



31 January 2020

NEWSLETTER

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

Week 1, Term 1

Principal's Reflection

Dear Families,

Prayer for beginning of school year

Gracious God, we come to you at the beginning of this academic year with our many feelings, expectations, fears and hopes. Help us to remember, however, we have the comforting assurance from you: I will always be with you.

Our motto: To Live, To Love, To Grow in Christ

Welcome to all students, staff and families to the start of the 2020 school year. We hope that you have all had an amazing time with family and friends over the holiday period.

We acknowledge and thank our staff from Community of Learners as well as Out of School Hours Care who have provided excellent service to our children these holidays. Special thanks to Mrs. Sharon Floyd and her team who coordinated this important holiday program.

We are very excited about our year ahead and the journey for which we are about to embark together. Teaching is a partnership between families and educators. We strive to provide the best possible learning environment for your child here at Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School. Please be sure to keep in close communication with your child's classroom teacher as required.

I am excited to introduce the teaching staff for 2020 school year. Firstly, a warm welcome to our new staff member, Brittany Lawler who will be teaching in Year 3/4. Brittany comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge and is looking forward to her time here with us.

Our classroom teachers:

Transition/Year 1, Room 8 – Fiona Bugden (formally Coughlan)
Transition/Year 1, Room 9 – Tracey Coco & Alicia McManus
Year 1/2, Room 4 – Lyndell Williams
Year 1/2, Room 6 – Mimi Woolley
Year 3, Room 15 – Veronica Niland
Year 3/4, Room 17 – Brittany Lawler
Year 4/5, Room 12 – Steve O'Shannessy & Mary Wilson
Year 5/6, Room 10 – Sinead Walsh
Year 5/6, Room 13 – Caoimhe Kalinowsky & Kelsey Crowe

Specialist Teachers:

Indonesian – Kirsty Boath
The Arts – Mary Wilson
Physical Education – Shelley Eves

Inclusion Support Coordinator

Alicia McManus

Reflection

To Live, To Love, To Grow in Christ

We welcome Father Brian Callaghan as the new Parish Priest of Holy Spirit. On the weekend of Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th February Bishop Charles Gauci will be present at each mass for his installation as our parish priest. It would be wonderful to have our families present over the weekend to congratulate and officially welcome Father Brian into our community.



We have many important events coming up over the next few weeks. Be sure to check our calendar, School APP, Class Dojo, and Facebook for all details.


Our **Parent Information Session** takes place Friday 31st January and will run from 4.30 – 5.00pm. We shall meet initially in our Multipurpose Room for a welcome address. Following this you will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom to teacher. This is not a formal interview, but rather a chance to meet your child's teacher and see where they are sitting in class. During this time classroom teachers will share with you general classroom requirements and routines. The **Family Fun Evening** will be held at the Casuarina Swimming Pool directly after this from 5.30pm – 7:00pm. Families are encouraged to bring along a picnic dinner. Children must be accompanied by an adult while at the pool. We have booked a water slide for the children also. The entry cost is at pool prices.

Dates to lock into your calendar:

- Opening & Commissioning Mass - Friday 7th February at 8:30am
- Darwin Defence Expo at Convention Centre - Saturday 8th February
- Installation of our Parish Priest, Father Brian Callaghan – weekend of Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th February
- Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Meetings - Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February
- Defence Family Gathering – Friday 14th February at 1:30pm

Wishing you all a wonderful start to the school year. For any queries or concerns please do not hesitate in making contact with us.

Kind Regards,


Mrs. Paula Sellars
Principal

PARENT /TEACHER GOAL SETTING MEETINGS

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held between **3pm – 6pm** on **Monday 11th** and **Tuesday 12th of February**
You can now book interviews at times that suit
YOUR FAMILY BEST. Bookings open Monday 3rd of Feb. at 9am. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Enter THIS school event code: **u3qwy**
Then follow these 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.

BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 7th OF FEB. AT 3PM

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 10mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your child's teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the 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 their child's Teacher directly.

SCHOOL FEES

Families are advised the following school fees for 2020 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.

Family	Per Term (Inc. levies)	Per Year (Inc. levies)
1 child	\$500.75	\$2003.00
2 children	\$969.75	\$3879.00
3 children	\$1406.95	\$5627.80
4 children	\$1583.60	\$6334.40

Levies break down (these are included in the amounts of table above)

\$368.00 Books & Services (per child/per year)

\$128.00 Excursion (per child/per year)

\$236.00 Operational (per child/per year)

Community of Learners (fees subject to change)		
One Child	\$405 per week	\$100 per day
Effective January 2020		
After School Care (fees subject to change)		
One Child	\$27 - booked rate	\$37 - casual rate
Before School Care (fees subject to change)		
One Child	\$12 (includes Breakfast)	
Vacation Care (fees subject to change)		
One Child	\$295 per week	\$77 per day
Effective April 2020		
Child Care Benefits (CCB) apply		

OSHC BOOKINGS, CANCELLATIONS, CHARGES & CHANGES

Cancellations or bookings must be made in writing at least 24 hours in advance for a normal rate of \$27 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 \$37 per child.**

Vacation Care enrolment forms received after the submission date will incur an additional cost of \$50 per child. Vacation Care requires 48 hours (before 7am, two days prior) in advance written notification for cancellations.

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.

As per the Terms and Conditions on the OSHC enrolment form, public holidays will be charged if the front office has not received a cancellation of booking for that date.

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

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.

OSHC FORMS, 2020

It is a requirement that all children attending Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School complete a 2020 enrolment form for Holy Spirit Out of School Hours Care – regardless of whether they are a current user of this service or not.

Bookings from 2019 are not carried over, as of the 10th of February, 2020 if your child attends OSHC and a 2020 OSHC form has not been submitted to the front office you will be charged the casual rate until a form has been submitted.

Collect a form from OSHC building, the front office or download one from our website:

<http://www.holyspiritnt.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-and-fees/outside-hours-school-care>

TERM DATES 2020

Semester One, 2020	
Term 1	Thurs. 30 Jan - Thurs. 09 April
Term Break	Mon. 13 April - Fri. 17 April
Term 2	Tues. 20 April - Fri. 26 June
Semester break	Mon. 29 June - Mon. 20 July
Term 3	Tues. 21 July - Fri. 25 Sept.
Term 4	Mon. 12 Oct. - Thurs. 17 Dec.

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to the following Students who celebrate their birthday in Week 1:

