



Farewell Mrs Garbutt!

Vision Holy Family Catholic Primary School is a diverse, inclusive, learning community committed to the gospel values of mercy, respect and courage.

Mission At Holy Family Catholic Primary School, we:

- Provide a welcoming environment where partnerships between the school, families, parish and wider community are valued and promoted
- Work collaboratively, using evidence-based practices to deliver quality education that supports the holistic needs of all students
- To live as stewards of God's creation, being the difference we want to see in the world

A Message From The Principal...

Thank you

It is hard to believe that this is my last newsletter as Principal at Holy Family! The term has gone by so quickly! I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people over the past year and a bit. I have worked in many schools prior to coming to Darwin – from the western suburbs to the eastern suburbs of Melbourne and the coastal region of East Gippsland. However, Holy Family is one that will always hold a special place in my heart.

From the moment I walked through the door, I was struck by the openness and friendliness of this community. Everyone here is just so welcoming and my observations on the way in which your children interact with other members of our community, both old and new, is a credit to you as their parents. I have been consistently humbled by the way the students look out and care for one another and how inclusive they all are. I have loved watching the older students play with the younger students and have been inspired by the way they genuinely support each other. I will miss their daily visits to my office, chats and sharing of work. I know Tori will miss them too!

The adage, 'It Takes a Village to Raise a Child' certainly rings true here. If a child is sad, hurt, lonely or finding it hard to manage their emotions, there is always a team of people ready to reach out and provide support. Likewise, when students experience success or share their varying achievements, the staff always respond with genuine interest and pride. All staff truly care for all children here at Holy Family.

The generosity of our families for the various fund raising initiatives here has not ceased to amaze me. Your support and involvement at events such as the athletics carnival, school disco, liturgies and more is so valued and appreciated. Thank you for all you do for our community and for making me feel so welcome here at Holy Family.

As the new Principal Consultant for the CEO, Holy Family will be one of the schools I support. I look forward to continue working with you in the future.

Have a wonderful and safe Easter and holiday!

Term 2 Staffing

As I am leaving there are a few changes to staffing for Term 2. Lauren O'Shea will become Acting Principal and Andrew Walter will fill the Acting Deputy position. Emma Collinson will take Andrew's position as classroom teacher in Room 19 - Year 5 from Monday to Thursday and team teach with Deb Twartz. Libby Routledge will continue her role in Room 19 each Friday.

School Board Meeting: AGM

Our School Board Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Monday, March 27th. We are pleased to announce that Lorraine King will chair the Board for another year and we welcome our new members; Edel Campion, Elizabeth Watkins and Aimee Kirkland.

Easter is not magical.

It is transcendent.

Jesus is not somewhere else.

Christ is everywhere—through him all creation holds together.

He lives and breathes through his body, the Church.

What does it mean to live as Easter people?

It means we live as a people, all parts of Christ's Body working together toward a single purpose: love.

Vinita Hampton Wright

Welcome Disco

Thank you to everyone who made it to our much anticipated Parents and Friends Welcome Disco last Friday. To James Hawks, "DJ Sonix", we thank you for giving up your time and swapping shifts around in order to be available on the night. The children, and many parents, really had a wonderful time dancing and singing; there were smiles all round.

Mercy Leaders

Five Year 6 Mercy Leaders have been elected and were presented with their badges at assembly in Week 8. These students applied for the position and submitted a form outlining their reasons and ideas as to why they would make a great Mercy Leader. These students may be called upon to assist with prayers, liturgies and masses and well as support staff and students with Mercy Projects. They may be called upon to promote other religious events throughout the year.

Congratulations to Jisa Saji, Aaron Sunny, Maria Tsakrios, Ioannis Ginis and Beliza Lam.



Year 6 Shirts

The much anticipated Year 6 polos have arrived and have been given out to students. Students may wear these shirts each Friday and on special occasions. Shirts are permitted this Thursday too.

Before School - Early Arrivals

We have noticed over the term that children are arriving to school earlier and earlier. The school does not accept responsibility for the supervision of students prior to 8.00am (and after 3.00pm) each school day. Please ensure that your child is not at school before 7.30am. Children who arrive prior to 8.00am are required to sit outside the front office until the supervising teacher takes up duty.

Easter Raffle

Thanks to all the kind and generous people who donated Easter goodies for our Parents and Friends raffle. We have more than enough donations now. The Easter Raffle will take place in the assembly area on Thursday 6th June at 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to come along and join in the excitement.

Michelle Garbutt's Farewell

Mrs Garbutt's final day at Holy Family Catholic Primary School will be Thursday 6th April. Room 18 - Year 6 will present an assembly item dedicated to Mrs Garbutt at 8.25am. Our Easter Mass will include a few brief tributes to Mrs Garbutt and a morning tea will take place at 10.30am. Parents are invited to attend the Easter mass and join us for morning tea afterwards. At 2.10pm our School Captains will make a speech and present Michelle with a gift, this will then lead into our Easter Raffle.

Catholic Identity Sacramental Program

Congratulations to our students who completed their Sacrament of Penance - Reconciliation, last Monday at Holy Family Parish Church.

