



19 February 2020

NEWSLETTER

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

Week 4, Term 1

Principal's Reflection

Dear Families,

Prayer for teachers

In my role as a teacher, please help me to work hard for the good of my students, treating each of them with care, love and respect. Lord, bless me and keep me, make your face shine upon me. Turn your face towards me and give me peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen

It is hard to believe that we are in our fourth week of the school term. Our students and staff are settled and our academic year is well underway. We have had many events so far with our **Parent Meet and Greet, Family Night at Casuarina Pool, our Opening Mass, and the installation of our Parish Priest, Darwin Defence Expo at the Convention Centre, Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Interviews, and our Defence Family Gathering.** I thank all members of our community for your support as we continue our learning and faith journey.

Our **Defence Family Gathering** last week was a wonderful afternoon for our children and families. Mrs. Crimmings, our Defence School Mentor and Mrs. Ammerlaan organised some fun activities for all to enjoy. It was a great opportunity for our parents to meet also.

Today is the **Commemorative Service for the 78th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin.** Our school and vice captains attended the service with Mrs. Crimmings and myself at the Darwin Cenotaph. We laid a wreath to honour the fallen on behalf of Holy Spirit School Community.

The attendance of our young students ensures the older generation has the opportunity to pass the baton of remembrance to our younger Australians, so they too may understand the significance of this historic event, and help ensure that our nation never forgets the horrors of war and the value of peace.



Our **Parents and Friends Committee (P&F)** met on Monday afternoon to discuss and organise a variety of fundraising events for the year. Usually one or two social events are organised by our P&F each term. Events may include Family Fun Nights, Movie Night, Discos, Christmas Carols and barbeques. They also coordinate Mother's and Father's Day breakfast and stalls. Georgina Maika, President of the P&F is still looking for members to assist throughout the year. Please do not hesitate in making contact with Georgina if you wish to learn more about this

committee.

The main purpose of our P&F is to:

- Raise funds for the benefit of the school
- Create an avenue for social gatherings and build school community
- Organise and promote fundraising opportunities within the school

Their first official event is Shrove Tuesday. This is the traditional feast day before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (the 40 days leading up to Easter). Each year we provide pancakes for our children during recess. Our pancakes are egg and gluten free to assist us in avoiding allergic reactions. Georgina is calling on parental support in coming to school next Tuesday 25th February to assist with the cooking. Please contact Georgina through our P&F email address if you are able to assist or wish to learn more about this committee - holyspirit.parentsandfriends@gmail.com

This Sunday 23rd February at 9:30am is the **Commitment Ceremony** for our children preparing to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Following mass our children will join for their first lesson. We wish our candidates well and keep them in your prayers as they continue on their sacramental journey. For further details, please do not hesitate in speaking with Mr. Steve O'Shannessy, our Religious Education Coordinator or contact the parish on 89 453 633 and speak with Father Dave Callaghan.

We continue to have many important events coming up over the next few weeks. Please take the time to read our weekly newsletter, as well as checking our calendar, School APP, Class Dojo and Facebook for all details.

Dates to lock into your calendar:

- School Board Meeting – Thursday 20th February at 5:30pm in our library
- Commitment Mass for The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Sunday 23rd February at 9:30am
- Shrove Tuesday – Tuesday 25th February
- Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday 26th February at 11:00am in our Multipurpose Room
- Netball Gala at Sitzler Courts – Friday 28th February
- Reward Afternoon – Friday 28th February
- Harmony performance – Friday 20th March from 5:30 – 7:00pm in our courtyard

For any queries or concerns please do not hesitate in making contact with us.

God Bless,

Mrs. Paula Sellars
Principal

Reflection

"May my ways be steady in doing your will."
- Psalms 119:5



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students:

- * T/1, Rm. 8 - Penelope Kempster & Skylette Soohoo
- * T/1, Rm. 9 - Tristan Krajsek & Elsie Burton
- * Year 1/2, Rm.4 - Bob-Bryson Kubwayo & Joanna Siby
- * Year 1/2, Rm.6 - Ella Bledsoe-Richter & Hunter Saye
- * Year 3, Rm.15 - Charlize Chin-Salandanan & Hugo Commons-Fidge
- * Year 3/4, Rm.17 - Adeline Coco & Thomas Hallett
- * Year 3/4, Rm.12 - Arthur Merton & Layla Young
- * Year 5/6, Rm.10 - Joseph Bail & Daisy McKay
- * Year 5/6, Rm.13 - Alicia Feeney & Matilda Tranter
- * Art Award- Audrey Wilson & Alex Litster

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:

Ursula Hall

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to the following Students who celebrate their birthday in Week 4:

- Tristan Krajsek
- Amali Sweet
- Anna Theodosiou

- Sofia Commons-Fidge
- Brandon Seiler



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.

SNAPPY SIX

Name: Sophie Matejic
Favourite Colour: Pink
Favourite Food: Teppanyaki
Favourite Book: Goosebumps By: R.L. Stine
Favourite Sport: Hockey
What do you like best about Holy Spirit School? All the friends you can make and that you learn something new everyday!



