



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...

O'Loughlin Catholic College Incident

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff our school went into a lockdown this morning, following an incident at O'Loughlin Catholic College.

All students and staff at Holy Family were safe and not in danger. I want to commend our teachers, support staff, and students for their calm and swift response to the lockdown.

Visit from the Director

We welcomed Paul Greaves to our school this week as he spent time in our classrooms across the school. He thoroughly enjoyed his visit and was very impressed with the great work happening across our classrooms. We look forward to future visits.

Holy Family School Advisory Board

We welcome our families to attend the School Advisory Board AGM on Monday 25th March. This will be held at 6:00pm in the library.

School Carpark - Student Safety

The safety of our students is paramount and we ask all of our families to support us in keeping them safe. Please use the crosswalk to get to your parked cars. We recognise it will take a few extra minutes but we need all families to do this. We have had a close call with a little one following their parent across the carpark. If you are unable to walk to the crosswalk to get to your parked car, please use the kiss and go when dropping off and picking up. Staff will be reminding families, we ask that you respond politely, as they are trying to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Naplan

Our Year 3 and 5 students are to be commended for their efforts during NAPLAN testing which ended on Tuesday, with any catch up tests completed by 22nd March. We appreciate the support from our families to keep the conversations with your children positive, ensuring a calm group of students allowing NAPLAN to run smoothly.

HARMONY DAY PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, you see beauty in everyone, Lord Have Mercy.
Christ Jesus, your love is for all, Christ Have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you show us how to live in harmony,
Lord Have Mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.*



Sacrament of Reconciliation

We have a number of students who will be making the Sacrament of Penance- Reconciliation tonight at 6:40pm at the Holy Family Parish. Occasionally we all do things that we shouldn't have done, and Reconciliation is about building bridges and making an attempt to make things right. We understand that God forgives and we celebrate God's love and mercy towards us. It is a time to talk to God about what happened, and Catholics do this through a ritual of confession, penance and absolution. We thank Mr Walter for facilitating the Sacramental Programme and the time he gave to our students.

Harmony Week

Harmony week is the celebration that recognises and promotes the benefits of our cultural diversity in Australia. 'Everyone Belongs' is the message for all to hear as we celebrate our differences. We invite our students to wear a splash of orange on Friday to acknowledge Harmony Week. Everyone belongs in our Holy Family community and we embrace the cultures of others as we are inclusive, respectful, merciful and courageous.



Easter Raffle

The Parents and Friends Easter Raffle tickets have been handed out to the eldest in the family. Tickets and money are to be returned to the office by Monday 25th of March. Winners will be drawn on Thursday 28th of March, at 2.20pm in the assembly area. Thanks to all who have already donated to the prize hampers. All donations, big and small will be greatly appreciated!

Catholic Identity Sacramental Program 2024

Eight of our Holy Family students will receive their First Reconciliation (Penance) this evening at Holy Family Parish Church. We congratulate them for committing to following the path of Jesus by asking for forgiveness when they have done the wrong thing. Thanks to Holy Family Parish and helpers, particularly Sheila Reyes for coordinating, the Sisters of Nazareth of the Holy Family, parents and catechists for leading our students to a closer understanding of their lived faith. Please keep our candidates in your thoughts and prayers. Any queries please contact Mr Walter at andrew.walter@nt.catholic.edu.au or ring the school.

2024 Reconciliation Candidates

Dakota Crowe, Maili Baksh, Scarlett Stanley, Ignatius Vallejo, Tyra Walsh, Jolas Lam and Geoffrey Anstess.

Liturgies and Masses

We are almost to Holy Week and Easter!. A time of prayerful reflection as we acknowledge the last days of Jesus and his glorious resurrection.

Here are our liturgies, masses and sacraments for Term 1;

Term 1 Week	Date	Time	Event/location	Class and Teacher
9 Holy Week	25 March Monday	8:25-9:00am	Palm Sunday Prayer Liturgy at assembly area (Sun 24 March)	Rm 8 (Yr 1/2) Mrs Brennan/Miss
9 Holy Week	27 March Wednesday	8:25-9:00am	Holy Thursday (Last Supper) Prayer Liturgy 8:25am Assembly Area	GallRoom 5 (T) Miss Chow
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

Our school is currently fundraising for Project Compassion, 'For All Future Generations', with our Funky Fridays. So far we have raised over \$730 for Caritas Australia. This Friday is a touch of orange day! Our support will help to create a better world for all future generations. Thanks to our junior hub Transition classes and Miss Chow and Miss Lothian for leading this mercy project.

