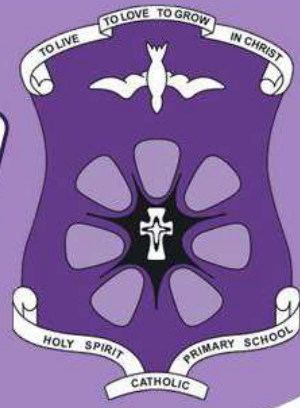


NEWSLETTER

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Beatitudes for the Making Jesus Real (MJR) Teacher

Blessed are the teachers who inspire in their students a positive attitude to others, to life and to themselves, for they pass on the actions, words, and teachings of Jesus.

Blessed are the teachers who use and teach W.E.S.T for they will experience the greatest joy that these four actions will bring. Blessed are the teachers who foster and nurture the Gospel Values of compassion and justice, for they will create smiles, laughter, and joy.

Blessed are the teachers who understand, use, and teach the power of T.E.A.M for they will involve many in creating wonderful solutions.

Blessed are the teachers who work on mental strength, a sense of humour, the one percenter, winning the hard ball, and not taking the soft option, for they will encourage resilience in students.

Blessed are the teachers who look for, 'The Spirit of Jesus' in all they do and see, for they will – by identifying these moments – create even more beautiful opportunities.

And finally, Blessed are the teachers who live Jesus in their hearts, for they will lead by example – encouraging their students and inspiring their colleagues and school community forever.

Amen

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that our students and staff have been back with us now for a full week. It has been lovely for us all to engage and reconnect with each other. I am happy to share that it has been a fantastic start for everyone.

Friday morning, we gather in our church for our Opening Mass at 8:30am. Families are welcome and encouraged to come along. Thank you, Carla Hayes, our Religious Education Coordinator, and our Year 6 student leaders who will lead us through our mass.

Students and staff from across the school have been fortunate to again work with Marty Ogle, facilitator of Making Jesus Real (MJR). MJR is a values education resource. It is centred on the belief that we are all God's children, and that we are called to try to be like Jesus in the way we live (words and actions). MJR promotes positive language and actions for both the classroom and playground. You may at times hear your child speak of the W.E.S.T person (Welcoming, Encouraging, Sorry and Thanks). Each week through assembly we acknowledge and identify members of our school community who display MJR qualities. Please take the time to speak with your child this week about MJR to gain an insight into their thoughts and understandings about this valuable program.



Specialist subjects in the areas of Indonesian, Visual Arts and Physical Education began this week. Our specialist teachers this year are familiar to you all as returning staff. Kirsty Boath returns after taking long service leave in Term 4 of last term. It is great to have Ibu Kirsty back with us all again. Leah Ergos will be teaching Visual Arts again this year after taking it on at the end of last year. Leah is familiar to many of you as a parent also of our school. Connor Schiller is excited to start the year with us as our PE teacher. Connor joined the teaching team last year in July and is looking forward to a full year of PE. If yet to meet our specialist teachers, please come in and say hello.

[Defence Expo](#) is on this Saturday down at the Darwin Convention Centre. This is a great opportunity for all families new to Darwin to come along and learn a little more of what to see and do while living in our tropical city. Catholic Education have a stall at the expo where you will locate Chris Crimmings and I. Please be sure to come over and say hello.

We introduce to our school community our Year 6 student leaders. Already they have started to work together to brainstorm new ideas and initiatives for our school. We congratulate and wish well:

- School Captains – Antonio Galouzis and Katerina Magoulas
- School Vice-Captains – Cooper Hayes and Serene Javier
- Angelo (Red House Captains) – Vuni Adakpoku and Evanthia Trikilis
- Gsell (Blue House Captains) – Manoli Argyridakis and Caitlin Kalinowsky
- Strele (Green House Captains) – Tinashe Mudzingwa and Charlize Chin-Salandanan
- McAuley (Yellow House Captains) – Brodie Ayres and Kayana Baumann

Next week you will be able to learn a little more about our student leaders through 'Snappy Six', which is included in our newsletter.

