jacob Kavanagh, Samira Kavanagh, Ben Wallace, Aiden Ellison- de Castro, Hannah Thomas and Erinn Mae Ladines. A BIG thanks to Mrs. Emma Marshall, Penny Kelly, Tony O'Brien and Fr. Joseph Neonbasu for the role they have played in preparing our students for this special sacrament.

Reflection

"You will come to know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
-John 8:32

At Holy Spirit School there is a diverse range of programs that support children in class- rooms. This is in addition to what is offered by the classroom teacher. Your child may be benefitting from additional support provided in the classroom. The following table provides a description of the different support offerings

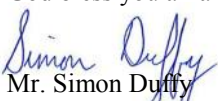
Student Support Coordinator	Alicia McManus is responsible for the coordination of special education services across the school. Alicia supports teachers in referral processes and program plans.
School Officer Indigenous Student Support	Jenny Kuhl works with Indigenous students and families to support learning and cultural programs.
Defence Liaison Person	Chris Crimmings supports children of Defence families through a range of program offerings.
Inclusion Support Assistants	Wendy Manolis, Chris Crimmings, Kylie Ammerlaan, Faye Ciubal, Julia Gaio, Maria Pereira, Lori Short and Monica Cole support the teachers in implementing specific programs for identified students.
Multi-Lit and Mini Lit (This is an externally funded program and is available on a semester by semester basis)	Robyn Luter, Susan Bokelmann, Anne Redmond and Joanna Danko deliver a specifically targeted literacy program to identified students to maximize their potential through improvements in literacy, particularly reading.
Specialist areas	Lourdes Valles (Performing Arts teacher) Paula Sellars (Physical Education teacher) Ibu Kirsty Boath (Indonesian Teacher) Carolyn Gray (Piano lessons- Monday and Friday) Garry Jackson (Guitar lessons- Thursday)
School counsellor	Melissa Lowe works each Monday seeing students that parents have requested to be involved in the school counselling program.

It is important that parents are aware of the various support programs offered. We encourage parents to communicate through their child's teacher to access all information about specific programs. Teachers can be contacted through face-to-face meetings, email, and phone or through written letter. Please make an appointment through the teacher to ensure availability of relevant staff.

Our "Dress what you would like to be in the future" day last week raised over \$260 for Project Compassion. Thank you to all families for your generous donation towards this great cause.

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow night at our Harmony Day dinner. The event celebrates cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. 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. We look forward to sharing a multicultural dinner with all members of our Holy Spirit community 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, students from each class and our Community of Learners students on the night.

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 - Mia Watson
Will Yallop
- * T/1, Rm. 9 - Sofia Commons-Fidge
Maevis Paolucci
- * Year 1/2, Rm.4 - Leo Nguyen
- * Year 1/2, Rm.6 - Ethan Shiju
- * Year 3/4, Rm.10 - Lily Johnson
- * Year 3/4, Rm.12 - Regan Sando
- * Year 3/4, Rm.13 - Jake Jury
- * Year 4/5, Rm.17 - Matthew Hammer
- * Year 5/6, Rm.14 - Terry Poniris
- * Year 5/6, Rm.15- Martin Caldwell
- * Sport Award - Tadhg Maika
- * Indonesian Award - Michael Kirby

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 :

Chloe Duffy

Happy Birthday!

- Anastasia Andreou

Happy Birthday to the following Students who celebrate their birthday in week 8:



PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE JUBILEE

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
"If you knew the gift of God!"
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.

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Where: School Library
Started 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.



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.

The old bucket hats are no longer school uniform.

DRESS FOR YOUR FUTURE DAY

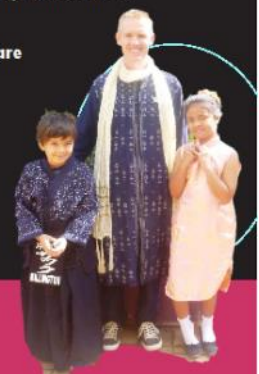


Harmony Day Dinner, 2016

Date: 18th March
Time: 5:30pm - 7pm

Join the Holy Spirit Community to celebrate Harmony Day with Performances
by our School Choirs and Dances taught by DanceNation.

Please bring a plate to share



Term 1 Calendar, 2016

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
Week 8 March 5 th Sunday Lent	14	15 Parents and Friends Meeting, 5:30pm, Staffroom	16	17 Board Meeting Reconciliation Ceremony	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

LOOKING THROUGH THE WINDOW

Year 5/6, Rm. 14 with Mrs. Meg

This week Room 14 had the pleasure of participating in five awesome dance lessons run by Erin from Dance Nation. All students were involved and thoroughly enjoyed showing off their funky moves. Every session was full of laughter, big smiles and happiness, not to mention complete exhaustion by the end. They are excited to be performing some of these dances on Friday at our Harmony Day shared dinner. We definitely have some very talented dancers in Room 14!



