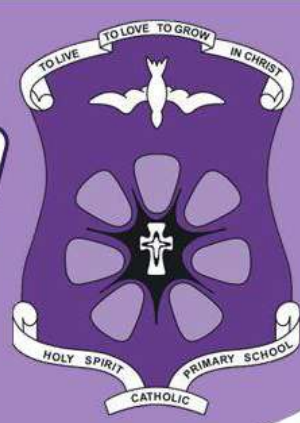


NEWSLETTER

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*A Prayer for Everyone
Come be with us today.
Fill our hearts with joy.
Fill our minds with learning.
Fill our classrooms with peace.
Fill our lessons with fun.
Fill our friendships with kindness.
Fill our school with love.
Amen.*



Dear Families,

Project Compassion: For All Future Generations

Our Lenten journey continues as we prepare for Easter. In support of Project Compassion, students and staff came to school today in their crazy socks. Gold coin donation was requested for those who participated. We thank you all for your great support with this.

Crazy Sock Day



Thank you to so many who came along to our Children's Mass on Sunday. We had many of our students and families present which was great to see. Our children took part in a variety of roles for morning mass, these included welcoming of parishioners upon arrival, offertory, altar serving, collection, reading, and choir. We are blessed again this year to have the Ryan family lead the choir at each of our children's masses. Our next scheduled mass is planned for Sunday 31st March. Please lock this date into your calendar.

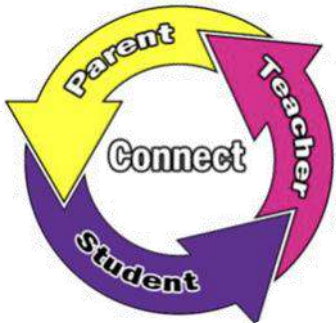
I wish to thank and acknowledge you all for your tremendous support with our recent sausage sizzle. The money raised from this is going towards the purchase of a new art drying rack. Thank you, Leah Ergos, for overseeing and coordinating, Yola Gray and Tammy Richards for taking the orders and to our P&F for cooking and serving. In total we raised \$700.00

This Friday we have many of our students representing Holy Spirit in netball. Thank you, Connor Schiller, our PE teacher for coordinating. Connor shall be there along with Ekyra Aragon for purpose of coaching and managing. A reminder to our families that transport to and from Sitzler Courts is the responsibility of parents. Please be sure that you have packed plenty of food and water to keep your child nourished and hydrated throughout the day. While the games will be played indoors, please ensure

your child has their hat as there will be occasions that teams will be using the outside courts. We are looking forward to another successful year on the sporting field.

Reward Afternoon takes place this Friday from 1:30pm for our children. Information around this we have provided through this newsletter and on Class Dojo and Operoo. Through Reward Afternoon, students are acknowledged for their positive behaviour both in the classroom and playground. Please check in with your child's class teacher should you seek clarification about what your child will be doing during this time.

A reminder to you all to book a time to meet with your child's teacher during Parent/Teacher Interviews which take place soon. It is important you take the time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss goals and areas of focus as our teachers work hard preparing for these important learning and support opportunities. Interviews will be held in 15 minute time slots. Please complete the booking form on Operoo, If a time slot is not available (i.e. it cannot be selected), it means that it has already been chosen by another parent and you will need to choose another time. Appointments are booked on a first-come, first-served basis so you will not be able to make changes or select a time slot using the e-form after Friday the 8th of March. If these times and dates are not suitable you will need to contact your child's teacher to make an alternative meeting time. A reminder that If your child requires care for these days, please book them into After School Care through the usual channels ([email](#), Operoo or the [school website](#))



Don't forget about our Parents and Friends (P&F Committee) meeting which is scheduled for next Thursday 7th March from 2:00-2:30pm here at school. Your contribution and support, no matter how big or small is appreciated by our students and staff here at Holy Spirit.

Lock into your calendars Friday 22nd March. We will be celebrating Harmony Day here at school during the day. Your child's teacher will be sharing with you soon what this looks like. We will be asking for your support and contribution where you can. More information to be sent to you soon.

For the remainder of this week, I shall be gathering with our NT Catholic Principals for our termly meeting at Catholic Education Office. I return to school Monday but will continue to check my email for important correspondence.

Wishing everyone a continued term of learning, discovery, adventure, and creativity.

