



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

End of Term Prayer

We thank you Lord, for our term together. For the successes, the challenges, and what we have learnt this term we are grateful. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends. Give us strength and courage to do what is right; to be witnesses of our faith. Keep us safe in our activities; give us rest and good fun. As we prepare for Term Three, bring us all back refreshed and ready. Thank you for our friends and classmates, including staff, families and community of Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School who care for us all.

Amen

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another term, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to everyone. It has been an incredible journey, filled with growth, learning, discovery, adventure, and creativity.

Thank you staff and students for making our Feast Day a remarkable day for everyone. Our Feast Day coincides with Pentecost, the church's birthday. Our school this year celebrates 46 years of education in the Northern Territory. We started the day with a beautiful Mass in our church. Thank you Valerie Roussos, Josh Hodgson and Ann Byrne in preparing and presenting this alongside our students. We are truly blessed to have Fr Dave and Deacon Tony who officiated our mass. Following Mass, students, staff and families gathered outside to participate in a variety of games and activities. Lunch and refreshments were served. Thanks to Leah Ergos for organising alongside Christian Pace and Ross Springolo who were our cooks for the day. The colour and excitement of our students can be seen through the many great photos provided.



Our Feast Day also coincided with the 10th birthday celebrations of You Can Sit With Me, an inclusive program for schools with the focus around stamping out school refusal, non inclusive behaviours and bullying. Earlier this year we introduced this great program at our school. Our children are invited to wear a yellow wristbands that share the important message of warmth and approachability allowing those who wear the band to convey the message of inclusivity. The wristband is a symbol of unity and an invitation to connect students regardless of age, race, religion, gender or ability.

Sophie Sparks, the founder of You Can Sit With Me came along to our Feast Day to share in our joint special day. Sophie engaged with students and staff to assist in sharing the important message of inclusivity. Our school was recognised through local radio stations and the NT News to share the great things that are happening at our school. Thank you everyone for supporting this great movement. We encourage you to speak with your children about this so that you can learn more.

Andrew Chinn visited our school yesterday and worked with all children and staff from across the school. Children were involved in a workshop and after lunch a beautiful concert was shared with our school community



Academic Reports were sent home on Monday to celebrate and acknowledge the work of our students this semester. Once reports go home, we encourage you to take the time to read over with your child. If you have any queries, please make the time to meet with your child's classroom or specialist teacher prior to the end of term to discuss. Academic Reports are not a surprise, but rather a reflection of student work, achievements and identified areas of growth. You should all feel very proud of your children and what they have achieved so far. Heidi van Bodegraven, as not only our Deputy Principal, but also Curriculum Coordinator can be contacted as required.

We wish Ella Molendjik well as she begins her maternity leave. Sinead McDonnell who is well known to the Year 1/2 classes will be teaching this class full time. Ella will be back next year to rejoin our teaching team. Georgia Tskourkis will be on long service leave for Term 3. Alessio Mircoli is heading home to Italy to be close with family. We thank Alessio for stepping in at the start of the year to teach Year 3/4. We still await some administrative processes to be signed off on with our new teacher, once this is done an announcement of our new teacher will be made.

We conclude our term with our Athletics Carnival. A reminder that our carnival takes place at Arafura Stadium, Marrara. Community of Learners and Before School Care will be closed Friday morning so please remember to head directly to Marrara. Upon arrival, please walk your child into the stadium where their teachers will be waiting. Our staff will be at Marrara by no later than 7:45am to greet you on arrival. Thank you Abby Caldwell, for all your work in coordinating and putting this day together. Thanks also to our Parents and Friends who will be selling food and refreshments on the day. All money raised through this will be going towards technology for our children.

We do ask for your support with shade sails on the day for our carnival. Where you are able to assist, please let us know. It is important that our children and staff are provided with sufficient shade for the day when awaiting events.

All details for Term 3 have been provided in our newsletter. A few dates to lock into your calendar for the beginning of term:

- **Monday 14th July:** Vacation Care and staff professional development
- **Tuesday 15th July:** students and staff resume
- **Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th July:** Year 5/6 Camp to Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre
- **Friday 25th July:** Darwin Show Day Holiday
- **Monday 4th August** - Picnic Day Holiday
- **Friday 8th August** - Feast of Mary MacKillop (details to follow)

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday. Please use this time to enjoy our beautiful weather and all it has to offer. Whether you are travelling or staying in Darwin, be safe and enjoy.

