A Message from the Principal

Holy Week
This Sunday, we begin Holy Week. Holy means "set apart." Christians set apart an entire week - Holy Week - to recall the events surrounding the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, next week, Holy Family Catholic Primary School will be ‘setting apart’ time to go over the events during this time by classes presenting plays on the events of Holy Week. Below is a timetable of each play. You are more than welcome to join us on any or all of the days.

- **Tuesday 22nd**
  - 10am – Palm Sunday
  - Rm 13—Undercover area

- **Wednesday 23rd**
  - 10am – The Last Supper
  - Rm 11—Undercover area

- **Thursday 24th**
  - 10am – Stations of the Cross
  - Rm 7—Undercover area

St Patrick’s Day
It is also St Patrick’s Day tomorrow. St. Patrick's Day or the Feast of St. Patrick is observed on March 17 as a religious and cultural celebration. It honors the patron Saint of Ireland, St. Patrick. The date marks the traditional death of the saint. In the early 17th century, it was made an official Christian feast day observed by the Church of Ireland, the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church and Lutheran Church.

Below is the traditional Gaelic blessing as our prayer for this week.

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May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and
until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.
Effective Lifelong Learning Inventory (ELLI)
This week, students in Years 3-6 are completing their ELLI profiles online. ELLI is an online perception survey based on the seven dispositions of effective learners as outlined in our Learning Powers project. In the survey, students are asked to answer 72 random questions with multiple choice answers ranging from ‘Not at all like me’ to ‘Very much like me’. The questions are randomised so that respondents don’t ‘learn’ how to answer; but rather answer questions honestly and authentically. The personal profiles called the ELLI wheel or ‘spidergram’ are then used as the focus for personal development, or, in our case, parent/teacher/student interviews. Students will be asked to set goals around growing one or more of their learning dispositions. This will support them to become ‘authors of our own learning’ as Holy Family Catholic Primary School’s vision states. Below is an example of a spidergram.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Our Parent/Teacher interviews will be in the last week of Term 1, Tuesday 29th March to Thursday 31st March. Interview times are available on the website at http://www.holyfamilynt.catholic.edu.au/news–events.html. Mrs Ann Garrick will hold her interviews in Week 1 of Term 2 due to family commitments interstate. More information can be found in the newsletter.

School Disco
The disco is only two days away! Please remember to join us for this family event. Bring along your chairs and either catch up with friends or meet the parents of your child’s friends. Food will be available to purchase. I must remind you that if your child does attend, you do need to stay with them as it is your own responsibility to supervise them.

School Board AGM
A reminder our School Board AGM is next Monday 21st of March. It will be followed by a normal meeting directly after. The meeting begins at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

Office closed early Tuesday next week , No Homework Centre
We will be having a Whole of School Staff meeting next Tuesday afternoon. Please take note that the office will be closed at 3:15pm that day. There will also be no Homework Centre due to the same reasons. Any students that are not collected by 3:15pm will be sent to After School Care.

Thanks and God Bless,
Shane Donohue
Religious Education

How to be Merciful...
Write a letter of forgiveness to someone. If you cannot send it, sprinkle it with holy water, ask Christ Jesus to have mercy on you both and then burn or bury it.
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. The enrolment evening is on Wednesday 27th April at 6.40pm. All information about this Sacrament will be distributed at the enrolment evening.

Lenten Groups
Every Friday during the season of Lent, students have been forming small groups to focus on Lenten prayers and activities. Year 6 students have been leading groups and doing an exceptional job. Each week groups sing a Lenten song and use the Project Compassion App to pray and learn about people who Caritas assist. Students have also been busy working on creating a book titled ‘Holy Week in Handprints’. Each week, the allocated pages were decorated with handprints to tell the Easter story. During the final Lenten group gathering, the books were completed and the Easter story was read aloud to the group, complete with their handprint illustrations.

KidsMatter Primary
Something to Try:

- Observe your child and take note of the situations that seem to trigger a particular emotional response.
- Think about how your child might be feeling given his or her age and stage of development.
- Talk and listen to your child about how he or she is feeling. Acknowledge both your child’s feelings and his or her efforts to cope.

Talk about helpful ways of managing feelings and encourage your child to try out different options.

