Principal’s Reflection

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the first full school week for 2017. It has been fantastic to see the Transition students and our new students across the school find their feet and become part of Holy Spirit school community. This week I have been lucky enough to spend time in each of the classes assisting with academic work. I’m reminded each day of the vibrant and Christ filled community that is Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School,

It was fantastic to see so many parents last night at our Parent Information Night. These meetings prove to be a great way for families to learn about the overview of the curriculum for the year, class routines, homework and behaviour expectations, as well as events for each year level.

Holy Spirit Primary school has a number of very dedicated parents who contribute in many ways to the life of our school community. We are always seeking new parents to contribute in some way and to be actively involved in the education of children. Children take great delight in seeing their parents help out and having them take an interest in their learning.

You may like to consider contributing in some of the following are:

- Classroom Support
- School Board Committee
- Parents and Friends Committee
- Grounds and maintenance committee

This Friday families are all welcome to come to Casuarina Pool and bring along a picnic dinner between 5.30pm and 7pm. This is our first family event for the year. This is a great way for new families to become involved with our school community. Don’t forget to bring your bathers. Entry is at pool prices.

We look forward to celebrating the beginning of our school year with our first school Mass that will take place this Friday, 10th of February at 8:30am. I encourage all members of our community to join us for this special celebration as we join with Fr. Joseph, and the Parish to welcome new families, students and staff to Holy Spirit school. This Mass will also include the commissioning and blessing of our 2017 staff and student leadership group.

God bless you all and keep you safe,

Mr. Simon Duffy
Principal

Staffing arrangements for 2017:

- Principal - Simon Duffy
- Deputy Principal / Physical Education - Paula Sellars
- Religious Education Coordinator - Emma Marshall
- COL - Assistant Director - Adam Darcey
- Curriculum Coordinators - Caomhie Kalinowsky and Meg Irwin
- Special Education / Inclusion Support - Alicia McManus
- Performance Arts Teacher, Rm.2 - Lourdes Valles
- Indonesian, Rm.11 - Kirsty Boath
- Enrichment Programme – Emma McDonald
- Transition / Year 1, Rm.8 - Emma Marshall and Kirsty Boath
- Transition / Year 1, Rm.9 - Kate Seery
- Year 1/2, Rm. 4 - Tracey Coco and Emma McDonald
- Year 1/2, Rm. 6 - Mimi Woolley
- Year 3/4, Rm. 10 - Lyndell Williams
- Year 3/4, Rm. 12 - Fiona Coughlan
- Year 3/4, Rm. 13 - Kelsey Crowe
- Year 5/6, Rm. 14 - Meg Irwin
- Year 5/6, Rm. 15 - Caomhie Kalinowsky
- Year 5/6, Rm. 17 - Stephen O’Shannessy
- Finance Officer - Lee Mian Chong & Tammy Richards
- Admin Officer - Yolanda Gray
- Grounds Person - Yin Jongue
- School based officer – Indigenous Students Support - Jenny Kuhl
- School Counsellor - Natasha Sud
- Transition Defence Aide/Library Assistant - Christine Crimmings
- Literacy Support / ISA - Christine Crimmings, Wendy Manolis, Faye Ciubal, Maria Pereira, Caitlin Lawless, Monica Cole, Shelly Eves, Sam Berhane, Julia Gaio, Jessica Musgarve and Kylie Ammerlaan.
- OSHC Coordinator - Cherry Valenzuela
- Canteen - Janine Wetherall & Tammy Richards

Reflection

“Send out your breath and life begins; you renew the face of the earth.”
- Psalms 104:30

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Congratulations to the following students:

- T/1, Rm.8 - Eli Ferreira
  Aanya Shetty

- T/1, Rm. 9 - Peyton McMahon
  Aiden Mawby

- Year 1/2, Rm.4 - Renee Miller
- Year 1/2, Rm.6 - Leyla McLaughlin

- Year 3/4, Rm.10 - Shallen Hart
- Year 3/4, Rm.12 - Taylia Sheridan

- Year 3/4, Rm.13 - Kobi Markovsky-Cole
- Year 5/6, Rm.14 - Reuben Thomas

- Year 5/6, Rm.15 - Kayden Leeson
- Year 5/6, Rm.17 - Honey Chastain

- Sport Award - Jia Furstner & Mehkai Lay
- Indonesian Award - Karys Sheridan

The MJR (Making Jesus Real) Award is presented to a person who puts enthusiasm, energy and happiness into our school and is a team player.

