



26 February 2020

NEWSLETTER

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

Week 5, Term 1

Principal's Reflection

Dear Families,

Project Compassion – Go Further Together

God of all peoples and nations, as you accompany us on our Lenten journey, may our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity, our almsgiving be an act of justice, and our prayers anchor us in love and compassion. Awaken our hearts and minds that we may be one human family as we all go further together. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Each year **Project Compassion** brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Today our students participated in our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. **Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of **Lent**, the 40 day journey to the most important time in the Church's calendar, Easter. Throughout this Lenten season, we remember our humanness, our weakness, our mortality. Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's annual fundraising campaign coincides with Lent. The theme this year for Project Compassion – **Go Further Together**. We thank **Miss Veronica Niland** and her **Year 3** class for organising and presenting a beautiful liturgy this morning.



On Sunday the candidates for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** were presented to Holy Spirit Parish. Our candidates participated in a **Commitment Ceremony** and a **blessing** from the congregation. We pray for: **Daniel Liberato, Darius Krajsek, Phoebe Hennessy, Molly King, Karys Sheridan, Sophie Matejic, Kylie Ammerlaan, Sienna Ammerlaan, Laurence Arellano, Adeline Coco, Gianne Gaspar, Francesca Hilario, Johan Siby, Luka Krajsek and William Stokes** as they continue on their sacramental journey.



It is with great pleasure that I welcome and introduce **Mr. Matthew Kleidon** to the Holy Spirit teaching team. Matthew will be teaching in Year 5/6, Room 13 from Wednesday to Friday each week. Matthew comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge and is looking forward to



his time here with us. He has familiarity of our context having taught previously at Mackillop Catholic College, Johnston and Sacred Heart, Palmerston. I know you will join me in welcoming Matthew to our school.

Reflection

"But when you pray, go to your private room, shut yourself in, and so pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you"
- Matthew 6:6

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.

Last week our Year 6 Student Leaders spoke at morning assembly and visited classrooms to remind our children about our **Buddy Bench**. This bench supports **Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School Positive Behaviour Support Policy Procedures**, as well as our **Wellbeing and Pastoral Care Policy**.

Our **Class Buddy Program** which encourages student engagement and support across all year levels is again in full swing for the school year. Already our buddy classes have been involved in a variety of activities this term. The buddy class arrangements for this year:

- Transition/Year 1, Room 8 and Year 3, Room 15
- Transition/Year 1, Room 9 and Year 3/4, Room 17
- Year 1/2, Room 4 and Year 5/6, Room 13
- Year 1/2, Room 6 and Year 4/5, Room 12
- Year 5/6 Room 10 and Community of Learners

A reminder that **Reward Afternoon** takes place this Friday. Twice a term, students are rewarded for their positive behaviour both in

the classroom and playground. Classroom teachers negotiate with their class an activity of their choice to participate during **Reward Afternoon**. We have a variety of activities that each class can participate. Classroom teachers shall keep you informed of what they have in place.

We have attached with our newsletter the policies and procedures that support our **Buddy Bench**, our **Buddy Program** as well as **Reward Afternoon**.

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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students:

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| * T/1, Rm. 8 - | Isaac Thomas & Agnes Dinu |
| * T/1, Rm. 9 - | Olivia Feeney & Solomon Thomas |
| * Year 1/2, Rm.4 - | Allegra De Zylva & Sophie Hall |
| * Year 1/2, Rm.6 - | Caitlin Kalinowsky & Koby Walsh |
| * Year 3, Rm.15 - | Amata De Zylva & Bryan Ekama |
| * Year 3/4, Rm.12 - | Leyla McLaughlin & Michael Kariotis |
| * Year 5/6, Rm.10 - | Akira Rankin-Mutton & Alexander De Zylva |
| * Year 5/6, Rm.13 - | Anett Biju & David Panatos |
| * Art Award- | Christopher Blair & Samantha Ong |
| * Sport Award - | Charlotte Bush & Haydon Burton |
| * Indonesian Award - | Alicia Feeney & Amata De Zylva |