Holy Family Catholic Primary School Term 1

EVERY FRIDAY!
 GOLD COIN DONATION FOR
 PROJECT COMPASSION!

Week 4: Funky Shorts

Week 5: Funky Shoes

Week 6: Funky Hair

Week 7: Something Green

Week 8: A Touch of Orange

Week 9: Sports Team Colours

Week 10: Cowboys and Cowgirls

FUNKY FRIDAYS



Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at Assembly on 8th March 2024.

Rm 19-5/6	Lily Hill-Corpus Torrae Chisholm
Rm 18-5/6	Ben Motlop Indiana McKeon
Rm 17-5/6	Nikolaos Anyfantakis Anastasia Tezaris
Rm 12-4	Lyla Kickett
Rm 11-4	Jesse Bailey-Peris
Rm 10- 3	Geoffrey Anstess Anna Russell
Rm 9 - 1/2	Joshua Heath Emily Chudleigh
Rm 8 - 1/2	Amara Culas Martin Bersabal
Rm 7 -1/2	Isabelle Preston Aiden Mansell
Rm 6 -T	No award
Rm 5 -T	Michael Melas
Preschool	Astrid Nheu Jara Hucks
PE	Steffi Baksh
Performing Arts	Estelle Ashford
Japanese	Mason Stanley,
ASC	Anastasia Tezaris
Mercy	Adut Arok



Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at Assembly on 15th March 2024.

Rm 19-5/6	Alannah Champion Lily Cruse
Rm 18-5/6	Kevin Mukendi Beth McFarlane
Rm 17-5/6	No awards
Rm 12-4	Rylee Pugh
Rm 11-4	Avaleyah Tran
Rm 10-3	Dayaram Ramanan Ari Cantwell-Eliorda
Rm 9 - 1/2	Mason Arthur Darcie Hodges
Rm 8 - 1/2	Evie Pratt Isaiah Briston
Rm 7 -1/2	Ruby Jorgensen Zane Tran
Rm 6 -T	Kalliopi Tezaris
Rm 5 -T	Vaiga Eby
Preschool	Emperor Tomlins Jenaya Johnson
PE	Alex Sugg
Performing Arts	Charlotte Williamson
Japanese	Elizabeth Mathew
ASC	No award
Mercy	Sienna Olsen



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to the following students that celebrate their birthday in Week 7 & 8

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| <i>Maryella Mamarika</i> | <i>Ari Cantwell-Eliorda</i> |
| <i>Lily Hill-Corpus</i> | <i>Penelope May</i> |
| <i>Kamilla Motlop-Gama</i> | <i>Levi Motlop</i> |
| <i>Lily Smith</i> | <i>Daisy Watkins</i> |
| <i>Nikolai Duenas</i> | <i>Joann Gexon</i> |
| <i>Owen Schultz</i> | <i>Lily Cruse</i> |
| <i>Vaiga Eby</i> | <i>Ethan Odari</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.

Reminder Lunches are stored in the cool room



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

IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Pack a Healthier Lunch Box

Children need fuel to help them learn. Packing a healthy lunchbox is like sending a bundle of energy and brainpower with your child to school. Here are some tips for you;

5 food groups: Include foods from the 5 food groups in your child's lunch, like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, dairy and proteins. Foods from these food groups provide essential nutrients for growth and keeps them full of energy.

Limit Processed Foods: Minimise packaged snacks and sugary drinks. Whole, unprocessed foods can help avoid energy crashes.

Hydration: Don't forget a water bottle! Staying hydrated is crucial for concentration and overall health.

A healthy lunch box not only fuels your child's body but also supports their focus and learning. By packing a nutritious meal, you're helping them succeed in and out of the classroom.



Spotlight On Staff



Position
5/6 Classroom Teacher

How long they have been at Holy Family?

This is my first year.

What is something people may not know about you?

I enjoy playing basketball.

Michelle Espinoza



Position
ISA

How long they have been at Holy Family?

This is my first year.

What is something people may not know about you?

I was born in New Zealand! I moved to Australia when I was 10, living in Brisbane until I (recently) moved here to Darwin.

