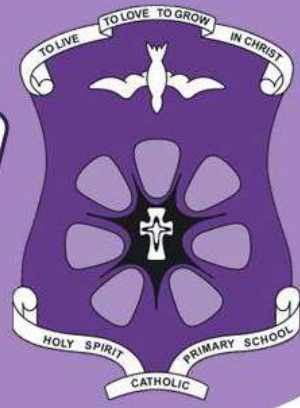


NEWSLETTER

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

God of all that is good and just,

We give thanks to you this day and for the many blessings that await us.

May we wake each morning with energy and joy to do the best that we can

To serve others with kindness and compassion

To approach each task with focus and purpose

To remain open to learning and growing

To live with humility and spirit of gratitude

Bless us and our colleagues of past, present, and future, who work hard and give generously

Bless our families, who support and nurture us in our vocation and work

Bless all those who we encounter that teach us, challenge us, and stem us in authentic love

Bless the vulnerable, the poor, the sick and forgotten, who reflect most intimately the suffering of the Cross and the hope of the Resurrection

May we be renewed and refreshed in our convictions and commitments to love tenderly to act justly, and to walk humbly with you, Our Loving God

We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ

Amen

Dear Families,

We continue to keep in our prayers our students who are currently preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion - Jim and Fiona Begley, Declan Lynam, Rosie Seivers, Camilla Curley, Kruse Driscoll, Harriet Chan, Alma Chimenton, Marisa Bayetto, Angelina Lay Chhetri, and Opi'Aza Adakpoku.

A reminder that the Sacrament of Reconciliation takes place at 6:00pm on Thursday 11th September and First Holy Communion on Sunday 14th September at 9:30am mass.



This week we welcomed Frankie Olssen who joined Miss Valerie's class. Next week we welcome Emily Jones who will join Miss Siobhan's class.

On Tuesday you would have received a link to participate in our online survey— Tell Them From Me. This survey is open for the remainder of this term for staff, students (Years 4-6) and families. I warmly encourage all parents to complete this survey as your feedback is invaluable in helping us refine our practices and to continually improve.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) – link for our parent survey <http://telltthemfromme.com/hsp25>

Congratulations to our AFL After School Primary Challenge Team. Thanks to Mr Josh for coaching our team and Mrs Abby as team manager. Tomorrow afternoon we play at Nightcliff Primary School. We have a proud sporting history here at Holy Spirit and the competition this year proves to be no exception.



Thank you to so many of you who attended Parent/Teacher Interviews last week. It was great to catch up with you while awaiting your child's appointment. It is important that you make the time to meet with your child's teacher so that together we continue to work in partnership.

Book Week is fast approaching. This year's theme is 'Book an Adventure'. Mrs Crimmings has her annual book fair available in our library and our annual book parade takes place on Friday 29th August on our basketball court from 8:30am.

We are still calling on parent helpers for our Father's Day breakfast on Friday 5th September from 6:45am. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated. Please contact our front office should you be able to assist with cooking and serving.

We continue to take enrolments for 2026 across all year levels, including Community of Learners (3-5 years). Over the past few weeks, I have been meeting with many new families coming to our school. If you know of anyone who is looking at enrolling their child for next year, please be sure to let them know that we are available for an interview and a school tour. All information about our school can be located on our [school website](#).

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

- Friday 29th August - Book Week Parade
- Friday 5th September - Father's Day breakfast and liturgy
- Friday 19th September - Whole School Swimming Carnival at Casuarina Aquatic and Leisure Centre

I am currently interstate on Principal's Professional Development Leave from this week, and will return on Monday 1st September.

For urgent matters during this time, please contact Heidi van Bodegraven at heidi.vanbodegraven@nt.catholic.edu.au

Hope you are all having a wonderful week. I shall see you all in September.

Mrs Paula Sellars
Principal



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 Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

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This Sunday, 24th August at 9:30am mass, Fr Dave has invited all students who are to receive the sacraments to come along to mass for an interactive explanation of the mass. During mass, Fr Dave shall explain all the symbols and parts of the mass. There is no lesson this weekend

Thanks for our recent prayer service for St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and our Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption

Thank you to our Year 5 Youth Ministers for their recent presentation to acknowledge our Saint, Mary MacKillop. Our ministers read and performed beautifully on this day. Thanks also to our students and from Year 5/6, Room 10, along with Miss Nikita in preparing and presenting our mass last week. Again, this was well -presented.

Father's Day Liturgy

We invite all families to join us on Friday 5th September from 8:30am to celebrate and thank our fathers and significant male carers for a prayer liturgy in our Multipurpose Room. Our children from Transition, Room 9 and Year 3/4, Room 17 shall lead us through this. We look forward to seeing you then.

