A Message from the Principal

There is a Buddhist story of a young woman whose baby grew sick and died. She was torn apart with grief and sorrow, and asked a Buddhist holy man if her grief and sorrow would ever go away. “You must bring me a bowl of rice,” he said, “but it must be from a house where no-one has ever suffered the loss of someone they loved and cared for.” So the woman set out, thinking this would be an easy task which would then result, at last, in her grief and sorrow no longer dominating her life. In the first house that she visited she found that a family member had died two years before. They talked, and each felt a little better as they shared their experience and learned from one another and supported each other. In the next house, someone had lost a close friend. Again, she and the family found support. In the third house she began to appreciate more that love costs. And so it went on, from house to house. Eventually the woman returned to the holy man who asked if she had a bowl of rice for him. She had been told to bring one from a house where nobody had ever suffered the loss of someone they loved and cared for. “No,” she said. “Every house I have visited has had people who have suffered the loss of someone they have loved and cared for. What I have discovered is that it is because we love greatly that we experience such pain and sorrow when loved ones die. Our pain and sorrow may get less as time goes by, but they never go away. The medicine I have found in visiting other homes is that peace can come from helping others and sharing their problems. The poet, Alfred Lord Tennyson, wrote:

“’Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all.”

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, you tell us that those who mourn are “blessed”, knowing that only those who love greatly can mourn.
We know, too, that it is better to have loved and lost someone than never to have loved at all.
We ask you today that through our own sufferings of different kinds, we may discover strength and peace through helping and supporting others in their difficulties. Amen.

www.prayingeachday.org
Catholic Schools Public Speaking Competition

On Friday, 5th September, our Year 5 and 6 students will be travelling to Humpty Doo to be part of the Catholic Schools Public Speaking Competition at St Francis of Assisi. One student from Year 5 and one from Year 6 will represent our school. Last year, our students were fantastic with one child taking home the Year 6 trophy. Once again, we are looking forward to what is a terrific day where our students get to view exemplary public speaking and also to meet other Catholic students from across our diocese. This week, I will have the privilege to listen to our finalists and judge who will represent our school.

New Classroom Furniture

This afternoon Rooms 12, 13, 14 and 15 are meeting to discuss what new classroom furniture they would like for your children. We hope to have new furniture in these classes later in the year. We will then work on placing new furniture in the remaining classes next year.

Father’s Day Breakfast

A reminder there will be a Father’s Day breakfast next week, 5th September. This will be followed by a prayer liturgy presented by Room 6. This will be the first parent event where we will get to test our new large fan in the undercover area. We welcome families to join us for this event especially our fathers or significant male adults in the lives of your children.

Learning Powers Meeting

As we continue our journey with Learning Powers, we will be holding our next parent meeting on Monday 15th September from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Please keep this date in mind. More details will be made available closer to the date.

Thanks and God Bless

Shane Donohue
Principal

Diary Dates—Term 3

August

Friday 29th August
Assembly

September

Friday 5th September
Fathers Day Breakfast 8.00am and Liturgy 8.30am
Public Speaking Competition Year 5 and 6 at St Francis of Assisi—Humpty Doo

Sunday 7th September
Confirmation at Holy Family Church 9.00am
Assembly Room 13
Tee-Ball Gala Day
Parent Learning Power Meeting 5.30pm—7.30pm
Swimming lessons

Monday 15th September to Thursday 18th September

Friday 19th September
Pupil Free Day—Staff Development
Swimming lessons

Monday 22nd September to Thursday 25th September

Friday 26th September
Swimming Carnival
Last day of Term

October

Monday 6th October
School Resumes—Term 4
AROUND THE SCHOOL...

Religious Education

Confirmation
Preparation lessons for Confirmation are underway. Just a reminder that a parent or caregiver needs to attend to support and enrich the preparation process.
Important dates for Confirmation are:
Retreat and Practice- 5th Sept, 4.00-6.00pm
Reconciliation before Confirmation- 2nd September, 6.30pm
Confirmation- 7th Sept, 9.00am

Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy
All Dads, Grandfathers and significant male figures in your children’s lives are invited to attend our Father’s Day breakfast and liturgy on Friday 5th September at 8am in the undercover area.

Lauren O'Shea
Classroom Teacher & Religious Education Coordinator

IMPORTANT....
Emailing of Newsletter

Please note that as of next week (Week 7) we will only be emailing our Newsletter out. Could you please advise the office of your email address so you don’t miss out. If you do not have an email account, please let the office know and we can arrange a hard copy.