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:

Madison Woolley

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to the following Students who celebrate their birthday in Week 5:

- Suwa Adakpoku
- Peyton Barkley

- Anett Biju
- Benjamin Lemmat
- Leo Nguyen
- Ari Sefton



IN THE EVENT OF A CYCLONE

As we are now in the cyclone season in the Top End, families are reminded of our school procedures in the event of a cyclone. School closures are announced by the Department of Education and are broadcast to the public on the local TV and radio stations. In the event that government schools are closed, Catholic schools will also be closed. Please listen to the radio or TV for updates in relation to school closures and re-opening. We will endeavour to keep families informed via our school app, class dojo and email, but this will be dependent on the availability of power and personnel.

Visit www.securent.nt.gov.au for more information or visit the app. Store and download the *SecureNT* app.

For up to date weather alerts please refer to TIO Weather Alerts. A free service for all Territorians. Log into <http://www.tiofi.com.au/alerts> and register. Information can be received directly to your phone or email.

Dates to lock into your calendar:

- Netball Gala at Sitzler Courts – Friday 28th February
- Reward Afternoon – Friday 28th February
- NAPLAN Parent Information Session in our MPR – Wednesday 11th March at 3:00pm
- School Board Meeting – Thursday 19th March at 5:30pm in our library
- Harmony Day barbeque and 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

INTRODUCING... Specialist Teachers

Mary Wilson - Art Teacher

I first came to Holy Spirit in 2018, moving to Darwin from Victoria in search of a new adventure. My art days are Tuesday and Wednesday. I love to teach art, it is my favourite part of the week. Visual Arts encourages children to explore their individual unique talents using various techniques and materials that might not always be applicable in other subject areas.

I enjoy teaching visual arts because there is no wrong and there are never ever mistakes....I call them a 'beautiful oops'. Visual art taps into the imaginative and creative side of the brain that is vital to each individuals growth and development. I am happy to speak with you if you wish to learn about art classes. My email contact is mary.wilson@nt.catholic.edu.au

Ibu Kirsty – Indonesian Teacher

I first came to Holy Spirit as the Indonesian Teacher in 2015. My working days are Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. I enjoy teaching Indonesian because I love languages and how they give students the opportunity to become positive global citizens. I am happy to speak with you as required if you wish to learn about Indonesian classes. My email contact is: kirsty.boath@nt.catholic.edu.au.

Shelley Eves - PE Teacher

I first came to Holy Spirit as a Transition/Year 1 teacher in 2018. My working days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. I enjoy teaching PE because I get to interact with all classes across the school and assist students in developing a range of different skills and abilities, which include improving fundamental movement skills and learning to cooperate with others. I am happy to speak with you as required if you have any questions about our PE classes. My email contact is: shelley.eves@nt.catholic.edu.au



SNAPPY SIX

Name: Kuini Ahpene
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Food: Potatoe chips
Favourite Book: Wings of Fire series
Favourite Sport: Table tennis
What do you like best about Holy Spirit School? The friendly environment



Red House Captain

SNAPPY SIX

Name: Stephanie Foo
Favourite Colour: Yellow
Favourite Food: Chocolate
Favourite Book: Smile by R. Telgemeier
Favourite Sport: Dance
What do you like best about Holy Spirit School? The students and teachers



Red House Captain

TERM DATES 2020

Semester One, 2020	
Term 1	Thurs. 30 Jan - Thurs. 09 April
Term Break	Mon. 13 April - Fri. 17 April
Term 2	Mon. 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.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Students are expected to wear full school uniform each day. A signed note from parents must be sent to school if a student is out of uniform. Students out of uniform will be issued with a note to parents advising breach of uniform - the note is requested to be signed and then returned.