Thank you in your support around ensuring our children are dressed in correct school uniform. A reminder to everyone that it is plain black shoes and socks. In addition, the length of shorts and skirts is to be appropriate (above the knees). A copy of our [uniform policy](#) that is ratified by our school board is available on the school website. Where children are not dressed in correct school uniform an 'Out of School Uniform Notice' will be sent home to families with a reminder.

Homework will begin next week. Classroom teachers will inform you of how this will look for your child. A copy of our [Homework policy](#) is available on the school website.

Online safety is important for everyone, and it is our role to educate and speak to our children regularly about this. There are three important focus areas we are reminded of when online. Be sure as a family to do this regularly.

- **Connect** safely by keeping apps and devices secure and review your privacy settings regularly.
- **Reflect** on how your actions online may affect others of your safety.
- **Protect** yourself and others by visiting [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au) to find out how stay safe online and report online abuse.

With many of our students in Years 3-6 having their own laptop through our Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD), it is important we share and discuss the Connect, Reflect, and Protect message so that we can work towards making every day a Safe Internet Day. [Safer Internet Day 2024 | eSafety Commissioner](#)

You will have noticed the building project underway in our courtyard. All schools that have a second level are now required to have a lift on site. Unfortunately, the weather has delayed the project somewhat. Fencing is in place as a reminder to us all to steer clear of this area. Thank you for your support with this. Ultimately, this will be a great new asset at our school once completed.

Works in
progress



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

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

Blessings,

Mrs Paula Sellars
Principal



RE News

Our school embraces the Making Jesus Real (MJR) programme, although it is less of a programme and more of a way of life. We seek to look for Jesus in ourselves and those around us. We want to foster a relationship with Jesus that is real and relevant to our daily lives.

We believe that we are the image of Jesus to those around us. We are Jesus' representatives and our actions should reflect his values. Jesus taught us that we are part of his family and the way we treat other people should be the same way we would treat Jesus if he was standing next to us.

Making Jesus Real

We strive for the values of:

- care and compassion
- respect for ourselves and others
- honesty
- trustworthiness
- understanding
- tolerance
- inclusion



MJR Focus

GTS- Greet, Treat, Speak

Learning the art of positive interaction is crucial to building firm relationships. However the most important relationship is the one we have with ourselves.

How do you Greet, treat and speak to others?

When we greet, treat and speak with care we are Making Jesus Real and are living the "Spirit of Jesus" in our lives.

Let's set ourselves a challenge! Let's see how many new people we can greet politely, treat courteously and speak respectfully to this week.

