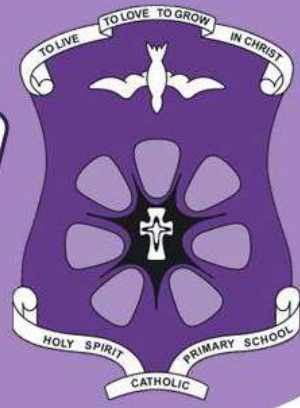


# NEWSLETTER

*"TO LIVE, TO LOVE, TO GROW IN CHRIST"*



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### *Prayer of welcoming*

*Heavenly Father, guide me through this year in all our words and actions. We give you our school – Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School. We give to you our staff who work here. We give to you all the children who learn here. We give to you our families, who place their trust in the work we do here.*

*We pray that our school continues as a great place of acceptance, learning, discovery, adventure, and creativity.*

*Amen*

Dear Families,

Welcome to all students, staff and families to the beginning of our school year together. I hope that you have had a relaxing holiday with family and friends.

To all our new families of Holy Spirit, welcome and we hope you enjoy your time here. We pride ourselves on the education provided as well as professional work of all our staff. To those returning, welcome back.

I wish to welcome our new staff to Holy Spirit - Heidi van Bodegraven, Georgia Tsikouris, Fiona Bugden (returning staff member), Claire Dekuyer, Isabella Britten, Ann Gray, Josh Hodgson, Suzane Henriques Rodrigues, and Ann Byrne. You will all have the time to meet with our new staff once we get settled into our school year.



## New staff members

Tanya Dukes, our new Assistant Director in Community of Learners began with us just prior to Christmas. She has settled well into her new role and has enjoyed getting to know our children and families. Some wonderful posts through Class Dojo have been a pleasure to read over the holiday period. If you are yet to meet Tanya, please take the time to drop into COL and say hello.



Thanks to our staff from Community of Learners and Vacation Care who provided excellent service to our children these holidays. The program and work of our staff is to be commended and our children had a lovely time.

At the beginning of the week, you were provided with the name of your child’s classroom teacher for 2024 school year. At the conclusion of last year our staff worked collaboratively in placing students into their class group. Our teachers know students well, particularly in the learning context and with this, careful decisions were made to ensure that classes were created with a good balance of learning needs. A request for a specific teacher cannot be accommodated as we encourage children to develop strategies for working with a range of teachers who each bring individual strengths to the learning environment.

We are excited about our year ahead and the journey for which we are about to embark. Teaching is a partnership between families and educators. At Holy Spirit we strive to provide the best possible learning environment for all children. We understand at the beginning of the year that children are excited about returning, but with the new year we know there can be some anxiety and uncertainty. Our focus for the beginning of the school year is about providing our children the opportunity to get to know their teacher and the routines of their class. It is also about building relationships with their new classroom teacher. It can take some time for children to settle, and we ask for your support through this. Please be sure to keep in close communication with your child’s teacher throughout the year to discuss any concerns or additional support that may be required.

You should have received an invitation to Class Dojo from your child’s teacher. Please accept this so that you are able to begin communication with them as well as see the great work your children are doing each day. You should have also received a year level bulletin outlining what you children will be learning this term.

I am excited to introduce our staff for 2024 school year.

**Our classroom teachers:**

Transition, Room 8 – Georgia Tsikouris  
Transition, Room 9 – Fiona Bugden  
Year 1/2, Room 2 – Claire Dekuyer  
Year 1/2, Room 4 – Isabella Britten  
Year 1/2, Room 6 – Shlaghniya Khanna  
Year 3/4, Room 14 – Ann Gray  
Year 3/4, Room 15 – Kimberley Justice  
Year 3/4, Room 17 – Siobhan Webb  
Year 5/6, Room 10 – Nikita Jason  
Year 5/6, Room 12 – Carla Hayes and Lyndell Williams  
Year 5/6, Room 13 – Heidi van Bodegraven

**Inclusion Support Assistants**

Amanda Murphy  
Ann Byrne  
Annie Holmes  
Arnold Kirby  
Chris Crimmings  
Faye Ciubal  
Irene Argyridakis  
Jordan Tremlett  
Joshua Hodgson  
Sam West  
Suzana Rodrigues  
Veronica Thomas

**AIEW**

Ekyra Aragon

**Deputy Principal**

Heidi van Bodegraven

**Front Office**

Yola Gray

**Finance**

Lee MianChong  
Tammy Richards

Our plan is for our canteen to reopen this term. We are still finalising details and shall let you know more once all is confirmed. We thank you for your patience with this.

