

NEWSLETTER

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A Prayer for Easter Sunday

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Amen

Dear Families,

Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week, being Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9). Our school community has been doing wonderful work around Lent and the preparation of Easter through Caritas and Project Compassion. Through the theme of Project Compassion: For all Future Generations we thank you all for your contributions and support.

We shall conclude our week together with The Stations of the Cross as led by Year 5/6, Room 13 and Year 1/2, Room 6 through a live freeze frame in our Church from 8:45am tomorrow morning. We hope you are able join us during this time.

A reminder to all our families that due to the short week, and our commitment to Holy Week, there will be no Awards Assembly Thursday morning.

Our Easter raffle has been a great success again this year. We have great hampers to win. All proceeds from the raffle go towards purchasing resources for our children. The raffle winners will be announced tomorrow afternoon at 2:15pm in our assembly area.

Click here to find out how to purchase tickets



We welcome on staff this week Savio Sheeran, Shinobu Hirahara -Henley and Natasha McAllistar who join our inclusion team. All three come to us highly recommended and have shared how much they are enjoying working with our students. I am sure you will all take the time to make them feel welcome at Holy Spirit.

To mark Harmony Day students were invited to wear orange or something that represents their family's culture. Our classes ran several activities for students from 11:00am on the day to demonstrate the diverse cultures we have here at Holy Spirit. Our students also gathered for a shared lunch. I would like to thank all our staff, students and families for your support at this great event.

Harmony Day 2024



We invite you all to join us this Sunday at 9:30am for our Children's Mass. These masses take place on the last Sunday of each month. During this time our students lead the parish through readings, prayer, offertory, and song. Being Easter Sunday there will be an Easter egg hunt following mass. I hope you can come along and join us.

With Easter and school holidays approaching, we know some of our families use this time to go away on holidays. Where this is the situation, be sure to notify our front office in writing so that we are aware. I remind our families of our [Homework Policy](#) which is very clear in that we do not provide additional homework to children where this occurs. Within our policy, we do however provide to you guidelines and suggestions of what you can do while away.

We wish all our families a blessed and Holy Easter. Whether staying at home or going away, be safe. We do still have one more week of term so we shall see you all next Tuesday 2nd April.

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

Blessings,
Paula Sellars
Mrs Paula Sellars
Principal



TERM ONE CALENDAR, 2024

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY
Week 9 March Easter Sunday	NAPLAN TESTING 25	HOLY WEEK 26 27 28			29 Good Friday	No Awards Assembly
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

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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
Week 4 May 6 th Sunday Easter	6 MAY DAY HOLIDAY	7 Morning Assembly Year 6 Open Day – OCC Year 5 Retreat - NET Team C	8	9 Awards Assembly P&F Meeting @ 2:00pm	10 Mother's Day breakfast, Liturgy REWARD AFTERNOON	ROOM 17

MINDFUL MARCH, 2024

Mindful March 2024

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



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

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

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

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

7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

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

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

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

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

Do the High Five



Talk Friendly

Talk Firmly

Ignore

Walk Away

Report

RE News



At this time we keep in our prayers Bob, Jonathan and Cooper who are preparing with the Sisters of Charity, to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

On Sunday these students were presented to the St Mary's Community as part of the Palm Sunday service.



Holy Spirit Parish Confirmation

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 9 June, please fill out the registration form here:

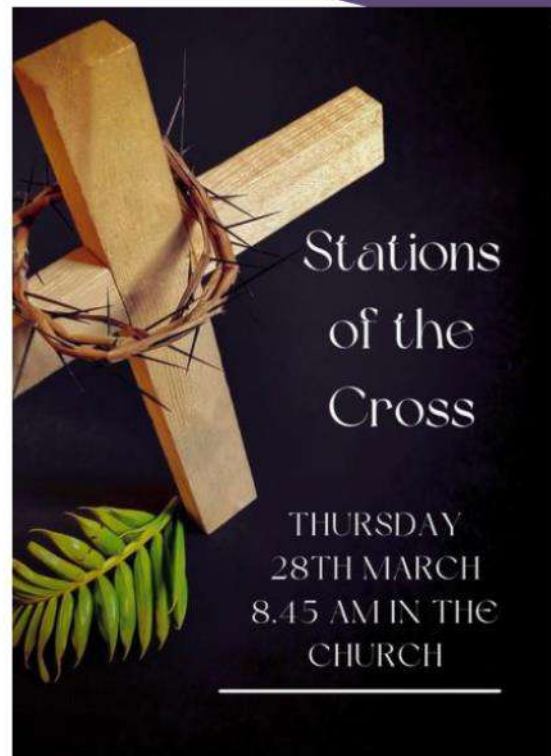
<https://holyspiritcasuarina.org/confirmation/>

Last week's MJR award winner was...

