

NEWSLETTER

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



A Morning Prayer

*God, please enlighten my mind with truth.
Inflame my heart with love.
Inspire my will with courage.
Enrich my life with service.
Pardon what I have been.
Sanctify what I am.
And order what I shall be.
Amen*



Dear Families,

Project Compassion: For All Future Generations

Thank you for your support with our crazy hair last week. It was great to see the colours and fun around the place.

Crazy Hair Day



We welcome Mukudzei and Mukundisi Busu who joined Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 last week. Both girls have settled well into their new classes. I am sure our school community will make you and your family feel very welcome here at Holy Spirit

A reminder about Harmony Day which is scheduled for Friday 22nd March from 11:00am. Please check in with your child's classroom teacher should you wish to learn more about what is happening.

Our Parents and Friends (P&F) met last week to discuss upcoming fundraising events here at school. Our P&F have some great events scheduled for this year. In Term 2, our P&F will be providing a Mother's Day breakfast and stall. On our last day of term, we will be having a sausage sizzle at our athletics carnival. Some other great ideas we discussed were having a movie night here at school and a disco. Our next Parents and Friends meeting is scheduled for Thursday 4th April at 2:00pm. All events and dates will be included in our newsletter with more details as they get closer.

Thank you to our families for your support with Parent/Teacher Interviews this week. As shared, this is an important time for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss goals and areas of focus. Our teachers work hard preparing for these important meetings. If yet to meet with your child's teacher, please contact them to set a time.








It was lovely to gather last Friday with our defence students and families. Thanks to Chris Crimmings for organising another great afternoon. As a defence school, it is important our children and families to build connections with each other.

Defence Family Gathering




Today was our first day of NAPLAN with our Year 3 and 5 students sitting their Writing test. NAPLAN continues over the next few weekss with students competing tests in the area of Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy. Thank you to all our teachers for their work and preparation for NAPLAN this year. We have allocated catch up sessions for those students absent to ensure they are able to participate. Please take the time to speak with your child about NAPLAN and how they feel they are going. Please reassure your child that NAPLAN is one test on a particular day, and it is only one form of assessment that we use throughout the year when collecting data. Results of NAPLAN do not influence results in literacy and numeracy as we continue to conduct ongoing assessment throughout our school year to gain this valuable data.

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A reminder to our families around safety during afternoon dismissal, especially along Gsell Street. On arrival in the afternoon, where gate is closed, do not remain idle awaiting gate to open. Please follow road safety laws and proceed to the car park. Your compliance and support required. The safety of not only our students and staff, but also members of the public is at risk where you are not following the road safety laws. I am available to meet with you if you wish to discuss.

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

Blessings,

Mrs Paula Sellars
Principal

TERM ONE CALENDAR, 2024

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY
Week 7 March 5 th Sunday Lent	Parent/Teacher Interviews (1:00 – 5:00pm)		NAPLAN TESTING			ROOM 13
	11	12	13	14	15 Awards Assembly Yr. 6 Leadership lunch @ 1:15pm	
Week 8 March Passion Sunday	NAPLAN TESTING					ROOM 15
	18	19	20	21 Board Meeting @ 4:45pm	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
Week 2 April/May 4 th Sunday Easter	22	23 Grip Leadership (Year 6 leaders with Mrs Sellars)	24 Anzac Ceremony @ 2pm in MPR	25 ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY	26 Awards Assembly	ROOM 2

MINDFUL MARCH, 2024

Mindful March 2024

MONDAY



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

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

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

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

TUESDAY



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

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

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

WEDNESDAY



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

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

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

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

THURSDAY



7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

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

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

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

FRIDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

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

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

SATURDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

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

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

SUNDAY

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

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

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

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

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

SNAPPY SIX

Name: Joshua Hodgson (Mr Josh)
Favourite Colour: Red
Favourite Food: Surf n Turf
Favourite Book: Specky Magee Series
Favourite Sport: AFL—Go Hawks!
What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?
 The community and the welcoming staff

Teacher
Rm 13



SNAPPY SIX

Name: Mukudzei Busu
Favourite Colour: Hot Red
Favourite Food: Red Chicken Curry
Favourite Book: Diary of Wimpy kid
Favourite Sport: Netball
What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?
 How its connected with the parish and all the teachers and students are nice