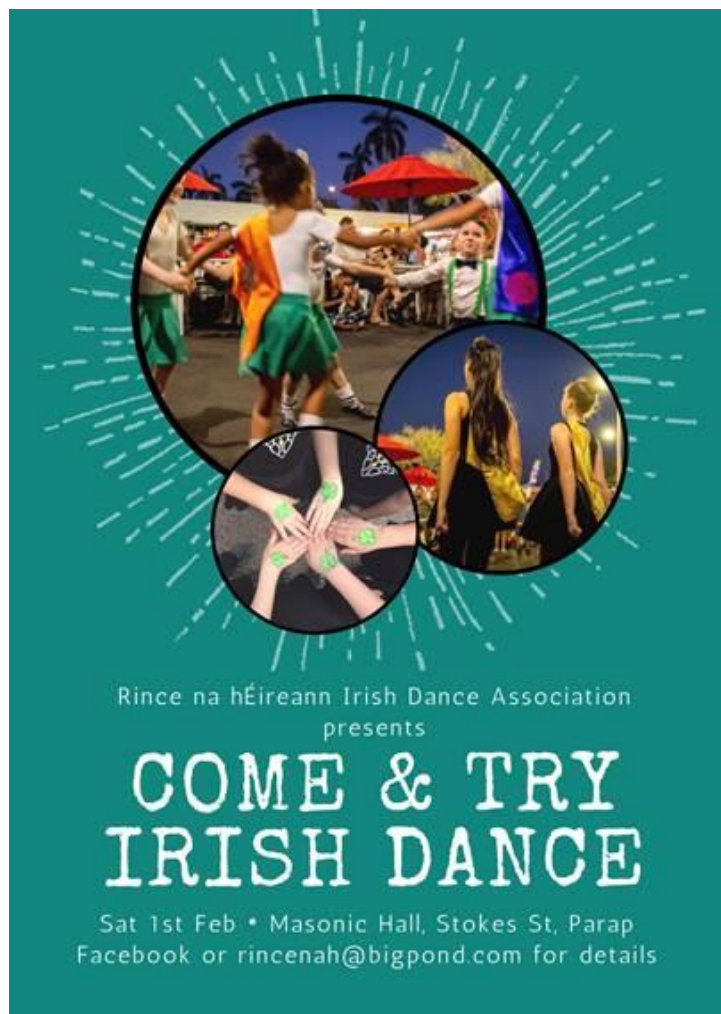
- Laura Hallet



Term 1 Calendar, 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
Week 1 Jan/Feb 4th Sunday Ordinary Time	27 Australia Day Holiday	28	29	30 Students first day school	31 <i>No Assembly</i> Parent Information & Family gathering from 4:30pm	No Assembly
Week 2 February 5 th Sunday Ordinary Time	3 Everyone Can Read House speech and voting @ 1:30pm	4	5	6 Awards Assembly Toon School	7 Opening & Commissioning Mass @ 8:30am	Year 4/5, Room 12
Week 3 February 6 th Sunday Ordinary Time	10 HWC begins Parent/Teacher Goal Setting 3-6pm	11 Safer Internet Day (Together for a better internet) Parent/Teacher Goal Setting 3-6pm	12	13	14 Awards Assembly Defence Gathering @ 1:30pm	Year 3, Room 15
Week 4 February 7 th Sunday Ordinary Time	17 P&F MEETING	18	19 BOD Ceremony @ Cenotaph	20 BOARD MEETING	21 Awards Assembly	Year 6 student leadership
Week 5 February/March 8 th Sunday Ordinary Time	24 Life Education Van	25 Shrove Tuesday	26 Ash Wednesday (service @ 11am)	27	28 Awards Assembly Netball @ Sitzler REWARD AFTERNOON	Year 1/2, Room 4
Week 6 March 1 st Sunday Lent	2	3	4	5	6 Awards Assembly	Year 5/6 Room 13
Week 7 March 2 nd Sunday Lent	9	10 Cross Country @ East Point from 4:30pm	11	12	13 Awards Assembly	Year 1/2, Room 6
Week 8 March 3 rd Sunday Lent	16 Dancify (T-6) P&F MEETING	17	18	19 BOARD MEETING	20 Touch Gala @ Marrara Awards Assembly National Day against bullying & violence (NDA)	Year 3/4, Room 17
Week 9 March 4 th Sunday Lent	23 NAPLAN National Coordinated Practice Test	24	25	26	27 Youth Ministry with O'Loughlin & Year 6	Year 5/6, Room 10
Week 10 March/April 5 th Sunday Lent	30	31	1	2	3 AFL Gala @ TIO Awards Assembly REWARD AFTERNOON	Transition/Year 1, Rooms 8 & 9
Week 11 April Palm Sunday	6 Cyber wiser show @ 1:30pm	7	8	9 Awards Assembly Easter Raffle @ 2:15pm	10 GOOD FRIDAY	Mini Vinnies

Community Notices



A poster for the Rince na hÉireann Irish Dance Association. It features three circular images: the top one shows a group of dancers in traditional Irish costumes performing; the bottom left shows hands with green henna designs; the bottom right shows two women in traditional dress. The background is teal with white radiating lines.

