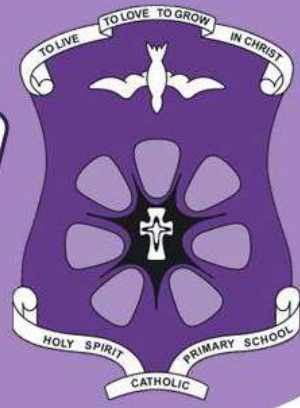


NEWSLETTER

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Prayer for First Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a lifelong love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

Amen

Dear Families,

We continue to keep in our prayers our students who are 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 tomorrow evening and First Holy Communion this Sunday 14th September at 9:30am mass.

I wish to thank and acknowledge the overwhelming presence of students, families and parish at the Diocesan Eucharist Mass and Procession at St Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral on Saturday afternoon. Holy Spirit community was so well represented though this. Thank you to so many for coming along to join in. A memorable occasion for the Diocese of Darwin.



Another great gathering with our Father's Day breakfast and liturgy, thank you for your support and coming along. Events such as these are important in building community relationships.

Thank you for your participation in our online survey – Tell Them From Me. The survey remains open until the end of the term for any parent yet to participate. Your feedback allows us to reflect, plan and review our work in line with strategic planning. Please contact Heidi van Bodegraven for more information and details around this as she is coordinating for us. <https://telltthemfromme.com/survey/splash/hsp25>

Mia-Rose O'Connor is representing our school at the Year 6 Catholic Schools' Public Speaking Competition this Friday at Holy Family Catholic Primary School. Our Year 5/6 teachers will be attending on the day with me to cheer and support Mia, along with our Year 6 students. We wish you well Mia.

National Child Protection Week is in place this week, focusing on the theme, 'Every conversation matters: Shifting Conversation to Action'. This is an annual campaign nationally aimed at promoting the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. It encourages us all to play an active role in protecting children and preventing child abuse and neglects. Please take the time to review the link provided about this. [National Child Protection Week - NAPCAN](#)

As a reminder to all our families, Catholic Care NT is available to all students of Holy Spirit should the need arise. This is a confidential service and our school counsellor, Laura McCormack, visits our school each week. To learn more about this please call Catholic Care NT on 8944 2000 or email them darwin@catholiccarent.org.au

Footsteps in Faith and Learning – School Readiness Program for 2026 Transition Students

Early Term 4 we will welcome all our 2026 Transition students to join in a school readiness program. A flyer with all important dates has been included in our newsletter. The aim of the program is to familiarise students and their families with our facilities and to experience fun and engaging learning activities that introduce them to the environment, routines, and structure of a primary school. If you are yet to submit your application for Transition, 2026, or any other year level, please ensure you do this soon. If you know of a family who has a child eligible for Transition in 2026, please encourage them to contact our front office. Members of our leadership team are available to speak with families over the phone as required.

A few letters and updates were sent to you all this week for which I have provided below in case you missed. Links provided.

- [Community Code of Conduct](#)
- [Regulatory changes to the use of personal mobile devices](#)
- [Claas Dojo and purpose in how we communicate](#)

I wish you all well for the remainder of this week. I take the time to remind you all the importance of keeping cool and hydrated as the heat and humidity rise. It is important that our children come to school with a water bottle each day, including their school hat to wear when outside. In addition, a good night's sleep is important for us all. We thank you for your support around this.

As our final newsletter for the term, wishing you all the best. I have provided below a reflection for you all with upcoming holidays.

In addition to this, I shall be away for the first week of holidays to be with my family interstate.

As the school bells ring their final chimes for our upcoming holidays, and the classroom doors close for the holidays next week, it is a time for our students, teachers, and families to embrace the joys of rest and rejuvenation. School holidays offer a precious opportunity to step away from the daily grind of homework and schedules, allowing us to embark on a journey of relaxation, reflection, and exploration. During these cherished breaks, we often seek solace in prayer, finding comfort and guidance in our faith.

Paula Sellars

Mrs Paula Sellars
Principal





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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

