A Message from the Principal

Feast of the Holy Trinity

On Sunday, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Holy Trinity. Below is a reflection on the Holy Trinity from Pope Francis:

The Feast of Holy Trinity Sunday honours the most fundamental of Christian beliefs, the mystery of the three Persons of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – who are equally God and cannot be divided. It renews in us our own mission to live in communion with God and with each other. We are not called to live without each other, above or against the other, but with the other, for the other and in the other. This means welcoming and bearing witness to the beauty of the Gospel; loving each other, sharing joy and suffering, learning how to forgive. The Church must always be a hospitable community where every person, especially the poor and the marginalised, may find a warm welcome.

Andrew Chinn Concert

A reminder that tomorrow night, Thursday 26th May, Liturgical singer and songwriter, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting the school. He will work with each class during the day and present a concert tomorrow evening at 6.00pm. I guarantee that the concert will be an absolute ‘belter’ and will be something you won’t want to miss. The P&F will be offering food and drinks during the evening.

The Australian Mathematics Competition

Last year, Holy Family Catholic Primary School students were invited to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition and were sponsored to do so. This year, we would like to invite students in Years 3-6 to register again for this event on Thursday 28 July. The cost to enter is $6.00 per student and information and entry form is located in this newsletter. Please return the entry form to the office with the fee if you wish your child/children to participate.
A Message from the Principal ...

National Reconciliation Week

Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. The dates that bookend the week are significant milestones in the reconciliation journey. May 27—Marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census. 3 June—Commemorates the High Court of Australia’s landmark Mabo decision in 1992, which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—a relationship that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights or Native Title. This year, 2016, is particularly momentous, with Reconciliation Australia celebrating a number of anniversaries—including 25 years of formal reconciliation in Australia with the establishment of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation in 1991. It is also 15 years since Reconciliation Australia was formed and 10 years of success in its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program. Taken from: http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/what-is-nrw/

Holy Family will be celebrating Reconciliation Week with a Prayer Liturgy next week, Thursday 2nd June at 10.00am which we welcome you to attend. Mr Luke Mayo, our Indigenous Education Worker, will also be presenting to each class some history behind the events and significance to us here today at Holy Family Catholic Primary School.

Upgrade to Internal Courtyards

We are at the next stage of our works on the internal courtyard which is part of the NT Government stimulus package. Next Wednesday 1st June, Marisa Fontes from Insidesign will be presenting her drawings to us in the staffroom at 3.15pm. If you would like to view these initial drawings and provide input, you are more than welcome to join us.

Thanks and God Bless,
Shane Donohue
Principal

Religious Education

How to be Merciful...
Take time in prayer to contemplate the good qualities of someone who is difficult for you. Do the same for each member of your family.
http://aleteia.org/2015/12/07/54-ways-to-be-merciful-during-the-jubilee-year-of-mercy/

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First Eucharist
Please pray for those candidates who are currently preparing for their First Eucharist.

Reconciliation before First Eucharist:
Wednesday 25th May, 6.40pm
Practice/Retreat:
Saturday 28th May, 4.00-5.15pm
First Eucharist:
Sunday 29th May, 9.00am

First Communion
The following students will be making their First Communion this coming Sunday at 9.00am at Holy Family Church. Family and friends are invited to attend this special celebration. Please keep these candidates in your prayers.

- Alannah Joyce
- Ariana Skonis
- Faith Ocampo
- Mirander Sanders
- Lilyrose Sherwell
- Ashleigh King
- Cassandra Pettit
- Jayden Orian

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

KidsMatter Primary

How parents and carers can help
Confidence improves through building on small successes.
Parents, carers (and teaching staff) can help by:

- explaining to children that skills develop with practice

- encouraging children to persist when they don’t succeed straight away

- praising effort, persistence and improvement

- making sure that goals are achievable by breaking down large tasks or responsibilities into small steps

- being ready to help when necessary, without taking over.