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 and on our website: www.holyspiritnt.catholic.edu.au

If you are receiving and do not require a hard copy of the newsletter because you access it through e-mail and/or the school app please notify the office.

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 of absence or provide a medical certificate.

INTRODUCING...

Mrs. Kylie Ammerlaan

I was born in Gosford NSW and am the eldest of 4 with 2 sisters and a brother.

I completed my primary education at Empire Bay Public School NSW and started my secondary education at Kincumber High School. During High School my family moved to Bundaberg QLD where I completed my secondary education at Bundaberg State High School.

My husband Troy transferred to Darwin from Williamtown NSW through the RAAF May last year, with myself and our 3 children Brendan, Lachlan and Sienna joining him in October. I started assisting in classrooms last year in NSW and from that decided to study a certificate in Education Support which I will complete later on this year. It has been a huge honour to be able to assist in the classrooms at Holy Spirit this year and something I thoroughly enjoy.



When I am not working I like to spend time with my family and friends, cycling (leisurely), play netball, camping and baking.

PIANO NEWS...

Please note that there won't be piano lessons in Week 10 i.e. Wednesday 30/3/16 and Friday 1/4/16. Lessons will resume in Term 2 Week 1.

-Carolyn Gray (piano teacher)

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER

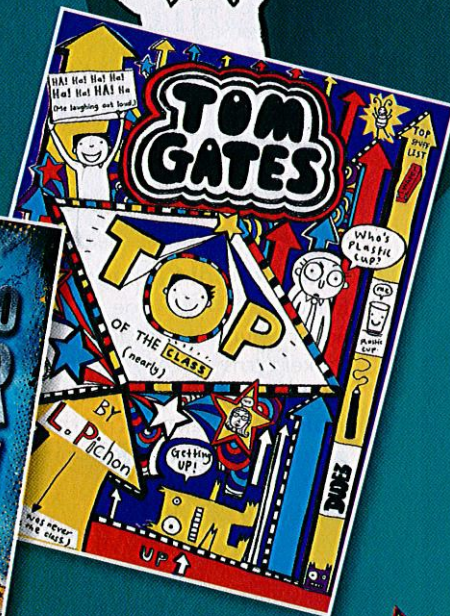
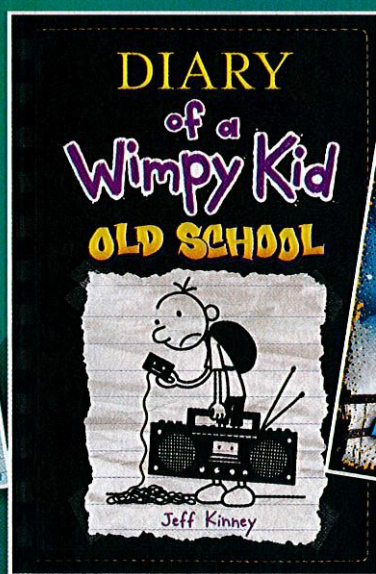
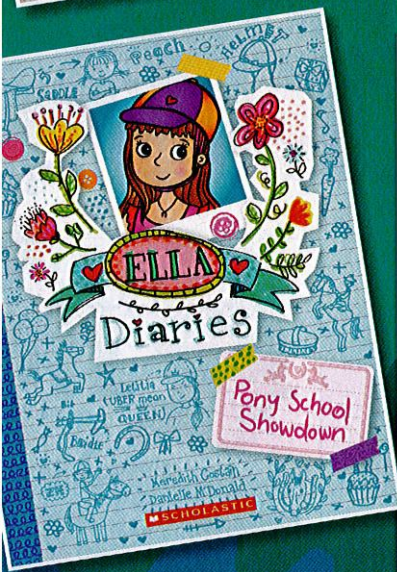
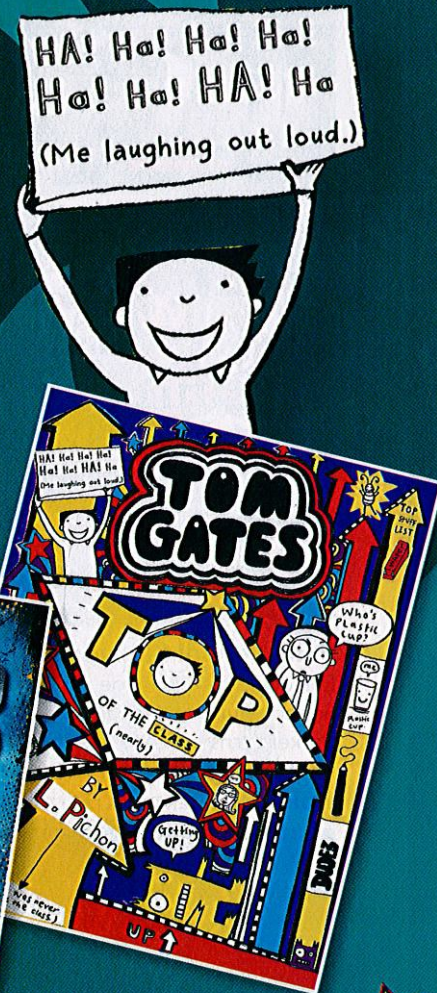
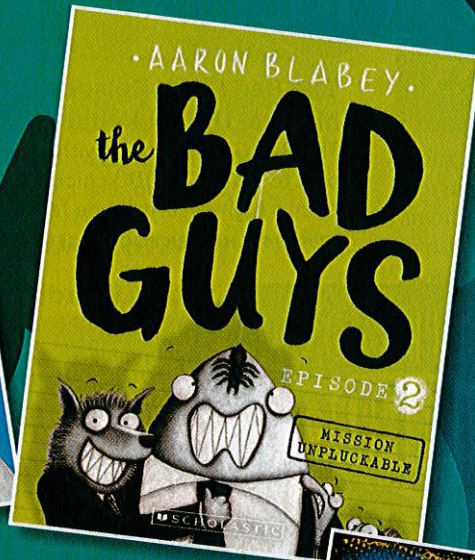
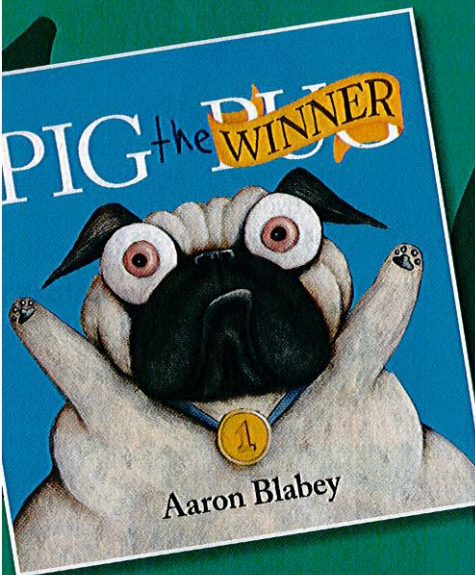
Have you used your child's "Back to school" voucher? It is worth \$150 and can be used against the Book and Service Levy or uniforms. Valid till the end of Term 1. Available at the Front Office.

