



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...

Learning, Growth, and Discovery

The start to the 2024 school year has been positive, productive, and happy. The classrooms are humming with calm spaces and students engaged, ready to learn. The playground has been fun filled with laughs and lots of active games. We thank our families for preparing the students so well for the start of 2024. Our dedicated staff are committed to providing a nurturing and inclusive environment where every student can thrive, develop their gifts and reach their full potential. This year will be great for Holy Family Community.

We extend a warm welcome to all our new families in the Holy Family Community. Please make them feel welcome and introduce yourselves to them when you see them at school.

Holy Family Values

As a community centred on the example of Christ, the following core values guide all of our interactions.

Mercy

We always include others and treat them with kindness.

Respect

We support everyone.

Courage

We make good choices and we bounce back when things don't go our way.

P&F Welcome Disco

We hope to see everyone at our Welcome Disco next Friday 16 February, lock the date in your diaries. This is a fun way to welcome in the new school year, welcome our new families and deepen connections with our families. The children will have a blast grooving to the latest tunes from DJ Sonix.

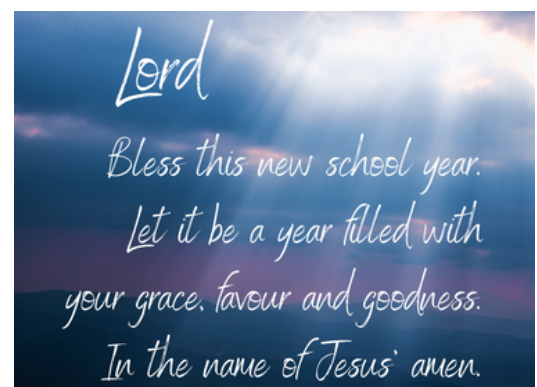
Parent Teacher Student Interviews

Our teachers look forward to meeting with you next week at the parent interviews to chat about your child's strengths and goals for the term ahead. We would love to have all our families attend so please book your time slot. We value the importance of communication between home and school and we encourage you to also meet with the classroom teacher throughout the year as needed. Our teachers prioritise open communication and will contact you should something arise here at school.

Classroom News

Library

We are embarking on new learning opportunities to deliver even stronger educational experiences for our students. During student library times our students will participate in STEAM activities linked to a story book being read. The aim of these activities is to foster imagination, creativity, and innovation amongst our students. This is a very exciting space that we will be embedding in our practices across all learning areas.



Technologies

It is important to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills in our students so they can adapt to our ever-changing world. We continue to strive to embed the knowledge and skills to allow our students to become independent life-long learners, to think outside the square and embrace different ways of thinking. We are providing new opportunities in the technologies learning area to ensure our students become critical users of technologies, and designers and producers of designed solutions.

Positive Partnerships 2024 Staff Professional Development Day

Prior to the commencement of Term 1 the staff across our school collaborated to explore and further develop our whole school wide practices to support our students to maximise their wellbeing.

We developed our understanding of sensory processing and the functional impacts on teaching and learning. We examined sensory solutions that can assist students to cope with sensory input and meet their sensory needs. We worked together to develop an understanding of the Australian Student Wellbeing Framework and good mental health supports we can utilise at Holy Family to enable our children to reach their potential.

Keeping Safe Program

The Education Act mandates the teaching of a Protective Behaviours program in all schools. At Holy Family we follow the Keeping Safe Program. The Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC) aims to help children learn to recognise abuse and develop ways of protecting themselves from abuse and, in wider terms, covers rights, relationships, responsibilities and ethical behaviour. Stay tuned for updates throughout the year.

Staff Commitment Mass

All staff from Holy Family will be attending Mass at the Holy Family Church this Sunday at 9:00am to pledge their commitment to the Catholic faith and the work of Catholic schools in relation to that faith. You are warmly welcome to join us for the mass.

Sports Vouchers

Please remember that Sports Vouchers are now made available at the following website:

www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au

Catholic Identity Sacramental Program 2024

Penance (Reconciliation) classes, for students Year 3 and above, who have been baptised into the Catholic Church, will commence soon. With afternoon classes at Holy Family and the parish. A note with further details will be coming around to our middle primary classes in the coming weeks with further details for prospective candidates and families. Any queries please contact Mr Walter at andrew.walter@nt.catholic.edu.au or ring the school.

