



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...

End of Term 5th April

We will conclude the term with assembly led by Miss Gill and the Room 11 crew, our buddies catch up and the House Colour Reward Afternoon. Don't forget to get your Country and Western on, as students are asked to dress cowgirl and cowboy for our last Funky Friday.

Thank You

At the conclusion of Term 1, I would like to thank our community for the support you have provided to our staff and students and for your partnership with our school. It has been a great term of learning, growth and developing friendships. I wish all students and families a restful break.

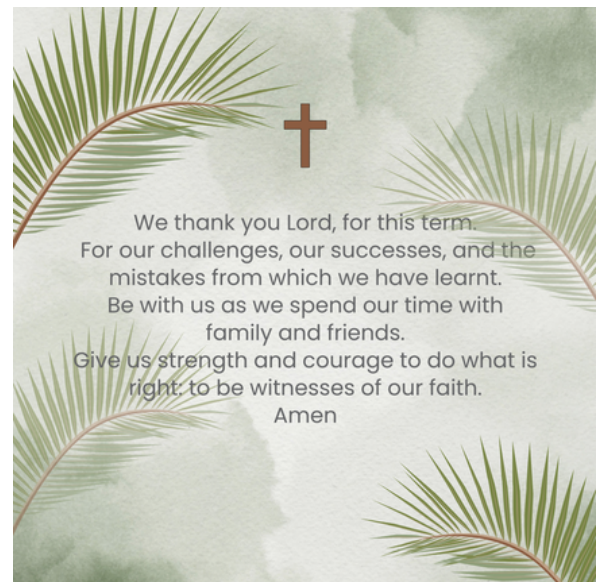
Holy Family School Advisory Board

We held our School Advisory Board AGM last week and I thank all those who attended. We had some new members nominated for 2024 to work with our existing members. We look forward to a fruitful and positive year collaborating together. The members of the School Advisory Board work towards a vision where all people feel supported and valued, and encourage each other to participate fully in the life of the school. We thank them for their time and dedication to Holy Family Catholic Primary School.

After 12 years we said farewell to our Board Chair Lorraine King. We thank her for her tireless service and for her positive impact on the Holy Family community. She was involved in many initiatives such as; the development of the School's Master Plan, our hardcourts and playgrounds, sitting on selection panels and the building of the Early Years Hub to name a few. Lorraine's careful discernment, active leadership, insight and gentle manner has been a blessing for staff, students and families. We appreciate all that Lorraine has done for our school.

Our Holy Family Football Stars

We congratulate Preston V, Hunter C, Samirah J, Rhykia L, Valentina V, Indi A and Steffi B, who represented Darwin in the 12 years and under Australian Football last week. They played with courage, sportsmanship and great skill. We congratulate those from the team who were selected to represent the Northern Territory in the National Championships in August.



Lyn Sharratt

All CENT school leadership teams will be attending the Lyn Sharratt Learning Alliance in Week 1 of Term 2. The focus is on building teacher and leader capacity to increase student achievement and growth in an ongoing, sustainable way. I will be attending from Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th April and Andrew Walter and Debra Twartz will attend on the 15th and 16th of April. Ms Racheal Joyce and Ms Stephanie Pollock will be able to assist with any parent queries on Monday and Tuesday.

Catholic Identity

Hello Families and Students of Holy Family, my name is Stephanie Pollock and I am the new Acting REC here at Holy Family Catholic Primary School. I look forward to a great year and walking alongside you all on our Christ-centred path ahead.



Sacramental Program

Last Wednesday the 20th of March we saw a number of Holy Family students celebrate reconciliation for the first time at our Karama Holy Family Parish. It was great to see our families and students taking this step on their faith journey alongside our excellent priests.



This week we did prayer with our school. Students were introduced to prayers broken down into categories of colour. Each colour was to represent a different category for students to pray to or for. Students would select a colour ribbon matching this, a symbol of them saying their prayer, and tie it to the prayer pole to build a special array of colours and prayers shared within our school community. This enabled prayer to be seen as interactive and a visual symbol for our students. It was great fun and students enjoyed being present in this prayerful occasion.



