



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Be More

God of Justice, awaken in me the determination to work for a more just world.

God of Love, prompt me to always seek the truth.

God of Compassion, strengthen me to raise my voice in solidarity with those experiencing poverty and marginalisation.

God of Strength, enliven in me the courage to stand beside those fighting injustice.

God of Grace, inspire me to be more rather than to want more.

May I learn to walk your way of mercy and compassion with all.

May I be generous with what you have freely given so that my brothers and sisters can live life to the full.

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 are encouraged to come to school on Friday with 'crazy hair'. Gold coin donation is required for those who participate. We thank you all for your great support with this

Making Jesus Real reminds us to reflect on times where we see 'The Spirit of Jesus', whether at school, at home, or in the community. A conversation or discussion you may like to have at home with you family.

- Am I welcoming to new and current families to Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School?
- Did I welcome someone today by saying 'hello'?
- Have I ensured I included everyone?
- Where was Jesus in my life today?
- What encouraging words did I use today?
- Was I a positive thinker this week?
- Today was I a winner and a grinner or a moaner and a groaner?
- Today was I a giver or a taker?
- When today did I thank someone for something that they did?



We always appreciate hearing more about 'The Spirit of Jesus' in our school community and beyond. Please be sure to share your stories with us.

Our Parents and Friends (P&F Committee) meet tomorrow from 2:00-2:30pm here at school. During this time, we will be discussing events and activities that we will be raising money for. All money raised through Parents and Friends is used to purchase resources for our students. Like in previous years, Catholic Education will match dollar for dollar for all money raised this year.

A reminder that Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for next Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March. Interviews will take place in your child's classroom. Fifteen minutes has been set aside for each scheduled meeting. A reminder that After School Care is available during interview times. Please be sure to book your child in as required from 2:30pm prior to interviews where

supervision is required. Our school hours of operation do not change during this time. Where interviews begin at 1:30pm, children remain at school with their buddy classroom teacher and students. Please refer to [page 8](#) of the newsletter for more information.

Congratulations to our netballers and their great success at our first gala sport for the year. A great effort from all involved. Thank you, Connor Schiller and Annie Holmes, for your coaching and management of our teams on the day.

Defence Family Gathering is scheduled for Friday afternoon from 1:30pm. This is an opportunity for students and families of defence to gather informally through activities and games as organised by Chris Crimmings, our Defence School Mentor. We hope you are able to join us in our library during this time.

Defence Family Gathering



I encourage all our families to connect with Class Dojo if yet to do so. We use this resource across the school, including Out of School Hours Care and Community of Learners. Our staff share stories and photos of children in their learning. Many of our classes have 100% of families connected which is fantastic. I'm hoping by the end of the week to have all our families connected.

We have attached the link to our [homework policy](#) as a reminder of the role that school plays and what you can do at home. For those requesting additional work for your children, we have provided some suggestions below.

- ⇒ Reading each day with books as provided by our school or from home that suit your child's needs.
- ⇒ Everyday maths skills - including mental maths, using money, reading timetables and itineraries as a few examples.
- ⇒ Complete spelling activities using words provided through homework, or words from home
 - ◇ alphabetical order, breaking into syllables, using the word in a sentence, identifying whether the word is a noun, verb, adjective or adverb
- ⇒ Revision of sight words as provided by your child's classroom teacher
- ⇒ Keeping a diary or writing emails, letters recording events and activities each day
- ⇒ Keeping a journal, written or digital, documenting reflections of their experiences
- ⇒ Complete set tasks on Study Ladder <http://www.studyladder.com.au>
- ⇒ To improve touch typing skills use Dance Mat Typing, a free online resource <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr>

NAPLAN begins next week for our students in Years 3 and 5. A [letter](#) was sent to families recently with information around this. Where you have any questions or points of clarification around NAPLAN, please make the time to speak with your child's classroom teacher.

A reminder to our families around safety during afternoon dismissal and those utilising our parent pick up area (Drop and Go). Please follow the link to our previous [letter](#) reminding you of what we have in place at school and what you can do to assist. Your support and understanding is required.

