A Message from the Principal

**Congratulations to Janet Kirby**

At the Catholic Education Office each term, there is a gathering of all the Finance Officers across the seventeen schools in the Darwin Diocese. Every year, they recognise the achievement of exceptional work by one of the Finance Officers in their schools. The award is named in honour of our previous Finance Officer, Helen McCormack. This year, Janet Kirby from Holy Family was selected as the person who had been the most outstanding in her field. I was very excited to hear this as Janet really does an exceptional job and thoroughly deserves this recognition. Well done Janet in recognition of the wonderful work in making Holy Family Catholic Primary School a truly fantastic place for our students and staff.

**School Disco**

A reminder that our School Disco is next Friday, 18th March. It will be a super evening and looking forward to seeing many of you there. More details are in the Newsletter.

**Traffic**

This week, I have spent some time in the carpark during the morning drop off. I have had some complaints from parents in regards to people parking their cars in the ‘Drop Off Only’ area during peak school traffic times. I'm happy to report that the traffic flowed beautifully this day. One comment did come that this was because I was there. I'm hoping this is not the case and that people do consider others when parking appropriately in the morning.

The School Board has also asked that I contact Darwin City Council to discuss their thoughts on the traffic congestion around pick up time. I hope to meet with them soon with Lorraine King, our School Board Chair, to consider what steps might be able to be taken to endeavour to make sure that traffic flows are as best as could possibly be with such high volume of traffic at that time. This also is part of the School Board project to beautify the entrance to our school.
A Message from the Principal ...

**Northern Territory Government Funding**
You would most probably be aware of the stimulus package the NT Government in putting in place through schools. At this stage, it appears that the Catholic Education system will receive around 10 million dollars for their schools. We are still waiting for more details, but we have been asked to put together some ideas on how we might allocate any funds received. We were asked to do this towards the end of last year and this list was presented to the School Board. I will now re-visit this list with school staff and put together some recommendations that will need to go to the Catholic Education Office this week.

**No Canteen Last Day of Term**
O’Loughlin Catholic College continue to do our canteen orders which we have been most grateful of. But, on the last day of this term, they have a school closure day and their canteen will not be open. Please be aware to make alternate arrangements for the 1st of April if you utilise the canteen services.

Thanks and God Bless,

Shane Donohue

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**First Reconciliation**
The following Holy Family students made their First Reconciliation last Saturday at Holy Family Church.

Lily Ha  
Hayden Dalmazzo  
Maddy Walter  
Madeline MacDonald  
Christian Lai  
Claudia Bowie  
Mirander Sanders  
Noah Freire  
Thais Borges De Carvalho  
Tiana Davies

I would like to acknowledge all the parents who supported their child/ren throughout the preparation lessons.

Thanks to Pauline, Sebastian, Molly and Bibiana for all their organisation and leading the preparation lessons and retreat.

And, of course, thank you to Fr Mon and Fr Petrus.

**First Eucharist (Holy Communion)**
Students in Year 4 or above will have the opportunity to make their First Eucharist during Term 2.

The enrolment evening is on Wednesday 27th April at 6.40pm. All information about this Sacrament will be distributed at the enrolment evening.

Lauren O’Shea  
REC & BYODD Project Leader

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**Religious Education**

**How to be Merciful...**
Call someone who you know is lonely, even if you understand why they’re lonely. Especially if you do.

http://aleteia.org/2015/12/07/54-ways-to-be-merciful-during-the-jubilee-year-of-mercy/
How parents and carers can help

Parents and carers can support children’s emotional development by tuning into feelings, helping children understand feelings, and encouraging them to work out ways to manage feelings effectively. The following suggestions may be helpful.

- Show that you accept and respect children’s feelings. Accepting feelings is necessary before working out a way to manage them.
- Remember that it’s not always easy for children to know what is bothering them, and they may not always want to talk about it.
- Show children how you manage your own feelings effectively. If you act calmly it will help to reassure children they can manage even difficult feelings.

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

Canteen Closed 1 April 2015

On the 1st of April (last day of term) the canteen will be closed. Please take note that Lunch orders will not be available that day.

School lunches

We have had quite a large number of students lately come to school with no recess/lunch. 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.
Absent and Late Students

Thank you to all those students who sign in at the office when coming to school late. We wish to remind families that all students coming late to school need to sign in at the office. Students being collected early from school need to be signed out at the front office too.

Please either ring or email the office in the event that your child is sick or not attending school.

Parent Contact Numbers

It has been evident that not all of our parent phone contact information is up to date. It is imperative that the information we have is correct when trying to contact parents. If you have changed your home, work or mobile number in the last 6 to 12 months, can you please advise the office of your new details. Thank you.

Swimming Lessons

Please take note, the children have swimming this week and next. Please ensure your child/ren bring bathers, towel, hat and water bottle. Please see below for the time schedule.

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This week we wish the following students a Happy Birthday

Jorja Murray-Govan  9 March

Birthdays from Last Week

Student Awards from Last Week

Around the School

Student Awards

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

Rm 15—TR/1  Dessabelle Reardon
             Laoise Harte
             Shaddeisma De Satge

Rm 14—TR/1  Aleah Ransome
             Rhyder Koops

Rm 13—1/2   AJ Lenz
             Isobel Lovegrove

Rm 12—2/3   Ava Abela
             Kate Melzner
             Max Hildred

Rm 11—3/4   April Smith
             Ella Jane Hill
             Mirander Sanders
             Tyron Li

Rm 09—3/4   Bryce Church
             Olivia Picone Auld

Rm 07—5/6   Chelsea Hartono
             Mitchell Peachey

Rm 06—5/6   Corey Blanch
             Emma Melzner
             Jeslyn Chong
Parents & Friends Committee

Please keep the evening of Friday March 18th free for our

HARMONY DAY

DISCO!

Time: 5:30—7:30pm

Drinks, steak sandwiches and sausages in bread for sale.

Easter Raffle

Easter Egg raffle tickets going home March 10th. (Today)

Please donate chocolate/Easter items to the office.

Raffle drawn March 24th 2016

Friday 18th March

Parents and Friends Disco

Parent volunteers needed

Please email Racheal.joyce@nt.catholic.edu.au or return tear off slip below

I_________________________________________ am available to help on the 18th March at the Parents and Friends Disco.

Setting up from 5pm

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drinks
sausage sizzle
Games
Steak sandwiches
Prizes

March 18th
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Holy Family Parents & Friends Disco

Glow sticks for sale
DJ MISSL

Children must be accompanied by an adult
A sailing program designed for kids 8 – 12yrs old.

This program focuses on having fun in boats and creating a love of being on the water. Kids will learn fundamental sailing skills whilst making new friends.

Come and enjoy the sunset whilst your kids discover the magic of sailing...

#NTFOOTYUNITES - Hodges Family Fundraising Event
Saturday 5th March 2015

If you are in Darwin on Saturday 5 March 2016, come along and enjoy some quality footy, some delicious food and help us support our friend, colleague and local legend Hodgey and his champion boys in this difficult time. 100% of proceeds from ticketing, donations and auction items go to the family. See you there!

Would you like to reach out to those in need?
The Holy Family parish “Conference” of the St Vincent de Paul Society is welcoming new members and volunteers to join them in their work - serving the disadvantaged and vulnerable who need a ‘hand up’. Call Rachael Bowker - 89488100 or John Tobin – 040111 9766. They would love to talk with you about joining this wonderful work.