Before and after school is very busy around our school. We ask for your patience and ensure you follow all Australian road laws. A reminder that at no time are you permitted to park in the ‘Drop and Go’ area. Where you need to get out of the car, we ask that you park in one of our designated bays located at the back of our school. We thank you in advance for your support and compliance with this.

Congratulations to Greg O’Mullane, former Director of Catholic Education NT who last week was recognised for his service to education and school rugby with a Medal of the Order of Australia. Greg dedicated over 40 years to Catholic Education, and we are very proud of his achievements. Greg’s grandchildren, Aoibheann, Cian and Ethan Zammitt who are students here at Holy Spirit are also very proud of their grandfather.

Please be sure to check our calendar for all important events and activities. A few dates to lock into your diary:

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Whole School Opening Mass at 8:30am in our church
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Harmony Day celebrations at school

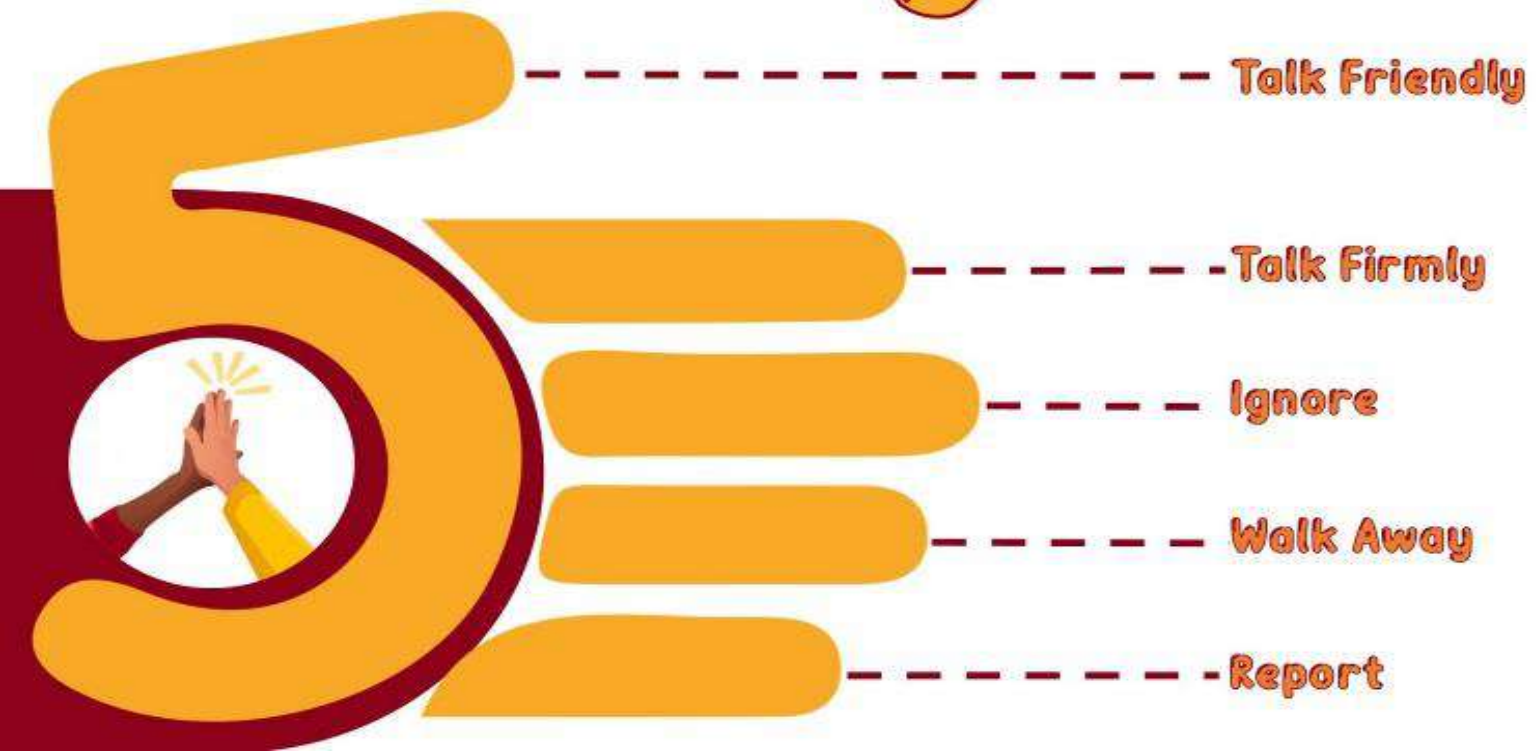
Blessings,



Mrs Paula Sellars  
Principal



# Do the High Five



## FRIENDLY FEBRUARY, 2024

Friendly February 2024

MONDAY



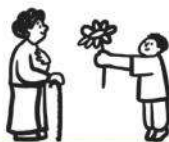
5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