Purple polo shirt	\$35
Black Shorts or Skorts - plain black	\$30
Dress	\$45
Hats - Black school hat	\$15
Black shoes or sandals - must be plain black with black laces	
Socks - white or black	
Sandals - black or brown	

Jewellery

A wrist watch may be worn and a thin gold or silver chain with a cross but no other form of jewellery is acceptable. Students who have pierced ears may wear one pair of 'sleepers' or 'studs' only.

Hair

Needs to be neat and tidy at all times. Hair is not to be hanging in the face of students, if longer than the students shoulders it needs to be tied back. Purple or black ribbons are acceptable.

Nail Polish is not to be worn at school.
Hats are a compulsory uniform item.

Size 6 dresses are now available for purchase from the front office

VACATION CARE

Vacation Care forms are now available from the front office and OSHC Building for the April holidays To secure your child's place please return them to the front office by **3pm, Friday 27th of March**

Forms received after the submission date will incur an additional fee of \$50 per child.

**Your child must be registered at OSHC to attend*

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 Subsidy (CCS) apply		

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. 085 933

Account No. 39 895 1673

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.

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.



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.

SCHOOL, OSHC, AND COL FEES

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

NAB

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

You can also visit the front office in person or call 89 273 411 to make a payment over the phone

Please contact the [Finance Office](#) as soon as possible if there are any difficulties meeting payment commitments.

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 5 February/March 8 th Sunday Ordinary Time	24 Life Education Van	25 Shrove Tuesday	26 Ash Wednesday (Liturgy @ 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 NAPLAN Parent Information session, MPR, 3-4pm	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

Term 2 Calendar, 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
Week 1 April 2 nd Sunday Easter	20 Students resume	21	22	23 Awards Assembly	24 Anzac Ceremony @ 11:00am Soccer Gala Day	TBA

CHILD SAFE GUARDING OFFICERS



**Our Child Safe Guarding
Officers are:**

Mrs. Sellars



Principal

Mrs. Caoimhe



Deputy Principal

Ms. Sinéad



Wellbeing Officer

I know I can go to Mr. Sellars, Mrs. Caoimhe and Ms. Sinéad if...

I need some help.

I am worried about my safety.

I am worried about a friend.

Community Notices



DARWIN HEARTS FC

Is seeking players for season

2020

Are you ready?



Miniroos age group 5 to 11 years

JOIN NOW

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INFO@DARWINHEARTSFC.COM.AU
OR CALL
DINESH - 0410 869 353
SANJAY - 0431 678 356
KUMAR - 0423 629 548
WWW.DARWINHEARTSFC.COM.AU




WEBSITE FACEBOOK

SPONSORS 2020:



DESIGN: PROUDMAN

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



FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Join us at St Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral for our 60th year celebration Mass

Friday 19th June 9:00am

Rugby League Players Needed

South Darwin is a family friendly rugby league club based in the Northern Suburbs. We are located at Warren Park in the Marrara Sporting Complex. We welcome players both boys and girls for the following age groups.

Sign on day, Saturday 7th March from 11am at Warren Park.

If you wish to contact the club for more information you can do so via:
Email: Southdarwinrabbitohs@gmail.com
Contact Persons: Yolande Morris - 0407 616 675.
Website: <https://www.southdarwinrugbyleague.com>

U6's to U12's

U14's to U18's

U15's and U17's

Mixed boys and girls

Youth boys

Youth girls



Waratah Hockey Club



Waratah Hockey Club is a fun, family orientated club who welcomes people of all ages and abilities. We pride ourselves on providing excellent coaches and creating a safe and supportive environment for all our members.

Training: Tuesday 5:30 - 6:30 at Marrara Hockey Stadium commencing 24 March 2020

Teams: Under 8's Mixed
Under 11 Boys & Girls
Under 14 Boys & Girls
Under 17 Boys & Girls




All new Juniors receive a **free** playing shirt on registration. All new Under 8's and Under 11's players also receive a **free** hockey kit with stick, stick bag, shin-pads and ball.

