A Message from the Principal

For My Teacher: A Child’s Prayer

Thank you for my teacher. She is nice and funny and smart. She could be doing lots of other jobs. But I guess she wants to teach kids like me. I think that is great. Please give lots of good blessings to my teacher. And help all of her students to be good and to pay attention. Amen.

Jan Dalton’s Resignation

Many of our families have had their children go through Rainbows and would know Jan extremely well. Recently, Jan tendered her resignation as she has decided to retire. Jan was one of our first staff in Rainbows and has been an amazing employee for Holy Family.

Jan’s last day is not until the end of October and we are currently organising an appropriate farewell for her at school. We will notify you of this early next term.

Public Speaking

Last Friday, our Year 6 students travelled to St Mary’s for the annual Catholic Primary school speeches. Ayla Davies was our representative and was fantastic with her speech supporting the topic, ‘Is Social Media Destroying Social Skills?’ Students then stayed for an afternoon of activities. It was a wonderful event and a terrific opportunity for Catholic Primary schools in Darwin to get together and celebrate our Catholic identity.
John Gawa on Leave

Next term, John Gawa is taking Long Service Leave. Glenda Sutardi will replace him. As well as being fluent in Indonesian, Glenda also has a strong background in Art and will use this to engage the students with Indonesian. I would also ask that you keep John in your prayers as his younger brother passed away in Indonesia last week.

Swimming Carnival

A reminder that our Swimming Carnival is this Friday at Casuarina Swimming Pool. Please feel welcome to come and join us during the day and watch your child/children compete. It is always a delightful day that our students enjoy immensely.

Tech Expo

Towards the end of October, Holy Family will be holding a Tech Expo. The purpose of this event is to show case student work created during our first year of BYODD (Bring Your Own Designated Device). More information will follow early next term.

God Bless
Shane Donohue
Principal

Diary Dates—Term 3—2015

**TEAM 3—2015**

Monday 21st September to Thursday 24th September  
Swimming Lessons

Thursday 24th September  
Grand Sports Day

Friday 25th September  
Swimming Carnival

Friday 25th September  
Last Day of Term

**TEAM 4—2015**

Monday 5th October  
School Resumes

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**AROUND THE SCHOOL...**

**Religious Education**

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Congratulations to Jaime Schubert who made her Confirmation at St Paul’s Parish on the weekend.

**Swimming Carnival**

Our Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday, 25th September. Students will be transported to the Casuarina Swimming Pool by bus at 8.30am and return to school at 12.40pm for lunch. **Students will need to bring;**

- Water bottle
- Recess
- Sunscreen
- bathers/swimming clothes
- towel
- plastic bag
- school uniform to change back into

Please ensure all items are named. All family and friends are welcome to come and join the fun. If you are available to assist at the swimming carnival, please fill out and return the slip attached to the bottom of the swimming program.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**Calytrix Road, Karama**

Ph: 8927 5454

**Mass Times:**

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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

**Office Hours During the Holidays**

Please note that the office will be open most mornings during the holiday break. If you wish to come in, perhaps a phone call to make sure Ms Janet is here would be recommended.

Phone: 89 27 6188
Email: janet.kirby@nt.catholic.edu.au

School resumes on Monday, 5th October 2015.
**Student Awards**

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

Room 15 Tran—Lailanie Rioli, Leigh McCormack & Brianna Heath
Room 14 Yr T/1—No Awards
Room 13 Yr 1/2—Kate Melzner & Illyssa King
Room 12 Yr 2/3—No Awards
Room 11 Yr 3/4—Shaeneille Tomlins, Bryce Church, Jesse Carter & Christina Hill
Room 9 Yr 3/4—Ariana Skonis, April Smith & Jeslyn Chong
Room 6 Yr 5/6—No Awards
Room 7 Yr 5/6—Mitchell Peachy, Tia-Rose O’Callaghan & Iesha Ronberg
ICT Awards—Chloe Gilbert

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**Happy Birthday**

This week we wish the following students a Happy Birthday.