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.

You're invited to our

Book Fair!



Starts 14th of March, lunchtime and afternoon in the school library

All purchases benefit our school!

SCHOLASTIC
Book Fairs

Open during Harmony Day Dinner, 18th of March

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

NFL FLAG COMES TO DARWIN!



Bring it on Sports run NFL Flag School Holiday Camps for boys & girls aged 7-17 Years. Every participants receives their own official reversible NFL Flag Jersey



DATE: Thursday 7 and Friday 8 April 2016
TIME: 9am – 4pm
VENUE: Rugby Park (Field 1), 71 Abala Road, Marrara
COST: \$199.00 includes 2 day clinic, NFL Flag Jersey & Insurance

REGISTER YOUR PLACE ONLINE

www.bringitonsports.com.au/events/nflflagcamp/



Community Groups Wanted

MINDIL BEACH SUNSET MARKET
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Showcase your group/school at Mindil Markets

Sporting demonstrations, dance, theatre, choir, bands

Phone 8981 3454 for more information

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

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF PROJECT COMPASSION

Until recently, people in Dhaniram's village were unaware of the Government's social security schemes that support India's most vulnerable communities. Since becoming involved in the Hamara Haq ('Our Rights') project, Dhaniram and his community have learnt about their rights and have been empowered to speak up for themselves. Now, real change is taking place.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help vulnerable communities in India learn more about their rights so they are empowered to speak up, ask for their rights and create lasting change. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Performers Wanted

MINDIL BEACH SUNSET MARKET
 DARWIN • AUSTRALIA

CAN YOU....

Sing? Dance? Circus?
 Bands, Duos, Solo
 Looking for all genres

www.mindil.com.au/become-a-stallholder



McDonald's Junior Meet #1

Saturday 19th March, 2016



- Venue:** Casuarina Swimming Pool
- Time:** Gates Open at 3:45pm
- Host Club:** Casuarina Swimming Club
- Entry Process:** Come to Casuarina Swimming Pool at 3:45pm, write your names down in the events you wish to swim in and have fun

MEET PROGRAM

DISTANCE	EVENT STROKE
12.5m	Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly
25m	Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly
50m	Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly
	Relays & Fun events

You can only choose to swim in a 12.5m, 25m or 50m event for each stroke