Sophie Pilkington

Spotlight On Learning



Room 8 Year 1/2

In Room 8 this term Year 1/2 have been learning about daily life in the time of Jesus. We learnt about the types of houses the people of Nazareth lived in, the clothing they wore, the animals they kept, the occupations of the men and the role of the women in the household. We looked at images depicting markets, food and household tools and implements. We also learnt about the games Jesus may have played as a child, and the customs and rituals of the Jewish people in these times. Armed with this information, our culminating assessment task asked students to create a model of a scene from daily life in the time of Jesus. Students chose to build either a plasticine or Lego model and the results were amazing!

Term One Calendar – 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
WEEK 8 MARCH 18TH	18	19	20 Reconciliation Holy Family Church 6:45pm	21	22 Assembly 8:25am	ROOM 5&6 – TR
WEEK 9 MARCH 25TH	25 School Advisory Board AGM, 6pm	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 Last Day of Term 1 Assembly 8:25am	

Term Two Calendar – 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
WEEK 1 APRIL 15TH	15 Students Return to school	16	17	18	19 Assembly 8:25am	

Mindful March 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words	 5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them	 6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down	 7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day	1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness	2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world	3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive
11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee	12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying	13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today	14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do	8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food	9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others	10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face
18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels	19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today	20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today dayofhappiness.net	21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else	15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly	16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity	17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant
25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted	26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today	27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are	28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible	22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult	23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them	24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do
				29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice	30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling	31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life



Funky Fridays



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ENROL FOR TERM 2

AFTER SCHOOL LANGUAGE CLASSES

TERM FEES \$180

YEAR 1 TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Classes run Mon to Wed 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Sat 10.00am - 12.30pm (Mandarin Only)

Darwin Languages Centre

We offer classes in the following languages:
Auslan - French - German - Greek - Italian - Indonesian
Japanese - Korean - Mandarin - Portuguese - Spanish

School pick up service available from many local Darwin primary schools
Fees apply - ask for details

Hi!
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Hola!

www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au

FREE LEARN TO SKATE

BUILD UP

EVERY WEDNESDAY 4-6PM
4/111 COONAWARRA RD WINNELLIE

all equipment supplied & all welcome!

FIND US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM FOR MORE
[@buildupskateboarding](https://www.instagram.com/buildupskateboarding)

BUILD UP

STUDENT AFTER SCHOOL BUS COLLECTION SERVICE



Why not leave it up to us to collect your children from school?

\$7.50
PER PICK UP

If your child is enrolled and learning a language at Darwin Languages Centre, we offer a school bus collection from many different local schools for just \$7.50 per pick up.

Let your child hop on board with our friendly Bus Supervisors. We will collect your child straight from school and bring them to DLC. Students can choose to take part in watching a movie, playing games and playing outside in our wonderful tropical playground, as well as grabbing something to eat and drink from our daily BBQ or fresh fruit platter. Students are under full supervision until classes start at 4:00pm. All you need to worry about is collecting them at 6:00pm when language classes finish.

What are you waiting for? Get in touch on 8997 7000 or email dlc.nt@education.nt.gov.au



- MONDAY**
- Anula Primary
 - Jingili Primary
 - Larrakeyah Primary
 - Leanger Primary
 - Nakara Primary
 - Parap Primary
 - Stuart Park Primary

- TUESDAY**
- Alawa Primary
 - Nightcliff Primary
 - Nightcliff Middle
 - Parap Primary
 - Stuart Park Primary

- WEDNESDAY**
- Alawa Primary
 - Anula Primary
 - Jingili Primary
 - Nightcliff Primary
 - Parap Primary
 - Stuart Park Primary
 - The Essington School

Other local school collections will be considered if we can get enough students onboard

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.

PASTORAL CARE



CUSTOM FACILITIES



Tues
30 April
2024

SPECIALISED LEARNING



PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS



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!

Friday 5 April 2024

YOU'RE INVITED!

Tourism Top End's premier destination trade show returns to Mindil Beach Casino Resort Friday 5th of April 2024, Tourism Top End and our members would love to meet you there.

Welcome to the Dry is the only opportunity for local NT businesses, meeting planners, school principals, government departments, corporate sponsors etc to network with over 70 members; learn more about their products & services and how they can best assist with your future business event and travel requirements.

- New and unique meeting venue's
- Out of the box team building activities
- Experiences to bring that WOW factor to your corporate clients
- Connections to work collaboratively with our members
- Inspiring new ideas for school excursions

Join us from 1pm Friday April 5th 2024.
Prizes being drawn throughout the afternoon!

[Click here to RSVP](#)