For more information please call Tom on 0447 115 295 or email waratahhc@gmail.com



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Holy Spirit Buddy Bench Policy

Rationale

Our *Buddy Bench* supports *Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School Positive Behaviour Support Policy Procedures*, as well as our *Wellbeing and Pastoral Care Policy*. Students require a quiet place to sit during recess or lunch when in the playground and looking for a friend to play a game that reflects and supports their interests. Rules for our *Buddy Bench* have been collated by students from all year levels.

Our *Buddy Bench* is about inclusion and fostering a sense of friendship. It is in a prominent location in our playground which is overseen by staff when on yard duty.

Our *Buddy Bench* is for students who are looking to make new friends or broaden their friendship group.

As Holy Spirit makes the *Buddy Bench* a part of our culture it will become a great focal point in the school community by helping to reduce isolation and assist in building a real sense of mateship in the schoolyard. In addition, our *Buddy Bench* is to support and compliment *Making Jesus Real (MJR)*, a way of life that we continue to foster and encourage with our students and school community.

Aim

Our *Buddy Bench* is in place to:

- Reduce isolation
- Build a sense of mateship in the playground
- Provide a safe place for students to sit when feeling lonely and looking for a friend
- Encourage students to invite those sitting on the bench to join in with their game
- Make new friends
- Participate in a different activity for the day
- Foster an inclusive environment in the school where diversity and equality are celebrated

How to use Buddy Bench

Students from all year levels were asked to suggest what the *Buddy Bench* should look like and how it should be used. Common language and understanding is central to our *Buddy Bench* working for our students. Below we have listed student suggestions:

- To be used when feeling lonely or unable to find someone to play with
- If you make a friend at our *Buddy Bench*, play with them for remainder of play
- If you are sitting on our *Buddy Bench* and are invited to play, say yes
- If you see someone sitting on the bench, offer suggestions for things to do
- Prior to sitting on the bench be sure to look around for a person to play with
- Our *Buddy Bench* is not to be used for games

Buddy Bench link (YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OwyMl115Jc>

For our children, common language and understanding of our *Buddy Bench* (on display in assembly area)

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School Buddy Bench is:

- A place to sit during recess or lunch when looking for a friend to play with
- A place where new friends invite you into a game
- A place to feel safe, secure and included



Ratification:

This policy was ratified at School Board on Thursday 21st June, 2018

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year cycle – June, 2021



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Student Wellbeing/ Pastoral Care Policy

Rationale

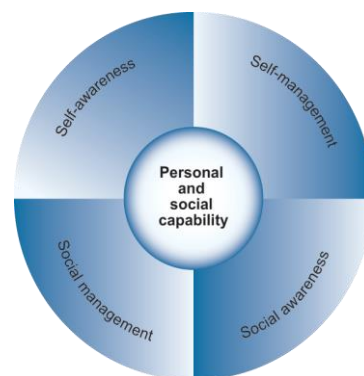
At Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School everyone has a right to be treated respectfully and to feel safe and secure. All students need an environment that supports their learning, personal growth and positive self-esteem.

Successful learning is, to a large extent, dependent on the quality of the learning environment and it is the relationships and trust in the school that have the greatest impact on the quality of this environment. Students will find it difficult to engage with learning programs if they are distracted by significant physical, social or emotional issues. The student wellbeing policy therefore, is concerned with all that impacts on a student's capacity to learn and to achieve.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is:

- To build positive and respectful relationships where students take responsibility for their behaviour and where, in partnership the school and parent/carers support student learning, personal growth and positive self-esteem.
- To maintain a safe, positive and caring school environment
- To create a culture where students, staff, parents share responsibility for achieving a high standard of student wellbeing
- To build positive relationships between teachers, students and parents/carers
- To ensure rights and responsibilities are known, respected and protected
- To ensure clear expectations for student behaviour and consistency in how the school responds to difficult behaviour
- To use co-operative and restorative approaches to resolving conflict (Please refer Restorative Practices and Wellbeing Document for further details – Purple Card)
- To ensure that effective management of instances of student misbehaviour occur
- That there is regular professional dialogue amongst staff concerning their role, responsibilities and the wellbeing of students through staff meeting/bulletins and updates