This week’s MJR Award goes to:

William Bool

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday in week 2:

- Shallen Hart
- Hollie Lawlor
- Lachlan Ammerlaan
- Hugo O'Connor

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES 2017

Reconciliation
- Sunday 19th February – 1st Lesson and Commitment Ceremony at 9.30am Mass
- Sunday 12th March – 2nd Lesson after 9.30am Mass
- Sunday 26 March – Practice and Retreat after Mass until Lunch time
- Reconciliation Ceremony – Thursday 30th March at 6pm

Confirmation
- Sunday 7th May – 1st Lesson and Commitment Ceremony at 9.30am Mass
- Sunday 28th June – 2nd Lesson after 9.30am Mass
- Thursday 15th June – Retreat and visit from Bishop at 3-5.45pm
- Confirmation Ceremony - Sunday 18th June at 9.30am

First Holy Communion
- Sunday 13th August - 1st Lesson and Commitment Ceremony at 9.30am Mass
- Sunday 27th August – 2nd Lesson after 9.30am Mass
- Sunday 10th September - Practice and Retreat after Mass until Lunch time
- First Holy Communion Ceremony – Sunday 17th September at 9.30am Mass

For more information please see Father Joseph (Parish Priest) or Mrs Emma Marshall (REC - Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School).

OSHC BOOKINGS, CANCELLATIONS, CHARGES & CHANGES

Cancellations or bookings must be made in writing at least 24 hours in advance for a normal rate of $25 to apply and for cancellations not to be charged (Before 2:30pm for ASC and before 7am for BSC the day prior of booking or required booking).

Bookings made less than 24 hours in advance will be charged $35 per child.

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: admin.holyspirit@nt.catholic.edu.au

A $50 late fee (plus $1 per minute) per child will apply if your child is collected after 5:30pm.

Students who have not been collected by 2:45pm will be sent to OSHC to ensure supervision. Once a child is signed in to OSHC the casual rate will be charged.

OSHC—IMPORTANT NOTICE

It is a requirement that All children attending Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School complete a 2017 enrolment form for Holy Spirit Out of School Hours Care – regardless of whether they are a current user of this service or not.

A casual rate of $35 per child will apply if your child/children attend Holy Spirit Out of School Hours Care without giving 24 hours’ notice. This will include children that have not been collected from parent pick-up by 2:45pm and have been signed in by the teacher on duty or bookings made on the same day.

A copy of the enrolment paperwork for Holy Spirit Out of School Hours Care was been sent home to each family last week. Forms are also available from the OSHC building, the front office and the school website:

www.holyspiritnt.catholic.edu.au

Completed forms must be returned to the front office no later than Friday the 10th of February, 2017. Families will be charged the normal rate of $25 per child per day until the 10th of February, 2017 and the casual rate of $35 thereafter if forms are not completed and returned to the front office. Children who return the form by the 10th of February will receive a ticket for a free icy pole.

OSHC COLLECTION

A reminder that emergency contacts and people approved for collection of children must show identification when collecting students from OSHC and be of at least 18 years of age.

SPARE UNIFORM

The front office has a shortage of spare clothes. If you have a child in Transition - Year 2, we ask that you send them to school with a change of uniform in their school bag in case of accidents that occur from time to time.

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
Enrolment forms available from the front 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 will 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.

### School Fees - 2017

Families are advised the following school fees for 2017 apply. These fees have been recommended by the CEC Finance, Facilities & Resources Committee and endorsed by the Bishop. If the level of increase creates any hardship for you please make an appointment with the Principal to discuss the circumstances.

| 1st Child | $292.25 + levies = $457.25 per term |
| 2nd Child | $263.03 + levies = $428.03 per term |
| 3rd Child | $233.80 + levies = $372.00 per term |
| 4th Child | Levies only = $165.00 per term |

Levies:
- $75.00 Books & Services (per child/per term)
- $30.00 Excursion (per child/per term)
- $60.00 Operational (per family/per term)
- $60.00 B&S extra for Years 5 & 6 (per child/per year)

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If you would like to pay your account through internet banking please see the school account details below:

- **National Australia Bank**
  - **Account Name:** Holy Spirit School
  - **BSB No.** 085933
  - **Account No.** 398951673
  - **Ref:** (Child’s First Initial) . (Last Name) FEES/COL/OSHC
  - **Example:** J Smith FEES

Please contact the Finance Officer as soon as possible if there are any difficulties meeting payment commitments.

### Term Dates 2017

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### 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 Programme’ at a cost of $50/week or $10 per day.
- **Parent pick up**—Parents are reminded that the Parent pick up is for a drop off in the morning and collection in the afternoon. It is not a designated parking area.
- Please do **not park on the yellow lines** outside the front office entrance. This area is monitored and you may be fined.