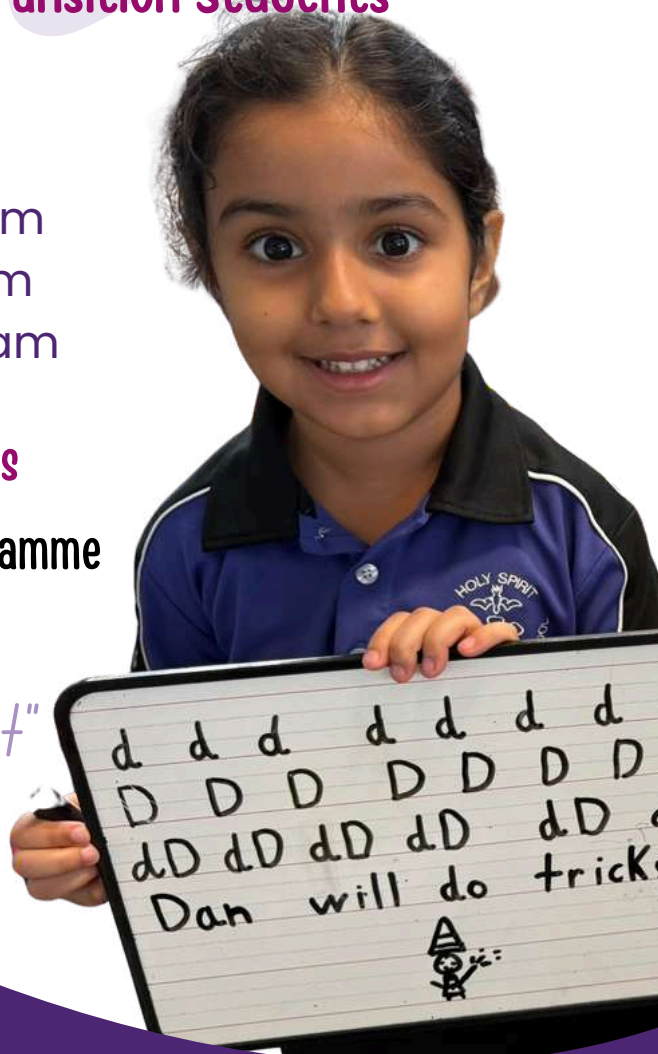
Your child must be enrolled to attend this programme

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Enrolment Form



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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Father's Day Liturgy

A beautiful liturgy as prepared and presented by our children from Transition, Room 9 and Year 3/4, Room 17. It was great to have so many dads and significant male carers in attendance.

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. Our next Children's Mass is scheduled for Sunday 26th October

Diocesan Eucharist Mass and Procession

Thank you to so many from our school and parish for supporting this special event on Saturday afternoon. It was lovely to see so many families and children from our school present for this mass and procession.

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>

Username: parents@nt.catholic.edu.au

Password: acparents

Mrs Sellars

Celebrating Inclusion and Looking Ahead

Our school community recently came together for meetings between teachers and parents, where students were celebrated for the remarkable successes of their inclusion goals. The collaboration and shared commitment to ensuring every student thrives is truly what makes our school special. Together, they reflected on achievements and set inspiring new goals for the next six months, reinforcing our dedication to an inclusive learning environment.

We're thrilled to announce that some of our Transition students will soon receive notes about working with Jackson, our beloved wellbeing dog, next term. These sessions promise to bring joy and support to our students' learning journey further developing their communication skills.

As we move forward, we say a fond farewell to Miss Keneesha, Miss Grace, and Miss Ella, who are embarking on their next adventures. We extend our heartfelt thanks for their incredible contributions to our school and wish them all the best.

Looking ahead, Miss Shinobu and I are excited to attend the Catholic Education Inclusion Support Forum next term, where we'll dive into best practices for supporting our students. We can't wait to share the insights with our team upon our return. Plus, we're delighted to welcome Jema, Catholic Education's wonderful Occupational Therapist, next term. She'll be guiding us on brain breaks, movement breaks, and meeting students' sensory needs to further enhance our inclusive practices.

****Join Our Team!****

If you're passionate about supporting inclusion and want to join our team as an Inclusion Support Assistant, please email your resume and a copy of your working with Children Card (Ochre Card) to hs.isc@nt.catholic.edu.au. We'd love to hear from you!

Together, we're building a brighter, more inclusive future for our students. Thank you for being part of this journey!



Miss Claire
Inclusion Support Coordinator



FRONT OFFICE CLOSURE- SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Please note that the Front Office will be closed during the School Holidays.

For any enquiries related to the Early Learning Centre, please contact the Community of Learners via email at: col.hs@nt.catholic.edu.au

For matters concerning Outside of School Hours Care or Vacation Care, please email: osch.hs@nt.catholic.edu.au



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* 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

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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
Week 9 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
Week 10 September	15	16	17	18	19 Awards Assembly REWARD AFTERNOON	Transition Rm 8 Rm 9

School Holidays: Monday 22 September – Friday 3 October

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
Week 2 October 29 th Sunday Ordinary Time	13	14	15	16 Board Meeting @ 4:30pm	17 Mission Liturgy @ 11:00am in MPR followed by markets (AC)	Year 5/6 Rm 10 Rm 12 Rm 13
Week 3 October 30 th Sunday Ordinary Time	20	21	22 FIFL program 8:30am – 10:30am	23	24 World Teachers 'Day Joffa's Toon School	No Friday Assembly
Week 4 November 31 st Sunday Ordinary Time	27	28	29 FIFL program 8:30am – 10:30am	30	31 Awards Assembly	Year 3/4 Rm 14 Rm 15 Rm 17



- MEET YOUR COACHES & TEAMMATES
- JOIN IN ON A TRAINING SESSION
- SUPPORT FOR PARENTS WANTING TO REGISTER CHILDREN
- FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AFTER TRAINING



11 September, 2025
4:00PM-5:15PM



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