We shall see you all when school resumes on Tuesday 15th July.



Mrs Paula Sellars
Principal



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Friday 20 June, 2025

Arafura Stadium - 40 Abala Road, Marrara

Important Information

- The School is closed from 7:00am to 12:00pm, this includes Community of Learners and Before School Care
- Transport to Arafura Stadium, Marrara is the responsibility of the parents and carers
- Arrival of students to Arafura Stadium is from 8:00am where they will be met by their classroom teacher
- Community of Learners, Transition, Year 1 and 2 students will return to Holy Spirt School at 12:15pm by bus
- Year 3-6 students remain at the carnival and are collected by parents at 2:00pm
- For those students requiring After School Care, a reminder to our parents of Year 3-6 students, that you are to pick your child/ren at 2:00pm and deliver them back to school.
- If you do not require After School Care and your child is booked in for this day, please cancel through Operoo, the e-form on the school website or send an email to oshc.hs@nt.catholic.edu.au



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 - Congratulations

Congratulations Allegra, Isaac and Elliana who received the Sacrament of Confirmation earlier this month in the presence of our parish community. This was a beautiful celebration as officiated by Bishop Charles with the support of Fr Dave and Fr Suraj. Our church was at capacity for this. Thank you also Marina Gomez and the Ryan family for providing beautiful music on the day.



Feast Day Celebrations - Pentecost

Thank you for your support with our Feast Day celebrations recently. This was an amazing day for everyone involved. Our Feast Day included a mass, followed with many great activities for staff and students to enjoy and participate in.

I wish to thank all who contributed to our day in making our 46th birthday a success.

Our celebrations carried over to the weekend with many attending the Feast Day dinner following 5:00pm mass on Sunday evening. It is fair to say that we have never seen so many at this great event. Fr Dave Callaghan continues to be instrumental in gathering everyone together for important events such as these, and for this we say thank you.

To our parishioners who give their time to decorate our church we say thank you. I am sure you can attest with the photo that our church looked fantastic for Pentecost. As I shared with Fr Dave, we look forward to what comes next in celebrating our church seasons.



Sacrament of First Holy Communion

We keep in our prayers Maximillian De Zylva who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion at St Francis, and Bridgette Kane at St Mary's on Sunday. In addition, Zekiel Rowan who will receive this sacrament at St Martin de Porress on Sunday 22nd June. We keep these students and their families in our prayers as they continue in their sacramental journey. We will be sure to share photos with you all to celebrate their special day alongside family and friends.

FRONT OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

As there will be only be a small number of staff at the school during the break, we ask that you please call the office before coming in to ensure we are open for your visit.

Office hours will be 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Andrew Chinn - Butterfly Music

Andrew joined us today to work with students and staff from Community of Learners through to Year 6. Each class participated in a workshop and following this presented all they had learnt with a concert. Andrew visits Darwin every three years to work with the Catholic schools in our community and we were fortunate last year to lock in this important visit. The songs we sing through assembly and our masses are his work. Please take the time to engage with your children about our day with Andrew - it was awesome.

Australian Catholics Magazine

Please do not forget about this free subscription. 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>

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Sacramental Programs 2025

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

Fr Dave and I shall provide important details around upcoming sacramental programs for next term. Please do not hesitate in making contact with us if you wish to learn more about this.

Appointment of an Assistant Principal-Religious Education/Religious Education Coordinator at Holy Spirit we still await

We continue to look at filling the position of an APRE/REC at our school who would join the leadership team at our school. The appointment of this comes from our office as it is a leadership position, endorsed by our Bishop. I have been carrying this position since July last year and am doing my best in overseeing and delivering our RE program to staff, students and families. I continue to keep in close contact with Catholic Education NT about the urgency in filling this position. As a Catholic School, it is imperative we have a member of staff to oversee our Catholic Identity and also ensure that we are supporting our students and families through Religious Education.

If you know of anyone who may be looking at a great opportunity to join our leadership team, please contact me.

As always, your support and work is greatly appreciated through Religious Education.