### Canteen News...

All canteen lunch orders are to be placed online at [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://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.

*Please update your child’s classroom to ensure lunches are delivered to the correct room.*

**Canteen is available Thursday - Friday only.**

### Puzzle Master #2

**Puzzle Instructions:**
This week is the 2nd week of the school’s series of puzzles for our students to solve (adults in the home can join in).

1. Solve the puzzle
2. Put it in the puzzle response box at the front office and;
3. One lucky winner will be drawn out and announced at Wednesday’s end of day assembly.

A special **canteen voucher** for recess will be given to the lucky winner.

**Have fun** - closing date for Puzzle No. 2 is **Tuesday, 14th of February**.

**Puzzle #:**

You are 9 years old and your dad is 47. How old will your dad be when you are 21?

**Full Name:** _______________________

**Year Level and Rm.:** _______________________

**Answer:** _______________________

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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](http://www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au) or call 1800 817 860 to request a new or replacement voucher for your child.

### 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.

### 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](http://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.
**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT POLICY – UPDATE**

Dear Parents/Carers,

A focus for our school in 2016 was to update our Positive Behaviour Support Policy and Agreed Practices with support from staff, students and members of our School Board.

To ensure all members of Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School are informed and updated, information will be provided through our weekly newsletter explaining policy and procedures in place. While updating this, our Vision and Mission Statement was used to ensure an accurate reflection of our school community. A copy of this statement is provided below.

We encourage you to take the time each week to discuss this as a family. Please do not hesitate in speaking with classroom teachers or members of school leadership for clarification as required.

Kind Regards,

Paula Sellars
Deputy Principal

**Holy Spirit Vision and Mission Statement**

Holy Spirit Catholic community is inspired by the gift of the Catholic story and tradition, encouraging all members to live, to love and to grow in Christ.

Holy Spirit Catholic School is committed to developing the fundamental value of each person. Through sharing and living the Catholic story and tradition, we foster learning that enables students, families, school and community to engage in a collaborative partnership for a life-long journey of education.

- Our students learn in an atmosphere which integrates Gospel values with their life and learning. They are valued as unique individuals working to achieve their potential - spiritually, academically and socially.
- Our teachers are committed to providing a quality Catholic education based on Gospel values in partnership with the parish and parents/carers. Their priority is to support students achieving their potential.

**Positive Behaviour Update 2:**

**Class Buddy Program**

This program encourages student engagement and support across all year levels. We aim to ensure all students have access to not only their peers, but also students from classes older or younger than themselves. Our Class Buddy Program has been developed to provide student support in their learning in the classroom and playground. The aims of program below:

- Support students in their learning
- Develop positive relationships
- Mentor and guide students in their learning and play
- Participate in learning activities
- Provide opportunities for leadership of our students
- A place for students to visit when reflecting on behavioural choices

Suggested Activities:

- Attending masses/liturgies together
- Shared recess/lunch
- Peer reading time
- Special events, eg. Holy Spirit Feast Day

**Class Buddy Program arrangements for 2017:**
- Transition/Year 1 Room 8 – Year 3/4 Room 13
- Transition/Year 1 Room 9 – Year 3/4 Room 10
- Year 1/2 Room 4 – Year 5/6 Room 17
- Year 1/2 Room 6 – Year 5/6 Room 14
- Year 3/4 Room 12 – Year 5/6 Room 15

**Next week – Blue Buddy Card**

**PARENT /TEACHER GOAL SETTING SESSIONS**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held between 3.00pm – 6pm on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th 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: 7ybru

Then follow these 3 simple steps:

1. **Enter your details**
2. **Choose teachers**
3. **Choose times**

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 27th OF 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 booked.

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

**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.**

**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.
Community Notices

**The Darwin cricket season starts soon!**

Calling on all those interested in playing with the PINT Cricket Club for the 2017 season to attend our Sign On Day!

**Sunday 19th February 11am - 1pm @ the PINT Club, Abala Rd, Marrara**

Juniors (parents - we accept sports vouchers for fees!) ☺. Seniors.. Mens.. Ladies.. Anyone interested - please come along & enjoy a free sausage sizzle.. Meet & chat with new & old players, coaches & committee members! □ See you there! □

For any enquiries email us at pintcricket@gmail.com

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**Play hockey this season? Join:**

**WARATAH HOCKEY CLUB**

We are looking for new players for the 2017 season. Girls and Boys for under 11s, 14s and 17s are wanted! Use your NTG sports vouchers for fees.

