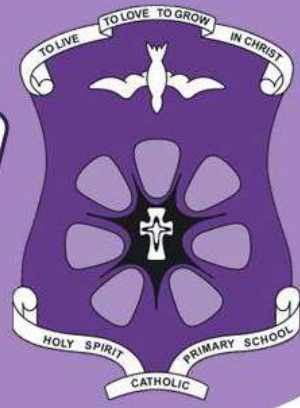


# NEWSLETTER

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



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### *A back-to-school prayer*

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for our holidays and the time provided to be with family and friends. Help me to keep these happy times in my heart and mind. Thank you to our staff through Vacation Care who provided great learning opportunities together, alongside our young children in the Community of Learners who are always present amongst us. I am excited about the term ahead with my friends and teachers to be the best person I can be. Help me settle back into this term, and aid me to learn and grow in confidence, while never forgetting the importance of having fun.*

*Amen*

Dear Families,

I welcome all new and current students and families to our school this term. Welcome Dennis Dunn who joins our Year 5/6 students this term. I know you will all make Dennis and his family welcome at our school.



Thank you to all staff from Community of Learners and Out of School Hours Care for providing a great program to our children these holidays. It was great to check in with you all throughout the week and share the fun and excitement in your activities.

Please be sure to check in with your child's teacher to keep informed of events and activities taking place this term. Our teachers shall provide these to you soon. As we approach Easter, I invite you all to attend our Stations of the Cross Reflection in our Church from 1:45pm this Thursday. This will be led by our new Year 5 student Youth Ministers. We look forward to seeing you. Students will be dismissed from this for the end of the school day.



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Our Easter Raffle has been drawn and we congratulate our winners : Hamish Bendeich, Kyah Piper, Hansel Midhun, Zaharoula Frazis, Declan & Naimh Lynam, Grace Springolo, Samuel Brown, Anastasia Donaj-Cooper and Matilda Rau. Thank you all for your generosity with this.

We have many short weeks approaching with Easter, Anzac Day and May Day Holiday. A reminder that Vacation Care is not in place on days identified as public holidays.

We shall host an Anzac Day Service on Thursday 24th April from 1:45pm in our Multipurpose Room. This will be led by our defence students and staff. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to come along.

During these school holidays we had many tradesmen on site completing important work in our school.

- Classrooms 8, 9 and 10 had new carpet laid which looks fantastic
- New zebra crossings in our carpark to assist in safe walking have been painted
- New signage near our carpark as a reminder of Drop and Go, as opposed to parking
- Our PA and speaker system has been updated to ensure that all is working correctly
- Air conditioners have been serviced and cleaned
- The old cricket pitch on our soccer oval has been removed as a point of safety to our children. As this has just occurred, our soccer oval is closed until the new turf grows.

A reminder that our duty of care takes place from 7:45am each morning. Where you require care prior to this, please ensure you book your child into Before School Care which opens from 7:00am. Your children are supervised and provided breakfast. Where children arrive prior to this time, there is no duty of care in place from our staff. Thank you for your support with Project Compassion this year. We request that all boxes are returned to us by the end of this week.

A reminder that our Awards Assemblies take place in Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 of each term. When your child is to receive an award, you will be informed by your child's classroom or specialist teacher prior so that you can make arrangements to be present. The dates of Award Assemblies are:

- Thursday 24th April - led by our Year 6 student leaders
  - Friday 9th May - led by Year 3/4, Rooms 14, 15 and 17
  - Friday 23rd May - led by Year 1/2, Rooms 2, 4 and 6
  - Thursday 5th June - led by Transition, Rooms 8 and 9
  - Thursday 19th June - led by Year 5/6, Rooms 10, 12 and 13
- ◇ During this assembly, Khoda Patel, our local member for Casuarina will be presenting the 'All Rounder Award' to two of our students.

Wishing everyone a fantastic Term 2.

Blessings,

*Paula Sellars*  
Mrs Paula Sellars  
Principal

Holy Spirit School - Youth Ministers







## *Jubilee Prayer of Hope*

*God, our loving Father*

*In this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to love creation.*

*Help us to work together to replant, repair and renew.*

*Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.*

*Amen*

## Youth Ministers (formally Mini Vinnies)

I am thrilled to announce our Youth Ministers for 2025. Thank you to all our Year 5 students who nominated themselves. Congratulations Solomon Thomas, Krystal Gino, John Roussos, Bridget Kane, Samuel Grey, Sia Nazareth, Winston Bond, Lily Thompson, Fiona Begley, Matthew Hughes, Evah Ergos, Antonios Chatzimachilis, Ellie Murphy, and Aaron Rajeev.

