



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A Prayer for Harmony Day

You created all people in your image.

We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in Australia in our community.

Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony.

Grant that we may show equal respect to all persons of different cultures that we may come across.

And help us to remember and appreciate that we are one country, with many stories.

Amen

A prayer by Joanne Daoehi

Dear Families,

Project Compassion: For All Future Generations

Throughout Lent and Caritas our school community has been instrumental in raising funds for those less fortunate and vulnerable. I wish to take this time to thank you all for your support around this.



Tomorrow is Harmony Day, a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

To mark [Harmony Day](#) on Friday we invite our students to wear orange or something that represents their family's culture. Our classes will run a number of activities for students from 11:00am on the day to demonstrate the diverse cultures we have here at Holy Spirit. Please check in with your child's class teacher to see what your child is doing on this day.

Our Easter raffle went live last week. We have many great hampers to win. All proceeds from the raffle go towards purchasing resources for our children. The raffle winners will be announced at 2:15pm on Thursday 4th April. Please follow the [link](#) for Instructions on how to purchase tickets.

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students for their recent participation in NAPLAN online. It has been a busy week for all involved. Thanks to all our families for your support, and our staff in preparing our students. Results of NAPLAN will be made available in Term 2. Special thanks to Heidi van Bodegraven as our Curriculum Coordinator for her work in coordinating, along with all our teachers and support staff. We continue to be very proud of our students in their work each day. Andrew Renkas and Kyle Esson from Area 9 provide great support to our school through IT, and we thank them for all their work in setting up computers and laptops in preparation of this.

This week we thank and farewell Arnold Kirby, Sam East and Jamie Mourkousis from our inclusion team. We thank all three for what they have contributed to our school. Arnold and Sam are both moving home to Victoria to be closer to family and to pursue their football career. Jamie we shall still see about the place with her daughter still here with us. Jamie is looking forward to spending more time with her family and doing some study.



Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD), as implemented last year has proven positive for our students in Years 3 to 6. The purpose behind BYODD is to engage and upskill our learner's using technology. Our [policy](#) ensures that all students from Years 3 to 6, have personal access to technology for educational purposes and the avenue to develop 21st century learning skills. We have witnessed this, not only through the day-to-day learning, but also in other areas, including, preparation for NAPLAN, and work from our student leaders in developing great flyers and other documents. We thank our families for your support With BYODD. If you wish to learn more about this, please read our [policy](#) or speak with your child's class teacher.



Nicole Manison, our local member came to visit us last week at assembly to say hello and wish everyone at Holy Spirit well for the year ahead. Nicole has been and continues to be a great supporter of our school and community in her time as our MLA. She supports us in all our fundraising events and activities.

Over the past few weeks our students in Year 1/2 have continued with Discovery Time. During this Discovery Time students are doing so much learning and thinking, through exploration, investigation, and discovery. Our teachers work closely with our students to scaffold their learning and encourage them to question curiously and record their thinking by writing. I had the opportunity to witness to our students learning last week which was great to see.




Discovery Time



Our lift project as facilitated by Catholic Education is moving along. Everything appears to be working to plan and all going well should be completed in May of this year. Catholic Education has approved all our schools that have two levels to have a lift installed.

This week I have been in Canberra as representative of NT Catholic Principals for ACCPA and APPA Committee Meeting. During this time, we have been discussing current issues and areas of focus for our primary schools across Australia. This is a great opportunity for principals from across Australia to hear NT perspective and what education looks like for us. I shall share more of my trip upon my return. I return to Darwin late Wednesday evening and look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

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

Blessings,

Mrs Paula Sellars
Principal



RE News



Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation will begin in Term 2.

If you would like your child to begin the preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on the 9th of June, please fill out the registration form here:

<https://holyspiritcasuarina.org/confirmation/>



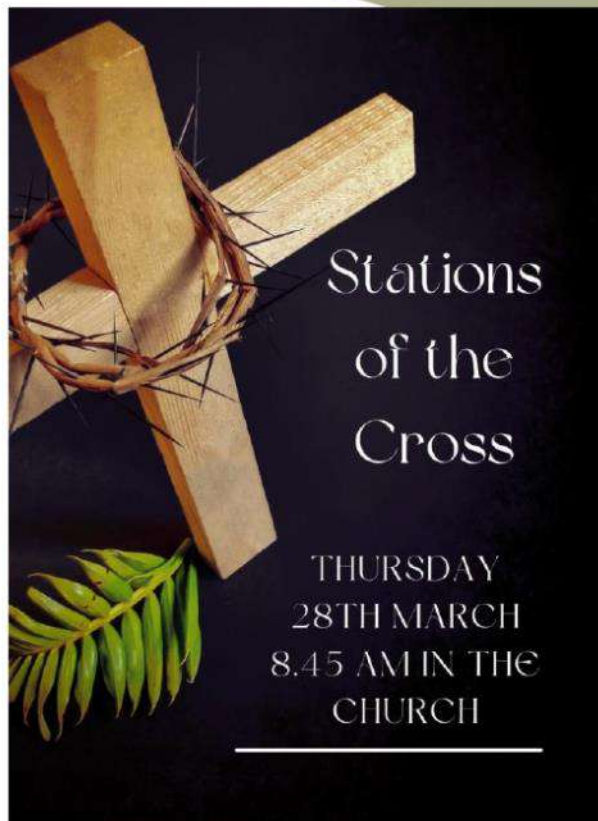
Last week's MJR award winner was....

For always using her manners and showing kindness to everyone



SIA

Join us on Holy Thursday at 8:45am as we recognise the stations of the Cross. Thank you to Rooms 13 and 6 for leading us.