Mrs Sellars

We are thrilled to announce that academic reports have been sent out via Toddle!

Toddle will roll out in functionality over the next term to streamline our platforms to create an engaged community.

With Toddle, you will be able to:

- View and celebrate your child's learning moments
- Communicate with teachers
- Receive announcements and updates from the school

To receive your child's report, you will need to download the app or use a web browser to set up your account. Please follow the instructions on the link below.

[Toddle Instructions](#)

As with any new system, please remember there can be teething issues. If you notice something missing in the report or have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher in the first instance.

Kind regards,



Heidi van Bodegraven
Deputy Principal

Inclusion Support News: Term Two Wrap-Up!

Wow! Term Two is flying by and almost at the finish line! Our Year 3/4 students will be wrapping up their sessions with Therapy Dog Jackson this week, while some of our enthusiastic Year 1/2 friends are buzzing with excitement to start their new communication program with Jackson next term.

Over the upcoming pupil free day, some of our amazing ISA team will be diving into formal LEGO training because who doesn't love LEGO? This means our LEGO groups will be kicking off in Week 2 or 3 next term. Families of students involved in the program can expect a check-in early in the term with the specific details!

And some super exciting news! We are launching a brand-new STEM program designed to boost communication and teamwork skills, featuring our very own school 3D printed. Stay tuned for more information as we get this program up and running by mid Term Three.

On a bittersweet note, we will be saying goodbye to our wonderful ISA, Miss Becky. Although she was with us for a short time, she made a huge positive impact on so many students across Transition and Year 5/6. We wish her all the best on her continuing travels across Australia, what an adventure!

We are also farewelling Miss Keneesha, our incredible AIEW. She joined us last year as an ISA and moved into her role supporting our First Nations students this year. Her dedication has been truly inspiring. We wish her the best of luck as she continues her journey to become a teacher and in all her upcoming adventures! We will definitely miss her, and hope she pops in from time to time.

Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing, and refreshing holiday break. We can not wait to see all our brilliant students and families back next term!



Claire Dekuyer
Inclusion Support Coordinator

TERM TWO CALENDAR, 2025

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY
Week 10 June Holy Trinity Sunday	16 Academic Reports emailed to families	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

TERM THREE CALENDAR, 2025

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY
Week 1 July 15 th Sunday Ordinary Time	14 Vacation Care	15 STUDENTS RETURN Morning Assembly @ 8:15am	16	17	18	No Friday Assembly
Week 2 July 16 th Sunday Ordinary Time	21 Morning Assembly @ 8:15am	Year 5/6 Camp - Katherine			25 Darwin Show Day	Year 1/2 Room 2 Room 4 Room 6
		22 Year 5/6 camp to Katherine PLC @ 3pm - TBA	23 100th Day of School—TR	24 Awards Assembly National Tree Day for school		
Week 3 July/August 17 th Sunday Ordinary Time	28	29	30	31 AFL After School Primary Challenge School Board Meeting @ 4:45pm	1 National Primary Principal's Day Year 1/2 Excursion Basketball Gala	No Friday Assembly
Week 4 August 18 th Sunday Ordinary Time	4 PICNIC DAY	5	6	7 P&F Meeting @ 2:00pm Year 6 Daly River Excursion AFL Primary Challenge	8 Awards Assembly (Feast of Mary MacKillop)	Transition Room 8 Room 9
Week 5 August 19 th Sunday Ordinary Time	11	12	13	14 AFL after school Primary Challenge Sophie Sparks - Assembly	15 Assumption of Mary Mass Bullying, No way! REWARD AFTERNOON	No Friday Assembly

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1

Decide to look for what's good every day this month

2

Say positive things in your conversations with others

3

Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it

4

Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

5

Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

6

Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings

7

Do something healthy which makes you feel good

8

Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share

9

Ask a friend what made them happy recently

10

Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them

11

Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it

12

Write a gratitude letter to thank someone

13

Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side

14

Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

15

Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

16

Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

17

Take time to notice things that you find beautiful

18

Look for something good in a difficult situation

19

Get outside and find the joy in being active

20

Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity

21

Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

22

Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

23

Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to

24

Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for

25

Show your appreciation to people who are helping others

26

Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it

27

Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

28

Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people

29

Share a friendly smile with people you see today

30

Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)



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>

Mother's day
Breakfast

Ash
Wednesday

First Day

Swimming

Harmony Day

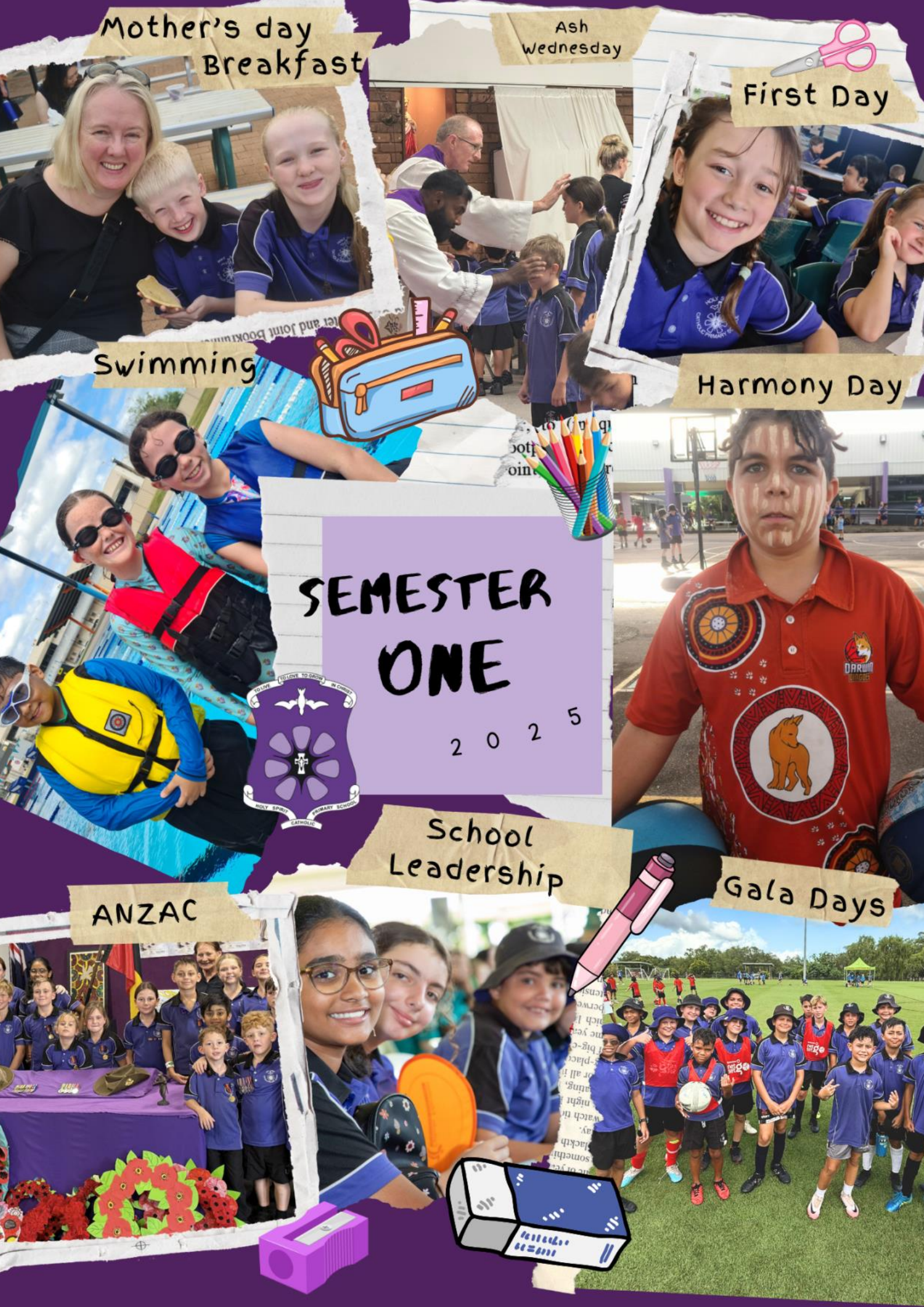
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Gala Days

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TUESDAY 8 JULY 2025 | 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM
GARDENS AMPHITHEATRE

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

[City of Darwin—School Events](#)

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OTHER NOTICES

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