Learning Power Project

Like the Green Tree Frog, I grow and change.

Like the Bush Bee, I can work with others and on my own to be successful.

Like the Eagle, I see what I need to do to achieve my goal and take responsibility.

Like the Crocodile, I can overcome challenges and keep going when things get tough.

Like the Dolphin, I am free to develop my own ideas and take risks.

Like the Green Ant, I use what I know and what others know to build meaning.

Like the Tata Lizard I can become a learning detective, searching for answers or clues to my own or others questions.

A Message from the Principal

Lord Jesus,
you invite each of us by name
and you call us “friends”.
Lead us to show
as much respect and care for others
as we would like them to show for us.
Help us to look for
and bring out the best
in all.
Amen

Swimming Carnival
It was a wonderful end to Term 1 with our swimming carnival. Congratulations to the students for being enthusiastic on the day and for their exceptional behaviour.

The pool attendants were very keen to highlight how terrific Holy Family Catholic Primary School students were. Well done to Gold House on winning a tight contest.

Term 2
Every term is exciting and actioned packed in a school year. This term I would like to highlight:

- Anzac Day Prayer Liturgy – Friday 22nd April
- Mother’s Day Breakfast and Prayer Liturgy - Friday 6th May
- First Communion preparation during the term and celebration on 29th May
- Andrew Chinn, liturgical performer - Thursday May 26th
- Athletics Carnival – later in the term with date to be confirmed
- Year 4 camp to Territory Wildlife Park and Year 5/6 camp to Batchelor

This term is also a unique one where we have 11 weeks rather than the normal 10 week term.
A Message from the Principal ...

This come around every 5-6 years as a way to adjust calendars to fit back into more normal cycles. The P&F are active at some of these events providing food and drinks. Next week, we will confirm their activities for Term 2 that contribute to the wonderful environment here at Holy Family.

**Year 7 Enrolments O’Loughlin Catholic College 2017**

This morning we received information from O’Loughlin Catholic College in regards to enrolments for Year 7 in 2017. Nearly all of our students go onto attend O’Loughlin and parents will often send their children to Holy Family to make sure they gain priority of enrolment to O’Loughlin. We are only able to guarantee such priority if enrolment forms are filled in and returned promptly to O’Loughlin. Today, your Year 6 child will come home with the enrolment pack.

Please make sure appropriate forms and relevant information are provided and returned to O’Loughlin with the enrolment fee so that interview times can be made by the College. They have set their Open Day on Thursday, 19th May. Year 6 students come as normal to school and we walk them across and collect them at the end of the day.

More information can be found in the flyer which is included in this week’s newsletter.

Thanks and God Bless,

Shane Donohue
Principal

How to be Merciful...
Do something kind and helpful for someone who you don’t get along with, or who has wronged you. [http://aleteia.org/2015/12/07/54-ways-to-be-merciful-during-the-jubilee-year-of-mercy/](http://aleteia.org/2015/12/07/54-ways-to-be-merciful-during-the-jubilee-year-of-mercy/)

First Eucharist (Holy Communion)

Students in Year 4 or above will have the opportunity to make their First Eucharist during Term 2.

Please take note that the date for the enrolment evening has changed:

**Wednesday, 20th April at 6:40pm**

All information about this Sacrament will be distributed at the enrolment evening.

Project Compassion
All Project Compassion donations to be brought back to school by end of Week 1.
**AROUND THE SCHOOL...**

**NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment of all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. All students are assessed in language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy.

In 2016, the tests are scheduled for the mornings of Tuesday May 10th, Wednesday May 11th and Thursday May 12th. All students across Australia complete the tests on the same day and all students are expected to participate.

If you have any queries, concerns or wish to withdraw your child from the testing please contact Mandy Jones (Deputy Principal) at the school as soon as possible.

Mandy Jones  
Deputy Principal

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**KidsMatter Primary**

**Excellence**

This week in Pastoral Care Groups students will learn about Excellence. At Holy Family we consider Excellence to be one of our core values and aim to encourage staff and students to strive for excellence in all that we do. Achieving excellence is not reserved for those with particular academic ability; it can be achieved by anyone who sets their mind to it.