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
LENTEN GROUPS ...
**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.

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**Swimming Lessons**

This Thursday (tomorrow) is the last day of swimming. See timetable below.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 lunch separate to their lunch as their lunch gets stored in the cool room at the canteen.

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**Homework Centre Closed 22 March**

Please take note that Homework Centre is closed next Tuesday as we have a Whole-of-School Staff meeting that afternoon.
Dear Parents,

School interviews will be held in Week 10, Term 1. Please follow the instructions below to book in a time with your child’s teacher.

Please note, Ann Garrick will be doing her interviews in Week 1, Term 2.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit YOU. Go to www.schoolinterview.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Enter School Code: c78c9

Go to www.schoolinterview.com.au and enter our school code. Then follow 3 easy steps.

1. Register
2. Choose teachers
3. Choose times

When you finish, you can either print your interview timetable or email it to yourself! If you don’t receive an email straight away – check your junk mail folder.

Also, if something comes up you can return to www.schoolinterview.com.au and change your interviews until bookings are closed by the school.

- If you don’t have internet access or need any assistance with bookings, please phone the school on (08) 89 27 6188
- If there are no suitable times available on the schedule for a specific teacher, please contact the classroom teacher directly to arrange an alternate interview time outside the allocated schedule.
**Student Awards**

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

**Rm 15—TR/1**
- Brianna Heath
- Locklyn Martin
- Suhaani Prasad

**Rm 14—TR/1**
- Evan Thevaril
- Danica Sicht

**Rm 13—1/2**
- Aidan Kent
- Nykeise De Satge

**Rm 12—2/3**
- Aiden Anstess
- Connor Fagen
- Dyzel Lambino
- Lily Nicklin
- Mason De La Pair

**Rm 11—3/4**
- Halle Purtill
- Matthew Hill
- Robert McConville
- Scarlett Olsen

**Rm 09—3/4**
- Jordyn Cook

**Rm 07—5/6**
- Benny Barrett
- Kamali Borges De Carvalho

**Rm 06—5/6**
- Allie Walter
- Geli Vergara

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**Around the School**

**Happy Birthday**

This week we wish the following students a Happy Birthday:

- Anika Maney  10 March
- Mason De La Pair  15 March
- George Johny  16 March
- Adam Grace  17 March
- Jeslyn Chong  17 March

**Birthdays from Last Week**

**Student Awards from Last Week**
**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.

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**Easter Raffle**

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

Please donate chocolate/Easter items to the office.

Raffle drawn March 24th 2016

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**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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The Parents & Friends of Holy Family raised a total profit of $9099.78 in 2015. These items were purchased for our BYODD program. 5 Smart Apple TV’s and a secure lock up for our 48 iPads that were purchased by the P&F in 2014.

Thank you to all families and friends who supported the P&F in 2015.

In 2016 the P&F are aiming to fundraise for new basketball & netball rings, Readers, Bay Maries, Fridge/ freezer 2017, BBQ tools 2016, and Volleyball poles. A list of events the P&F are organising is in the newsletter if you are able to help with any of these events throughout the year please email racheal.joyce@nt.catholic.edu.au P&F secretary.
Community Noticeboard

Performers Wanted

Can you....
Sing? Dance? Circus?
Bands, Duos, Solo
Looking for all genres

Community Groups Wanted

Showcase your group/school
at Mindil Markets
Sporting demonstrations, dance, theatre, choir, bands

Phone 8981 3454 for more information

Darwin Dragons Rugby Union Club
Juniors Training - New players Welcome
Tuesdays & Thursdays from - 5:15pm
U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17
*Seeking U13’s & U15’s Players
Seniors Training from 6:15pm
Rugby Park (Field 1) - 71 Abala Road
Marrara
Juniors Season commences Friday 1
April & Seniors commence Saturday 2nd
April 2016

St Vincent de Paul Society
(NT) Inc.
An opportunity to put Faith into Action

Holy Family parish has an active “Conference” of the St Vincent De Paul Society (SVDP) made up of ordinary people who can make an extraordinary difference in the lives of those whom they visit and help. If this might be of interest to you please call Rachael Bowker - 89488100 or John Tobin 040111 9766 - who would love to talk with you about this wonderful work.