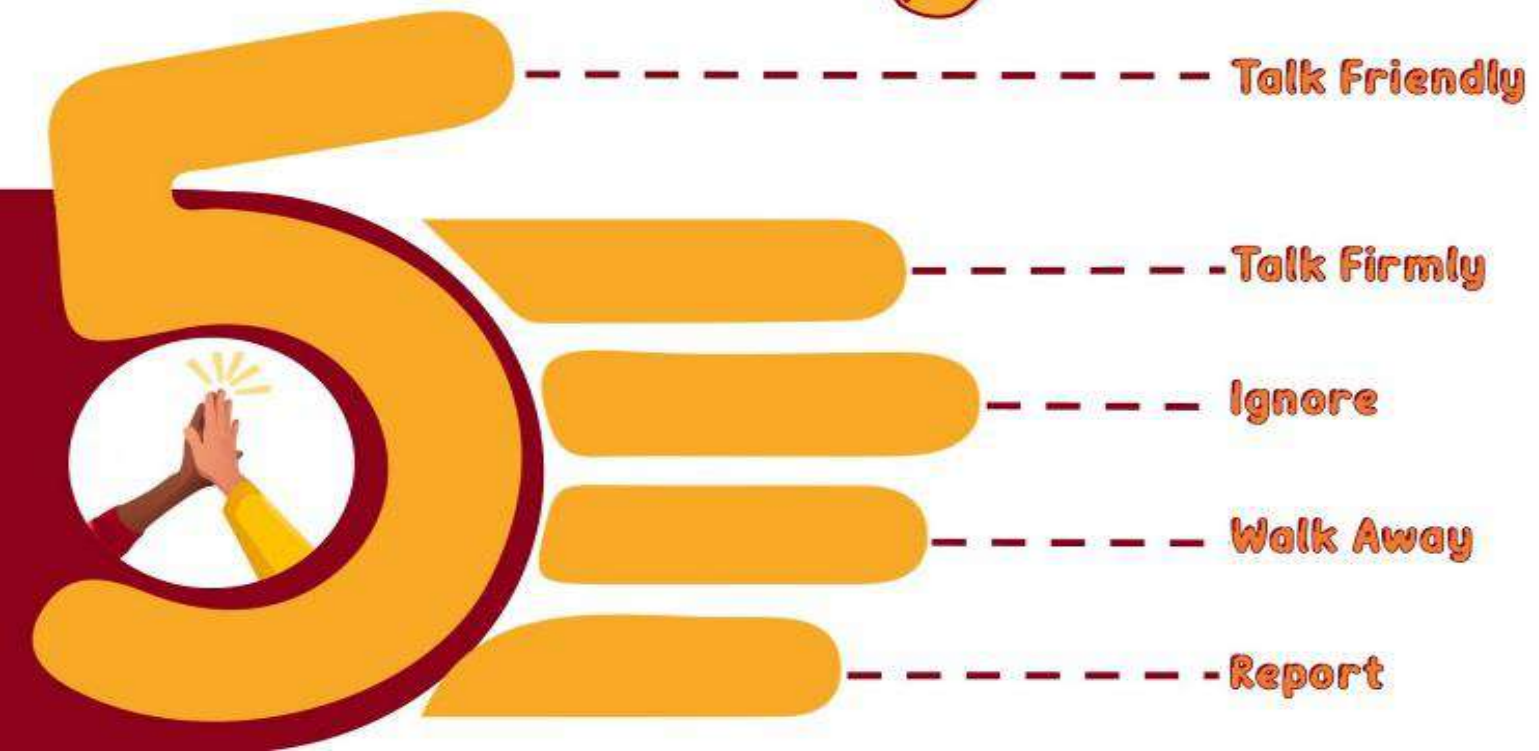


Upcoming Events

Opening Mass: Friday 9th February
Ash Wednesday Mass- Wednesday 14 February
Children's Mass- Sunday 25th February
Holy Week- March 24th-31st



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



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

TERM ONE CALENDAR, 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
Week 2 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
Week 3 February 1 st 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
Week 4 February 2nd Sunday in Lent	19 BOD Ceremony @ the Cenotaph	20	21	22	23 Awards Assembly Sausage sizzle @ lunch	ROOM 17
Week 5 March 3 rd Sunday in Lent	26 Project Compassion	27	28	29	1 Awards Assembly Netball Gala Day REWARD AFTERNOON	ROOM 6
Week 6 March 4 th Sunday Lent	4	5	6	7	8 Awards Assembly Defence Gathering @ 1:30pm	ROOM 12
Week 7 March 5 th 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	
Week 8 March Passion Sunday	18	19	20	21	22 Awards Assembly Harmony Day Activities	ROOM 15

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 school website 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
- 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.

	Your child's attendance is above 95% 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.
	Your child's attendance is 90 – 94% '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	
	Your child's attendance is 85 – 89% '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.
	Your child's attendance is 80 – 84% '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.
	Your child's attendance is below 80% '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.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students:

* TR, Rm.8 -	Ethan Zammitt & Anysia Vazanellis	* Yr. 3/4, Rm.14 -	Aaron Rajeev & Xavier Grant
* TR, Rm.9 -	Jovannie Febin & Vaggelis Chatzimichalis	* Yr. 3/4, Rm. 15 -	Sia Nazreth & Hamish Bendeich
* Yr. 1/2, Rm.2 -	Tiare McLean & Lucia Huang	* Yr. 3/4, Rm. 17 -	Agnes Dinu & Patrick Kapser-Charteris
* Yr. 1/2, Rm.4 -	Spiros Magoulis & Sahash Gurung	* Yr. 5/6. Rm.10 -	William Panagopoulos & Serene Javier
* Yr. 1/2, Rm.6 -	Anastasia Donaj-Cooper & Oliver Thompson	* Yr. 5/6. Rm.12 -	Christopher Blair & Sophie Hall
		* Yr. 5/6. Rm.13 -	Johnny Panagopoulos & Vuni Adakpoku

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:

Aoife Daly

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

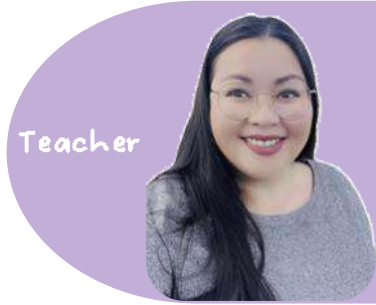
Happy Birthday to the following students & staff that celebrate their birthday in January, Week 1 & 2:

Ryann Ragesh, Oliver Thompson, Zaharia Vrontos, Stormy Ahpene, Miguel Buhatin, Aayansh Mysuria, Miller Hall, Edward Aberdeen, Clara Justice, Stradic McGuffie, Leonardo Vasicek, Anahera McLean, Edith Grey, Antonios Galouzis, Natalia Ergos, Lily Newton, Kaytlyn Smith, Leah Franklin, Alston Nazreth, Ellie Murphy, Victoria Feeney, Skye Wills, Mattheus Regulano, Lucas Winman, Lewis Borg, Krish Syamkumar, Deon Pradeep Mathew, Maria Kariotis, Emily Nguyen Mrs Justice, Mr Connor, Ibu Kirsty and Mrs lee



SNAPPY SIX

Name: Isabella Britten (Miss Britten)
Favourite Colour: Pink
Favourite Food: Spaghetti Bolognese
Favourite Book: My favourite children's book is "A Tale of Two Beasts". I love how it tells a story from two different perspectives.
Favourite Sport: While I might not be a sports enthusiast, I'll cheer on my partner on the baseball and soft-ball fields.
What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?
The aspect I appreciate most about Holy Spirit School is the people; your genuine kindness has made my experience truly enjoyable thus far



BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER

Have you used your child's Back to School Voucher? It is worth \$200 and can be used against the Book Service Levy within the fees or uniforms (@CSF Gear)

The Back to School Voucher is valid till the end of Term 1, 5th Of April, 2024.

SPECIALIST CLASS TIMETABLE

ROOM	ART	INDONESIAN	PE	LIBRARY
Rm. 2	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday
Rm. 4	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday	Monday
Rm. 6	Thursday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday
Rm. 8	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Rm. 9	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday
Rm. 10	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
Rm. 12	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday
Rm. 13	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Rm. 14	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday	TBA
Rm. 15	Thursday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday
Rm. 17	Thursday	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday

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

**Please do not park on the yellow lines outside the front office entrance.
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COMMUNITY NOTICES



- FOUR WEEKS -

COME & TRY

FREE

PROGRAM

AGE GROUP: 4-11

WED 21st FEB - 13th 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

12 Years & Under Australian Football
Boys & Girls Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at Sanderson Middle School Oval.

3:30 - 5:00 PM

14 & 15
FEBRUARY

12 Years & Under Touch Football
Boys & Girls
Wednesday & Thursday at TRLS, Marrara

3:30 - 5:00 PM

27 - 29
FEBRUARY

15 Years & Under Netball
Girls Only Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at CDU Stadium, Marrara

3:30 - 5:00 PM

12 - 14
MARCH

12 Years & Under Netball
Boys & Girls Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at CDU Stadium, Marrara

3:30 - 5:00 PM

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Jordie Williams - Darwin Region Sport Education Pathways Coordinator

 0460 037 976  7923 0336  darwinsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au



Darwin Region Sport Education 2024

Upcoming Selection Trials



28
MARCH

12 Years & Under Tennis
Girls & Boys
Self Nomination form due to Darwin Region Sport Education

NO TRIAL

2 - 4
APRIL

12 Years & Under Football (Soccer)
Boys & Girls Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at Bagot Oval.

3:30 - 5:00 PM

14 - 16
MAY

12 Years & Under Cricket
Boys & Girls
Wednesday & Thursday at DXC Arena, Marrara

3:30 - 5:00 PM

14
JUNE

10 - 19 Years Track & Field
Girls & Boys
Self Nomination form due to Darwin Region Sport Education

NO TRIAL

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Jordie Williams - Darwin Region Sport Education Pathways Coordinator

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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



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MEN**



**JUNIORS
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5.30PM TO 6.30PM

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



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VOUCHER**



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