**A Message from the Principal**

**Advent**

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

*Taken from: http://www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm*

**Classes for 2016**

At this stage, our student numbers for 2016 suggest our classes will be:

- Transition (Alison Brennan)
  - 2x 1/2 (Ann Garrick & Catherine Lorenzo)
  - 2/3 (Racheal Joyce)
- 2x 3/4 (Erica Schultz & Gail MacKillop)
- 2x 5/6 (Julie Andrews & Lauren O'Shea)

As we know, this can change depending on student enrolments over January. If you would like to request a class, please do so in writing, outlining your reasons and we will consider it when we place students in class groups later this term. Our hope would be to display classes Wednesday, 27th January, the day before school begins in 2016.
Australian Mathematics Trust Presentation Awards

Last Wednesday evening at CDU, I was privileged to join Elisha Pettit and her family as she was presented with the best in school for the Australian Mathematics Competition. It was an intriguing evening with speeches reflecting the wonder of mathematics in our lives. Congratulations to Elisha and well done to all our students who participated in the competition.

Christmas Concert

Please remember our Christmas concert will be Tuesday evening, December 1st beginning at 6.30pm. This year, we will be holding the event in the O’Loughlin gym which is a little larger than our assembly area and hopefully, a little cooler. The P&F will be selling drinks and small candles on the evening. Access will be through O’Loughlin, utilising their car parking as well.

End of Year Awards

Last year, we held our inaugural award ceremony to conclude the year. We will again hold this event on the last day of the school year, Thursday 10th December at 11.00am. Awards will be the Helen McCormack Christian Awards, Chief Minister’s Literacy Award and Learning Power Awards. Our 2016 School Captains will also be announced at the awards.

Healthy Eating and Drinking Project Semester 2, 2015

Over the last two terms, students from Years 3 to 6 have been participating in the “Healthy drinking program” which focused on “Sugary Drinks”- what they are and how much sugar is in them.

Next Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 pm to 2:40 pm (2nd December), the students from Rooms 6, 7, 9 and 11 will be presenting a variety of their learnings through a “Healthy drinking Expo”. They will display some of their work and explain why we need to reduce sugary drink consumption. You are all more than welcome to come and join us for the expo. This project has been guided by Selma Liberato from Menzies Health.

God Bless
Shane Donohue

Shane Donohue
Principal

Diary Dates—Term 4—2015

TEA M 4—2015

Friday 27th November
Tuesday 1st December
Friday 4th December
Monday 7th December
Thursday 10th December
Thursday 10th December

Assembly: Room 7
Christmas Concert—O’Loughlin College Gym 6.30pm
Assembly: Room 15
Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner 5.30pm
Thanksgiving and Poor Man’s Mass—9.30am
Last Day of School

TEA M 1—2016

Monday 25th January
Tuesday 26th January
Wednesday 27th January
Thursday 28th January

Teachers resume
Australia Day Public Holiday
Teachers Professional Development
Students resume
AROUND THE SCHOOL...

Advent Groups

During Advent groups this week students added four more symbols to their Jesse tree. Year 6 students are being terrific leaders.

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

N.T News First Years

This Sunday, 29th November grab your copy of the N.T News to see our beautiful Transition students. The N.T News—First Years special feature will be on display.

iPad Parent Sessions – Term 4

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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BYODD Online Survey

Thanks to the parents who completed the online survey at the tech expo.

If you did not complete the survey I would really appreciate you taking five minutes to share your thoughts and feedback. To complete the survey please visit this website: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9LPGDCS

Lauren O’Shea
REC & BYODD Project Leader

Christmas Raffle

Have you seen the fantastic Christmas Hamper on display in the front office that the P&F have put together? Additional raffle tickets are available from the front office. Please have all tickets and money returned by Friday 4th December.

Vacation Care

We will be running our usual Vacation Care programme over the Christmas Holidays. The centre will be open from: Monday 14th December—Friday 18th December and Monday 4th January—Friday 22nd January 2016. Booking forms are now available from the front office. Forms must be returned by Wednesday, 2nd December to guarantee a position.

Year 6 Graduation

Commencing at 5.30pm at Holy Family Church, followed by dinner at 7.00pm in the Music/Drama Room.

Smart casual dress required
$27.00 per person
Tickets to be purchased from the office by Monday, 30th November.

