A Message from the Principal

External Validation

Yesterday, our school took part in the External Validation project implemented by the Catholic Education Office. It affirmed much of our school improvement journey and offered views on how we can deepen our processes for deep, engaged learning for your children. In the next few weeks we will receive a comprehensive report from the panel and we will share that with you.

As part of the process yesterday, we invited a parent to talk about her experience in our school. Her story was very affirming of the Rainbows staff and of the many little things that happen in there to make it such a joyful experience for their family. She then spoke of her welcome into the school and how much she feels a sense of belonging in our community. We didn’t ask the parent for these beautiful words, we just offered her to share her experience. The panel were moved by her story and we hope it reflects your experiences here at Rainbows and Holy Family Catholic Primary School.

Mother’s Day Liturgy and Breakfast

As is the tradition here at Holy Family Catholic Primary School, we will once again be offering a breakfast and prayer liturgy for Mother’s Day on Friday 6th May from 7.30am. Students from Year 10 and 11 from O’Loughlin Catholic College will be providing their services to cook the breakfast and they will ask for a donation to go towards the Ignite conference. Ignite is a National Catholic youth conference held in Brisbane every September which students from O’Loughlin Catholic College attend.

Research Project

Melissa Freire, PhD student with the ANU and parent in our school, is researching how areas of the brain responsible for processing visual and auditory information relate to reading development for children, and how culture, biology and environment each influence how children learn to read. Melissa is providing an opportunity for students in Transition and Year 1 at Holy Family Catholic Primary School to be part of this project. If your child is in either of
these years, they will have further information sent home with them today. Please read the information carefully and return the consent form if you are happy for this to happen.

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

First Eucharist
Please pray for those preparing to receive their first Eucharist.
A reminder that preparation classes have begun and are on each Friday or Sunday, 4pm to 5.15pm.

Mother's Day Breakfast and Liturgy
Friday 6th May
Breakfast from 7.30am
Liturgy at 8.30am ran by Mrs Joyce and Room 12 Undercover assembly area.
All Mums, Grandmothers, Aunties and mother figures welcome to join.

Pentecost Mass
Friday 13th May, 8.30am at Holy Family Catholic Church.
Miss O’Shea and Room 6 will lead the mass.
All parents, families and parishioners welcome.

How to be Merciful...
Have masses said for the living: friends and family members, even strangers you read/hear about, who are having a hard time.

http://aleteia.org/2015/12/07/54-ways-to-be-merciful-during-the-jubilee-year-of-mercy/

Term 2 School Dates

Monday, 2nd May—MAY DAY
Public Holiday

Monday, 13th June—QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY
Public Holiday

Friday, 24th June—Last day of Term 2
**AROUND THE SCHOOL...**

**KidsMatter Primary**

**What is social and emotional learning?**

School is not only about reading, writing and arithmetic. It’s also about making friends, learning how to work with others, and knowing how to be responsible for yourself.

Knowing how to manage feelings and get on with others are important skills for everyone. This kind of learning starts in early childhood with parents and carers as children’s most important first teachers.

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**Parents & Friends Committee**

**Term 2 Events**

1. **Mother's Day Stall** 3–5th May (held in the ILC 8am–8:20am)

2. **Andrew Chin Concert**
   26th May (Time TBC)

3. **Athletics Gala Night**
   23rd June (Time TBC)

4. **Dance-a-thon**
   24th June (Time TBC)

Also notice of our AGM

16th May at 5pm
All welcome.

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**Happy Birthday**

This week we wish the following students a Happy Birthday

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**PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

Family, Faith, Friendship
Parents & Friends Committee

P&F Fundraising Thermometer

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

Event 1— Disco $400.52
Event 2— Easter Raffle—$1,338.05
Mother's Day Stall

ILC 8am – 8.20am

Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th May
Well done, to Rm9 in presenting this year's Anzac Day Liturgy. Thank-you Major Friere, Warrant Officer Class Two Carter and Lance Corporal King for attending the service.
Community Noticeboard

PARAP ROAD SAFETY CENTRE

FREE ENTRY

FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY
7 MAY 2016
9AM - 12PM
HOLTZE ST PARAP

KIDS ACTIVITIES
HECTOR THE ROAD SAFETY CAT
BIKE SAFETY CHECK
WILDLIFE PRESENTATION
FACE PAINTING
PRACTICE SAFE RIDING
BRING YOUR BIKE & HELMET OR USE OURS
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
LOTS OF GIVEAWAYS

road safety.nt.gov.au

IMA SAFETY HOUSE’S BIRTHDAY FUN!

Sunday 8th May 2016
10.00am to 1.00pm - Goyder Square, Palmerston
Appearances by ‘Hector the Safety Cat’ & ‘Ima Safety House

STARLIGHT DAY

Eat, Bowl and Play...
It’s Starlight Day at Kingpin!
Friday May 6, Kingpin Darwin
Raising money for Starlight Children’s Foundation NT

starlight.org.au

Proudly Supporting

STARLIGHT CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION

Family, Faith, Friendship
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 Jingilli Oval

Kasey Brunt
Club & Game Development Manager (St Marys)
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/

YEAR 6 OPEN DAY – Thursday 19th May
"The Circle of Security is a relationship based early intervention program designed to enhance attachment security between parents and children. Secure children exhibit increased empathy, greater self-esteem, better relationships with parents and peers, enhanced school readiness, and an increased capacity to handle emotions more effectively."

8 Week Parenting Program

Thursday 28th April - Thursday 16th June

8.30am – 11am

In the Karama School Library

Free Crèche provided for children in the Tata Centre

Morning Tea Provided

For more information and to register please contact Kat Kennedy
Tata Family Centre and Wellbeing Coordinator on 89203600,
0422278569, or kat.kennedy@ntschool.net

Join us each Thursday for an eight week parenting program to explore attachment and security at Karama School in partnership with The Smith Family.
My Sensory Day – The DIY Sensory Program

Are you interested in creating a sensory program for your child (or yourself)?

Wanting to put all your learning into practice? Unsure where to start?

This workshop will help you to create a sensory program that actually fits with your family’s lifestyle, while helping you to further understand your child’s sensory needs. Suitable for parents, family members, educators, and anyone who provides support for children with sensory or behavioural needs.

Ticket includes your **FREE COPY** of “My Sensory Day- The DIY Sensory Program”, written by OT for Kids NT founder, Shannon Hallatt.

**Thursday 28th April 2016**

7.00pm to 8.00pm

OT for Kids NT, 5/6 Woodlake Boulevard, DURACK, NT


Contact us on 89328852 or email info@otforkident.com.au for further information.