Our Youth Ministers will work alongside our staff and parish to assist in nurturing the spiritual growth of our students. The role includes, promoting Catholic Values, assisting in community service projects and events, leading morning assembly when rostered, and encouraging active participation in our faith community.

This team will foster a sense of discipleship and service, help students develop a deeper relationship with God and a commitment to living out their faith in everyday life.

I look forward to working alongside your Youth Ministers this year.

## Stations of the Cross Reflection

You are all welcome to attend our Church at 1:45pm tomorrow for Stations of the Cross Reflection. This will be led by our new Year 5 Youth Ministry team.



**Sacrament of Confirmation - Sunday 1st June**

Link: <https://forms.gle/FqgEGGWTtYdjvWp7>

Preparations for the sacrament will be a little different this year. We will be using a program from the Melbourne Archdiocese called 'Journeying Together - Online Sacrament Series'. This resource will complement your child's sacrament preparation at our school and in the parish. This will allow you to journey with your child as they continue in their sacramental journey. Fr Dave is asking for a commitment to attend mass each Sunday at either 9:30am or 5:00pm service here in our parish.

<https://sacraments.melbournecatholic.org/>

For more information about the Sacrament of Confirmation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Project Compassion**

Thank you for your generosity in your donations towards Project Compassion, helping those less fortunate here in Australia and overseas. I am asking for all donation boxes to be returned this week.

**Upcoming Events:****Anzac Day Service - Thursday 24th April**

This will be led by our Defence students from 1:45pm in our Multipurpose Room

**Mother's Day breakfast, liturgy and stall - Monday 12th May**

A beautiful morning for us to gather as we celebrate our mum's and the significant female carers in our school. More details to follow as the date gets closer.

**Sacramental Programs 2025**

- Sacrament of Confirmation – Sunday 1st June at 9:30am mass
- Sacrament of Reconciliation – Thursday 11th September at 6:00pm in our church
- Sacrament of First Holy Communion – Sunday 14th September at 9:30am mass

Where you have any questions please come and see Mrs Sellars for school events, and for parish, Fr Dave Callaghan.

*Paula Sellars*  
Mrs Sellars

## TERM TWO CALENDAR, 2025

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY
<b>Week 1</b> April Holy Week	14  Morning Assembly @ 8:15am	15	16  Newsletter  Easter Raffle Drawn	17  Holy Week presentation at 1::45pm in our Church	18  <b>Good Friday</b>	  <b>No Assembly</b>
<b>Week 2</b> April 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Easter	21  <b>Easter Monday</b>	22	23	24  Awards Assembly  Anzac Ceremony @ 1:45pm - MPR	25  <b>Anzac Day</b>	  <b>Student Leadership</b>
<b>Week 3</b> April/May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Easter	Swimming Programme				2	<b>No Friday Assembly</b>
	28	29	30  O'Loughlin Catholic College Open Day (Year 6)	1  P&F Meeting @ 2:00pm		
<b>Week 4</b> May 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Easter	5  <b>MAY DAY HOLIDAY</b>	Swimming Programme				<b>Year 3/4</b> Room 14 Room 15 Room 17
		6  No morning Assembly	7	8	9  Awards Assembly	
<b>Week 5</b> May 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter	12  No Monday Morning Assembly  Mother's Day breakfast, liturgy and stall	13	14	15  School Board (AGM) Meeting @ 4:45pm	16  Beach Volleyball Gala  REWARD AFTERNOON	<b>No Friday Assembly</b>
<b>Week 6</b> May 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter	19	20	21  St John's Open Day (Year 6)	22	23  Awards Assembly  Defence Gathering @ 1:30pm	<b>Year 1/2</b> Room 2 Room 4 Room 6
<b>Week 7</b> May/June 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter	National Reconciliation Week					<b>No Friday Assembly</b>
	26  National Sorry Day	27	28  National Simultaneous Story time 10.30am MPR	29	30	



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Commit to being more active this month, starting today

2 Spend as much time as possible outdoors today

3 Listen to your body and be grateful for what it can do

4 Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water

5 Turn a regular activity into a playful game today

6 Do a body-scan meditation and really notice how your body feels

7 Get natural light early in the day. Dim the lights in the evening

8 Give your body a boost by laughing or making someone laugh

9 Turn your housework or chores into a fun form of exercise

10 Have a day with less screen time and more movement

11 Set yourself an exercise goal or sign up to an activity challenge

12 Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside

13 Make sleep a priority and go to bed in good time

14 Relax your body & mind with yoga, tai chi or meditation

15 Get active by singing today (even if you think you can't sing!)

16 Go exploring around your local area and notice new things

17 Be active outside. Plant some seeds and encourage growth

18 Try out a new exercise, activity or dance class

19 Spend less time sitting today. Get up and move more often

20 Focus on 'eating a rainbow' of multi-coloured vegetables today

21 Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day

22 Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it

23 Go out and do an errand for a loved one or neighbour

24 Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting

25 Have a 'no screens' night and take time to recharge yourself

26 Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes

27 Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil

28 Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat

29 Become an activist for a cause you really believe in

30 Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch 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><b>Your child's attendance is above 95%</b></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><b>Your child's attendance is 90 – 94%</b></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><b>Your child's attendance is 85 – 89%</b></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><b>Your child's attendance is 80 – 84%</b></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><b>Your child's attendance is below 80%</b></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>

# UNIFORM REMINDER

Students are expected to wear full school uniform each day. A signed note from parents must be sent to school if a student is out of uniform. Students out of uniform will be issued with a note to parents advising breach of uniform - the note is requested to be signed and then returned.

- Purple polo shirt
- Black shorts or skorts that are mid-length, just above the knee (plain black with no logos/markings/stripes)
- Dress that is mid-length, just above the knee (our dress is optional for girls to wear)
- Bucket hat with our logo – school black/purple reversible hat only
- Black Jacket with logo
- Black shoes or runners (plain black, including laces)
- Socks – black only

### Jewellery

A wrist watch may be worn and a thin gold or silver chain with a cross but no other form of jewellery is permitted. Students who have pierced ears may wear one pair of ‘sleepers’ or ‘studs’ only. The school will exercise discretion in determining whether or not earrings are acceptable. We understand we have students wearing jewellery/bands that reflect their religious traditions, for this we approve with discretion. Smartwatches are not permitted.

### Hair

Hair must be neatly groomed at all times and in a style appropriate to wear with the school uniform. Cuts, styles or colours which are extreme, or not a natural hair colour is not acceptable. The school will exercise discretion in determining whether or not a hairstyle is acceptable. Hair that is collar length or longer must be tied up at all times.

Hair must always be worn off the face, be neatly brushed and not hang down over the eyebrows or over the face. If ribbons, hair ties or clips are worn, they are to be black or purple only.

**Nail Polish is not to be worn at school. Hats are a compulsory uniform item.**

To view the school uniform policy please visit the school website: [School Uniform Policy](#)  
Uniform can be purchased from [The Cricket and Football Shop \(CSF Gear\)](#)

# SWIMMING TIMETABLE

LESSON TIME	CLASS GROUP
8:30am – 9:15am	Room 8 & 9 (Ms Marina & Mrs Tsikouris)
9:15 am – 10:00am	Room 10 & 12 (Ms Nikita & Miss Siobhan)
10:00am – 10:45am	Room 13 & 17 (Mr Josh & Mrs Gray)
10:45 am - 11:30 am	Room 14 & 15 (Mr Alessio & Mrs Justice)
11:45 am – 12:30pm	Room 2 & 4 (Miss Ella & Mrs Murray / Miss Mac)
12:30pm - 1:15pm	Room 6 (Miss Valerie)

# 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.



# SEMESTER DATES 2025

Semester One, 2025	
Term 2	Monday 14 April - Friday 20 June
School Holiday	Monday 23 June - Friday 11 July
Semester One, 2025	
Term 3	Tuesday 15 July - Friday 19 September
School Holiday	Monday 22 September - Friday 3 October
Term 4	Monday 6 October - Thursday 11 December
School commences Thursday 29 January, 2026	
Please visit the <a href="#">school website</a> if you would like to view term dates for years 2025 through to 2027	

# Holy Week Calendar



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



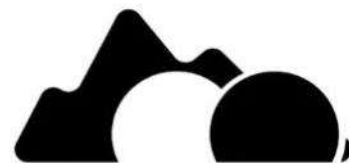
Holy Thursday  
7pm



Good Friday  
10:30am  
Station of the  
Cross



3pm Good  
Friday Service



Easter Vigil  
Saturday 7pm

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

*A Time to Pause and Pray*



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## EASTER EGG HUNT



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

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Celebrating National Reconciliation Week  
Bridging Now to Next



Darwin Trailer Boat Club  
Thursday 29 May  
6:30PM for 7PM start



Register and get a free schooner of Coopers  
\$20 per person – Tables of up to 10

<https://events.humanitix.com/variety-nt-trivia-night>  
or contact Variety NT 8981 2544



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