Blessings,

Paula Sellars

Mrs Paula Sellars
Principal



**DON'T FORGET
YOUR WATER BOTTLE
Stay hydrated!**

RE News



**PROJECT
COMPASSION** 
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

This week in Project Compassion we meet Leaia. Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother, and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to clean water for their daily lives has caused Leaia a lot of worry. Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result. Leaia's family built the home entirely out of recycled scraps collected from a nearby recycling plant, as not to waste precious income and provide for her children.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they used to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, she had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

To view more about Leaia please follow the link to the Project Compassion [website](#).

Making Jesus Real Award

Week 4

"For having a wonderful cheerful disposition and checking in on people."

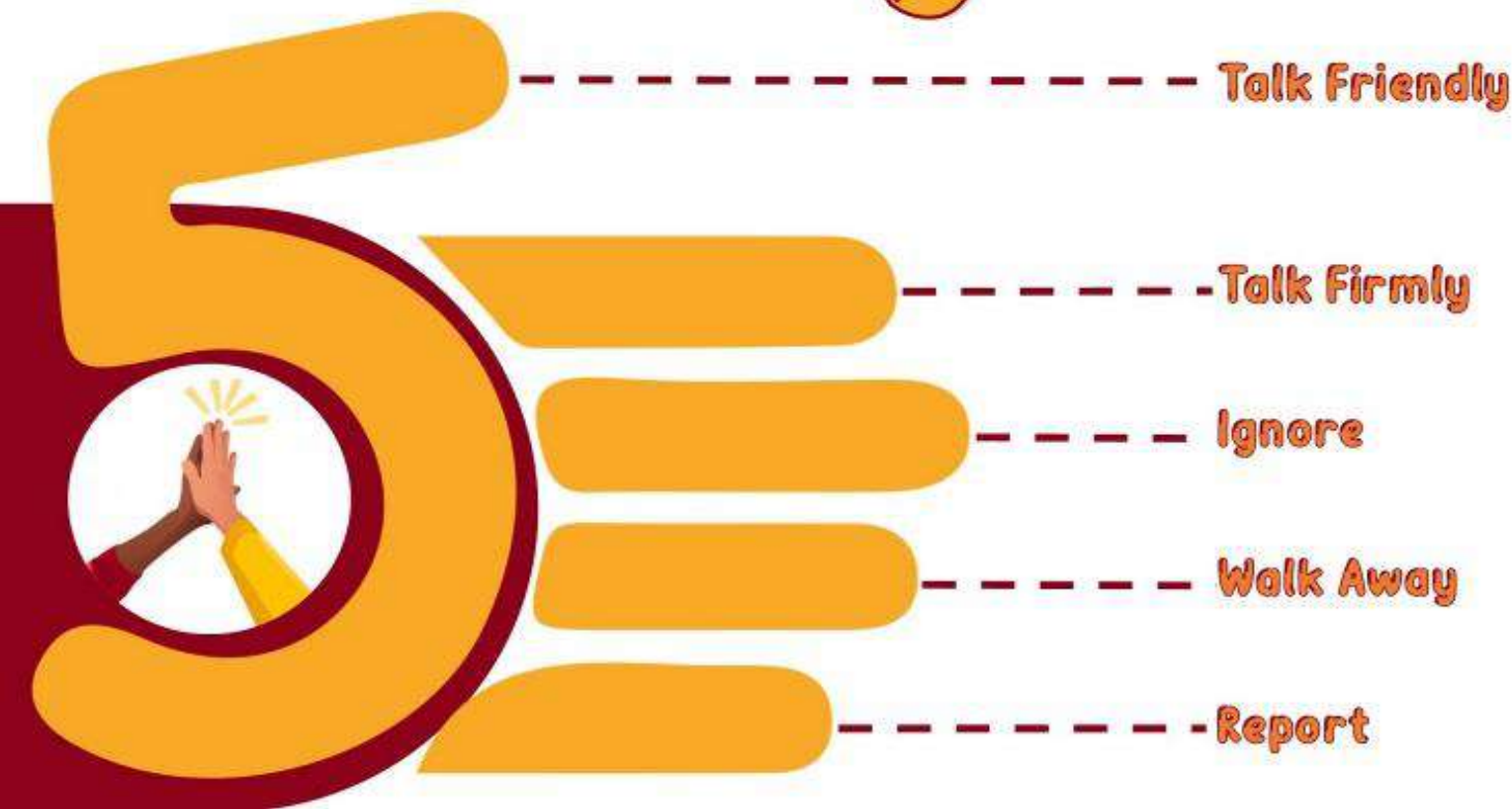
Mrs Sellars



KRYSTAL



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 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	NAPLAN TESTING					ROOM 15
	18	19	20	21	22 Awards Assembly Harmony Day Activities	
Week 9 March Easter Sunday	NAPLAN TESTING	HOLY WEEK			29 Good Friday	Mini Vinnies & POPE Team
	25	26	27	28 Awards Assembly Stations of the Cross @ 2:00pm		
Week 10 April Easter Sunday	1 Easter Monday	2 World Autism Awareness Day	3	4 P&F Meeting @ 2:00pm REWARD AFTERNOON	5 Awards Assembly Soccer gala day	Student leadership with Mrs Sellars

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.

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.

VACATION CARE – APRIL

The *Vacation Care* form is available on Operoo and the school website: [April Vacation Care form](#) . Please note any forms received after 3pm, Wednesday, 20 of March will incur the late submission fee. Your child must be registered at OSHC to use this service.

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.

**Please do not park on the yellow lines outside the front office entrance.
This area is monitored and you may be fined.**

PASTORAL CARE AND WELLBEING

Student, staff, and family wellbeing is a focus and priority here at Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School. To keep you all informed, we are providing weekly updates regarding wellbeing, including support policy and procedures that we have in place here at Holy Spirit.

Our *Vision and Mission Statement* is central to our school when implementing policy and procedures. A copy of this statement is provided below.

We encourage you to take the time each week to discuss this as a family. Please do not hesitate in speaking with your child's classroom teacher or members of our Leadership Team where you require further clarification.