Delilah Small, Lyla Kickett, Alex Sugg, Kylah Constantine, Evadene Nheu, Milena Nheu, Aisha Phillips, Tommy Harte, Rain Middleton and Steffi Baksh.



Term 1 Liturgies & Masses

Thanks to the classes that have been helping us commemorate Holy Week with our special liturgies and Easter Mass this week. Parents are invited to attend our Easter Mass that will take place on Thursday 6th June at Holy Family Church at 9.30am.

Term 1 Week	Date	Time	Event/location	class and teacher
10 (Holy Week)	6 th April Thursday	9:30-10:30am	Easter Mass @ HF Church	Room 17 (Yr 6) Miss Andree & Mrs Routledge

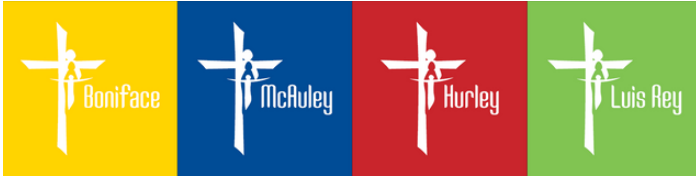
Lent & Project Compassion

Thanks to our ever-generous community for helping make a difference in the lives of so many, during Project Compassion Funky Friday themes this year. Check out the bling on some of our Preschoolers!



Be Our Best Selves – BOBS

Every five weeks, the students in the House Colour with the most points participates in a rewards afternoon. As there is no school on Friday of Week 10 the rewards afternoon took place in Week 9. The House Colour Captains coordinated the rewards afternoon and decided to run a rotation of sport activities including basketball, footy golden child, number hockey and watchy watchy. Luis Rey was the winning colour.



Happy Birthday!

This fortnight we wish the following students a Happy Birthday...

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| <i>Jayde Flowers</i> | <i>Emmi-Jay Williams</i> |
| <i>Ruby Cupo</i> | <i>Maddison McDonald</i> |
| <i>Grace Hill</i> | <i>Adut Arok</i> |
| <i>Flynn Beck</i> | <i>Thomas Kirkham</i> |
| <i>Kyree Maclachlan</i> | <i>Jiya Saji</i> |
| <i>Georgia Van Der Velde</i> | |

Prime Drinks

Prime drinks are not permitted at Holy Family. The drinks are not recommended for children under 15 years and some versions of the product contain double the legal limit of caffeine per 100ml. Prime comes in cans and bottles. Any Prime drinks (even just the bottle) will be confiscated.



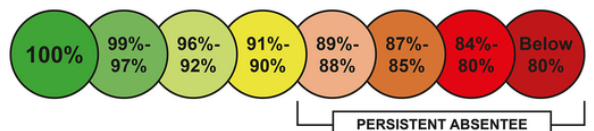
Back to School Vouchers

Have you used your child's "Back to School" voucher?

It is worth \$150 and can be used against the Book and Service Levy within the fees or uniforms. Vouchers are available at the Front Office valid until the end of Term 1, 6th of April, 2023 .

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?



Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at Assembly on 24th March 2023.

Rm 19-5	Paige Taylor Tyler Roberts
Rm 18-6	Jazlyn Lawler Duane De Araujo
Rm 17-6	Cloe Jones Melissa Mukendi
Rm 12-3/4	Valentina May Maggie Murray
Rm 11-3/4	Lailani Johnson Jack Harker
Rm 10 - 3/4	Karlo Wilde-Perala Avaleyah Tran
Rm 9 - 2	Eva Babu Maili Baksh
Rm 8 - 1	Steyvie Hawks Jevan Jenkinson
Rm 7 - 1	Jayden Kickett Kyree Maclachlan
Rm 6 - T	Jrue Adams Flynn Beck
Rm 5 - T	Carter Ojja Michael Estoy
Performing Arts	Leonard Pratt
AIEW	Kainoa Dixon
Japanese	Georgia Van Der Velde
PE	Lily Cruse Anthony Rogers
Mercy Award	Lyla Kickett



Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at Assembly on 31st March 2023.

Rm 19-5	Anastasia Tezaris Leon James
Rm 18-6	Jacob Ballantyne Eann Reyes
Rm 17-6	Emmi-Jay Williams Ben Watkins
Rm 12-3/4	Zoe Sugg Koby Hore
Rm 11-3/4	Joseph Kilpatrick Milena Nheu
Rm 10 - 3/4	Bailey Whipp Chace Bailey-Peris
Rm 9 - 2	Jason Waskiw Jasmine Kilpatrick
Rm 8 - 1	Nikolai Duenas Gabriel Schroeder
Rm 7 - 1	Matthew Scriven Owen Schultz
Rm 6 - T	Anthanasius Campbell James Atkins
Rm 5 - T	Remi Motlop Dana Wilson
Preschool	Stella Robertson Elijah Aquilina
Performing Arts	Mitchell McGhee
AIEW	Indi Anstess
Japanese	Seth Lonsdale
PE	Hannah Kollman
Mercy Award	Adut Arok

Spotlight On Staff



Position
Classroom Teacher Rm 18

How long they have been at Holy Family?
This is my first year.