School Vice Captain

SNAPPY SIX

Name: Nyasha Mandivheyi
Favourite Colour: Purple
Favourite Food: Chicken
Favourite Book: James and The Giant Peach By: Roald Dahl
Favourite Sport: Basketball
What do you like best about Holy Spirit School? Welcoming atmosphere and the teachers!



School Vice Captain

INTRODUCING...

Miss Brittany, Classroom Teacher

Miss Brittany is originally from Victoria, where she studied to become a teacher and taught for two years. She then decided to go on an adventure to the Tiwi Islands to have a go at teaching in a remote community. Miss Brittany had a wonderful two years there, but is happy to now be living in Darwin and teaching at Holy Spirit. Her and her partner are expecting their first baby in June and are very excited!



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Holy Spirit Parish in partnership with Holy Spirit Primary School are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you would like your child to be involved please fill out the Registration Form in the below link and return this to Fr Dave or Holy Spirit Primary School by Friday. You can also find a copy in our school office.

Our Commitment Ceremony will be held this Sunday the 23rd of February at 9:30 am Mass, followed by our first lesson. Parents and Caregivers are expected to attend and work with their child in all lessons.

Registration form:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1htQnjnr2CoSeyueOXX9-LW3nYTgS9eH9>

Fr Dave's "How to..." Instructional Video:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1iG4rd8ZkrwHtydXayT_cvNA6T4Hmjjea

Kind Regards,

Steve O'Shannessy

Religious Education Coordinator

SHROVE TUESDAY (PANCAKE DAY) & ASH WEDNESDAY

TUESDAY 25th February

Next Tuesday students will be able to take part in our annual Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) celebrations. To cater for all dietary requirements a pancake batter made from egg, fish and nut free ingredients will be handed out to students. In addition, a gluten free option will be made available.



WEDNESDAY 26th February

Liturgy - Multipurpose Room - 11:00 am.

Ash Wednesday is the official starting date of the Lenten season. Students will be attending a Liturgy in the Multi-purpose conducted by the Year 3's from Room 15. Teachers will place ashes, left over from Palm Sunday branches, on the students forehead in the Sign of the Cross. Please come along and support our students.



Kind Regards,

Steve O'Shannessy

Religious Education Coordinator

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS...

Helpers Needed

We are looking for helpers to cook and serve pancakes on Shrove Tuesday (25th February) from 8 - 10:30am

If you can assist, please email

holyspirit.parentsandfriends@gmail.com

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.



CANTEEN NEWS...



All canteen lunch orders are to be placed online at www.quickcliq.com.au

Registration is easy. Just follow the instructions on the website to register your account and you can start placing orders.

Canteen is available Thursday - Friday only.

**As of term 2, recess orders will only be available online*

SEMESTER 1 - SPORTS VOUCHER

To order your child's sport voucher please visit www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au

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 within the fees or uniforms. Valid till the end of Term 1, 9th of April, 2020. Available at the Front Office.

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.

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@inet.net.au
Enrolment forms available from the front office.

SAFETY - MORNING & AFTERNOON

We request your support in ensuring the safety of everyone during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal at Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School. Please ensure you take the time to read carefully. Please do not hesitate in speaking with us should clarification or details be required.

Children's Crossing

- Children's Crossing provided on both Gsell and Angelo Street
 - A safe place for members of school and community to cross throughout the day
 - We remind our students/staff at all times to make eye contact with drivers prior to using crossing
- Children's Crossing in place during school hours: 7:00am – 5:30pm
 - Crossing and flags in place to identify safe area
 - Important to use crossing areas throughout afternoon pick-up from OSHC & COL

Yellow painted lines (to assist with safety of drivers/pedestrians)

- Marked along Gsell and Angelo Street
 - Parking not permitted on yellow lines at any time
 - When parking cars on yellow lines we block visibility of any person using our Children's Crossing or area near Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School, no matter the time of day.
 - Please refrain from parking your car on yellow line that is against the flow of traffic along Gsell Street especially through morning drop off

Driveway Drop Off/Pick Up (Two minutes only)

- No parking – please do not leave your car unattended
 - Where your children are not in driveway during parent pick-up in the afternoon please move directly to parent/carer carpark located near our basketball court. Alternatively you can drive through Church carpark and then proceed to drive around the block.
 - Parking is not permitted on student crossing at any time
 - Please do not honk your horn to gain the attention of your child
 - PLEASE DO NOT HOLD ONTO A PARKING SPOT WAITING FOR YOUR CHILD TO ARRIVE

Driveway Gates (Gsell Street): open during arrival and dismissal time

- Where gates are closed during dismissal time, please drive through to parent/carer carpark. Please do not park/sit along Gsell Street as this impacts on safety and traffic flow – for everyone's safety it is important we allow traffic to flow along Gsell and surrounding streets
 - Driveway gate times:
 - Open 7:00 – 8:45am
 - Open 2:15 – 5:30pm

Casuarina Pool Car Park: an area that you can utilise during morning drop off or after school dismissal

- Students are able to utilise Angelo Street crossing under teacher supervision each afternoon following dismissal.

