A Message from the Principal

What “the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital in battle.”

Pope Francis

Block Grant Authority (BGA) Application

Next Tuesday, representatives from the BGA will be visiting Holy Family to view our application for funding for this year. We have requested two thirds of the cost to upgrade the toilets in our school. We won’t know the outcome of our request until the end of the year.

Maintenance Plan for the School

As part of the School Board function, we will shortly be asking for your input on what maintenance you believe needs attention in the school. Sometimes when we sit inside, you fail to notice what it might look like from the outside. With Lorraine King (School Board Chair) we will put together a letter inviting your thoughts. These will then be taken to the School Board where they will follow a process and decide what we would like to prioritise in our Annual School Improvement Plan process.

Rainbows

This week, Rainbows will go through the assessment and rating for licensing. We are very proud of Rainbows and the work of the staff in the way they provide care in the centre. A report will be prepared and presented back to the school. It will affirm all the good work of the centre and may make some recommendations for the future. Thank you to Michelle and her staff for making sure they are ready for the assessment.
**New Furniture**

There was a lot of excitement this morning as the remainder of our order for new classroom furniture arrived. If you are in the school, please drop in to Rooms 6,7,9 & 11 to view our lovely, bright new furnishings.

God Bless  
Shane Donohue  
Principal

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### Diary Dates—Term 3—2015

#### TERM 3—2015

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Family, Faith, Friendship
**AROUND THE SCHOOL...**

**Religious Education**

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Preparations lessons for Confirmation have started. A reminder that all candidates need to attend the remaining sessions:

- **Lesson 2:** Friday 31st July or Sunday 2nd August, 4.00-5.15pm
- **Lesson 3:** Friday 7th August or Sunday 9th August, 4.00-5.15pm
- **Lesson 4:** Friday 14th August or Sunday 16th August, 4.00-5.15pm
- **Lesson 5:** Friday 21st August or Sunday 23rd August, 4.00-5.15pm

**Retreat:** Friday 28th August, 4.00-6.00pm

**Reconciliation:** Wednesday 2nd September, 6.40pm

**Practice:** Saturday 5th September, 4.00-5.00pm

**Confirmation:** Sunday 6th September, 9.00am

*Please keep the candidates making their Confirmation in your prayers.*

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**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**

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**iPad Parent Sessions – Term 3**

Lauren O’Shea will be running weekly iPad sessions for parents covering a range of iPad tips, tricks, settings and instructions on how to use various applications. The sessions are available for all parents and any infants are welcome and can be kept occupied with toys and games. These sessions will go for approximately 20 minutes and will be held after Monday morning assemblies in the After School Care room. If you have your own iPad feel free to bring it along, otherwise, you can borrow from the school. The topics below are a guide; ideas and suggestions of what you would like to be covered are encouraged. Hope to see you there!

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AROUND THE SCHOOL...

Please support Holy Family and collect your stickers when Mum or Dad shop at Woolworths. Completed sticker charts can be dropped in the box at the front office.

Notes sent home

- No notes this week

Happy Birthday

This week we wish the following student a Happy Birthday.

Xavier Freire 28th July

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.

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 community by searching for ‘Holy Family Karama’ in the app store.

School lunches

Of late we have had a lot of students coming to the office with no recess or lunch. Could you please ensure that your child has their recess and lunch each day.

Please remember to keep your child’s recess separate to their lunch as their lunch gets stored in the cool room at the canteen.
Students arriving late or leaving early

Please make sure if you child arrives late to school that they come and get their name marked off at the front office before going to class.

If you are picking up your child early from school, please make sure you sign them out at the front office before leaving.

Thank you

KidsMatter Primary

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

This semester students will continue to meet in their pastoral care groups every Friday. Last semester students enjoyed this time each week, and staff were pleased with the leadership displayed by our upper primary students. We look forward to the coming semester, the first 2 weeks this term will focus on another one of our values-Compassion. Watch this space for photos of our groups at work.

Please send all entries to Melissa Lovell, care of Children's Development Team, PO Box 40596, Casuarina NT 0811 by Friday 28th August
Community Noticeboard

Piano Lessons

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.