Rainbow Closure Dates

Rainbows will shut at 12.00pm Thursday, 24th December and re-open Monday 4th January 2016
Student Awards

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

Room 15 Tran – Chloe Gilbert; Lailanie Rioli
Room 14 Yr T/1 – Luke Ferguson & Dylan South
Room 13 Yr 1/2 – Mathew Barber, Max Hildred, Elise Moore & Harriet Watkins
Room 12 Yr 2/3 – Chaiyce De Satge, Maddy Macdonald, Alex Rotamah & Ciara Ransome
Room 11 Yr 3/4 – No awards this week
Room 9 Yr 3/4 – Jakob De Santis & Arianna Skonis
Room 6 Yr 5/6 – Chloe Ford & Zac Pigot Lawrie
Room 7 Yr 5/6 – Michala Sonon, Zoe Holloway, Jotham Sichit & Jennifer Betzel
ICT Awards – Eli Milard and Scarlette Olsen

Notes Sent Home

★ Year 6 Graduation tickets for sale
★ Vacation Care forms attached

Happy Birthday

This week we wish the following students a Happy Birthday.

Christina Hill 23rd November
Georgia Lowe 25th November
Ciara Ransome 26th November
Orlindo Wright 26th November
Ayla Davies 26th November
Nikolaos Petrakis 28th November

Maths Awards

Congratulations Elisha Pettit. Well done.

Rainbows Enrolments

We have a very high number of enrolments for commencement in 2016, particularly in Preschool. Please note that enrolment is not guaranteed without signed paperwork and an interview with Mr Donohue.
Photo Gallery

RAK’ed Award
(Random Acts of Kindness)

Congratulations to Tiana Davies who won our RAK’ed award this week and received a $5.00 Scholastic book voucher.

School Sport NT award for representing the NT in tennis

Congratulations Maya and Anna Kruger.

Student Birthdays

Student Awards

Darwin Regional School Sport

Darwin Regional School Sport Annual Primary Interschool Sports Day Winners. Well done girls.

School, After School Care, and Early Learning Centre Fees

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fee account. It would be appreciated if fees could be paid as soon as possible. If you need to discuss your fee payment please speak to Janet in the office.
Wet Season Series 2015

Top End Orienteers are holding a short series of orienteering events around Darwin on Monday evenings. You can compete individually or in groups and visit as many or as few checkpoints as you want.

Each Monday there will be two options:
- Easy course: suitable for novices (2-2.5 km)
- Scatter: handicapped course where you decide how many checkpoints to visit (3.5-5.5 km)

**Events**
- Starts available between: 5:30-6:15 pm
- Courses close: 7:00 pm
- **Monday** Malak Place
- **30th Nov** Malak

**Cost**
- $5 per entry

Further information: John Shanahan
0406 876 168 fshanahan2@bigpond.com
www.teo.asn.au
# Booking for Vacation care

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Please tick days required

**Conditions of Booked Care**

Bookings must be in by Wednesday 2nd December 2015 to ensure a place.

Your booking is confirmed if your account is up to date, once this form is received by Administration. Any alterations or cancellations to your booking must be in writing. **No verbal changes will be accepted** (eg by phone). A minimum of one week's notice is required or charges will apply as per your booking.

Regards,
Michelle Shaw  
Director ELC/OSHC

Shane Donohue  
Principal

I have read and understand the above conditions of booked care.

Signed (parent/guardian) ........................................... date ..................

.................................................... (Print Name)

I agree to undertake this commitment to pay my Fee Account as per my booking above unless I have made a cancellation in writing.

Signed (parent/guardian) ........................................... date ..................

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Vacation care program Holy Family outside School Hours Care Program (OSHC)

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<td>Jewellery making and Xmas craft creations, Basketball challenge at O'Loughlin and making garbage bag wreaths and an assortment of other activities.</td>
<td>Create wonderful Christmas decorations, Christmas frames. Participate in an obstacle course/treasure hunt and then to kjs for the afternoon.</td>
<td>Trivia morning with prizes and lots of games, and then Christmas craft and cooking. Water play in the afternoon.</td>
<td>Computer morning followed by Movies at the Darwin Cinema, Magazine Christmas tree and sequined balls to take home</td>
<td>Electronics day bring your devices/games and play for the morning, Café jazz for lunch and dancing after the dining experience.</td>
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In addition to the activities that are detailed on the program, the children will take part in a range of cooking experiences, art and craft, outdoor games, indoor games, utilise all of the resources in the ASC room and also use the undercover basketball court at O'Loughlin Catholic College. Additionally, spontaneous ideas that are suggested by the children within the week will be considered.

Vacation care cost $55.00 per day or $220.00 per week for booked days. A casual rate of $65.00 per day for non-booked days, subject to availability.

Booked days will be charged (fees include cost of outings, morning and afternoon tea). Lunch is supplied on Fridays. Vacation care operates from 7.30am-5.30pm daily.

Late pick up fees of $5.00 per minute apply.

For confirmation of your booking, please return attached booking/agreement signed and booking will be considered confirmed.

Thank you,
Michelle Shaw
Dir: Family, Faith, Friendship