For always trying his best and being kind to those around him.



LUCA





Youth Ministry Team



"I learnt about Rosary beads and how to pray the Rosary."
Seiarrah"

This week the new Darwin Diocesan Youth Ministry Team spent some time at Holy Spirit working with the Year 5/6 students.

During the session students played a game of Lenten IQ, where in teams they were asked questions about The Lenten journey. A discussion then followed regarding how these facts are reflected or important for students today.

Students then created a decade of the Rosary to encourage thoughtful prayer during Holy Week.

We thank Luke, Tammy, Sister Jessica and Deacon Shehan for their commitment to spreading the Good News in an appropriate way for the youth of our diocese.



"I had no idea about how Jesus kissed Judas on the cheek, when Judas betrayed Jesus"
Ruben



"I learnt how Lent can be important to different people in different ways"

Clodagh

"I showed courage to give out answers to my team."
Bob



YEAR 1/2 – DISCOVERY TIME

Over the past 3 weeks, the Grade 1/2 classes have launched their Discovery learning together for 2024, in the Multipurpose Room. They have engaged with a number of self-directed learning stations that encompass learning goals from across all of their subject areas in an integrated way. These stations encourage them to build their social-emotional, critical and creative thinking skills through role-play, hands on tasks, real-world connections, accessing important information from the learning environment, and integration of skills and knowledge. We've been really proud of how the children have been engaging with Discovery and challenging themselves to try new things!

Discovery Sessions

A typical Discovery session has 4 components:

- Tuning in: We gather together to discuss the learning goals for the session
- Explore Time: The children engage with the activities
- Reset: The children work collaboratively to return the space to its original state
- Reflection: We gather together again and some children share their learning for the day in a speaking and listening style presentation

Discovery Workshops

In addition to Discovery sessions, the children participate in workshops that are explicit in nature and help to purposefully build important skills that can help them. Last week, the children learned specific strategies for attaching construction materials together to support their work at the Transport Construction station.



Discovery
Time

Our thoughts on Discovery...

"I think Discovery is really fun and we get to learn a lot" - **Zaharoula, Room 6**

"The best thing about Discovery is the building station where you get to build old-school vehicles. I'm working on a big old ship with fishing nets on it!" - **Stradic, Room 6**

"When I go to the stations, it reminds me of the photos of my mum when she was little because she actually had to do those things in real life, not pretend. Things like washing clothes in a bucket and making a fire to cook because she didn't have a washing machine or gas for a stove" - **Maria, Room 4**

"When I was at the washing feet station it helped me to learn about cleaning people's feet like Jesus did, and it also reminds me of my mum who is a nurse" - **Sahash, Room 4**

"My favourite thing about Discovery is when we learn about different things, like how things happened a long time ago. They washed their clothes by hand and they had really old stuff like a phone plugged into the wall!" - **Ellie, Room 2**

"My favourite thing about Discovery is that everyone needs to participate and we all learn about how they made things by hand and cooked things by hand in the past. Not all of the stations are about the past, we've been making our own patterns for Easter eggs, and me and my friend have been making a rocket (we're still working on it!)" - **Angela, Room 2**

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 lost hats to their owners.

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 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 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.

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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.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT AGREED PRACTICES

Where actions do not support our *Positive Behaviour Support Policy*, behaviours demonstrated will be identified as Level 1, 2 or 3. Colour coding is in place to assist in understanding for staff, students and parent/carers. Level 1 behaviours are only minor and require usually a reminder from teachers, and possibly a *Blue Card*. For more serious behaviour, a Level 2 or even 3 may be identified. Where this occurs, Principal or Deputy Principal will be informed (this to occur for behaviours that are identified as *‘Red Card’*).

Level 1 Behaviours	Level 2 Behaviours		Level 3 Behaviours
Blue Card	Blue Card	RED Card	RED CARD

The levels of behaviour are there as guides only as the context of the situation may alter the pathway staff choose to follow. Staff must take into consideration the presenting behaviours and factors relating to student wellbeing to make the best judgement about consequences. A comprehensive list of these behaviours can be located in our [Positive Behaviour Support Policy](#) which is available to parents/carers on the school website

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](#)

SNAPPY SIX

Name: Kitty Falconer
Favourite Colour: Pink
Favourite Food: Beef
Favourite Book: Harry Potter series
Favourite Sport: Softball
What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?
The assemblies and when people get awards



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following students & staff that celebrate their birthday in Week 9
Daniel Thomas, Magdalena Mellier, Sampada Gurung, Josette Obieta and Jack Harker



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 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.