TUESDAY



6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

WEDNESDAY



7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today

THURSDAY

1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

29 Acknowledge someone's problem or pain rather than trying to fix it

FRIDAY

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

SATURDAY

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

SUNDAY

4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why



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# TERM ONE CALENDAR, 2024

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY
<b>Week 1</b> January/February 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany	29  NO SCHOOL	30  NO SCHOOL	31  Students and staff resume.	1	2	NO ASSEMBLY
<b>Week 2</b> February Transfiguration Sunday	5	6	7	8  Awards Assembly  School Counsellor	9  Opening Mass @ 8:30am  Yr. 6 Leadership @ 1:15pm	STUDENT LEADERS WITH MRS SELLARS
<b>Week 3</b> February 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	12	13  Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes  Project Compassion Launch- Cathedral-Mini Vinnie leader	14  Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 8:30am	15  Board Meeting @ 4:45pm	16  Awards Assembly	ROOM 10
<b>Week 4</b> February 2nd Sunday in Lent	19  BOD Ceremony @ the Cenotaph	20	21	22	23  Awards Assembly  Sausage sizzle @ lunch	ROOM 17
<b>Week 5</b> March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	26  Project Compassion	27	28	29	1  Awards Assembly  Netball Gala Day  REWARD AFTERNOON	ROOM 6
<b>Week 6</b> March 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent	4	5	6	7	8  Awards Assembly  Defence Gathering @ 1:30pm	ROOM 12
<b>Week 7</b> March 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent	Parent/Teacher Interviews (1:00 – 5:00pm)		NAPLAN TESTING			ROOM 13
	11	12	13	14  Board Meeting @ 4:45pm	15  Awards Assembly  Yr. 6 Leadership lunch @ 1:15pm	

# SEMESTER ONE DATES 2024

Semester One, 2024	
Term 1	Wed. 31 Jan - Fri. 5 April
Term Break	Mon. 8 April - Fri. 12 April
Term 2	Mon. 15 April - Fri. 21 June
Please visit the <a href="#">school website</a> if you would like to view term dates for years 2024 through to 2027	

## OSHC REGISTRATION FORM, 2024

A reminder to families that OSHC Bookings for 2023 have not been carried over to 2024. If your child requires OSHC services this year, the 2024 OSHC Form is now available. You can collect a form from the front office or you can download one from the school website: [OSHC Enrolment Form, 2024](#)

We recommend that all families complete the form even if you do not usually use the service so your child can be have supervised care in case of an emergency or unforeseen circumstance.

## OSHC BOOKINGS, CANCELLATIONS, CHARGES & CHANGES

- Cancellations or bookings must be made in writing at least 24 hours in advance for a normal rate of \$35 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 \$45 per child.**
- If you have booked your child in for OSHC but decide to collect your child from school, or allow them to walk or ride home, we need you to notify the OSHC team before 2pm on the day of your booking.
- 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.
- All bookings and cancellations must be in writing and made through operoo /website. Email accepted, please email: [oshc.hs@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:oshc.hs@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.

## BYODD - LAPTOP DEVICES - YEARS 3-6 (2024)

Please follow the link provided or scan the QR code to connect to the portal purchase options for laptop devices for 2024

<https://holyspiritps.technologyportal.com.au/information sheets?PortalID=4447>



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is very important for all our children. Every day at school counts! Please refer to the table below as an indicator of how repeated absences can have an impact on student learning.

	<b>Your child's attendance is above 95%</b> They are likely to be a 'Star Performer' as well as an excellent attendee. They will almost certainly achieve the best grades for their ability and have real opportunity in further education, or in the world of work.
	<b>Your child's attendance is 90 – 94%</b> 'GREEN for Go' for good attendance, they are likely to achieve grades that will give them real opportunities to continue their studies, or in the world of work.
10 days missed = 2 weeks absence	
	<b>Your child's attendance is 85 – 89%</b> 'AMBER – Take care' as students will be missing up to 20 days each year and this will make it very difficult for them to achieve their best.
	<b>Your child's attendance is 80 – 84%</b> 'RED light – Be alert' as students are missing so much school that it will be very difficult for them to keep in touch with lessons or with work.
	<b>Your child's attendance is below 80%</b> 'AT RISK – Immediate Action Needed' as students are missing so much time from school that it will be almost impossible for them to keep in touch with lessons or work.