Kind Regards,

Paula Sellars, Heidi van Bodegraven, and Carla Hayes

Leadership Team

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, 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.

Reward Afternoon (Weeks 5 and 10 of each term)

Reward Afternoon takes place on Friday of Weeks 5 and 10 of each term. Our students are rewarded for positive behaviour in both the classroom and playground. Positive behaviour identified and recognised by staff for students supporting our [Positive School Support Policy and Agreed Practices will participate in Reward Afternoon.](#)

Classroom teachers will negotiate with their class and teaching team an activity of their choice to participate during this time. Families will be informed of planned activities through *Class Dojo* or letter. Activities/lessons that can be used for *Reward Afternoon*:

- Watching a movie (G Rated)
 - ◊ Where PG, parents/carers informed of movie to be shown and written consent required)
- Organised class party
- Water play (slip and slide at school)
- Sport activity
- Technology afternoon (students invited to bring in devices from home)
 - ◊ Where electronic devices are brought into school, a reminder that students are only permitted to participate in activities as approved by their teacher during this time
- Shared activity with *Buddy Class* or year level group

Students who receive three [Red Cards](#) or more within the five weeks are not permitted to participate in *Reward Afternoon*. Where this occurs, *Incident Report/Red Card* and notification provided to families to keep all informed.

During this time student's work with Principal/Deputy Principal to complete *Community Service* projects around the school.

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 <https://www.tiofi.com.au/alerts> and register. Information can be received directly to your phone or email.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students:

* TR, Rm.8 -	Manoli Ergos & William Franklin	* Yr. 5/6. Rm.10 -	Caitlin Kalinowsky & Francis Williams
* TR, Rm.9 -	Seth McLaughlin & Grace Springolo	* Yr. 5/6. Rm.12 -	Clodagh Daly & Yongo Adakpoku
* Yr. 1/2, Rm.2 -	Nathaniel Thomas & Angela Gilmore	* Yr. 5/6. Rm.13 -	Kayana Baumann & Lucais Piper
* Yr. 1/2, Rm.4 -	Maria Kefalianos & Yianni Koukouvas	* AEIW Award -	Iyla Anderson & Amar’e Dardir
* Yr. 1/2, Rm.6 -	Sophie Major & Ryan Kane	* Sport Award -	Serene Javier & Mackenzie Gillion
* Yr. 3/4, Rm.14 -	Ben Power & Lily Newton	* Indonesian Award -	Emmanuel Parimeros & Marisa Bayetto
* Yr. 3/4, Rm. 15 -	Ioannis Nicolakis & Lewis Borg	* Visual Arts Award -	Matthew Hughes & Diya Maria Pradeep
* Yr. 3/4, Rm. 17 -	Stormy Ahpene & Leticia Goncalves Vieira		

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:

Kayana Baumann

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following students & staff that celebrate their birthday in Week 5
Joyal Jinoy, Thea-Rose Wevill, Polly Koukouvas, and Aarav Pandey



SPECIALIST CLASS TIMETABLE

ROOM	ART	INDONESIAN	SPORT	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	Thursday
Rm. 15	Thursday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday
Rm. 17	Thursday	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher Interviews for your child's class will be held in your child's classroom on:

- Monday 11th March between 1:30pm and 5:00pm or between 3:00pm and 5:00pm
- Tuesday 12th March between 3:00pm and 5:00pm or 1:30pm and 5:00pm

Interviews will be held in 15 minute time slots. Please complete the booking form on Operoo, If a time slot is not available (i.e. it cannot be selected), it means that it has already been chosen by another parent and you will need to choose another time. Appointments are booked on a first-come, first-served basis. You will not be able to make changes or select a time slot using this e-form after Friday the 8th of March.
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ROOM NO.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	ROOM NO.	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Room 8	1:30pm - 5pm	3pm - 5pm	Room 15	3pm - 5pm	1:30pm - 5pm
Room 9	3pm - 5pm	1:30pm - 5pm	Room 17	1:30pm - 5pm	3pm - 5pm
Room 2	1:30pm - 5pm	3pm - 5pm	Room 10	3pm - 5pm	1:30pm - 5pm
Room 4	1:30pm - 5pm	3pm - 5pm	Room 12	3pm - 5pm	1:30pm - 5pm
Room 6	3pm - 5pm	1:30pm - 5pm	Room 13	1:30pm - 5pm	3pm - 5pm
Room 14	1:30pm - 5pm	3pm - 5pm			

SNAPPY SIX

Name: Suzana Rodrigues (Miss Suzana)

Favourite Colour: White

Favourite Food: Tom Yum Soup

Favourite Book: The Hunger Games Series

Favourite Sport: Basketball

What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?

The students, teachers and facilities

Inclusion
Support



SNAPPY SIX

Name: Ann Byrne (Miss Ann)

Favourite Colour: Pink

Favourite Food: Pavlova

Favourite Book: The Hunger Games Series

Favourite Sport: netball

What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?

The welcoming and positive atmosphere

Inclusion
Support



SNAPPY SIX

Name: Serene Javier

Favourite Colour: Purple

Favourite Food: Chocolate

Favourite Book: Percy Jackson series

Favourite Sport: Basketball

What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?

The best thing I like about Holy Spirit is all the welcome and people in our Holy Spirit community.

Vice
School
Captain



SCHOOL FEES NEWS...

School Fees Statements were emailed out to families on Monday the 26 February. If you have not received your invoice, please be sure to check your junk mail folder before emailing our finance office: tammy.richards@nt.catholic.edu.au

With regard to school fee payments, if you wish to set up a payment plan or arrange direct debit with a credit card, kindly complete and return Credit Card Authority form (link below). You can send the completed form to tammy.richards@nt.catholic.edu.au.

It is important to note that some payments, Back to School Vouchers, and Early Bird discounts made in January/February may not be included on the invoice.

For the current balance of your school fees account or if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to reach out to Tammy Richards at tammy.richards@nt.catholic.edu.au

We appreciate your prompt attention to these matters, and should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The link to the payment plan and credit card authority form can be found below
[Payment Plan and Credit Card Authority forms](#)

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.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



**WEDNESDAY
28TH FEBRUARY
5:30PM – 7PM**



**TRACY VILLAGE
SOCIAL & SPORTS
CLUB**
28 TAMBLING TERRACE,
LYONS



SIGN-ON DAY

**FOR CHILDREN
& ADULTS**

New and past players,
coaches & anyone wanting
to give soccer a go!



- ***Bring boots/closed shoes and water bottle***
- ***Soccer training & games***
- ***Fun activities for the kids***
- ***Sausage sizzle***



Contact the club directly for more information on our  



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



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

Jordie Williams - Darwin Region Sport Education Pathways Coordinator

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13th April



Darwin K-Pop

K-POP WORLD FESTIVAL
FIRST TIME IN NT

**K-POP DANCE
COMPETITION**

**10:00AM -
12:00PM**

**RANDOM
DANCE GAME**

**12:00PM -
1:00PM**

✓ Win an entry to 2024
Melbourne K-Pop World Festival
PLUS \$2000 travel expenses!

✓ Win movie tickets and food vouchers
in Random Dance Game



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