Encouraging children to have a go and valuing individual improvement supports children’s confidence

SCHOOL PHOTOS
25 MAY 2016

If you wish to order your photos online please go to www.natschoolportraits.com.au and use discount code ‘HFCP2016’ which is valid for a prepayment discount of $15.00 for packages A-H between the dates 1/5/2016–8/6/2016. Please also take note that there is a $1 surcharge for ordering online.
This week we wish the following students a Happy Birthday:

- Bowen Smith  23 May
- Darwin Butsamalee  25 May
- Lachlan Hitzke  25 May

**Around the School...**

**Student Awards**

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

**TOUCH FOOTBALL—28 MAY 16**
**Term 2 Events**

1. **Andrew Chin Concert**  
   26th May— 6pm

2. **Athletics Gala Night**  
   23rd June— 4:30pm

3. **Dance-a-thon**  
   24th June  
   11am–12:30pm

**Students from Sanderson have been working with our children in the Early Learning Centre each week as part of the Stars Foundation program.**

**P&F Committee**

**Thursday 26th May**  
**Andrew Chin Concert**  
**Parent volunteers needed**

Please email [Racheal.joyce@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Racheal.joyce@nt.catholic.edu.au) or return the tear off slip below.

I ______________________ am available to help on the 26th May at the Andrew Chin Concert.

- Setting up from 5pm
- Cooking BBQ - 5pm - 6pm
- Selling Drinks - 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Selling food - 5.30pm-6.30pm
- Clean up - 7.00pm

Please circle which time you will be available to assist the Parents and Friends at this event.
Parents & Friends Committee

P&F Fundraising Thermometer

Thank you for your support. We raised a total of $2,138.57 from the following Term 1 events.

Event 1— Disco $400.52
Event 2— Easter Raffle—$1,338.05
Event 3— Mother’s Day Stall—$400.00

Fundraising Goals
High jump mat raised by P&F Committee
Get ready to Dance

Parents & Friends

Dance-a-thon

Friday 24th June 11am - 12.30pm

Remember to collect your $$$

Return sponsorship forms by Friday week 11

Prizes to be won, fun to be had
Community Noticeboard

Kids Karate
specific classes for:
7 - 10yrs
Limited Spaces

* Improved Self Esteem
* Stranger Danger  * Respect
* Self Control  * Fun  * Fitness
* Strategies for Bullying

Book in for a free trial month
with this voucher!

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NT Tang Soo Do Karate Academy
The Lifestyle Studio - Cnr of Bonson Tce
and Tilston Ave

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TERM 2
PALMERSTON

4-7yrs
Fun-Fit
Starting 23 May 2016
Mondays @ 3.30pm

Kids-Yoga
Starting 24 May 2016
Tuesdays @ 3.45pm

8-12yrs
Twee-Fit
Starting 23 May 2016
Mondays @ 4.30pm

Twee-Yoga
Starting 26 May 2016
Thursdays @ 4.30pm

REGISTER NOW! BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!
www.famfitnt.com.au or via our app (FamFit NT)

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Commerce-PINTS Hockey Club
Thinking about a team sport?
We are looking for 11, 12 & 13 year olds

All ages, all abilities welcome
Trainings on Tuesdays at Marrara 5:30 – 6:30

Gear provided for you to come and have a try.
We are a fun, friendly and family-oriented club.

Contact: Robyn or Kevin Northcote
e-mail: commerce.pints@gmail.com

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NORTHERN TERRITORY LOYAL RSC INVITES
YOU TO THE
RANGERS SOCCER SCHOOL
HOLIDAY PROGRAM
27 JUNE TO 1 JULY 2016
FROM 10:00 TO 3:00
AT THE ITALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB
LUNCH PROVIDED!
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK VISIT
RANGERSSOCCERSCHOOL.COM.AU

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St John’s Catholic College, Darwin
INFORMATION EVENING
FOR YEARS 5-6 FAMILIES

The Principal and staff invite families with students heading
into Middle School to come and explore what St John’s Catholic College, Darwin has to offer.

We will hold a number of small informal Information Evening's that will provide an opportunity to
meet the Principal and senior staff and receive information about the academic, social, sporting and
spiritual development opportunities available to Middle School students at St John’s Catholic
College, Darwin.

To assist us in preparing for these evening’s, please confirm your attendance with, Ann-Marie
Christiansen via Email: ann.marie.christiansen@nt.catholic.edu.au or Phone: 08 8982 2222. If the
below dates are not suitable, please contact the College to arrange another convenient time.

DATES:
Thursday 19th May, 2016
Thursday 9th June, 2016
Thursday 23rd June, 2016

Time: 5:30 PM
Location:
MP Room
Senior Campus

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