Community of Learners (driveway area)

- Three parking bays available to Community of Learners parents/carers during drop off/pick up time each day.
 - A reminder that bays are available for ten minutes only to assist drop off/pickup of children.

Our teachers, for morning and afternoon provide duty of care for students of Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School. We appreciate your support and acknowledgement in this area.



Term 1 Calendar, 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
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) Harmony Day, 5:30pm (courtyard)	Year 3/4, Room 17
Week 9 March 4 th Sunday Lent	23 NAPLAN National Coordinated Practice Test		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



COME JOIN OUR GREAT CLUB

Looking to fill spots in our 2nd teams - 5yrs, U8, U9, U10, U11

U5 - U11 - WED 5:15PM

**WANGURI OVAL
GSELL ST, CARPARK ENTRANCE**

Please email:
enquiries.cfc@gmail.com



Instagram: [@casuarinafc](#) Facebook: [casuarinafc](#)

Website: www.casuarinafc.com

UPCOMING DARWIN REGION SELECTION TRIALS

For further information please contact the Sport Education Coordinator. Trial permission forms can be downloaded from the School Sport NT website or from your in school representative.

12/15 YEARS & UNDER NETBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
WEDNESDAY	4TH MARCH	3.30-5.00pm	Sitzler Courts Marrara
THURSDAY	5TH MARCH	3.30-5.00pm	
FRIDAY	6TH MARCH	3.30-5.00pm	

15 YEARS & UNDER TOUCH FOOTBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
THURSDAY	19TH MARCH	3.30-5.00pm	Territory Rugby League Stadium, Marrara

12 YEARS & UNDER TOUCH FOOTBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
FRIDAY	20TH MARCH	3.30-5.00pm	Territory Rugby League Stadium, Marrara

12 YEARS & UNDER AFL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TUESDAY	31ST MARCH	3.30-5.00pm	Sanderson Middle School Oval
WEDNESDAY	1ST APRIL	3.30-5.00pm	
THURSDAY	2ND APRIL	3.30-5.00pm	

12 YEARS & UNDER FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TUESDAY	21ST APRIL	3.30-5.00pm	TBC
WEDNESDAY	22ND APRIL	3.30-5.00pm	
THURSDAY	23RD APRIL	3.30-5.00pm	

12 YEARS & UNDER CRICKET

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
WEDNESDAY	6TH MAY	3.30-5.00pm	Marrara Cricket Ground (MCG)
THURSDAY	7TH MAY	3.30-5.00pm	
FRIDAY	8TH MAY	3.30-5.00pm	

Darwin Region Sport Education Coordinator: Hannah Roll
m: 0437 001 735 e: hannah.roll@nt.gov.au

Darwin Region School Sport Admin Assistant: Julie Kitsos
p: 08 8997 7518 e: darwinregion.ssnt@ntschoos.net



Malak Family Hub

where every child matters

January - March 2020

We provide a range of FREE services and programs for families with children from birth to 18 years of age in the Darwin region

We can now support with transport! Call the Hub on 8944 2088 for more information.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Support Drop in	Circle of Security	Support Drop in	Stay and Play	Chill Out!
10am - 12pm	10am - 12pm	10am - 12pm	10am - 12pm	10am - 12pm
Do you or someone in your family need some extra help or support? come along to our support drop in and speak with our Malak Team	Circle of Security is a relationship based early intervention program, the group aims to enhance attachment and security between parents and children. Spaces are limited, bookings essential	Do you or someone in your family need some extra help or support? come along to our support drop in and speak with our Malak Team	Stay and play with your children. A range of indoor and outdoor play experiences and activities provided. For families with children aged 6 years and under.	Come and join our Chill Out! a chance to unwind, relax and maybe even learn something new! children of all ages are welcome. *see flyer for more info
Internet cafe	The Hub!	Parent Champions	Outdoor Play	Happy Families (last Fri of the month)
1pm - 3pm	2.30pm - 4.30 pm	2pm - 3pm	2.30pm - 4.30pm	5pm - 7pm
Do you need help to get Online but don't have access to the Internet? Help is at the Hub. With space for the children to play, come in to use our computer to catch up with those Online jobs.	an after school drop in session for children and young people aged 7-12 years. come and meet new people and have fun. *contact us for more info!	Our Parent Champions program is based on the idea that parents are the best people to support other parents. Come along and meet other parents and help shape the way that services at the Malak Hub are developed,	Come and enjoy our sensory garden, explore our sand and rock area, construct on our woodwork table, and paint at our outdoor table. For parents and children of all ages!	The Multicultural Council of NT and CatholicCare host a monthly event to help families in our local community connect. Light Supper and children's activities provided. Everyone is welcome