Rince na hÉireann Irish Dance Association
presents
**COME & TRY
IRISH DANCE**
Sat 1st Feb • Masonic Hall, Stokes St, Parap
Facebook or rincenah@bigpond.com for details



A poster for Mindil Aces FC. It has a black background with a large yellow rectangle in the center. The text 'WE'RE BACK' is in large, bold, black letters, with '2020' in a small white box. A soccer ball is at the bottom. The text 'FOOTBALL SEASON IS HERE!' is at the top. The sign on day is on Saturday 1 Feb from 11AM-2PM at Nightcliff Sports Club. New players welcome.

FOOTBALL SEASON IS HERE!
WE'RE BACK
2020

MINDIL ACES FC SIGN ON DAY
11AM-2PM SATURDAY 1 FEB.
NIGHTCLIFF SPORTS CLUB
New players welcome
Page - Mindil Aces Football Club Group - Mindil Aces Soccer Club
www.mindilaces.com info@mindilaces.com



Darwin Dragons Rugby Union Club Training commencing Thursday 4th February 2020

Rugby Park (**Field 1**) - 71 Abala Road Marrara
Juniors - Tuesdays & Thursdays from - 5:15pm

U6, U8, U10, U12, U14's

Seniors - Tuesdays & Thursdays from - 6.15pm

For further information

Email: darwindragonsrugby@hotmail.com

Or call

Puru Westrupp – President: 0450 500 568

Damien Seubert - Junior Co-ordinator: 0400 968 330

*****New Players welcome*****



Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Information for Parents

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in late December 2019.

Exclusion from School or Early Childhood Centres

If you have been informed by Public Health authorities that your child is a close contact of a confirmed case of the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), even if they don't have symptoms, they cannot attend school or childcare until Public Health informs you that it is safe for them to do so.

If your child has recently travelled to mainland China and has developed symptoms (listed below), contact your usual doctor for assessment who will liaise with Public Health authorities and determine whether or not your child needs to be excluded from school or child care.

If your child has recently travelled to mainland China and has not developed any of the symptoms (listed below), they may attend their school or early childhood centre and should not be excluded.

What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS).

The virus originating in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It had not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms include (but are not limited to) fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue and shortness of breath.

What if my child is sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province?

If your child develops mild symptoms:

- keep your child at home and do not send them to school or child care;
- call your usual doctor or local hospital and tell them your child may have novel coronavirus infection; and
- when you get to the doctor's clinic or hospital, tell them again that your child may have novel coronavirus.

If your child has serious symptoms such as shortness of breath:

- call **000** and ask for an ambulance; and
- tell the paramedic that your child may have novel coronavirus infection.
- your doctor will test your child for 2019-nCoV and provide advice on management. You will also be contacted by Public Health officers who will provide you with more information.

Students with symptoms should be excluded from attending schools and early childhood centres until symptoms have resolved. If they have been diagnosed with 2019-CoV they should not attend school or childcare until they are cleared by public health authorities. If students have other respiratory illness (i.e. flu), they should not attend school irrespective of whether there is a concern about nCoV.

How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

- teach and encourage your children to wash their hands often with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet;
- avoid contact with others by keeping children home if they are unwell;
- teaching children to cough and sneeze into their elbow; and
- while it's not possible to avoid touching, kissing, and hugging children, parents and guardians should do their best to follow these steps too.

Where can I get more information?

Visit the Australian Government Department of Health homepage at www.health.gov.au

Call the Public Health Information Line on 1800 044 599.

Contact your state or territory public health agency:

- ACT call 02 5124 9213 during business hours or (02) 9962 4155 after hours
- NSW call 1300 066 055
- NT call 08 8922 8044
- Qld call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84)
- SA call 1300 232 272
- Tas call 1800 671 738
- Vic call 1300 651 160
- WA visit <https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/> or call your local [public health unit](#)