A Message from the Principal

Advent

We often miss Advent's power because these December weeks are full of Christmas parties and preparations for Christmas. Each year, the busyness of this season serves to distract us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with all its meaning.

This Advent-time we remember Mary and Joseph, giving thanks for their faithfulness, courage and obedience, stepping out into the unknown in the strength of your Spirit, playing their part in the fulfilment of your plan to bring your prodigal people home again.

We pray that their example might be the pattern of our lives, that when your gentle whisper breaks through the clamour of this world and into our small corner, we might be ready to listen, and having listened, to act.

http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Advent.htm

Classes for 2016

Due to recent enrolments, we have made a slight change to classes for 2016. We will now have two Transitions/Year 1 (Alison Brennan and Ann Garrick) and one Year 1/2 (Catherine Lorenzo). The remaining classes will remain as listed.

Christmas Concert

It was an absolutely amazing turn out last night for our Christmas concert. Well done to the students for presenting wonderful performances.
Congratulations to Georgia Lowe and Sam Gault for their starring roles as Matthew and Luke. Also, thank you to the P&F for selling drinks on the evening.

**Year 6 Skills Test and Graduation**

On Monday, Year 6 students attending O’Loughlin Catholic College in 2016 will be participating in skills testing. This assists O’Loughlin in setting up their structures for next year. Year 6 students attend Holy Family as normal and we will walk students to O’Loughlin and collect at the end of the day. O’Loughlin will supply small snack for recess and a sausage sizzle for lunch. You may still like to send some food with them, but a lunch order might prove problematic.

On Monday evening, the Year 6’s will then have their graduation evening. This is always a wonderful event that is well prepared by Julie Andrews. Looking forward to spending time with our Year 6 students and their families as they formally farewell and celebrate their time at Holy Family Catholic Primary School.

**End of Year Awards (Reminder from last week)**

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. We encourage you to join us for the presentation. You can also take your students home once the presentation has concluded.

**Thanksgiving and Poor Man’s Mass**

On Thursday, we will also hold our end of year Mass at 9.30am at Holy Family Church. We welcome back Fr Mon from holidays to preside over the celebration. Please remember to contribute to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. These will be presented at the Mass. We also welcome you to join us for the Mass and for a cup of tea/coffee afterwards in the staffroom.

God Bless
Shane Donohue
Principal

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**Diary Dates—Term 4—2015**

**TEAM 4—2015**

- Friday 4th December  Assembly: Room 15
- Monday 7th December  Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner 5.30pm
- Thursday 10th December  Thanksgiving and Poor Man’s Mass—9.30am
- Thursday 10th December  Last Day of School

**TEAM 1—2016**

- Monday 25th January  Teachers resume
- Tuesday 26th January  Australia Day Public Holiday
- Wednesday 27th January  Teachers Professional Development
- Thursday 28th January  Students resume
Thanksgiving and Poor Mann’s Mass

Holy Family will be celebrating a Mass on Thursday, 10th December at 9.30am at Holy Family Church.

Families, friends and parishioners are welcome.

Lauren O’Shea
REC & BYODD Project Leader

Christmas Concert

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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Monday 7th December
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.

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/9LPGDQS

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 program 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. ***** TODAY ******

Rainbow Closure Dates

Rainbows will shut at 12.00pm Thursday, 24th December and re-open Monday 4th January 2016
AROUND THE SCHOOL...

Student Awards

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

Room 15 Tran – Aiden Handebo & Benvie Salas

Room 14 Yr T/1 – No awards this week

Room 13 Yr 1/2 – Alexandria Plews, Kate Melzner, Aidan Mellors & Michael Williams

Room 12 Yr 2/3 – Claudia Bowie, Pearl Krantz, Lily Ha & Connor Fagan

Room 11 Yr 3/4 – Xavier Chandler, Shaeneille Tomlins, Shaira Potter & Ruby Kearns-Arthur

Room 10 Yr 3/4 – Anysia Lacey & Montanna Chandler

Room 6 Yr 5/6 – Anna Kruger & Sophia Plews

Room 7 Yr 5/6 – Taiah Hartung, Amelia Roe, Daniel Mitchell & Jesse Kearns-Arthur

ICT Awards – Christian Lai, Luke Ferguson & Thais Borges De Carvalho

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.

Ruby
Jennifer Betzel
Thais
Borges De Carvalho

30th November
30th November
2nd December

Office hours during the holidays

Please note that the office will closed from 23rd December and will re open on Monday, 4th January. If you wish to come in, perhaps a phone call to make sure Ms Janet is available would be recommended.

Phone no  89 27 6188

The office will be open for UNIFORM SALES from Monday 18th January.

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 Kindess)

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

Christmas Card Competition

Delta Lawrie presented Madelyn MacDonald with 2nd place in the Christmas card competition and Matthew Hill won 3rd price. Both students received a $50 gift voucher for Casuarina Square. Congratulations and thanks Delia.

Student Birthdays

Return Library Books

Please return all outstanding library books by Friday, 4th December to the library.

RAK’ed Award

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.
Community Noticeboard

ANNOUNCING

CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLUB
“THE MESSAGES OF CHRISTMAS”

FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS T - 6
MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY
14 - 16 DECEMBER
8.30am - 12.30pm
CASUARINA BAPTIST CHURCH
44 Dripstone Rd, Casuarina.
A PROGRAM OF SCRIPTURE UNION NT
$8.00 per day
Register at: www.sun.org.au

Holiday Program @ Art Antics—Art classes for Kids of all ages

Clay School
January 13-15
9-11am
5 PLACES AVAILABLE ONLY
$35.00 (2nd non-refundable deposit required upon booking)
Price includes: tutorial by qualified Art Teacher, all clay,
glazes, sponges, over n out, moving too each day
Students will learn how to roll a coil, join clay, make a
piece of animal, make a bowl for holding treasures
and create a sculpture of their own choice.
An extra cola will be included in the price to glaze the
pottery. The dates for the class will be negotiated with
families.

Twisting and printing on material
January 18-20
9-11am
5 PLACES AVAILABLE ONLY
$35.00 (2nd non-refundable deposit required upon booking)
Price includes: tutorial by qualified Art Teacher,
all items and necessary materials to print onto,
print making materials and dyes and running
classes. Students are encouraged to bring a white Tshirt to dye.
Students will learn the skills of the printing, dye a
Tshirt and other materials, create stamps from line to decorate a bag and a length of material.

Art Looms art loom—art driven by kids
Contact: Andrew Webb
55 Waver St
North Rockhampton
Phone: 0400 761 212
Email: artlooms@outlook.com

www.catholicchildcare.org.au
www.territorychildcare.org.au
This free community event is proudly brought to you by CatholicCare NT and Territory Child Care Group with support from the Department of Education.

Family, Faith, Friendship
**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                                      Shane Donohue
Director ELC/OSHC                                 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>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 sequinned 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.

Boothed 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
Director of Family, Faith, Friendship
No Jab No Pay

From 1 January 2016, there will be changes to the immunisation requirements for Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR).

What are the changes?

- CCB and CCR payments have been conditional on children up to the age of 7 meeting current immunisation requirements. From 1 January 2016, this requirement will be extended to apply to all children up to 20 years of age.
- Children will no longer be exempt from meeting the requirements for CCB and CCR payments if their parents have registered an objection to vaccination on the basis of personal or philosophical beliefs.
- A child must be fully immunised, on a catch-up immunisation schedule or have a valid exemption at the time a parent makes their very first claim for CCB.
- Previously, if parents met the other eligibility criteria, their CCB claim would be approved and they would have a 63 day ‘grace period’ for their child to meet the immunisation requirements. From 1 January 2016 the claim will not be approved if the immunisation requirements are not met.

What stays the same?

- Children with medical contraindications or natural immunity which are certified in writing by a General Practitioner will still be exempt from the immunisation requirements.
- Parents still have the right to choose not to vaccinate their child.
- Child care service providers can still set their own policies around whether or not they provide care to unimmunised children (in accordance with their state or territory requirements).
- If child care service providers or state/territory laws allow it, parents who are not eligible for child care payments can still use child care and pay the full fee.
- If a family is already eligible for CCB and the child misses a scheduled vaccination, the family receives a letter from Centrelink advising the vaccination is overdue. The family still has 63 days to catch up their vaccinations and become up-to-date again.
What should I tell my families?
Families will be informed by Centrelink that their child/children do not meet the immunisation requirements for family assistance payments, and will be encouraged to speak with their immunisation provider about updating their vaccination records or commencing an appropriate immunisation catch-up schedule.

Funding for catch-up arrangements falls into two categories:

1. Free catch up for children under 10 years of age
2. Free catch up for young persons aged 10 to 19 years of families who currently receive family assistance payments (time-limited: 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017)

For more details, go to www.imunise.health.gov.au

Where can I find more information?
Child Care Services can contact the Child Care Management System (CCMS) Helpdesk on 1300 667 276.

CCMS Helpdesk operators are available to take your calls from 9am to 5:30pm AEST/AEDT Monday to Friday.

Where can my families find more information?

Department of Health for information about:

- The immunisation catch-up arrangements
- The most recent National Immunisation Program for free vaccines available to children up to 10 years

Department of Human Services for information about:

- The importance of immunisation
- Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR)
- How a family can check their child Immunisation schedule

The Department of Social Services for information about:

- Family Tax Benefit and eligibility
- Immunisation changes