Implementation

Strategy - Key Elements

1. The Learning Program

In the Australian Curriculum, students develop personal and social capability as they learn to understand themselves and others, and manage their relationships, lives, work and learning more effectively. The capability involves students in a range of practices including recognising and regulating emotions, developing empathy for and understanding of others, establishing positive relationships, making responsible decisions,

working effectively in teams and handling challenging situations constructively. Students with well-developed social and emotional skills find it easier to manage themselves, relate to others, develop resilience and a sense of self-worth, resolve conflict, engage in teamwork and feel positive about themselves and the world around them. The development of personal and social capability is a foundation for learning and for citizenship.

2. Relationships

It is important for all children to establish meaningful relationships with peers, class/specialist teacher, other students and staff. In the school's daily life, the ways in which people interact with each other impacts significantly on each person's sense of self-worth, belonging and wellbeing. The fostering of high quality, positive interpersonal relationships among staff, students, and parents is a responsibility shared by everyone.

3. Expectations

To develop and sustain a motivated learning community where students experience success on a regular basis, expectations for students need to be clearly defined and consistently adhered to.

4. Specialist Support

Student Wellbeing is serviced by two linked areas, Wellbeing / Pastoral Care and Inclusion Support. These two services provide staff and students with the support needed to meet the individual needs of students. The Wellbeing / Pastoral Team takes a focus on assisting staff to meet the behavioural, emotional and social needs of all students, and Inclusion Support has a focus on students with special and particular learning needs.

Specific Strategies

Strategies that our school has implemented to assist in building a positive community and nurturing student wellbeing include

- Catholic Care – counselling services available to all students/parents/carers as required
- Making Jesus Real (MJR) - focusing in particular on welcoming, encouraging, saying sorry, thanking others, respect, compassion, cooperation and friendship
- Class DoJo
- Engine and Dreaming Room
- Student Wellbeing – CEO – Archdiocese of Melbourne
- Restorative Practice – purple card (questionnaire)
- Parent/Student/Teacher Goal Setting Interviews – Terms 1 and 3
- NED – Never Give Up, Encourage Others, Do Your Best
- A Whole-School Framework- Be You (formally Kidsmatter)
- Positive Student-Student Relationships
- Peer Support program
- Anti-bullying Strategy – refer policy and audit
- “Bounce Back” SEL Program and Embedded Social Skills
- Positive Involvement with Parents-Class parent contacts
- Positive Student-Teacher Relationships
- Professional Learning Communities/Action Teams
- Structured Lunchtime Activities, eg. Art/PE
 - Library and Multipurpose Room open in Terms 1 & 4 (provide a cool environment)
- Student Leadership and Development
- Class Buddy Programme
- Defence Program
- Student ‘Buddy’ Bench

Ratification

- This policy was ratified by School Board in February, 2019

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle – February, 2022



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE – **VACATION CARE BOOKING FORM**

Welcome to Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School Vacation Care.

We aim to provide a safe, fun and stimulating environment where children can enjoy their holidays.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY 3pm, Friday Week 9, 27th of March, 2020 TO CONFIRM YOUR CHILD'S PLACE

Forms received after the submission date will incur an additional fee of \$50 per child.

Please note: the final programme will be confirmed once we have final attendance numbers. Please make sure you check the board during Vacation Care for any important notices or changes to the programme.

The Holy Spirit Vacation Care Programme

The programmed activities include a variety of excursions, special theme days, arts/crafts, cooking, sports and indoor/outdoor games. Please understand that booked outings and scheduled activities may be cancelled or substituted for reasons beyond our control.