What is something people may not know about you?
I am from Sydney. I previously lived around Botany Bay. I played a lot of Rugby League in my early to mid 20s. Enjoy flicking the fishing rod when I can.

Kurt Atkinson



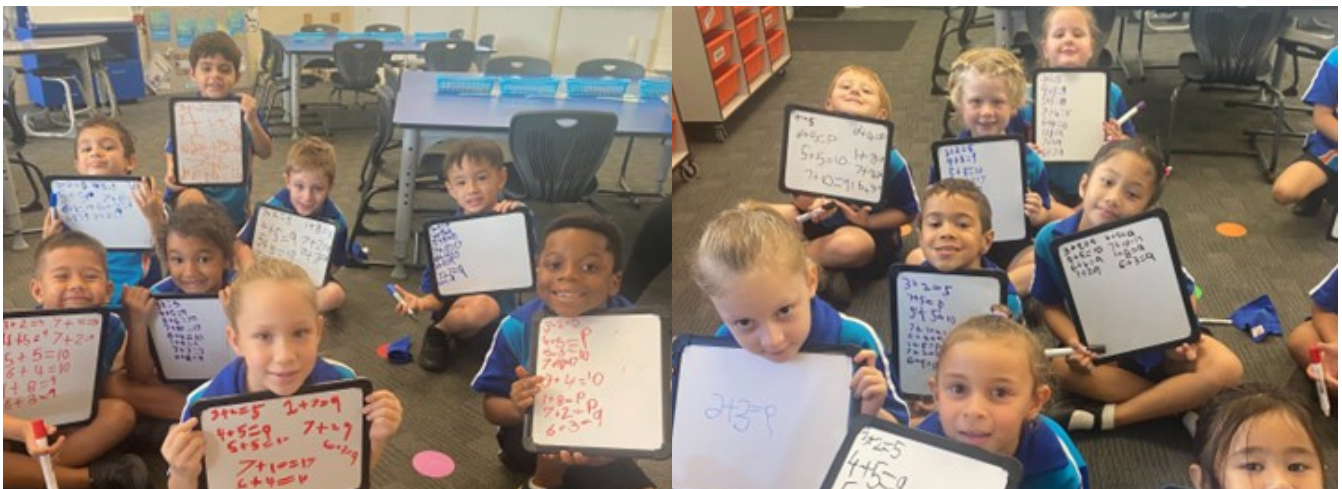
Position
Team Leader at ELC

How long they have been at Holy Family?
This is my 13th year.

What is something people may not know about you?
I was born in South Australia but have spent most of my life in Darwin.

Alana Kirby

Spotlight On Learning



Room 8

This term in Maths, Room 8 has been looking at addition.

A few different strategies of addition that we have focused on is counting on, using a number line, using a number track, using concrete materials, double facts, friends of ten and we are starting to master our daily quick mental Maths tests!

Every day the students do a Maths warm-up which consists of our focus topics for each week. Rotating through the different strategies listed before, the students are starting to figure out which strategy works best for them and the question itself. From the beginning of term, each student has become a lot more confident when asked how to complete an addition equation.

Next term we are going to start looking at subtracting!

Here are some responses when asked what their favourite strategy is:

- "Friends of ten, because I like counting with numbers." – Emily Chudleigh
- "Counting on, because I like to use my brain when adding numbers" – Nicole Nilco
- "Friends of ten, because it is the same answer and helps me to get better at my maths" – Amalia Muhandiram
- "Friends of ten, because it's fun and they all equal to 10" – Georgia Macpherson
- "Quick maths, I like how it goes really quickly and I get better at doing my addition by myself" – Gabriel Schroeder
- "Quick maths, it's very fun to do it quickly and helps me learn faster and faster" – Steyvie Hawks



Farewell Michelle

Michelle Garbutt's last school day at Holy Family Catholic Primary School is Thursday 6th April.

You are invited to join us in thanking her and celebrating her achievements by attending any or all of the events below.

THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 2023

8.25AM - ASSEMBLY ITEM ROOM 18

9.30AM - EASTER MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

10.30AM - SHARED MORNING TEA IN STAFFROOM

No RSVP is required. Hope to see you there.

Term One Calendar – 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
WEEK 10 APRIL 3RD	3	4	5	6 Assembly 8:25am Easter Mass @ Church 9:30am P&F Easter Raffle at 2:30pm	7 Good Friday Public Holiday	ROOM 18

Term Two Calendar – 2023

WEEK 1 APRIL 17TH	17 Students return	18	19	20 Cracka Cup Year 2/3	21 Assembly 8:25am	
WEEK 2 APRIL 24TH	24 Anzac Day Prayer Liturgy @ 10am	25 Anzac Day Public Holiday	26	27	28 Assembly 8:25am Hockey Gala Day Year 5/6	ROOM 5



A look back at Term 1





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O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Year 6 Open Day



9th May
2023

8.30_{am} - 2.00_{pm}

**'Make us One in
Christ'**

**Experience a day in the life of
a year 7 student at
O'Loughlin Catholic College.**

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