- Sebastian Lai 23rd September
- Kruz Hewitt 23rd September
- Sarah Sedman 23rd September
- Jayden Orian 23rd September
- Arianna Parmenter 24th September
- Izaak Millard 27th September
- Jasmine Gahungu 27th September

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**Vacation Care**

Limited Vacancies

There are now limited vacancies available for the upcoming vacation care program. Please note that Wednesday is now fully booked. If you require care for your child during the holidays, please return the booking form attached to the Newsletter ASAP. Bookings can’t be guaranteed and will need to be confirmed.

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**Holy Family School App**

At Holy Family Catholic School we are always looking for the best way to communicate within our school community, and we believe this app will help. Download this app and stay up to date with all the latest news and events from us, and view the latest editions of the school newsletters. We will keep you up to date regarding urgent reminders and notifications about events we are holding within the school. Stay connected to our Holy Family Catholic School.
AROUND THE SCHOOL...

Enrolling now for 2016

Enrolments are now being taken for Transition for 2016. If you child turns 5 prior to 30 June, 2016 they are eligible to commence Transition in January 2016. Please call into the office for an enrolment form or one can be sent electronically.

We will be holding an orientation morning on Wednesday, 28th October 2015 from 8:30am to 11:30am. More information will be available closer to the date.

NT School Sport

Congratulations to Iesha Ronberg and Karl Hochman for recently being chosen to represent the Northern Territory in their chosen sports. Karl will represent the NT in hockey at the Australian titles in Darwin starting on Friday. Iesha will represent the NT in Touch footy at the Australian titles in Adelaide during Term 4.

Grand Sports Day

This Thursday, 24th September come to school dressed in your favourite sport’s team colours. Please bring a gold coin donation that will go to Caritas and their will be ice cups for sale at lunch for $1.

Reading Comprehension Project

The students are now into their 10th week of this project. The teachers have been using specific comprehension strategies in their classroom when they are teaching reading. Over the next couple of weeks and into Term 4, this focus will continue and more hints and tips will be included in the forthcoming Newsletters. Please use this week’s hints and tips to assist your child/children to further their skills. Happy Reading!

Erica Schultz
Curriculum Co-ordinator

A Positive Reading Environment Suggestions:

1. Make reading fun and enjoyable
2. Turn off the TV, computer and other devices
3. Parent/s should be seen as a reader themselves
4. Visit the local Library
5. Give books as presents
Absences from School

To ensure the safety of all children, parents are asked to notify the school of any absences before 10.00am each day. This may be done by phone, a note with another family member, or by email. Please ensure that you notify the OFFICE as they have to record all absences.

Phone: 89 27 6188
Email: admin.holyfamily@nt.catholic.edu.au

An absence form can be filled in and sent to the office on the school app also.

Royal Life Saving NT

The Royal Life Saving Society Australia NT Branch is conducting an intensive 5 day Vacation Swimming Program 'VACSWIM' at Casuarina pool for 5 year olds and up. This is a program full of fun, fitness and life saving skills running over 1 week, from Monday to Friday from 9am to 10am or 10am to 11am, commencing on the 28th September 2015. For bookings and further information, contact RLSSA NT Branch on 8927 0400 or email programsnt@rlssa.org.au.

Marice Augustine
Programs Coordinator
Royal Life Saving - NT

Student Birthdays

Student Awards
Community Noticeboard

Today Show in Darwin

I'm producing the Today Show's broadcast from Darwin's Waterfront precinct, next Tuesday September 29, and would love to invite down the students, teachers and parents of your school.

We'll have a whole lot of fun planned, the wave pool is opening early and we have a great giveaway and people will get the chance to get their heads on national TV and see how a show is put to air.

This is an open invitation so come on down from 5.00am until 8.30am next Tuesday, September 29, 2015.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Hope to see you there and kind regards,

Matt Mitchell
Senior Producer
Today Show
03 9420 3633

Mrs Cassandra De Silva has vacancies for this term for piano lessons. For enquiries, contact Cassandra directly on 89450119.

