

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Prayer of welcoming

Heavenly Father, guide me through this year in all our words and actions. We give you our school – Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School. We give to you our staff who work here. We give to you all the children who learn here.

We give to you our families, who place their trust in the work we do here.

We pray that our school continues as a great place of acceptance, learning, discovery, adventure, and creativity.

Amen

Dear Families,

Our motto: To Live, To Love, To Grow in Christ

Welcome to all students, staff and families at the beginning of our school year together. To all our new families of Holy Spirit, welcome and we hope you enjoy your time here as much as we do. We pride ourselves on the education provided as well as professional work of all our staff. To those of you returning, welcome back.

Thanks to our staff from Community of Learners and Vacation Care who provided excellent service to our children these holidays. The program and work of our staff is to be commended.

Welcome to our new staff joining us this year. Our new teachers this year – Jessica Harnett, Jo Masters, Kate Murray and Valerie Roussos. Our new Inclusion Support Assistants include – Amanda Murphy, Ava Hurley and Beth Jackson.

Please join me in welcoming all our staff to Holy Spirit. I am sure that together we shall have a wonderful year.

Prior to Christmas we were informed of the passing of our former Speech Pathologist Demi Rapisarda on Tuesday 17th December. Demi was central to our school community from 2022 working alongside staff, students and families. One of her important roles was meeting with our new Transition children to conduct important screening and conversations with our families. She also worked closely alongside all our staff and assisted them in their day-to-day work. To acknowledge Demi's time with us we shall hold a special service later this term to acknowledge all that she contributed to our school and Catholic Education. We shall keep you informed. Until then, please keep her husband, John and her little baby boy, Angelo in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
Amen.*



We have booked Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre on Friday 7th February from 4:00-6:30pm for a family night. Please come along so that you can meet with new and existing families. Please bring along food to share with your family.

Our Whole School Opening Mass is scheduled for Friday 14th February from 8:30am in our church. There will be a special blessing of staff, students and families during this time.

On Wednesday you were presented with the name of your child’s classroom teacher for the 2025 school year. At the conclusion of last year our staff worked collaboratively in placing students into their class group. Our teachers know students well, particularly in the learning context and with this, careful decisions were made to ensure that classes were created with a good balance of learning needs.

We understand that at the beginning of the year children are excited about returning, but with the new year we know there can be some anxiety and uncertainty. Our focus for the beginning of the school year is about providing our children the opportunity to get to know their teacher and the routines of their class. It is also about building relationships with their new classroom teacher. It can take some time for children to settle, and we ask for your support and patience through this. Please be sure to keep in close communication with your child’s teacher throughout the year to discuss any concerns or additional support that may be required.

I am proud to introduce our teachers for the 2025 school year.

Our classroom teachers:

- Transition Room 8 – Marina Gomez
- Transition, Room 9 – Georgia Tsikouris
- Year 1/2, Room 2 – Ella Molendjik
- Year 1/2, Room 4 – Kate Murray
- Year 1/2, Room 6 – Valerie Roussos
- Year 3/4, Room 14 – Jessica Harnett
- Year 3/4, Room 15 – Kimberley Justice
- Year 3/4, Room 17 – Ann Gray
- Year 5/6, Room 10 – Nikita Jason
- Year 5/6, Room 12 – Siobhan Webb
- Year 5/6, Room 13 – Joshua Hodgson

Specialist Teachers:

- Indonesian – Jo Masters
- The Arts – Leah Ergos
- Physical Education – Abby Caldwell

Inclusion Support Coordinator

Claire Dekuyer

Inclusion Support Practitioners

- Shinobu Hirahara-Henley
- Natasha McAllister

Over the holidays we updated our carpark, including Drop and Go. We now have both an entry and exit from Strele Street to assist with safety. In addition, you will note that we have extended our Drop and Go to assist with traffic flow. We ask for your patience with afternoon dismissal as we work out a system for how this will look.

Beginning next week, Friday Awards Assembly will take place fortnightly as opposed to weekly. This will take place in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. Monday morning assembly will still take place each week as this allows us to share messages and information for the week ahead. With the intense heat upon us, assembly shall take place in our Multipurpose Room from 8:15am.

Blessings,



Mrs Paula Sellars
Principal



"To Live, To Love, To Grow In Christ"

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Families,

RE: Upgrade of our school carpark, including our Drop and Go

Thank you everyone for your support as we adjust to the new driving conditions in our carpark, and our 'Drop and Go'. We know that it will take some time for us all to readjust to what we have done in the past, however your support in this space is required.

To confirm the works and what we have in place:

- From Strele Street there is a new entrance and exit for everyone (the exit is the original entrance/exit)
- Arrows, signs and give way lines to assist you when entering our carpark – please be sure to adhere to these to ensure the safety of everyone
- Our 'Drop and Go' we have extended with an additional eight bays. A reminder that you are not to park in these bays at any time.
- With our 'Drop and Go' we now have two designated areas where you can collect your children.
 - *Driveway Drop and Go* – this is identified as blue and is for all students whose surname is from A to L
 - *Carpark Drop and Go* – this is identified as green and is for all students whose surname is from M to Z

In the morning when dropping off your children at Drop and Go you may utilise any bay that is available. We have identified two areas for afternoon dismissal to alleviate traffic congestion which has been a major issue for our school over the years.

We shall continue to trial our new system and ask for your feedback as required. All going well we plan to paint these areas in their designated colour to assist not only you but your children.

The upgrade of our carpark and pick up areas we have put into place for safety and traffic management.