Session Times

The programme will be open from **7:00am – 5:30pm, 14-17 April, 2020**. It is the responsibility of parents / care givers to ensure that their children are signed in and out daily.

Bookings

To enrol your child please complete and return the booking form. The programme is a registered care provider for the Child Care Cash rebate scheme. To ensure a place for your child and to assist with staffing please book your child in by 3pm, Friday the 27th of March, 2020. Late submissions will need to be approved by the coordinator, particularly on days we are attending excursions.

Cost

Vacation Care is currently charged at a daily rate of **\$77** per day per child, and a full time rate of **\$295** per child per week. All accounts must be paid up-to-date prior to attending. A \$50 late fee (plus \$1 per minute) per child will apply if your child is collected after 5:30pm. **Forms received after the submission date will incur an additional fee of \$50 per child.**

Cancellations

Any cancellations for Vacation Care must be in writing at least 48 Hours (Before 7am, 2 days) prior to the scheduled registered day your child/children has been booked into and handed to the finance/admin office; otherwise full fees will be charged (as rosters and budgets are worked out according to bookings).

Lunch

The School will provide afternoon Tea most of the days except cooking day when we provide lunch. Parents will need to provide morning tea and lunch. **Please DO NOT** bring eggs and nuts to school.

Excursion Days

Children will need to arrive 30 minutes prior to departure time. Children are not to bring money with them to Vacation Care, particularly on excursion days.

Movies

The movies the children may watch during Vacation Care will be rated G/PG. Please see the co-ordinator if you wish to see the title of the movie. Let the coordinator know if you do not want your child/ren to attend. Session times for the movies will be advised closer to the day.

Clothing

Please ensure all items of clothing are named. Please provide your child with a bucket hat, sunscreen and appropriate footwear. On WATER PLAY and swimming days children need to bring bathers, rash vest and a towel. Please note: Thongs are only allowed walking to and from the pool. ALL clothing MUST be clearly labelled with your child/ren's name. Any clothing left unclaimed at the end of the programme will be donated to charity.

We advise all parents that children are not allowed to bring valuables/toys to Vacation Care. Whilst all care is taken, we cannot be responsible for any loss or damage

- I/We have read the above and agree to the terms and conditions.
- I/We give consent for participation in all scheduled activities, including excursions, on the days which I/We have enrolled my child/children.
- I/We agree that Holy Spirit Vacation Care staff is free and clear of all responsibilities for any accidents and loss of property during participation in activities.
- I/We give permission in event of emergency to obtain such medical assistance as required and agree to meet any medical expenses attached; this includes travel by private vehicle/ambulance if required.
- I/We give permission for my child/children to walk supervised to and from excursions on the days my child is booked in Vacation Care.
- I/We give permission for my child/children to travel by bus to and from excursions on the days my child is booked in Vacation Care.
- I/We give permission for my child/children to be transported by private vehicle should the need arise.
- By signing this form I/We am confirming that I/We I have informed the OSHC of any additional needs that my child may have.
- I/we acknowledge and agree that I/we will be responsible and I/we will reimburse the School for all costs and expenses incurred by the school in recovering or seeking to recover all amounts payable to the School in relation to the student whether such amounts are payable under the Schedule of Fees or otherwise

Parent/Guardian: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

VACATION CARE PROGRAMME					
WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	13-Apr-20 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14-Apr-20 Making Playdough & Soccer Tournament	15-Apr-20 Incursion: Zumba & Bubble play	16-Apr-20 Cooking: Pizza & Loom Bands	17-Apr-20 Excursion Movies: Trolls World Tour

VACATION CARE BOOKING			FAMILY NAME:		
WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	13-Apr-20	14-Apr-20	15-Apr-20	16-Apr-20	17-Apr-20
No. Children	PUBLIC HOLIDAY				
Name of Children:					