We have also been blessed to be part of the Last Supper, Holy Thursday and Stations of the Cross liturgies here at school and celebrate our Easter Mass with Father Gusty in our church. We thank all students involved in these and we hope that our school community had a happy and blessed Easter. It is this time that we reflect on Jesus and the sacrifice he made for us. We have begun our process for school Choir and Liturgical Dance groups for students in Year 4-6 and hope to have these starting early next term, which is exciting. Should you have any questions pertaining to Catholic Identity, Faith Formation or Religious Education here at Holy Family, please feel free to either send me an email or phone the school.

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Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at Assembly on 22nd March 2024.

Rm 19-5/6	Max Clark Kayla Chudleigh
Rm 18-5/6	Cooper Mckeon Rose Butsamalee
Rm 17-5/6	Valentina May Zac Murray
Rm 12-4	Jamila Zubair
Rm 11-4	Aisha Phillips
Rm 10- 3	No awards
Rm 9 - 1/2	Jerome Cubillo Dominique Rosette
Rm 8 - 1/2	Panormitis Tsatsaron Carter Ojja
Rm 7 –1/2	James Atkins Thomas Kirkham
Rm 6 –T	Lexi Collison
Rm 5 –T	Tobias Fairweather
Preschool	Mase Motlop Newall Raphael Blake
PE	Zac Murray
Performing Arts	Kyron Espinoza-Ogden
Japanese	Callan Scott
ASC	Niko Anytantakis
Mercy	Jolas Lam



Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at Assembly on 28th March 2024.

Rm 19-5/6	Zoe Sugg Maddison McDonald
Rm 18-5/6	Mason Stanley Chloe Cantwell-Eliorda
Rm 17-5/6	Saria Amidy Jaxx Hawks
Rm 12-4	James Donnellan
Rm 11-4	Kylah Constantine
Rm 10-3	Mason Melas Arya Smith
Rm 9 - 1/2	Vakina Kypreos Brandan Motlop
Rm 8 - 1/2	Brooklyn Stanley Jasmine-Lee Carew Towell
Rm 7 –1/2	Zahra Piedade Kyrie Calomot
Rm 6 –T	Elliot Rotu- Ludji
Rm 5 –T	Stella Robertson
Preschool	Chanteah Rioli Emme MacPherson
PE	Tiani Jones
Performing Arts	Avayah Norris
Japanese	Michael Melas
ASC	Zahra Piedade
Mercy	Mack Moore



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to the following students that celebrate their birthday in Week 9 & 10

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| <i>Emily Jones</i> | <i>Josh Heath</i> |
| <i>Arden Connell</i> | <i>Manu Kent</i> |
| <i>Rylee Pugh</i> | <i>Lexi Collison</i> |
| <i>Jayde Flowers</i> | <i>Maddison McDonald</i> |
| <i>Raphael Blake</i> | <i>Flynn Beck</i> |
| <i>Kyree Maclachlan</i> | <i>Thomas Kirkham</i> |
| <i>Georgia Van Der Velde</i> | <i>Adut Arok</i> |

Back to School Vouchers

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

It is worth \$200 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, 5th of April, 2024.



TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

4 QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

IS YOUR CHILD RUNNING A FEVER?

If so, he or she should stay home from school. A good rule of thumb is that a child should not return to school until at least the day after his or her temperature is normal without medication.



CAN YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IN CLASS?

If your child seems too sluggish and lethargic to pay attention to his or her lessons, he or she should be kept home.

ARE THE SYMPTOMS DISRUPTIVE?

Loud, frequent coughing and frequent bathroom breaks can make it difficult for everyone to concentrate on their lessons. Keep your child home until disruptive symptoms have subsided.



IS YOUR CHILD CONTAGIOUS?

Ask the doctor if your child is sick with an illness that is contagious. The doctor will tell you when your child is not contagious.

Patient First

Spotlight On Staff



Erica Schultz

Position
Year 3 Classroom Teacher

How long they have been at Holy Family?

This is my 18th year at HF.

What is something people may not know about you?

I walked on the Great Wall of China- 2012 !! I love working in my garden on the weekends and I have a very cute, brown burmese cat called Maxi who is 18 months old and he loves to play!