Liturgies and Masses

This Friday we will be celebrating the Eucharist with our Commencement Mass, which will be led by Mr Atkinson and HIVE 18. We will also announce school House Colour Captains and our Mercy Leaders. Good luck to all our Year 6's who have been nominated for these positions. Here are our liturgies, masses and sacraments for Term 1;

Term 1 Week	Date	Time	Event/location	class and teacher
2	9 February Friday	9:30-10:30am	School Commencement Mass at HF Church	HIVE 19 (Yr 5/6) Mr Atkinson
2	11 February Sunday	9:00-10:15am	Staff Commitment Mass at HF Church Breakfast afterwards	Parish Mass
3	14 February Wednesday	8:25am	Ash Wednesday Prayer Liturgy at Assembly Area	Room 7 (Yr 1/2) Miss Skinner
9 Holy Week	25 March Monday	8:25-9:00am	Palm Sunday Prayer Liturgy at assembly area (Sun 24 March)	Room 5 (T) Miss Chow
9 Holy Week	27 March Wednesday	8:25-9:00am	Holy Thursday (Last Supper) Prayer Liturgy 8:25am Assembly Area	Rm 8 (Yr 1/2) Mrs Brennan/Miss Gail
10 Holy Week	28 March Wednesday	8:25-9:00am	Good Friday (Stations) Prayer Liturgy at Assembly Area (Stations)	Room 6 (T) Miss Lothian
10	2 April Thursday	9:30-10:30am	Easter Mass at HF Church with Fr Gusty	Room 9 (Yr 1/2) Mr M.

Project Compassion

There will be a Diocesan launch event for Project Compassion, next Tuesday, at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral, commencing at 10am Tuesday, 13th February. Our school will be represented by three of our students as they participate in a prayer service and induction session. Our school's Shrove Tuesday will be happening at school too, with the Year 6s and Mrs Rudyard making some yummy pancakes for all our students and staff! Watch this space for our Funky Fridays, which will start next week also.

AIEW

In Term 4 last year, during Religious Education classroom work on Spirituality, our Year 5 students were involved in an indigenous shirt design competition. This competition was for the school's 2024 Year 6 tops and staff tops. Miss Tayha led these sessions, where students were able to plan, draft and submit their designs. There were many excellent designs created and it was a very tough decision to choose the winner, which was created by Leon James. Orders for these tops are being finalised and we look forward to wearing them when they arrive, later this term.





Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to the following students that celebrate their birthday in January, Week 1 & 2:

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| <i>Felix Mukendi</i> | <i>Florence Mukendi</i> |
| <i>Dakota Crowe</i> | <i>Amar'e McLean</i> |
| <i>Leticia Sarmiento</i> | <i>Bailey Whipp</i> |
| <i>Aiden Mansell</i> | <i>Paige Taylor</i> |
| <i>Ben Motlop</i> | <i>Dominique Rosete</i> |
| <i>Carter Ojja</i> | <i>Michael Estoy</i> |
| <i>Ahaan Prasanth</i> | <i>Matthew Scriven</i> |
| <i>Tyler Roberts</i> | <i>Evelyn Pratt</i> |
| <i>Mason Arthur</i> | <i>Abigail Macul</i> |
| <i>Martin Bersabal</i> | <i>Rhykia Labistida</i> |
| <i>Isaiah Briston</i> | <i>Zafiya Delos Reyes</i> |
| <i>Natania Thottam</i> | <i>Elijah Whipp</i> |
| <i>Piper Spence</i> | <i>Ricolleisha Ryder</i> |
| <i>Charlie Van Der Velde</i> | <i>Imogen Neck</i> |
| <i>Afred Corpus</i> | |
| <i>Jasmine -Lee Carew Towell</i> | |

HOLY FAMILY CPS & P&F PRESENT TO YOU

WELCOME DISCO

LIVE PERFORMANCE
DJ SONIX

BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINKS - 5:30PM ONWARDS
DISCO - 6:00 - 7:30PM

BRING YOUR FAMILY, SOMETHING TO SIT ON
AND YOUR BEST DANCE MOVES!