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**Go to the Waratah’s stall.**

Visit the website:

www.waratahhockeyclub.com

...to see why you should play for Waratah’s.

Or for more information contact:

Kelly Hope         Club Secretary   waratahbc@gmail.com   0416 449 209
Gavin Morris       VP Juniors       gavin.morris@aribus.com 0427 445 686

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**Commerce-PINTs Hockey Club**

is for fun, fitness and families

Come and meet us at the
Hockey Sign on Day
Saturday, 11 February
Food Court, Casuarina Shopping Square

Girls and Boys U11s, U14s & U17s
Mens and Womens A, B & C Grades

Ask us about our free Junior Development Camp
5 years and up
starting at the end of February
2017 Training Wednesday Nights
All abilities welcome
Senior VP: Clare 0408273234
Junior VP: Cindy 0437388441
commerce.pints@gmail.com
Dear Parents,

You are invited to attend a PARENT/TEACHER Goal Setting Session with your child’s teacher on either Monday 27th or Tuesday 27th February between 3:00pm and 6:00pm. *(Please note Room 15 interviews with Miss Caioimhe will be conducted on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March)*

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 2017.

You are asked to complete the attached form **with your child prior** to attending the meeting to discuss what their personal goals may be for the year. This is a great opportunity for parents to sit and talk with your child about his or her learning.

We deliberately make the meeting an opportunity for the teacher and parents to talk privately in the absence of the student, based on the assumption that the student has had input into the goal setting on the form you have completed. This allows some time for parents and teachers to talk in a confidential setting.

It is very important that you talk with your child/ren prior to attending the meeting.

Bring the form to the meeting or ideally, send it in before so the teacher has time to read your reflections. It is important that at least one parent attends.

Please see the instructions overleaf, that explains how to make an online booking. If you have any questions, please contact the front office for assistance.

Kind regards,

Simon Duffy
Principal
Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held at 3.00pm – 6.00pm on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th February.
You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS CLOSE Monday 27th of February at 9am

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 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 at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.
**PARENT/ TEACHER GOAL SETTING EVENINGS 2017**

**STUDENT NAME:** ____________________________________________ Year level ________

| **Student expectations.**  
  *Talk to your child about what they would like to achieve this year.* |
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| **Parent expectations.**  
  *What would you like your child to achieve this year.* |
| **Your child’s interests**  
  *What does your child like to do outside of school e.g. hobbies, extra-curricular activities?* |
| **What are your child’s strengths?**  
  *Where do you feel your child’s strengths lie? (i.e. social or academic)* |
| **Situations affecting your child’s mood or learning**  
  *(e.g. family issues, siblings, new to Holy Spirit)* |
| **Learning style**  
  *How do you find your child learns best? Is it by listening, talking, touching, using their hands, watching first? etc.* |

*Feel free to use the back if you need more space.* If possible, please return this form back to your child’s teacher by Friday 24th February or bring it along to your meeting with the teacher.
Registration Form
The Sacrament of Reconciliation, 2017
Holy Spirit Parish, Casuarina

Candidate’s name: ____________________________ Date of Birth: ____________

Mother’s name: ____________________________ Religion: ____________

Father’s name: ____________________________ Religion: ____________

Address: ____________________________

Telephone: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________

School: ____________________________ Year level: ____________

Place of Baptism: ____________________________ Date Baptised: ____________

I agree that photos taken during the sacramental preparation and ceremony can be used for the Church and the School displays and publications: ____________________________

(Keep the under part of the page)

- Candidate should be in year 3, or above and had been baptised.
- Please provide a photocopy of your Baptismal Certificate with this form completed.
- Preparation booklets will be available from the Parish, including $10 for the books.
- Please return the completed form to the Parish Office or the School Office before the Weekend, 18th/19th February 2017.

Commitment to attend the lessons and Sunday Mass is important!

Important Dates:
- 19th February – Commitment Ceremony and the First Lesson after 9.30 Sunday Mass
- 12th March – Second Lesson after 9.30 Sunday Mass

First Reconciliation Ceremony will be celebrated on Thursday, 30th March 2017 at 6.00pm.
7th February 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

The Boys’ Choir at Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School is in its fifth year with numbers growing. It is hoped that this year senior students would take part as well. Any boy from Year 3 – Year 6 who likes to sing is welcome to join and no experience is required. Mrs. Lourdes Valles will continue to provide the training in Room 2 at 12:45 – 1:30 pm on Tuesdays.

The Choir is a supportive environment with an emphasis on developing a love for singing and gaining confidence through performance. The choristers engage in some vocal warm ups, including the development of aural skills. They then rehearse a series of different songs each term mostly by rote.