**8 Keys of Excellence**

**Integrity**

- Match behaviour with values

**Failure Leads to Success**

- Learn from mistakes

**Speak with Good Purpose**

- Speak honestly and kindly

**This Is It**

- Make the most of every moment

**Commitment**

- Make your dreams happen

**Ownership**

- Take Responsibility for your actions

**Flexibility**

- Be willing to do things differently

**Balance**

- Live your best life

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**Book Club**

Book Club brochures have been sent home. Please have all forms and money back to the office by Wednesday, 20th April 2016.

Please put your child’s order in an envelope with their name and room number. No cheques thankyou.

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**Parent Contact Details**

It is very important that our parent contact details are up to date in our system. If you have changed any of your details recently, or within the last 6 months, please advise the school if you haven’t already done so.
Parents & Friends Committee

P&F Fundraising Thermometer

Thank you for your support. We raised a total of $1,738.57 for the following Term 1 events.

Event 2—Easter Raffle—$1,338.05
Event 1—Disco $400.52
Now taking Enrolments for 2017

Interviews will be commencing in May.

Forms need to be completed and returned to the College along with the application fee of $160 before appointments will be made.

Please be aware that due to current enrolment numbers, enrolment forms need to be completed and returned to the College before May to be considered for a position in 2017.

Enrolment packs are available from the College or on the website at:
http://oloughlin.nt.edu.au/enrolments/enrolment-policy/enrolment-forms/

GRADE 6 OPEN DAY – Thursday 19th May
Community Noticeboard

Darwin Dragons Rugby Union Club
Seeking U9’s & U13’s
New Players Welcome for all age groups
U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17

Training Nights
Tuesdays & Thursdays from - 5:15pm
Rugby Park (Field 1) - 71 Abala Road Marrara

2016 - Game Nights
Friday Nights - Juniors U7’s to U15’s
Wednesday Nights – U17’s

Email: darwindragonsrugby@hotmail.com

The St Vincent de Paul Society welcomes you!
There are many roles available in the Saint Vincent de Paul Society: from acting as minutes taker for a local Conference, to undertaking home visitation, or perhaps being involved in rehabilitation programs. Members and volunteers contribute as their circumstances permit.

Would you be able to volunteer a few hours a week to the work of the Society through our local parish conference or perhaps at the “Vinnies” Op shop in Malak? Please contact Rachael Bowker – 89488100 or John Tobin on 040111 9766 - who would love to talk with you more about this wonderful work.

Low Cost Play Therapy

As part of its ongoing commitment to ensure that the Northern Territory has access to experienced Play Therapy Practitioners, PTNT is pleased to announce that low cost sessions are available for families with children and young people whom need Therapeutic Support.

Make your parent appointment now.
We are encouraging all parents and carers to make arrangements for parent interviews to happen ASAP.

Appointments in Darwin and Palmerston now available.

Contact: 0412984347 or crystal@playtherapy.com.au
www.playtherapy.com.au
Hi parents,

Thunder Juniors is about to commence and it’s not too late to register your child. Thunder Juniors is a 10-week junior football competition played in a club environment with a focus on developing skills for both boys and girls.

Bring your child down to one of our training sessions in your area and have a chat to our staff.

Sports vouchers are accepted!

For more information email kasey.brunt@aflnt.com.au, call 0400 103 570 or visit www.thunderjuniors.aflnt.com.au

Training sessions:
Wednesday’s, 5pm, at Leanyer Primary School
Thursday’s, 5pm, at Jingili Oval

Kasey Brunt
Club & Game Development Manager (St Marys)
TUNING INTO KIDS

Learn skills to support your child’s emotional development during a six session parenting program for parents of children aged 0-12 years.
Would you like to learn how to:
  - be better at talking with, listening to, and understanding your child
  - help your child to develop emotionally
  - help prevent behaviour problems and teach your child to deal with conflict?

Course details

When: Each Tuesday starting 26 April, concluding 31 May (total of six sessions)
Time: 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
Where: CatholicCare NT, 17 Hidden Valley Road, Berrimah
RSVP: by Friday 22 April to secure your booking
Cost: $50

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Travel by bus to National Youth Week events for free!

Simply print and present this flyer to your public bus driver on the Darwinbus or ASbus network for free travel to National Youth Week events from 8 to 17 April 2016.

Offer valid for young people aged 12 to 25 years and on Darwinbus and ASbus public bus networks only. This free transport initiative is proudly funded by the Northern Territory Government.