Thank you for your co-operation with this change.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Calytrix Road, Karama
Ph: 8927 5454

Mass Times:
Saturday Mass 8.30am and 6.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday Mass 9.00am, 10.30am and 5.30pm
1st Sunday of the month 10.30am African Mass in English
2nd Sunday of the month 10.30am Spanish Mass
3rd Sunday of the month 10.30am Portuguese Mass
4th Sunday of the month 10.30am Tetum Mass

Kids Matter

Watch this space for parenting tips from KIDSMATTER.
For more advice visit www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Children with ADHD, how you can help

Be consistent
Set up rules and daily routines to provide a structure for children with ADHD. Be consistent with your expectations. This helps children to remember what is expected of them so that they can learn to regulate their own behaviour.

Give clear instruction
Make instructions brief and to the point. If necessary ask your child to repeat them to ensure that he or she has heard and understood what you meant.

Give prompt feedback
Feedback and consequences work better when given straight away.

Avoid the negatives
Ignore minor misbehaviour. Stay out of power struggles. Avoid strong criticism.
AROUND THE SCHOOL...

Enrolments are now being taken for 2015

If your child turns 5 before the end of June 2015, they are eligible to start in Transition at the beginning of the school year. Please collect an enrolment form from the office at your earliest convenience.

Book Parade
Rainbows- Chloe Jones dressed as the Wonky Donkey
Room 15- Ava Abela dressed as a Mermaid
Room 14- Tiana Davies dressed as Raindrop Fairy
Room 13- Eli Millard dressed as Thing 1
Room 12- Cassandra Pettit dress as Mulga Bill
Room 11- Tiana Russel dressed as Sally
Room 9- Tyrell Nona dressed as Steve Irwin
Room 7- Sam Gault dressed as Mario

Current Notes Sent home

★ Pupil Free Day Form

Happy Birthday

This week we wish the following students a Happy Birthday.

Janna Ransome
Stavros Kazouris
Mikaela Kempster
Shaeneille Tomlins
25th August
26th August
28th August
30th August

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at Assembly last week.

Room 15- Asher Chapman, Alex Plews & Ashleigh Lew-Fatt
Room 14 Yr T/1- No awards this week
Room 13 Yr 1/2- Isaac Vincent & Mirander Sanders
Room 12 Yr 2/3- Oliva Picone Auld, Cassandra Pettis, Jesse Ferguson & Michael Williams
Room 11 Yr 3/4 - Izaak Millard, Jeslyn Chong, Ciara Shakes, & Kamali Borges De Carvalho
Room 9 Yr 4/5- Michala Sonon, Janna Ransome, Stavros Kazouris
Room 6 Yr 5/6- Sara Jeong, Damian Pill & Ryleigh Philpott-Bunn
Room 7 Yr 5/6- Maya Kruger & Tahni Bold
Photo Gallery

RAK'ed Award
(Random Acts of Kindness)

Congratulations to Xavier Chandler who won our RAK’ed award for this week and received a $5.00 canteen voucher.

Learning Power

Our artwork for the Learning Power metaphors are nearly complete thanks to Olivia MacDonald. Classrooms will soon receive black and white copies of the original cut outs that will be framed and displayed in the office area.

If anyone happens to have expertise in framing and would like to help, please let our office staff know.

Pupil Free Day—Friday, 19th September

Please fill out and return to the office by Friday, 5th September if you wish for your child to attend our Pupil Free Day programme. The cost is $55.00 per child and they must be registered with our After School Care or Vacation Care programme. Forms available in the office if required.

CHILD/REN NAME: .................................................................................................................................

PARENT SIGNATURE: .......................... YES I REQUIRE CARE

PHONE NUMBER: .......................... We require a minimum of 15 students to run the day.
Photo Gallery—Book Character Parade

Book Week 2014
Parliament House Excursion

Last Thursday Year 2/3 Room 12 and Year 4/5 Room 9 attended Parliament House for an excursion which is related to our SOSE unit on Civics, Governance and Social Justice.

The students were able to experience first-hand how politicians make decisions and how people vote in the electoral process. They also had a tour through the Parliament House and its gardens. We were also very fortunate to be able to meet with the Hon Delia Lawrie and received a grand tour of her office in Parliament House. An educational and fun day was had by all!

Room 13—Bush Tucker Walk

Year 1/2 did a bush tucker walk with Mr Luke on Tuesday.

IMPORTANT…. Emailing of Newsletter

As mentioned earlier on in the newsletter, as of next week we will only be emailing newsletters out each week. To make sure we have your correct email address, could you please fill in your details below and return to the front office.

NAME.................................................................

EMAIL ADDRESS ..............................................

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St John’s Catholic College now has Entertainment books available for purchase for $55.00. A sample book is available for viewing at our Senior College reception with great deals on dining, take out, retail and art and sport attractions around the Darwin to Humpty Doo areas. It also includes great accommodation and vehicle deals Australia wide.

Entertainment Books can be purchased online with the option of free delivery or pick up from the college. All you need to do is follow the below link to purchase a membership and follow the instructions. Alternatively we have books available from the school with payment options of cash or EFTPOS.

All vouchers/discount available until 1st June, 2015