The choir will engage in several school and community performances throughout the year.

Rehearsals this term will commence on Tuesday, 14th February at 12:45 pm.

Please sign the permission note below if your child is able to attend choir practice each Tuesday afternoon.

Yours truly,

Mr Simon Duffy
Principal

I give permission for my child/ren to attend Boys’ Choir practice each Tuesday afternoon.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: __________________________

Name of child/ren: __________________________
7 February 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

All students in Years 3-6 who like to sing are invited to participate in the School Choir. Mrs. Lourdes Valles will provide the training between 2:30 – 3:15 pm in Room 2 every Thursday afternoon.

As Music is held for all classes in the daily timetable, we have decided to have Choir training mainly outside of class teaching to prevent interruptions to the learning program. It also recognised that Choir is an extra-curricular activity and we are encouraging all students to participate in extra-curricular activities.

It is especially important that our 5/6 students participate in an extra-curricular activity as an important part of their learning in Middle and Senior School will be through extra-curricular timetabled events.

The Holy Spirit School Choir has been most successful in the past and has received numerous awards and accolades. Mrs. Lourdes Valles is recognised for her talent in developing young voices.

I encourage all students to consider this invitation. During the year there will be special public invitations to attend performance events around Darwin. All members are encouraged to attend these events. A special vest is provided for performances. Students need only to provide a white shirt and black pants.

Rehearsals will commence on Thursday 16th February at 2:30 pm.

Siblings are not permitted to wait unsupervised outside the Music Room.

Please sign the permission note below if you allow your child to attend Choir practice each Thursday afternoon. Students that use ASC can attend these Centres following practice.

Yours truly

Mr. Simon Duffy
Principal

My child/ren would like to attend School Choir training each Thursday afternoon. The arrangements after practice are that they: (Please circle correct option.)

- Walk or ride their bike home
- Attend ASC
- Will be collected by specified adult

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ______________________

Name of child/ren: _______________________________
7 February 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

All students in Years T-2 who like to sing are invited to participate in the School Junior Choir. Miss Bronwyn Tranter will provide the training between 2:30 – 3:15 pm in the Multipurpose Room every Thursday afternoon.

As Music is held for all classes in the daily timetable, we have decided to have Choir training mainly outside of class teaching to prevent interruptions to the learning programme. It also recognised that Choir is an extra-curricular activity and we are encouraging all students to participate in extra-curricular activities.

I encourage all students to consider this invitation. During the year there will be special public invitations to attend performance events around Darwin. All members are encouraged to attend these events. A special vest is provided for performances. Students need only to provide a white shirt and black pants.

Rehearsals will commence on Thursday 16th February at 2:30 pm.

Siblings are not permitted to wait unsupervised outside the Music Room or Multipurpose Room.

Please sign the permission note below if you allow your child to attend Junior Choir practice each Thursday afternoon. Students that use After School Care can attend this centre following practice.

Yours truly

Mr. Simon Duffy
Principal

My child/ren would like to attend School Junior Choir training each Thursday afternoon. The arrangements after practice are that they: (Please circle correct option.)

- Walk or ride their bike home
- Attend ASC
- Will be collected by specified adult

Signed: ______________________________ Date: _______________________

Name of child/ren: ______________________________ Room: _______________________

Name of child/ren: ______________________________ Room: _______________________
7th February 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

This year the Liturgical Dance Group will be meeting on Wednesdays from 2:30 – 3:15 pm in Room 2 under the direction of Mrs Lourdes Valles. Students from Years 3 – 6 are invited to participate.

Liturgical dance is a dance that is incorporated into liturgies or worship services. It is an expression of worship. Such dances can be accompanied by different types of music. The dancers will respond with an appropriate dance which flows out of the music and is thought to enhance the prayer or worship experience.

Rehearsals will commence on Wednesday, 15th February 2017.

Please sign the permission note below if your child is able to attend Liturgical Dance practice each Wednesday afternoon. Students from ASC and Homework Centre can attend these Centres following practice.

Siblings of students not involved in Liturgical Dance Groups are required to be collected by parents before 2.55pm from the Parent pick up area or are able to enrol in After School Care. Siblings are not permitted to wait unsupervised outside the Music Room.

Yours truly

Mr Simon Duffy
Principal

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the Liturgical Dance practice each Wednesday afternoon.

The arrangements after practice are that they:
(Please circle correct option.)

- Walk or ride their bike home
- Attend After School Care
- Will be collected by a specified adult

Signed: _______________________________ Date: _____________________

Name of Children: _____________________