We thank you all for your support and understanding with this. Where you have any questions, or seek clarification, please contact me directly.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Paula Sellars
Principal

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, 4th Of April, 2025.

TERM ONE CALENDAR, 2025

| WEEK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | ASSEMBLY |
|--|--|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Week 2 February 4 th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3 Morning Assembly @ 8:15am All About Reading begins | 4 | 5 | 6 P&F Meeting @ 2:00pm | 7 Awards Assembly Family Gathering @ Casuarina Aquatic & Leisure Centre 4:00-6:30pm | Year 6 Student Leadership with Mrs Sellars |
| Week 3 February 5 th Sunday Ordinary Time | 10 | 11 Safer internet day | 12 | 13 | 14 Opening Mass @ 8:30am | No Assembly |
| Week 4 February 6 th Sunday Ordinary Time | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 School Board Meeting @ 4:45pm | 21 Awards Assembly | <u>Year 5/6</u> Room 10 Room 12 Room 13 |
| Week 5 February 7 th Sunday Ordinary Time | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Soccer Gala day REWARD AFTERNOON | No Assembly |
| Week 6 March 8 th Sunday Ordinary Time | Parent/Teacher Meetings (1pm—5pm) | | 5 | 6 Netball Gala P&F Meeting @ 2:00pm | 7 Awards Assembly Defence Gathering @ 1:30pm | <u>Year 3/4</u> Room 14 Room 15 Room 17 |
| Week 7 March 1 st Sunday Lent | 10 | 11 | NAPLAN testing | | | No Assembly |
| | | | 12 Newsletter | 13 | 14 | |
| Week 8 March 2 nd Sunday in Lent | NAPLAN testing | | | | | <u>Year 1/2</u> Room 2 Room 4 Room 6 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 School Board Meeting @ 4:45pm | 21 Awards Assembly Harmony Day (night events) | | |

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

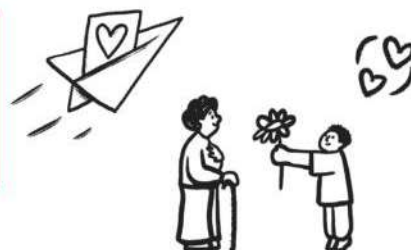
24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS






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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.

| | |
|--|--|
|  | <p>Your child's attendance is above 95%</p> <p>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.</p> |
|  | <p>Your child's attendance is 90 – 94%</p> <p>'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.</p> |
| 10 days missed = 2 weeks absence | |
|  | <p>Your child's attendance is 85 – 89%</p> <p>'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.</p> |
|  | <p>Your child's attendance is 80 – 84%</p> <p>'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.</p> |
|  | <p>Your child's attendance is below 80%</p> <p>'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.</p> |



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHILD SAFE GUARDING OFFICERS

Principal



Miss Heidi



Mrs. Sellars



Deputy Principal

I know I can go to Mrs. Sellars, and Miss Heidi if...

I need help.

I am worried about my safety.

I am worried about a friend.

SCHOOL FEES

Families are advised the following school fees for 2025 apply. These fees have been recommended by the CEC Finance, Facilities & Resources Committee and endorsed by the Bishop. If the level of increase creates any hardship for you, please make an appointment with the Principal to discuss the circumstances.

Levies break down (these are included in the amounts in table below)

\$492.00 Books & Services (per child/per year)

\$160.00 Excursion (per child/per year)

\$300.00 Operational (per child/per year)

| Family | Per Term (Inc. levies) | Per Year (Inc. levies) |
|------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 child | \$625.50 | \$2502.00 |
| 2 children | \$1212.25 | \$4849.00 |
| 3 children | \$1760.25 | \$7041.00 |
| 4 children | \$1998.25 | \$7993.00 |

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE & OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

| ELC - Community of Learners (fees subject to change) | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| One Child | \$500.00 per week | \$130.00 per day |
| <i>Effective January, 2025</i> | | |
| OSHC - After School Care (fees subject to change) | | |
| One Child | \$40.00 - booked rate | \$50.00 - casual rate |
| <i>Effective January 30, 2025</i> | | |
| OSHC - Before School Care (fees subject to change) | | |
| One Child | \$16 - booked rate | \$20.00 - casual rate |
| <i>Effective January 30, 2025</i> | | |
| OSHC - Vacation Care (fees subject to change) | | |
| One Child | \$360.00 per week | \$100 per day |
| <i>Effective April 2025</i> | | |
| <i>Child Care Subsidy (CCS) apply</i> | | |

If you would like to pay your account through internet banking please see the school account details below:

National Australia Bank

Account Name: Holy Spirit School

BSB No. 085 933

Account No. 39 895 1673

Ref: (Child's First Initial) . (Last Name) FEES/COL/OSHC

Example: J Smith FEES

Please contact the [Finance Officer](#) as soon as possible if there are any difficulties meeting payment commitments.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



DARWIN SCHOOL OF BALLET - ENROL NOW

TRAINING

- From 5 years old to Advanced 2 level
- Qualified teachers
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- Annual Cecchetti Ballet examinations

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

- Annual concert, showcasing classical ballet, national and contemporary dance
- Community events, including the Seabreeze Festival
- Senior students encouraged to develop choreographic skills

CONTACT

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2025 SIGN ON DAY

11am to 1pm SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY

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TRACY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB



COME & TRY CRICKET

5.30PM TO 6.30PM AT TRACY VILLAGE

**4 WEEK PROGRAM EVERY FRIDAY
COMMENCING FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2025
TO FRIDAY 4 APRIL 2025**



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