Stations
of the
Cross

THURSDAY
28TH MARCH
8.45 AM IN THE
CHURCH



TERM ONE CALENDAR, 2024

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY
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 Stations of the Cross @ 8:45am Easter Raffle announcement 2:15pm, MPR		
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
Week 3 April/May 5 th Sunday Easter	29	30 O'Loughlin College Open Day	1	2	3 Awards Assembly	ROOM 9

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: Thea-Rose Wevill

Favourite Colour: Sage

Favourite Food: Everything

Favourite Book: Raina Telgemeier books

Favourite Sport: Running

What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?

What I like best about Holy Spirit school is that everyone is welcoming, it is a calm and relaxing place to be.

Student
Rm 10



SNAPPY SIX

Name: Patrick Kapser-Charteris

Favourite Colour: Lime green

Favourite Food: Candy

Favourite Book: Minecraft books

Favourite Sport: Baseball

What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?

This school has lots of kind people here

Student
Rm 17



SNAPPY SIX

Name: Diya Maria Pradeep

Favourite Colour: Pink and Black

Favourite Food: Noodles

Favourite Book: Ella and Olivia

Favourite Sport: Soccer

What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?

That I get to make new friends

Student
Rm 6



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.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT AGREED PRACTICES

Class Expectations

- Each class will have clear guidelines of expected behaviour and consequences that have been created and implemented in collaboration with students and teachers.
- All members of the class have the right to feel safe.
- Mutual respect should be upheld with the right to teach and learn.

Working together and building relationships: School Acknowledgement Plan

The following are examples of how teachers and other staff members acknowledge and build positive relationships with all students. We believe this is a primary and critical component in establishing authentic and respectful relationships both in and out of the classroom learning environment.

- Positive learning environment
- Relevant and engaging learning programs
- Clear and consistent class routines, systems and procedures
- Social Emotional Learning programs (SEL):
 - ◊ Making Jesus Real (MJR)
 - ◊ Be You (formally Kidsmatter)
 - ◊ NED –
 - * Never Give Up
 - * Encourage Others
 - * Do your Best
- Authentic praise and positive reinforcement
- Calming activities, e.g., Meditations/prayer
- Whole school/classroom incentives and rewards, e.g., Class DoJo, Student of the Week
- Leadership opportunities, e.g., School and House Captains
- Whole school professional development regarding prevention intervention

A copy of Holy Spirit [Positive Behaviour Support Agreed Practices](#) and [Policy](#) is available to all parents on the school website

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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students:

- * TR, Rm.8 - Shanmukh Myneni & Keshvi Dhinesh
 - * TR, Rm.9 - Alexander Javier & Annie Nguyen
 - * Yr. 1/2, Rm.2 - Opi’Aza Adakpoku & Ellie Godfrey
 - * Yr. 1/2, Rm.4 - Vincent Nguyen & Alma Chimenton
 - * Yr. 1/2, Rm.6 - Daphne Argyridakis & Nathaniel Cowdroy
 - * Yr. 3/4, Rm.14 - Maria Karpathios & Antonios Chatzimichalis
 - * Yr. 3/4, Rm. 15 - Matthew Hughes & Niki Ioannou
 - * Yr. 3/4, Rm. 17 - Polimnia Koukouvas, Clara Justice
- * Yr. 5/6. Rm.10 - & Demetris Ioannou
 - * Yr. 5/6. Rm.12 - Robyn McLaughlin & William Hughes
 - * Yr. 5/6. Rm.13 - Bob-Bryson Kubwayo & Ann Joseph
 - * AEIW Award - manoli Argyridakis & Jennifer Bendeich
 - * Sport Award - Samuel Brown, Matthew Hughes & William Hughes
 - * Indonesian Award - Caitlin Thompson & William Hughes
 - * Visual Arts Award - Seth McLaughlin & Lucy Ley
- * Yr. 5/6. Rm.10 - & Demetris Ioannou
 - * Yr. 5/6. Rm.12 - Robyn McLaughlin & William Hughes
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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:

Luca Lemmat

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following students & staff that celebrate their birthday in Week 8
Jamal Noakes, Ben Power, Tinashe Mudzingwa, Nathaniel Cowdroy, and David Denoy



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.

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](#)

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.

Do the High Five



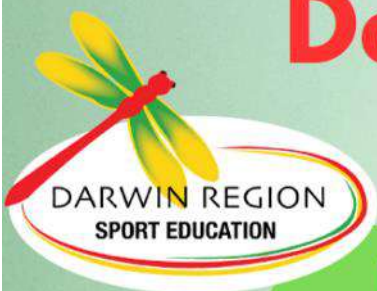
----- Talk Friendly

----- Talk Firmly

----- Ignore

----- Walk Away

----- Report



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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Raising **FATHERS**

A **FREE** EVENING EVENT FOR PARENTS WITH ROBERT
FALZON EXPLORING FATHERING FROM THE FRONTLINE.

Mon 15th April 6:30-8:00pm

(Beginning with a BBQ at 6pm)

**Holy Spirit Primary School
11 Strele Cres Wanguri**

In an age where there is a training manual to do almost everything, there is still no manual, map or compass to do one of the most important and impacting tasks on earth - Fathering! Join us for this special evening event as Robert unpacks practical advice and shares stories that are powerful, informative and instructional for fathering in today's world.

Robert Falzon is a husband, father, businessman, published author and co-founder of menALIVE and has been awarded many business accolades including: Australian Marketing Institute 'Marketer of the Year', Telstra QLD 'Small Business of the Year' and Australian Institute of Management 'Owner/Manager of the Year'. Hear his story and be moved to experience more fully the joy of fatherhood.



NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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**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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Hi!

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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