A Message from the Principal

Prayer for End of Year

Lord, we give you thanks for calling us to serve this Catholic school community. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may the seeds of the Gospel you have planted in hearts and called us to water in our school continue to grow. Grant us a peaceful and restful break, that we might be ready to respond with joy to your ongoing call to serve one another in Christ, in whom you make all things new. We make this prayer to you in his name. Amen

End of Year Awards

A reminder that our end of year awards will be tomorrow at 11.00am in the assembly area. You are most welcome to join us for this event. Parents are welcome to take their child/ren home at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Semester Reports

Semester Two reports will go home with students this afternoon. Please talk to your classroom teacher if you have any questions in regards to the content.

Graduation

What a wonderful evening our Year 6 Graduation was on Monday evening. In all my years in education, I believe Holy Family Catholic Primary School puts together the best evening for graduating students. We certainly thank Julie Andrews and Tagan Koschitzki for organising such a beautiful event.

School fees

Attached to the Newsletter today are the fees for 2016. You will note an increase in the tuition component of the fees (set by the Catholic Education Council) with the Student Levy remaining the same.
Uniform

As we head into the holidays, I would like to remind you of our correct uniform, especially shoes. We ask that students wear totally black sneakers/shoes to school as part of their uniform. If you are purchasing new shoes during the break, please keep this in mind.

Farewell to Jo Pethick and Tagan Koschitzki

It is always with sadness that we farewell staff at the end of a school year. This year, we farewell Jo and Tagan as they move on to the next chapter in their lives. We thank them both immensely for their contribution to our school and wish Jo and her family all the best in Coffs Harbour. To Tagan, St Mary’s are privileged to be gaining such a wonderful practitioner. A big thank you to both of you from us all here at the school.

Thanksgiving and Poor Man’s Mass

On Thursday, we will also hold our end of year Mass at 9.30am. We welcome back Fr Mon from holidays to preside over the celebration. Please remember the opportunity to contribute to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. Baskets are in your child/children’s classroom. These will be presented at the Mass. We also welcome you to join us for the Eucharistic celebration and for a cup of tea/coffee afterwards in the staffroom before the awards at 11.00am.

And Finally...

Thank you to the whole school community for another fabulous year at Holy Family Catholic Primary School. We continue to grow Learning Powers in the school as our shared language for learning as we build towards our vision, “With family, faith and friendship, we grow, share and live as authors of our own learning”. I really feel privileged to lead such a wonderful school with the best students, parents, teachers and educators in the Northern Territory. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year and looking forward to seeing you refreshed after a long break. For those who are leaving us, thank you for allowing us to be part of your children’s lives and entrusting your children with us to educate them in the Catholic environment.

God Bless
Shane Donohue
Principal

Diary Dates—Term 4 —2015

TERM 4—2015

Thursday 10th December
Thanksgiving and Poor Man’s Mass—9.30am
Assembly and award ceremony 11.00am
Last Day of School

TERM 1—2016

Monday 25th January
Teachers resume
Tuesday 26th January
Australia Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 27th January
Teachers Professional Development
Thursday 28th January
Students resume
AROUND THE SCHOOL...

Thanksgiving and Poor Mann’s Mass

Holy Family will be celebrating a Mass on Thursday, 10th December at 9.30am at Holy Family Church.

Families, friends and parishioners are welcome.

Lauren O’Shea
REC & BYODD Project Leader

GOOD LUCK!

Year 6 Graduation

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
BYODD Online Survey

Thanks to the parents who completed the online survey at the tech expo.

If you did not complete the survey I would really appreciate you taking five minutes to share your thoughts and feedback. To complete the survey please visit this website: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9LPGDCS

Lauren O’Shea
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Christmas Raffle

Have you seen the fantastic Christmas Hamper on display in the front office that the P&F have put together? Additional raffle tickets are available from the front office. Please have all tickets and money returned by Wednesday 9th December.

TODAY

Office hours during the holidays

Please note that the office will closed from 23rd December and will re open on Monday, 4th January. If you wish to come in, perhaps a phone call to make sure Ms Janet is available would be recommended.

Phone no 89 27 6188

The office will be open for UNIFORM SALES from Monday 18th January.

Room 13 Excursion

Year 1/2, room 13 went to Indo Pacific Marine and had a great time learning about marine ecosystems. A big thank you to Mrs Tsakriros, Mrs Williams and Ms. Jonelle for helping us on our excursion!