Eda Aralar

Position
Educator ELC

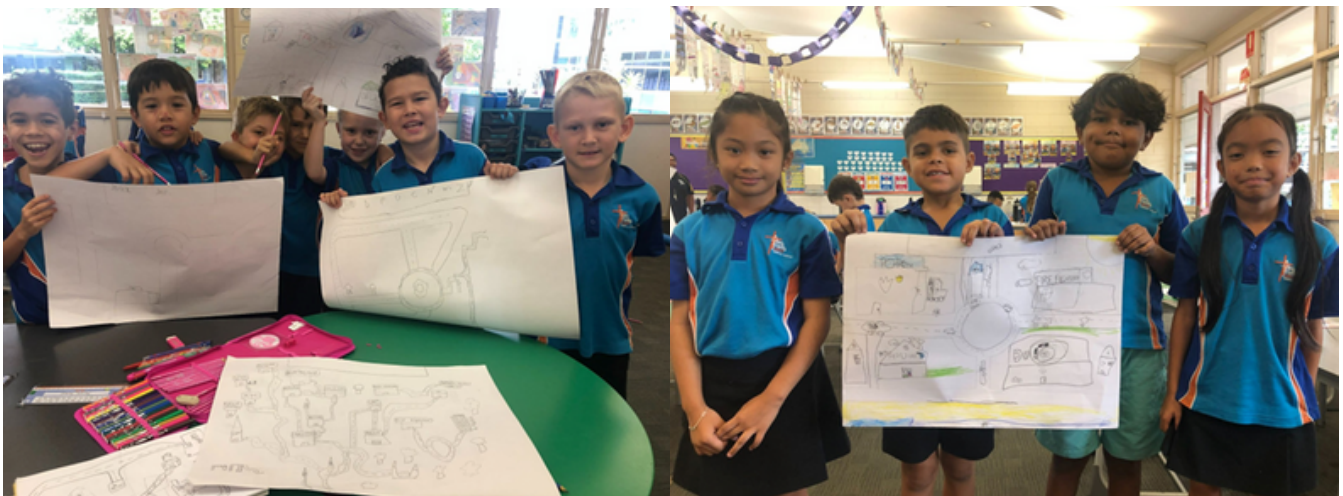
How long they have been at Holy Family?

18 years in July

What is something people may not know about you?

I'm an animal lover

Spotlight On Learning



Room 9 Year 1/2

Designing our own communities!

Throughout the term we have been learning about the key pillars to a supportive and livable community. We spent time discussing and discovering many jobs and services that are available within our local community. We also learned about changes and innovations to help promote a sustainable lifestyle. Our major assessment is bringing all this knowledge together to create our own dream community that is livable, sustainable and attractive to others.

The students are being marked on the features they include in their community plans which includes;

- Roads and accessibility
- Emergency services
- Essential services (supermarkets, bank, petrol stations etc)
- Local businesses/recreational spaces
- Natural resources and unique features

The kids have had so much enthusiasm putting their fantastic ideas and knowledge into practice. We look forward to finishing these off and presenting them to each other in the coming week. Here are some quotes from the kids themselves!

"I liked designing and drawing it with my partner. We made police stations and cars"

" I started by doing the houses and the shops, then I added my roads to connect it all together."

"We enjoyed using our own ideas and creations. Ours is very colourful and has lots of different shops for people."

Funky Friday's



HOOK in 2 HOCKEY

COME AND TRY HOCKEY WITH EAST DARWIN STORM
THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 5:30-6:30PM
EMAIL SECRETARY@EDHC.COM.AU
FOR MORE INFORMATION

JOIN THE FUN!

play.afl/play/auskick

Registered participants will receive a FREE ticket for them and an adult to witness Gold Coast SUNS take on North Melbourne at TIO Stadium!

Hockey NT

JELLIES

6 AND UNDER HOCKEY

The ultimate starting point for future Stingers Stars
 Skills & fun combined in a safe environment
 Equipment available

SATURDAYS 8-8.30AM

<https://hockeynt.asn.au/> Begins April 13th 164 Abala Road Marrara

YOUNG ICT Explorers

WHERE WILL DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TAKE YOU?
youngictexplorers.net.au

The Challenge

Young ICT Explorers is an open Digital Technology Challenge for school age students from year 3 to year 12 across Australia.