Children's Mass

These continue to take place on the last Sunday of each month at 9:30am where our children lead the singing, do the readings and altar serve. It would be lovely to have more of our families at these beautiful masses.

Diocesan Eucharist Mass and Procession

Bishop Charles invites everyone to attend Star of the Sea Cathedral on Sunday 6th September from 4:30pm. Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Balvo will be present for this. Should you wish to learn more about this, please check in with Fr Dave or myself.

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.

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Mrs Sellars



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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>

TERM THREE CALENDAR, 2025

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY
<u>Week 6</u> August 20 th Sunday Ordinary Time	18	19	20 Year 6 speeches @ 1:30pm	21 AFL after school Primary Challenge	22 Awards Assembly Defence Gathering @ 1:30pm	Yr 5/6 Rm 10 Rm 12 Rm 13
<u>Week 7</u> August 21 st Sunday Ordinary Time	25	26	27	28 AFL after school Primary Challenge	29 Book Parade @ 8:30am Orienteering Gala	No Friday Assembly
	Book Week - Book an Adventure					
<u>Week 8</u> September 22 nd Sunday Ordinary Time	1	2	3 Early Childhood Educators Day & ISA Appreciation Day	4 Awards Assembly National Health & PE Day P&F Meeting @ 2:00pm	5 Father's Day liturgy AFL Gala	Yr 3/4 Rm 14 Rm 15 Rm 17
<u>Week 9</u> September 23 rd Sunday Ordinary Time	8	9	10	11 RU Okay Day? Reconciliation @ 6:00pm	12 Catholic Schools Public Speaking @ Holy Family School Golf Gala	No Friday Assembly
<u>Week 10</u> September	15	16	17	18 Awards Assembly REWARD AFTERNOON	19 Swimming Carnival at Casuarina Aquatic Centre	Transition Rm 8 Rm 9

TERM FOUR CALENDAR, 2025

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY
Week 1 October 28 th Sunday Ordinary Time	6 Morning Assembly @ 8:15am led by Year 6 student leaders	7	8	9 P&F Meeting @ 2:00pm	10	No Friday Assembly



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2026

FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH & LEARNING

School Readiness Programme for 2026 Transition Students

ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Wednesday 22nd October, 8:30 – 10:15am

Wednesday 29th October, 8:30 – 10:15am

Wednesday 5th November, 8:30 – 10:15am

We recommend children attend all 3 sessions

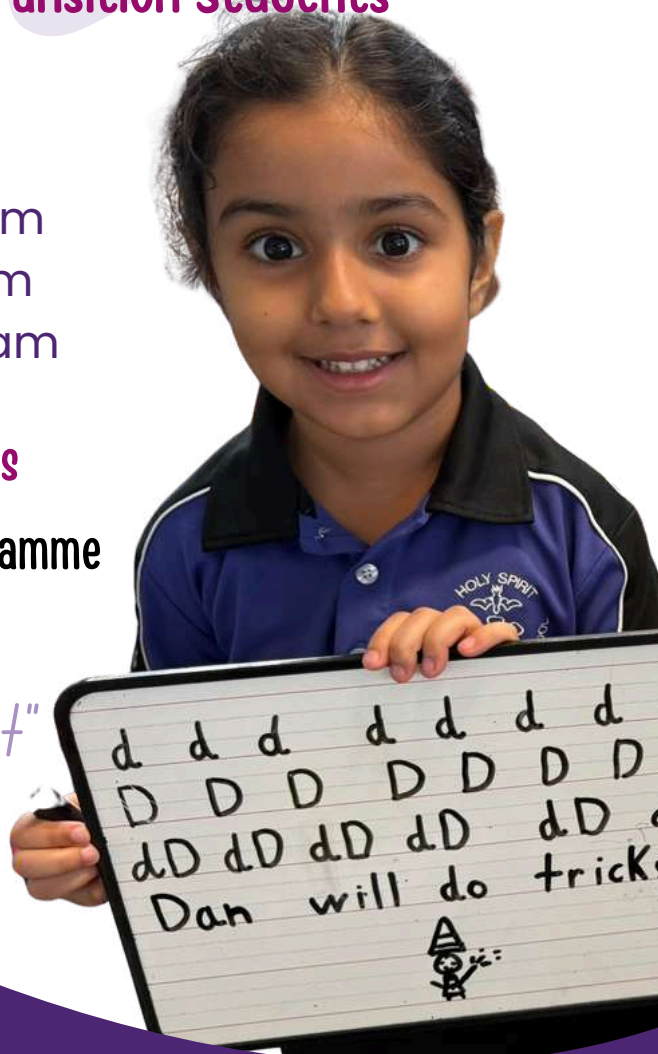
Your child must be enrolled to attend this programme

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