6.00 - 7.30 PM FRI 16 FEB (WEEK 3)

Reminder Lunches are stored in the cool room



Please minimise insulated lunch bags as they take up a lot of room.

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.

Spotlight On Staff



Position
Director of ELC/OSHC

How long they have been at Holy Family?

Over 9 years

What is something people may not know about you?

I played the clarinet in my primary school band.

Buffy Angel



Position
Admin Officer

How long they have been at Holy Family?

6 years in May

What is something people may not know about you?

In May 2009, myself and my husband Gary, came to Australia 3 weeks after getting married. Our intention was to stay for 1 year, our first stop was Darwin and that's as far as we got!

Dawn Harte

Spotlight On Learning



Preschool

Over the first two weeks of preschool, we have focused on settling into the new routine, establishing classroom rules and getting to know each other. Next week we will make mini me people to display and show who is at preschool each day. We will be displaying photos of families to help children feel secure and to look at throughout the day.

We have also started to explore the topic of emotions and friendships and will continue this for the rest of the year.

In preschool we have a strong focus on social and emotional learning to help develop important social skills such as:

- greeting and making friends
- sharing
- taking turns
- problem solving
- regulating emotions

Social skills are essential to developing relationships and a sense of belonging.

Later in Term 1, we will meet our buddy class. We will focus on building our relationships and social skills through various fun play-based experiences. This will help the children form a connection and familiarise themselves with students and teachers from the school.

We will continue to learn about and identify emotions as well as learn strategies to use when we are feeling big emotions, such as feeling sad or angry.

We look forward to a fun year in preschool!

Term One Calendar – 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
WEEK 2 FEB 5TH	5	6	7	8	9 Assembly 8:25am Beginning of Year Whole School Mass, Church 9:30am	
WEEK 3 FEB 12TH	12	13 Shrove Tuesday	14 Ash Wednesday Prayer Liturgy 8:25 Assembly area	15	16 Assembly 8:25am P&F Welcome Disco	
Parent Teacher Interviews						
WEEK 4 FEB 19TH	19 School Board Meeting 6pm	20	21	22	23 Assembly 8:25am	ROOM 10 – 3/4
WEEK 5 FEB 26TH	26	27	28	29	1 Assembly 8:25am	PRESCHOOL
WEEK 6 MARCH 4TH	4	5	6	7	8 Assembly 8:25am	ROOM 12– YEAR 4
WEEK 7 MARCH 11TH	11	12	13	14	15 Assembly 8:25am	ROOM 9– YEAR 1/2
WEEK 8 MARCH 18TH	18	19	20	21	22 Assembly 8:25am	ROOM 6 – TR
WEEK 9 MARCH 25TH	25	26	27	28 Assembly 8:25am P&F Easter Raffle draw -2:30pm assembly area	29 Good Friday	ROOM 11– YEAR 4
WEEK 10 APRIL 1ST	1 Easter Monday	2 Easter Mass 9:30am Church	3	4	5 Assembly 8:25am	ROOM 5 – TR



HIPPY

Families learning together with fun and free activities



The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters is a fun and free program for families that supports children's learning in the two years before school.

Join HIPPY in 2024 if:

- your child turns 3 before 30 June
- you live in the Darwin area
- you want to support your child to build self-esteem and become more engaged in their learning



A HIPPY Home Mentor will visit you with books and activity packs and practice them with you. We also hold regular group gatherings in the local community.



HIPPY only takes 10-15 minutes a day of learning and playing with your child to make change that lasts a lifetime!



Contact Us
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cbizley@anglicare-nt.org.au



The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. The Brotherhood of St. Laurence holds the licence to operate HIPPY in Australia.



KICK OFF YOUR FOOTBALL JOURNEY

4-11 YEARS



- Monday; 19th Feb - 25th Mar
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- Football Northern Territory
- Darwin Football Stadium
23 Abala Road, Marrara
- \$100 - includes participant pack

Visit playfootball.com.au/miniroos-kickoff-finder to register your child today!