Student
Rm 10



SNAPPY SIX

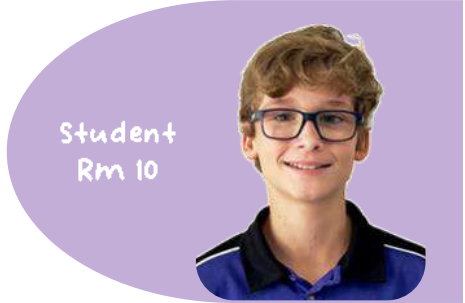
Name: Mukundisi Busu
Favourite Colour: Sky blue
Favourite Food: Thai food
Favourite Book: Harry Potter Series
Favourite Sport: Long Jump
What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?
 Prayer time in the morning and sports gala days

Student
Rm 15



SNAPPY SIX

Name: William Panagopoulos
Favourite Colour: Bright red
Favourite Food: Chocolate mud cake
Favourite Book: Dog man
Favourite Sport: Soccer
What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?
What I like best about Holy Spirit is that it is fun and welcoming from other students and teachers.



SNAPPY SIX

Name: Huon Livesley
Favourite Colour: Green
Favourite Food: Sushi- Crispy chicken with avocado and a slight bit of mayo
Favourite Book: I don't have a favourite
Favourite Sport: Futsal
What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?
The atmosphere



SNAPPY SIX

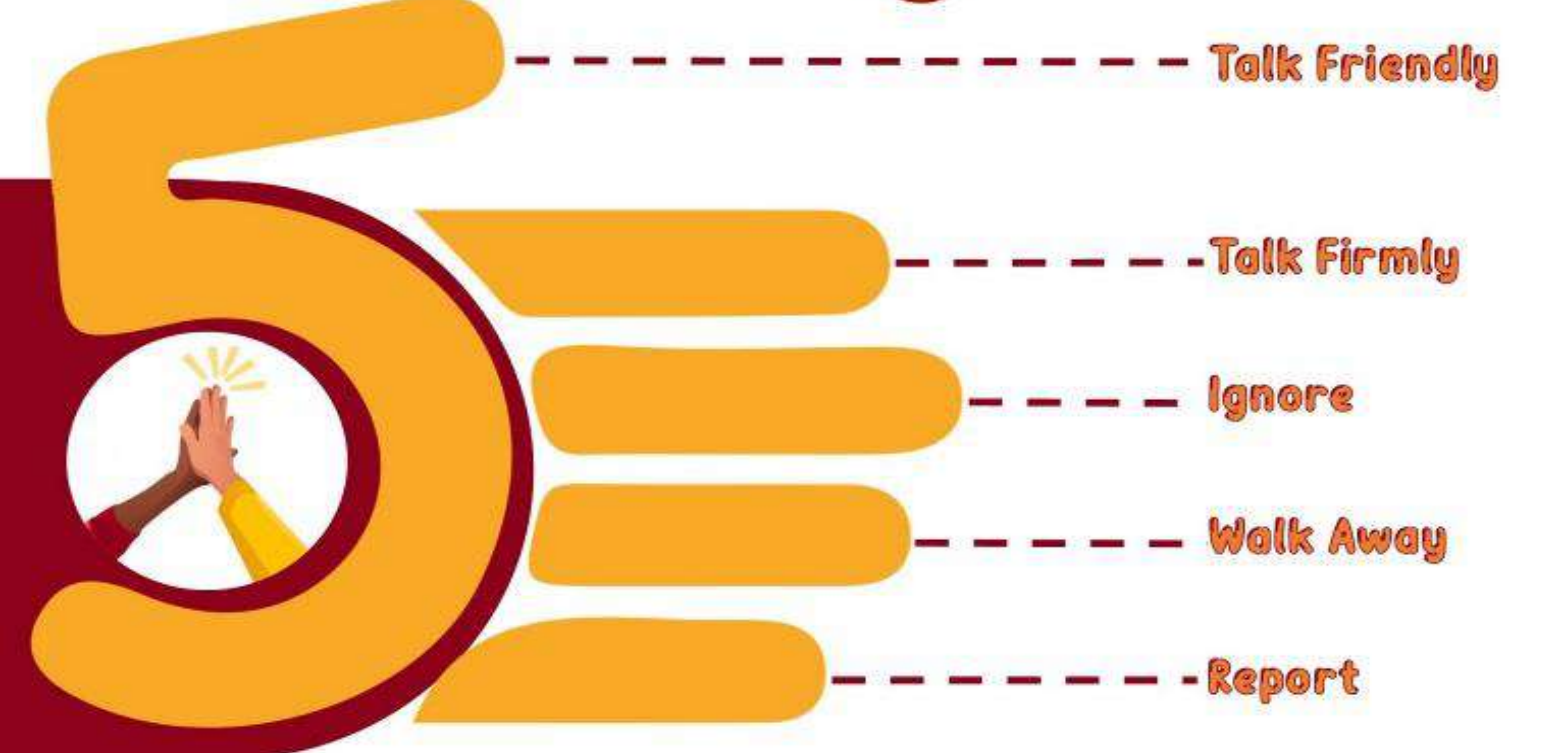
Name: Jack Harker
Favourite Colour: Red
Favourite Food: Chicken wings
Favourite Book: Harry Potter series
Favourite Sport: Tennis
What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?
My friends and everyone is nice to me



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.