The aim of the challenge is to inspire and encourage school students to be not just end users of digital technology but also to become creators and innovators of digital technology.

Through the challenge, students are able to create and showcase innovative Digital Technology related projects. It provides a forum for students, teachers and parents to experience student projects from surrounding schools and to present these to both academic and industry leaders.

The Guidelines

By creating a digital technologies project of their choice (mobile apps, wearables, robotics, website etc.) students can either showcase their passion or identify and solve a problem within their school or broader community.

This open-ended approach aims to spark a lifelong interest in digital technologies and the possibilities available to foster a broad range of ideas and independent problem-solving skills.

We welcome all kinds of projects providing they have a clear link to digital technology.

Teams

Students can compete individually or in project teams of up to four students

Age Divisions

Grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

Why get involved?

- It's free; there is no entry cost for students and schools
- Young ICT Explorers compliments the school curriculum with learning outcomes directly linked to the Australian Digital Technologies Curriculum. Projects entered can be anything students have been working on inside or out of the classroom.
- It inspires creativity and collaboration, the sharing of ideas and knowledge.
- Great prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Additional prizes may be awarded.
- The 1st place project in each division also receives direct entry into the National Competition.
- Great networking opportunity to meet other dynamic ICT teachers and educators. Students can network with similarly inspired young minds.



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Visit our website and sign up






Raising Fathers

Join Founder, Author & Nationally acclaimed speaker on Manhood Robert Falzon for an Exclusive Event Series in April!

Be the Best Father Figure You Can Be.

Wednesday, 17 April | O'Loughlin College, 70 Smith Street, Karama

Territory Fathers!

Could you be a better Father figure, Father to be, Son, Grandfather, Mentor, Community leader ?

Join Founder, Author & Nationally acclaimed speaker for an Exclusive Event Series in April!

The Event

- Unpack practical advice for thriving in today's fatherhood landscape
- Stories that are powerfully important, impacting, & informative
- Real discussion with others navigating this Frontier.
- Open invitation to Men from ALL backgrounds. Come as a group!

Don't miss out on the free BBQ & Event starting at 6:00 PM, followed by the main event at 6:30 PM. Choose from four convenient locations. See you there!



Robert Falzon

Husband & Father who left his business in 2003 to undertake this work

Author and co-founded menALIVE

Over 20 years experience supporting fathers nationwide

Award-winning advocate for positive masculinity

17 APR **KARAMA REGION**
O'Loughlin College
10 Mueller Road
Karama

15 April
CASUARINA REGION
Holyspirit Community
11 Steele Street
Wanguri

16 April
DARWIN REGION
Mackillop Hall
(next to Cathedral)
90 Smith St, Darwin

18 April
PALMERSTON REGION
Mackillop College
285 Farrar Boulevard
Johnston

For more information, contact: support@darwin.catholic.org.au



Year 6 Open Day

O'Loughlin Catholic College invites potential students for Year 7 2025 to attend a full day at the College and discover the unique opportunities we have to offer. Bookings are essential.



Tues
30 April
2024



Scan the QR code or click the link to book!
<https://forms.gle/LFrdQupRBXgvgPA8A>



O'Loughlin Catholic College
70 Mueller Road, Karama

We can't wait to meet you!

Unbreakable

A night for couples wanting to strengthen their relationships
Guest Speaker Robert Falzon will be facilitating a discussion to form brave marriages through courageous conversations.
Bring your own picnic dinner and enjoy a night of live jazz and conversation

Friday 19th April 6:30-8:30pm

Join us on the lawn next to the church
Holy Spirit Parish
11 Strele Cres Wanguri

Robert Falzon is a husband, father, businessman, published author and co-founder of menALIVE and has been awarded many business accolades including: Australian Marketing Institute 'Marketer of the Year', Telstra QLD 'Small Business of the Year' and Australian Institute of Management 'Owner/Manager of the Year'.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED