

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A Prayer for The Conclave - The Election of a New Pope

God, eternal Shepherd, you guide your church with unfailing care.

As the Cardinals prepare to elect a new Pope, send your Holy Spirit upon them, including our Cardinal Mykola Bychok of Australia.

Grant them wisdom and unity, that they may choose a shepherd after your own heart.

'Grant, we pray, almighty God, that your Church may be governed by a shepherd who will please you by his holiness and show your watchful care'.

May the one chosen be a man of faith, a builder of peace, and a servant of the Gospel.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Church, - pray for us

Saint Peter, - pray for us

Dear Families,

It was indeed a profound privilege to be present at the memorial Mass for Pope Francis held at St Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral last week. This solemn occasion brought together the Catholic community to honor the life and legacy of a pontiff who profoundly impacted the Church and the world.

The Mass was presided over by Bishop Charles Gauci, who led the congregation in prayer for the repose of Pope Francis's soul.

Pope Francis was remembered for his unwavering commitment to peace, justice, and compassion. His advocacy for the marginalised and his efforts to bridge social divides left a lasting legacy.

Attending this memorial Mass was a meaningful opportunity to honor Pope Francis's remarkable life and to join in collective prayer for his eternal rest.

We hope you can all join us next Monday for our Mother's Day breakfast and liturgy. Our special breakfast will begin at 7:00am in our courtyard. Pancakes will be served, and our coffee van will be here also. Following breakfast, we shall all gather for a liturgy from 8:30am in the church. All are welcome and encouraged to come along. Thank you to our Parents and Friends for organising the breakfast along with Kimberley Justice and Marina Gomez, and our students from Year 3/4, Room 15 and , Transition, Room 8 for preparing the liturgy.



A reminder that for our breakfast we need volunteers to assist with cooking and serving of pancakes.

Please keep our students who are preparing to make their Confirmation in your prayers. This is an important milestone in their faith journey, and we want to support and encourage them in every way possible. Please pray for Elianna Arellano, Isaac Thomas and Allegra De Zylva.






Recently we welcomed Elga and Eldino Baiju and their family to our school. Elga joins Year 5/6, Room 12 and Eldino Year 1/2, Room 4. I am sure you will make them feel welcome at our school.



We also welcome on staff Ella Piccoli-Auckram who joins our inclusion team. Ella comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Ella if yet to do so.

Our Athletics Carnival takes place on Friday 20th June at Arafura Stadium, Marrara. This is our last day of Term Two. Competing on an official track like Arafura Stadium for our students will be a great thrill for everyone. Arafura Stadium is meticulously designed to provide optimal conditions for everyone, allowing our students to showcase their skill to the fullest. Whether sprinting down the straight, or leaping in the long jump pit, the atmosphere of competition will be electric. Please lock this date into your calendar as we hope to see you all there. More details around the day shall be shared with you all soon. Thank you, Abby Caldwell, as our PE Teacher/Coordinator who is preparing our students for this great event.

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.

A reminder also to all parents and students about the importance of wearing the correct school uniform everyday. It is a school policy, and we appreciate your cooperation in this matter. We also have a school jumper that can be purchased. These are the only jumpers permitted to be worn. The [uniform policy](#) can be found on the school website.

Swimming lessons are incredibly important for all primary students, not only for safety but also for their overall development. Learning to swim helps children feel more comfortable and confident around water, reducing anxiety and fear associated with pools, beaches and other aquatic areas. These swimming lessons provide opportunities for teamwork, communication, and building friendships in a fun, supportive environment. We have provided some photos of our children at the pool over the past two weeks to share with you this important program.



We hope to see you at our Awards Assembly this Friday from 8:15am in our Multipurpose Room. Our students from Year 3/4 will be leading assembly this week, alongside our school captains who will announce the names of awards recipients.

Enjoy this beautiful dry season weather.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Sellars".

Mrs Paula Sellars

Principal

Mothers day Breakfast

MAY 12 – 7:00AM – 8:30AM

WE NEED YOU!

Please let the office know if you can help with cooking, serving and/or set up and clean up



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

Sacrament of Confirmation - Sunday 1st June

Preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation are underway. We ask that you keep in your prayers those of our students who will be confirmed on Sunday 1st June. For those to be confirmed, Fr Dave is asking for a commitment to attend mass each Sunday at either 9:30am or 5:00pm service here in our parish. Please click on the link below for the programme we are using this year to prepare students.

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

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

Feast Day Mass - Friday 6th June

All families are warmly invited to attend our feast day mass this year on Friday 6th June. Our feast day coincides with Pentecost, the church's birthday celebration. This occurs 50 days after Easter.

We shall begin our day with a mass in the church and following this from 11:00am, we shall host some fun activities at the school. More details to follow.

Project Compassion

Thank you for your generosity in your donations towards Project Compassion, helping those less fortunate here in Australia and overseas. Thanks to those of you who have returned these to us. If yet to do so we ask that they all be returned before the end of this week.

Upcoming Events:

- Mother's Day breakfast and liturgy - Monday 12th May
- Holy Spirit Feast Day - Friday 6th June

Australian Catholics Magazine

Catholic Education NT provides a free subscription for school families to access Australian Catholic magazine online. This is published quarterly and is a great resource offering reflections, stories, and updates from the Church in Australia and beyond, helping families feel connected to the wider Catholic community.

Log-in details: <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/acmagazine>

Username: parents@nt.catholic.edu.au

Password: acparents

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.

Mrs Sellars

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am thrilled to share that we have received preliminary NAPLAN results, which demonstrate significant improvement across our school. These outcomes reflect the dedication of our students and staff, and we are immensely proud of their achievements. Detailed results will be shared with you in due course.

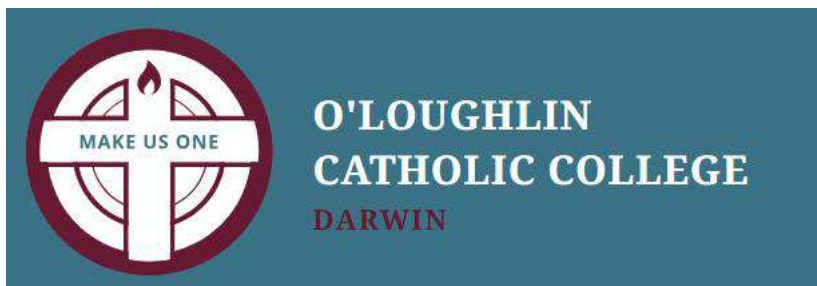
As we near the end of the semester, academic reports will be distributed through our new Learning Management System, Toddle. This platform will enhance communication and provide seamless access to your child's progress. Instructions for downloading the Toddle app and activating your account will be sent out soon, so please watch your inbox.



We also celebrated a successful Open Day at O'Loughlin Catholic College last week, warmly welcoming our Year 6 students. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to explore the next step in their educational journey. Additionally, St John's College will host their Open Day on **21 May**. Please check Operoo for further details and permission forms. To help prepare, St John's will visit our Year 6 students on **8 May** to discuss what the Open Day will entail, ensuring they feel confident and informed.

Transitioning to Middle School

The move from primary to middle school is a significant milestone for your child. Choosing the right school involves considering their academic, social, and emotional needs. We encourage you to attend open days, discuss options with your child, and connect with our staff for guidance. Our school is committed to supporting you through this process to ensure your child thrives in their next chapter. Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we work together to foster excellence in our school community.



Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HvB' followed by a flourish.

Heidi van Bodegraven
Deputy Principal

Hello Everyone!

In Week Three we farewelled two valued members of our team, Miss Irene and Mr Ralph, who are embarking on new and exciting ventures. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours, and thank them for their massive contributions to our school.



We are thrilled to welcome two new ISAs, Miss Ella P and Miss Rebecca, to our team. They have already begun making a positive impact in our school community, and we look forward to their continued involvement in supporting our students.



A selected few of our Year 3/4 students have started working with Jackson, our Therapy Dog, and are thriving in their direct communication sessions. The children eagerly look forward to their Friday sessions with him, which have become a weekly highlight!

Additionally, some of our team are scheduled to participate in LEGO Social Emotional Learning (SEL) training. This will equip them to relaunch and reinvigorate our LEGO SEL groups by the end of the term, further enhancing our students' emotional and social development.



We are also excited about ongoing developments in our inclusion programs. These initiatives continue to evolve, and we look forward to sharing more details with you in due time.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with our school community!

Mrs Claire
Inclusion Support Coordinator



DON'T FORGET
YOUR WATER BOTTLE
Stay hydrated!

TERM TWO CALENDAR, 2025

SCHOOL TERM CALENDAR

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY
<u>Week 4</u> May 3 rd Sunday Easter	5 MAY DAY HOLIDAY	Swimming Programme				Year 3/4 Room 14 Room 15 Room 17
		6 No morning Assembly	7	8	9 Awards Assembly	
<u>Week 5</u> May 4 th Sunday Easter	12 No Monday Morning Assembly Mother's Day breakfast, liturgy and stall	13	14	15 School Board (AGM) Meeting @ 4:30pm	16 Beach Volleyball Gala REWARD AFTERNOON	No Friday Assembly
<u>Week 6</u> May 5 th Sunday Easter	19	20	21 St John's Open Day (Year 6)	22	23 Awards Assembly Defence Gathering @ 1:30pm	Year 1/2 Room 2 Room 4 Room 6
<u>Week 7</u> May/June 6 th Sunday Easter	National Reconciliation Week					No Friday Assembly
	26 National Sorry Day	27	28 National Simultaneous Story time 10.30am MPR	29	30	
<u>Week 8</u> June 7 th Sunday Easter	2	3 School Photo Day	4	5 Awards Assembly P&F Meeting @ 2:00pm Celebrity Dress up Day	6 Holy Spirit Feast Day Mass and events You Can Sit With Me	Transition Room 8 Room 9
<u>Week 9</u> June Pentecost Sunday Feast Day	9 KING'S BIRTHDAY Holiday	10	11 Academic Reports emailed to families	12 REWARD AFTERNOON	13 Year 5/6 to Tiwi Island	No Friday Assembly
<u>Week 10</u> June Holy Trinity Sunday	16	17	18 Andrew Chinn – Butterfly Music	19 Awards Assembly School Board Meeting @ 4:45pm	20 Sports Carnival	Year 5/6 Room 10 Room 12 Room 13

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

FRIDAY

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

SATURDAY

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

SUNDAY

4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School's
Community of Learners
-Early Learning Centre -

With a team of passionate educators,
we create an unforgettable learning experience for your child.

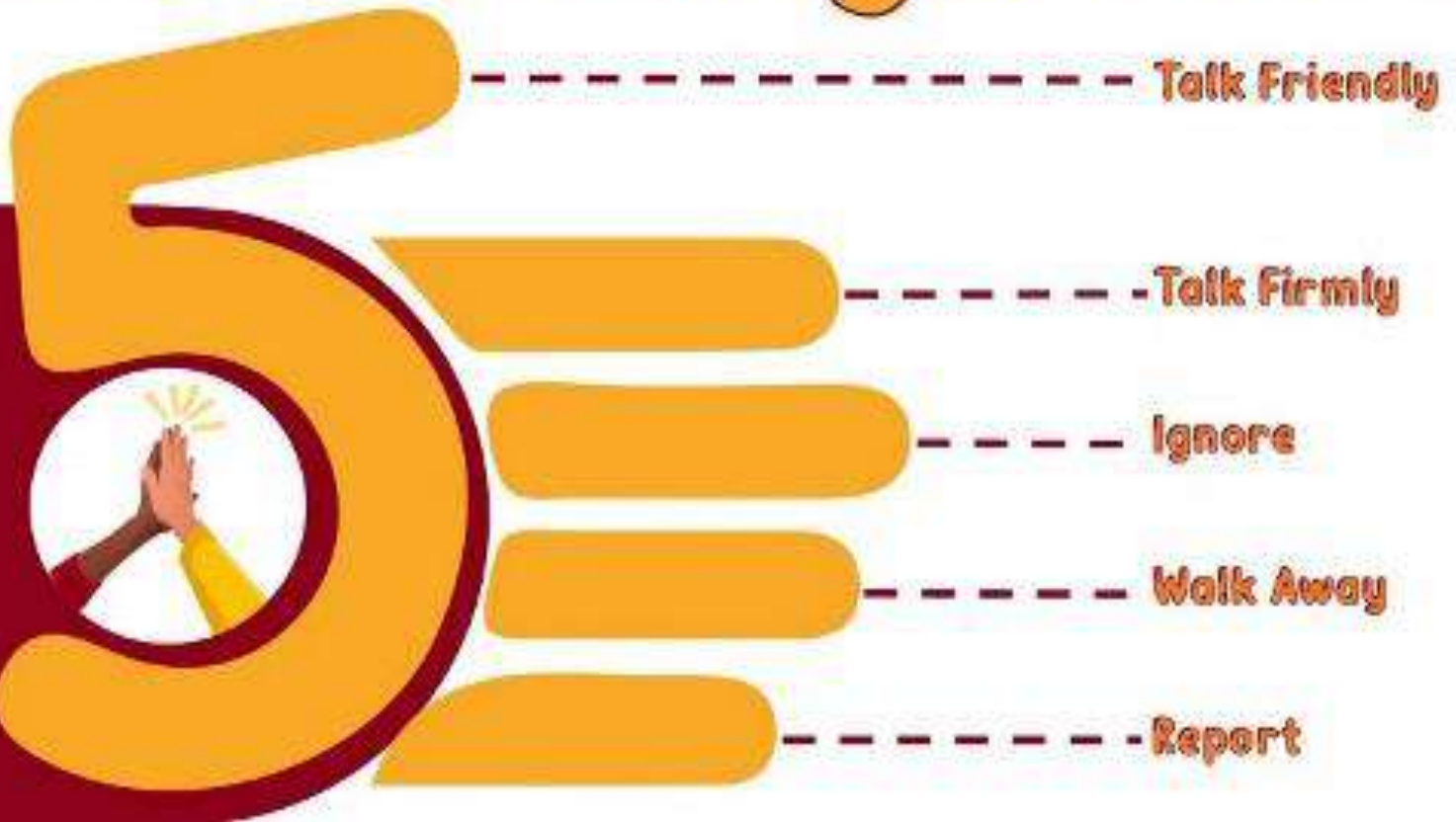
* Caters for 3-5 year olds

* Book a tour :
<http://www.holyspiritnt.catholic.edu.au/contact-us/book-a-tour>

* Open 7:00am - 5:30pm
*closed- public holidays & two weeks over Christmas

* Enrol Now:
<http://www.holyspiritnt.catholic.edu.au/early-learning-centre>

Do the High Five



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.



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 [school website](#) if you would like to view term dates for years 2025 through to 2027

**Please do not park on the yellow lines outside the front office entrance.
This area is monitored and you may be fined.**


Celebrating National Reconciliation Week
Bridging Now to Next



TRIVIA NIGHT



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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OTHER NOTICES

[City of Darwin Youth Territory Author Awards](#)

[Little League Baseball](#)

[Little League T-Ball](#)