Do the High Five



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

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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.

REFLECTION SHEET

There may be occasions during learning time, in the playground, Homework Centre (HWC) or Out School Hours Care (OSHC) that your child may be asked to complete a Reflection Sheet. This is an opportunity for your child to have some quiet time to record in their words what has occurred.

The Reflection Sheet has three main questions:

- What happened?
- What would have been a better choice? Who have you upset?
- What can I do now to make things right?

A record of this is kept on file at school, and depending on nature of incident, may be sent home for parent/carers signature as well as acknowledgement of receipt.

This reflection sheet may be used where a student is sent to their Buddy Class for a short break or where the behaviour exhibited does not support our Positive Behaviour Support Policy and Agreed Practices.

Where students are required to complete Reflection Sheet at HWC/OSHC, they will be given time to sit with supervisors in a quiet space as provided by centre. Procedures following this remain the same for students during recess/lunch or learning time during school hours. We encourage parent/carers to contact staff to clarify or discuss as required. Copies of all policies and procedures are available to all parents/carers upon request.

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 - Theodore Hickey & Lucy Ley
 - * TR, Rm.9 - ilyssia Black & Hemi McLean
 - * Yr. 1/2, Rm.2 - Rosie Seivers & Peter Harnett
 - * Yr. 1/2, Rm.4 - George Lindsay & Harriet Chan
 - * Yr. 1/2, Rm.6 - Victoria Feeney & Samuel Brown
 - * Yr. 3/4, Rm.14 - Beatriz Goncalves Vieira & Joyal Jinoy
 - * Yr. 3/4, Rm. 15 - Maximilian De Zylva & Madden Curley
 - * Yr. 3/4, Rm. 17 - Hayden Franklin & Krystal Gino
- * Yr. 5/6. Rm.10 - Antonios Galouzis & Kathleen Nhdlovu
 - * Yr. 5/6. Rm.12 - Mackenzie Gillon & Ridhima Myneni
 - * Yr. 5/6. Rm.13 - Jaxx Lavers & Anna Theodosiou
 - * AEIW Award - Jamal Noakes, Anastasia & Gabriella Donaj-Cooper
 - * Sport Award - Lucas Winman & Anysia Vazanellis
 - * Indonesian Award - William Hughes & Niki Ioannou
 - * Visual Arts Award - Lito Neto & Stella Rigas

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:

Sia Nazreth

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following students & staff that celebrate their birthday in Week 7
SKingston Pace, Maximilian De Zylva, Daphne Argyridakis and Miss Tania



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

BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER

Have you used your child's Back to School Voucher? It is worth \$200 and cane 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.

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.



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.

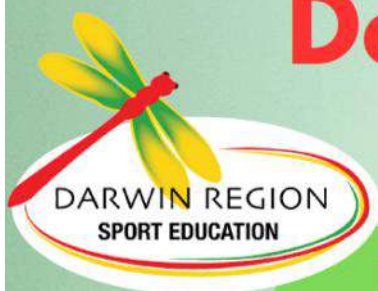


MISSING HATS

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.**



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

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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darwinsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au

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Join the Blues
**MINIROOS
& JUNIORS**

AGE GROUPS: Under 6-Under 18 boys & girls

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
at Jingili Oval, 5:30pm**

26 Jingili Terrace, Jingili NT 0810

Contact the club directly for more information
e: hellenicac@gmail.com f /Hellenic Athletic Club



**ENROL FOR
TERM 2**

AFTER SCHOOL LANGUAGE CLASSES

**TERM FEES
\$180**

YEAR 1 TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Classes run Mon to Wed 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Sat 10:00am - 12:30pm (Mandarin Only)



We offer classes in the following languages:

Aoslan - French - German - Greek - Italian - Indonesian
Japanese - Korean - Mandarin - Portuguese - Spanish

School pick up service available from many local Darwin primary schools
(fees apply - ask for details)



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Hola!



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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