Lessons are held during school hours. Mrs De Silva also has Piano lessons after school hours in Karama at $25 per lesson. As well as weekly lessons, Cassandra is now offering students fortnightly lessons to those who find it too costly, so they can still keep fingers moving and not lose technique and skills.
GRAND SPORTS DAY
THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
COME DRESSED IN YOUR FAVOURITE SPORT'S TEAM COLOURS
GOLD COIN DONATION WILL GO TO CARITAS
ICE CUPS FOR SALE AT LUNCH TIME FOR $1
Swimming Program
Holy Family Catholic School 2015

Monday-Thursday  Week 9 and Week 10

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SWIMMING -Weeks 9 and 10

A reminder that the school swimming program begins Monday, 14th September. Swimming lessons will be held Mondays-Thursdays. There will be no swimming lessons on Friday, 18th September. Friday, 25th September, is the Swimming Carnival.

The swimming program is a compulsory component of Holy Family school’s Health and Physical Education program. **All students** are expected to participate unless they are injured or sick and in these cases, parents are asked to notify their child’s teacher in writing. We believe that it is important that all students, particularly those students living in the Northern Territory, are taught basic swimming skills, water safety and survival techniques. This will ensure that they will know what to do when they are around water. These lessons could save your child’s life or the life of another.

If you are able to assist at the Swimming Carnival on Friday 25th September 9.00am—1.00pm
It would be appreciated if you would kindly fill out the tear off slip.

[Form for signing]
### Holy Family Vacation Care Program

**Week Commencing 28/9/15**

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<td>A trivia competition will start our week off with questions all about each other and prizes for the winning team. Take part in a variety of art and craft activities and sort out your acts for our Holy Family Idol talent quest. In the afternoon we participate in gardening, wood work and water play.</td>
<td>Participate in craft activities and get your acts together for our Holy Family Idol talent quest. In the afternoon we participate in gardening, wood work and water play.</td>
<td>Bike and wheels day along with cooking activities and to KJ’s entertainment. Use those motors skills, participate in some laser tag and take part in some tumbling and climbing activities.</td>
<td>The younger children will take part in a Teddy Bears Picnic with games and activities. The older children will venture over to O’Loughlin for a basketball challenge and after lunch we will organise to get Café Jazz happening, order off the menu and then dance at the restaurant.</td>
<td>Today we head to the city for lunch in the park. Prior to a relaxing afternoon at the cinema watching a new release movie.</td>
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In addition to the activities that are detailed on the program, the children will take part in a range of cooking experiences, art and craft, outdoor games, indoor games, utilize all of the resources in the ASC room and also use the undercover basketball court at O’Loughlin Catholic College. Additionally, spontaneous ideas that are suggested by the children within the week will be considered.

Vacation care cost $55.00 per day for booked days.
A casual rate of $65.00 per day will be charged for days not booked prior to close of business Thursday 24th September. **Casual bookings are subject to availability.**

**Booked days will be charged (fees include cost of outings, morning and afternoon tea).**

Vacation care operates from 7.30am-5.30pm daily.

Late pick up fees of $5.00 per minute apply

For confirmation of your booking, please return attached booking /agreement signed and booking will be considered confirmed.
# Booking for Vacation care

**Week commencing 28th September 2015**

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Please tick which days you require.

**Conditions of Booked Care**

Your booking is confirmed once this form is received by Administration. Any alterations or cancellations to your booking must be in writing. **No verbal changes will be accepted** (eg by phone). A minimum of one week’s notice is required or charges will apply as per your booking.

Regards,

Michelle Shaw  
Director ELC/OSHC

Shane Donohue  
Principal

I have read and understand the above conditions of booked care.

Signed (parent/guardian) ...........................................date  .....................

..........................................................(Print Name)

I agree to undertake this commitment to pay my Fee Account as per my booking above unless I have made a cancellation in writing.

Signed (parent/guardian) ...........................................date  .....................

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