Catherine Lorenzo
Year 1/2 Teacher
Student Awards

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

Room 15 Tran—Shaddy De Satge & Leigh McCormack

Room 14 Yr T/1—Nykeise De Satge, Amber Hogan-Tomlins, Irene Abanes & Dylan South

Room 13 Yr 1/2—No awards this week

Room 12 Yr 2/3—Robert McConville

Room 11 Yr 3/4—Cassandra Pettit, Ava South, Jesse Carter & Christina Hill

Room 9 Yr 3/4—Imojen Wright, Jorja Handebo, April Smith & Kamali

Borbes De Carvalho

Room 6 Yr 5/6—Georgia Lowe & Tannwyn Lewis

Room 7 Yr 5/6—No awards this week

ICT Awards—Sam Gault, Irene Abanes & Dylan South

Rainbows Enrolments

We have a very high number of enrolments for commencement in 2016, particularly in Preschool. Please note that enrolment is not guaranteed without signed paperwork and an interview with Mr Donohue.
Photo Gallery

RAK’ed Award
(Random Acts of Kindness)

Congratulations to Drosos Tsakrios who won our RAK’ed award this week and received a $5.00 Scholastic book voucher.

Spelling Bee

Team 3 was the winning team for the 1st Spelling Bee at Holy Family. The team members were: Mitchell MacDonald, Jakob De Santis, Chloe Ford, Erryn O’Halloran, Alysha Lay, Lili Bernasconi, and Sean Butterworth. Thanks to Mrs Andrews for organising the questions. This was a great way finish our "Words Their Way " spelling program which the students in Years 3 to 6 participated in.

Student Birthdays

Student Awards

Return Library Books

Please have one final look for any library books that may be hiding under beds or in bookshelves at home and return to the library.
Community Noticeboard

ANNOUNCING

CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLUB
"THE MESSAGES OF CHRISTMAS"

FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS T - 6
MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY
14 - 16 DECEMBER
8.30am - 12.30pm
CASUARINA BAPTIST CHURCH
44 Dripstone Rd, Casuarina.
A PROGRAM OF SCRIPTURE UNION NT
$8.00 per day
Register at: www.sunt.org.au

Community Noticeboard

Holiday Program @ Art Antics—Art classes for Kids of all ages

Clay School
January 13-15 9-11am
5 PLACES AVAILABLE ONLY
$100 pp (50% non-refundable deposit required upon booking)
Price includes: tutorial by qualified Art Teacher, all clay, glazes, tools, materials, morning tea each day.
Students will learn how to roll a coil, join clay, make a pinch pot animal, make a bowl for holding treasures and create a sculpture of their own choice.
An extra clay will be included in the price to glaze the pottery. The date for the classes will be negotiated with families.

Twirling and painting on material
January 18-20 12pm to 2pm
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Price includes: tutorials by qualified Art Teacher, all dyes and water colors to paint on canvas, print making materials and fabrics and morning tea.
Students are encouraged to bring a white T-shirt to tie dye.
Students will learn the skills of the tying, dye a T-shirt and other materials, create stamps from fabric to decorate a bag and a length of material.

Art Antics Art Maree—art classes for kids
Contact: Maree Webi
Milner Road
Yarralumla
Phone: 0417 999 682
Website: www.artantics.com.au
Email: art@artantics.com.au

The original
Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 6th December 2015
George Brown Botanic Gardens
Amphitheatre
Gates open 4.30pm
"Concert" starts 6.50pm

Finishes with a Spectacular fireworks display

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Christmas for Kids
FREE FAMILY FUN DAY
SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 2015
10AM - 2PM
MARRARA INDOOR STADIUM

WILD THINGZ
FREE ACTIVITIES ENTERTAINMENT MAGIC SHOW
BALLOON SCULPTURE
MUSIC FACE PAINTING FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND MORE

www.catholiccarent.org.au
www.territorychildcare.org.au
This free community event is proudly supported by CatholicCare NT and Territory Child Care Group with support from the Department of Business.
FEES FOR 2016
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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STUDENT LEVY FOR 2016 IS $240.00 EACH STUDENT
Operational Levy is $280.00 PER FAMILY PER Year
Swimming in Term 3 $110.00

TOTAL INCLUSIVE (Tuition, Student Levy, Operational Levy & Swimming)
STUDENT LEVY INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

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IF SCHOOL FEES, STUDENT LEVY AND OPERATIONAL LEVY CANNOT BE PAID AT START OF TERM THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE BELOW IS RECOMMENDED

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Please see the Office to discuss alternative Payment Plan options.

Building Fund Donation $100.00

Donations to our Building Fund are fully tax deductible. Donations are not mandatory but are necessary for the maintenance of our school. Every dollar is invested back into the school for your child/ren. We therefore encourage you to support this fund as far as you are able.

BANK DETAILS: BSB: 085 933
Account No: 39 895 1665
Reference: Your Surname