# SCHOOL FEES & ELC AND OSHC CHARGES – 2024

Families are advised the following school fees for 2024 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.

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

\$437.00 Books & Services (per child/per year)

\$148.00 Excursion (per child/per year)

\$291.00 Operational (per child/per year)

Family	Per Term (Inc. levies)	Per Year (Inc. levies)
1 child	\$581.50	\$2326.00
2 children	\$1126.75	\$4507.00
3 children	\$1635.75	\$6543.00
4 children	\$1854.75	\$7419.00

ELC - Community of Learners (fees subject to change)		
One Child	\$465.00 per week	\$120.00 per day
Effective January 05, 2024		
OSHC - After School Care (fees subject to change)		
One Child	\$35.00 - booked rate	\$45.00 - casual rate
Effective January 31, 2024		
OSHC - Before School Care (fees subject to change)		
One Child	\$15 (includes Breakfast)	
Effective January 31, 2024		
OSHC - Vacation Care (fees subject to change)		
One Child	\$335.00 per week	\$90 per day
Effective April 2024		
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, Operoo, or the [school website](#).

### Leaving?

If your child is leaving the school, please notify the office in writing (email accepted) or by completing a '[Termination of Enrolment](#)' form on Operoo

### 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, operoo or the school website. 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.



## CONTACT DETAILS

Has your family recently changed your place of residence? Have you changed your phone number, email, place of work or postal address?

Please visit Operoo and contact the front office with your updated details.



## 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 \$75/week or \$15 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.

## 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

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES



- FOUR WEEKS -

**COME & TRY**

**FREE**

**PROGRAM**

**AGE GROUP: 4-11**

**WED 21<sup>st</sup> FEB - 13<sup>th</sup> of MARCH**

**5-6pm at TRACY VILAGE (BACK OVAL)**

**28 TAMBLING TERRACE, LYONS**

**For more information on how to register  
please contact us via email or direct message**







# Darwin Region Sport Education 2024

## Upcoming Selection Trials



6 - 8

FEBRUARY

3:30 - 5:00 PM

12 Years & Under Australian Football

Boys & Girls Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at Sanderson Middle School Oval.

14 & 15

FEBRUARY

3:30 - 5:00 PM

12 Years & Under Touch Football

Boys & Girls  
Wednesday & Thursday at TRLS, Marrara

27 - 29

FEBRUARY

3:30 - 5:00 PM

15 Years & Under Netball

Girls Only Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at CDU Stadium, Marrara

12 - 14

MARCH

3:30 - 5:00 PM

12 Years & Under Netball

Boys & Girls Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at CDU Stadium, Marrara

### MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Jordie Williams - Darwin Region Sport Education Pathways Coordinator

 0460 037 976  7923 0336  [darwinsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:darwinsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au)



# Darwin Region Sport Education 2024

## Upcoming Selection Trials



28

MARCH

NO TRIAL

12 Years & Under Tennis

Girls & Boys  
Self Nomination form due to Darwin Region Sport Education

2 - 4

APRIL

3:30 - 5:00 PM

12 Years & Under Football (Soccer)

Boys & Girls Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at Bagot Oval.

14 - 16

MAY

3:30 - 5:00 PM

12 Years & Under Cricket

Boys & Girls  
Wednesday & Thursday at DXC Arena, Marrara

14

JUNE

NO TRIAL

10 - 19 Years Track & Field

Girls & Boys  
Self Nomination form due to Darwin Region Sport Education

### MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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## TRACY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

### 2024 SIGN ON DAY

**11am to 1pm SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY**

**Tracy Village Social Club, Tambling Terrace Lyons**



**ACCEPTED**



**SENIORS  
MEN**



**JUNIORS  
(5 YEARS+ BOYS/GIRLS)**



**SENIORS  
WOMEN**

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FACILITIES**

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[admin@tracyvillagecc.com.au](mailto:admin@tracyvillagecc.com.au)

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## TRACY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB



### COME & TRY CRICKET

**5.30PM TO 6.30PM**

**4 WEEK PROGRAM EVERY FRIDAY  
COMMENCING FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2024  
TO FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024**



**SPORT  
VOUCHER**



Find us on 



**5 Years to 12 Years Boys & Girls**

Join with Friends & Play Cricket Together  
Tracy Village Oval, Tambling Terrace Lyons  
0418 817 825 / [admin@tracyvillagecc.com.au](mailto:admin@tracyvillagecc.com.au)

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REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO  
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