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

- Defence Family Gathering, Friday 8th March from 1:30pm
- Parent/Teacher Interviews, Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March
- NAPLAN from Wednesday 13th – Monday 25th March (Years 3 and 5 only)
- School Board from 5:30pm, Thursday 14th March
- Harmony Day Celebrations, Friday 22nd March

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

Blessings,

Mrs Paula Sellars
Principal

RE News



Last week's Crazy Sock Day was a tremendous success, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to raising an impressive \$359 for Project Compassion. As we continue our fundraising efforts for this noble cause, this week's theme is Crazy Hair Day. Students are encouraged to come to school this Friday with their craziest hair styles and make a gold coin donation. The class that raises the most funds for Caritas during Lent will be rewarded with a delightful pizza party at the end of the term. Currently, Room 4 is leading the way, showcasing their commitment to compassion and generosity. Let's keep the spirit alive and make a difference together!

This week our focus for MJR is 'Spirit of Jesus' moments. Spirit of Jesus moments is how we describe the special kindnesses/acts of gratitude that occur around us every day in our school community, at home, and during sporting events. They are inspired by the words, teachings and actions of Jesus. By using this term, we will open up a world where Jesus is front and centre. We not only want to identify these moments but emulate them in our own lives. That is why we say 'Don't just see, but BE the Spirit of Jesus'.

Making Jesus Real Award **Week 5**

"Thank you for always being a W.E.S.T person and for the random acts of kindness you do to make others days even brighter" - Ms Carla



KAYANA



CRAZY HAIR DAY

For a gold coin donation you can style your hair wild!



NB: Spray cans and glitter are not permitted on school grounds. Please style your hair before coming to school

Friday, 8th March

All proceeds will go to Project Compassion

MINDFUL MARCH. 2024

Mindful March 2024

MONDAY



4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

TUESDAY



5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

WEDNESDAY



6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

THURSDAY



7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

FRIDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

SATURDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

SUNDAY

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today
dayofhappiness.net

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



TERM ONE CALENDAR, 2024

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY
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

TERM TWO CALENDAR, 2024

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY
Week 1 April 3 rd Sunday Easter	15	16	17	18 Board Meeting @ 4:45pm	19 Awards Assembly	ROOM 14

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,

Mrs Sellars, Mrs Heidi, and Ms Carla

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.

BLUE BUDDY CARD

Blue Buddy Card is a process/procedure in place for all classroom/specialist teachers to utilise when a student requires some reflection time away from their class. Where a student receives a Blue Buddy Card, they are sent to their identified buddy class. For students receiving a Blue Buddy Card a down Class Dojo may be recorded. Through Blue Buddy Card students are provided:

- 5- 15 minutes cool down time
- An opportunity to complete their schoolwork.
- Time to complete Reflection Sheet

Blue Buddy Card is not available during Homework Centre (HWC) or Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) as these sessions take place before and after school hours. Where a student is required to have some time to reflect on behavioural choices; supervisors from centre/s will provide the time and space for students to sit and reflect on their choices. Supervisors from respective centres will keep parents/carers informed of this as the need arises.



BLUE BUDDY CARD

Assistance is required by your Buddy Class Teacher

Could you please allow _____,

- 5-10 minutes cool down time
- To finish his/her work in your class
- Complete Reflection Sheet
- Other _____

Classroom Teacher signature:

Buddy Teacher signature:

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students:

* TR, Rm.8 -	Vinnie Goncalves Vieira & Giangos Kefalianos	* Yr. 3/4, Rm. 17 -	Nirvaan Bhangal & Ioannis Skyllas
* TR, Rm.9 -	Henry Falconer & Mateus Obieta	* Yr. 5/6. Rm.10 -	Lucas Winman & Charlize Chin-Salandanan
* Yr. 1/2, Rm.2 -	Natalia Ergos & Tanaka Mangena	* Yr. 5/6. Rm.12 -	Huon Livesley & Adoni Kathopolis-Murphy
* Yr. 1/2, Rm.4 -	Andrea Romero & Rosie Nguyen	* Yr. 5/6. Rm.13 -	Caitlin Thompson & Brodie Ayres
* Yr. 1/2, Rm.6 -	Alicia Hallett & Evie Grant	* AEIW Award -	Andre Dardir & Stormy Ahpene
* Yr. 3/4, Rm.14 -	Casey Tedcastle & Leah Franklin	* Sport Award -	Hunter Johnson & Sia Nazreth
* Yr. 3/4, Rm. 15 -	Theoni Argyridakis & Poppy Hickey	* Indonesian Award -	Jack Wills & Stormy Ahpene
		* Visual Arts Award -	Wendy Carpinteiro & Sophie Hall

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:

Daniella Denoy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following students & staff that celebrate their birthday in Week 6
Seiarrah Knott, Emmanuel Ergos, Emmanuel Parimeros, Niki Ioannou, Ted Murphy, and Mrs Wati



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.

If these times and dates are not suitable you will need to contact your child's teacher to make an alternative meeting time.

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](#))

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			

BYODD PROGRAMME – BRING YOUR OWN DESIGNATED DEVICE

The school laptop device programme is for students in years 3-6. Only devices ordered through *Edunet* are permitted at school. Students are not able to bring in their own devices from home as these are not connected to our school network.

This laptop device programme is an ICT solution where families purchase a designated (purchased through Edunet portal) personal technology device for students to use in their day-to-day classwork and to take home. The type of devices on the school portal are carefully selected by Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School, in consultation with NT Schools, Edunet and Area 9 and is a device which is compatible with the NT Schools Network.

Purchase and payment plans are available through the online portal:

<https://holyspiritps.technologyportal.com.au/>

It is the family's choice whether their child/ren participate in this programme.



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](#)

PARENT PICK UP & DROP OFF AREA

We have been experiencing a number of traffic flow issues with our *Parent Pick Up and Drop off* area at afternoon dismissal. These issues are currently leading to traffic congestion on Gsell street, traffic jams in the *Parent Pick Up* area and dangerous collection of students.

In order to assist with overcoming these issues you can help in the following ways:

- Do not park in front of the school automatic gate prior to the opening of the gates of an afternoon.
- Do not park your car in the *parent pick up* area and leave your vehicle there.
- Do not park or sit idle on the road that runs through our parent pick up area
- If you cannot see your child, please drive through to make another pass, do not wait in the parking bay for your child to arrive.
- If all the waiting bays are full please drive through and park in the visitor car park or drive around again.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important issue that relates to the work health and safety of the children and staff here at Holy Spirit.



MISSING HATS

Please check your child's school bag to make sure they have not accidentally brought another student's hat home.

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 in the Disabled Car Park without a permit.
This area is monitored and you may be fined.**

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Location: The Quarter, Casuarina Square

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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more information

Darwin Region Sport Education 2024



Upcoming Selection Trials

12 - 14

MARCH

12 Years & Under Netball

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

3:30 - 5:00 PM

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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

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SHOW US YOUR

TEAM SPIRIT

TIO FOOTY FANATICS

Is your home or classroom covered in your NTLF club colours during the finals series?
...Maybe you're a painted mascot for your club?
...Or do you dress yourself from top to bottom in club merch?

AFLNT and TIO are calling on footy fanatics to show their support throughout the TIO NTLF Finals Series. With a range of awesome prizes up for grabs including the opportunity to take your entire class to the AFL Game!

You don't want to miss this opportunity to be discovered as a TIO Footy Fanatic!



HEAD TO AFLNT.COM.AU FOR MORE INFORMATION



Hockey Club Sign On Day

Marrara Indoor Stadium

Saturday 9th March

8:30am - 1:00pm

Come down to Marrara Indoor Stadium to sign up for your club for the 2024 season. From 8:30am there will be a Come & Try session for players 8 and under. All gear will be supplied, no need to register just arrive and join in the fun.

There will be drinks, a breakfast BBQ, as well as a cake stand to help fundraise for the upcoming Under 16 National Championships.