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/>

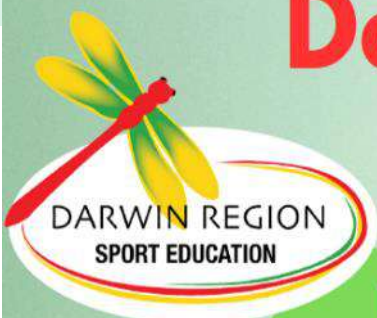
It is the family's choice whether their child/ren participate in this programme.



CONTACT DETAILS

Has your family recently changed your place of residence? Have you changed your phone number, email, place of work or postal address?
Please visit Operoo and contact the front office with your updated details.





Darwin Region Sport Education 2024



Upcoming Selection Trials

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

Jordiee Williams - Darwin Region Sport Education Pathways Coordinator



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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CASUARINA

E A S T E R



Holy Thursday
7pm



Good Friday
10:30am
Station of the
Cross

3pm Good
Friday Service

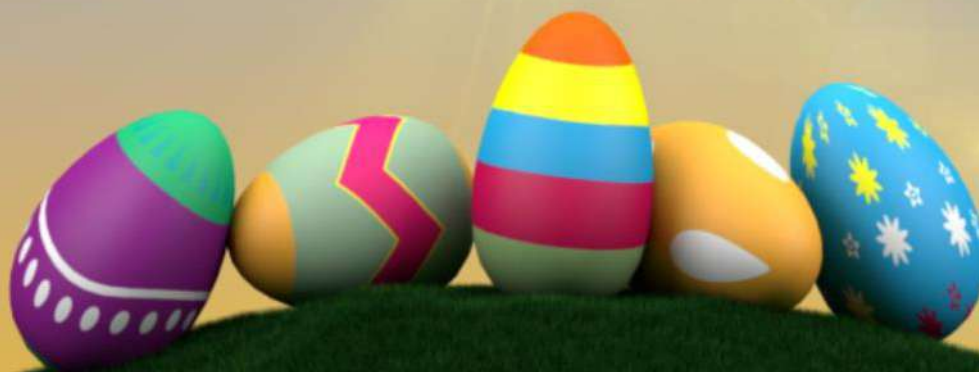


Easter Vigil
Saturday 7pm

Easter Sunday
8am, 9:30am
and 5pm

J O I N U S

EASTER EGG HUNT



Join us after the 9:30am mass for an
Easter egg hunt in the garden behind
the church

Unbreakable

A night for couples wanting to strengthen their relationships

Guest Speaker Robert Falzon will be facilitating a discussion to form brave marriages through courageous conversations.

Bring your own picnic dinner and enjoy a night of live jazz and conversation



Friday 19th April 6:30-8:30pm

Join us on the lawn next to the church

Holy Spirit Parish

11 Strele Cres Wanguri

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'..

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Territory Fathers!

Could you be a better Father figure, Father to be, Son, Grandfather, Mentor, Community leader ?

Join Founder, Author & Nationally acclaimed speaker for an Exclusive Event Series in April!

The Event

- Unpack practical advice for thriving in today's fatherhood landscape
- Stories that are powerfully important, impacting, & informative
- Real discussion with others navigating this Frontier.
- Open invitation to Men from ALL backgrounds. Come as a group!

Don't miss out on the free BBQ & Event starting at 6:00 PM, followed by the main event at 8:30 PM. Choose from four convenient locations. See you there!

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APR**

CASUARINA REGION

Holyspirit Community
11 Strele Cres
Wanguri

**16
April**

DARWIN REGION
Mackillop Hall
(next to Cathedral)
90 Smith St, Darwin

**17
April**

KARAMA REGION
O'Loughlin College
(The Barn)
70 Mueller Road
Karama

**18
April**

PALMERSTON REGION
Mackillop College
285 Farrar Boulevard
Johnston

Raising Fathers

Join Founder, Author & Nationally acclaimed speaker on Manhood Robert Falzon for an Exclusive Event Series in April!

Be the Best Father Figure You Can Be.

Monday, 15 April | Holyspirit Community, 11 Strele Cres, Wanguri



Robert Falzon

Husband & Father who left his business in 2003 to undertake this work

Author and co-founded menALIVE

Over 20 years experience supporting fathers nationwide

Award-winning advocate for positive masculinity