



**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...

### Congratulations - Andrew Walter

We are thrilled to announce that Andrew Walter has been appointed Acting Deputy Principal of Holy Family for 2024 (for Lauren's maternity leave). We know he will continue the great work in the Deputy space having had two terms in this position already. See the Catholic Education Northern Territory circular attached.

### AFL Primary School Challenge Grand Final

Our team of Year 4-6 students have played hard and are to be congratulated for their positive attitude, team spirit and great footy skills. They have made it to the grand final and will be competing this Thursday. Thank you to Peter for training and coaching the team. Come and cheer them on this Thursday, they are ready to get some goals on the board.

TIO Stadium (Oval 1), Game time: 3:30pm

### Water Fun Day

Everyone is looking forward to Friday! We have water fun, relays, water pistols and a slip 'n' slide. Don't forget to pack bathers, towel, hat and sunscreen. We warmly welcome parents put on your bathers and participate in the fun; we'd love to see you at school joining in with a splash.

Timetable can be viewed below.

### Friday 22nd September

Students will participate in four water fun activities.

Parents are welcome to attend.

See starting times for groups below:

8.45 - ELC & Preschool	11.30 - Room 12
9.00 - Room 5 & 6	11.45 - Room 19
9.15 - Room 7 & 8	12.00 - Room 17
9.30 - Room 9	1.45 - Room 18
11.00 - Room 10	2.00 - Winning House Colour Reward
11.15 - Room 11	3.00 - After School Care

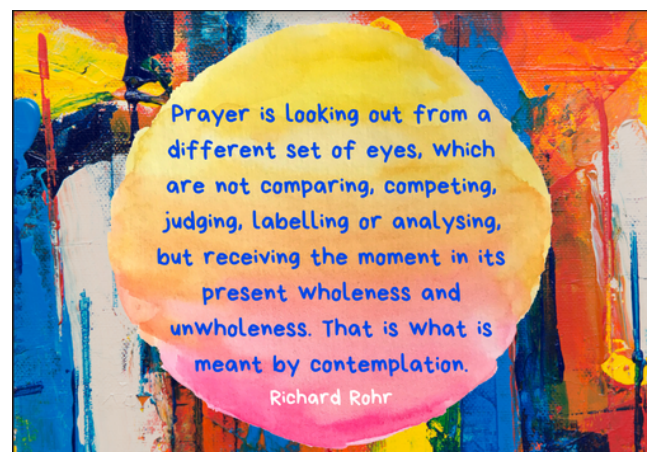
### Transition Enrolments 2024

#### Parent Info Session Wed 18th Oct 5:30pm

Community is one of the main deciding factors that many families (past, present and prospective) choose our school. We are currently taking enrolments for Transition 2024 and look forward to welcoming new families to our wonderful school community. If you know of anyone who is looking at enrolling their child for Transition next year, please let them know Holy Family enrolments are currently open and we welcome them to come and have a tour of the school.

### School Fees

Please see the attached document with the updated school fees for 2024. We have been advised by Catholic Education Northern Territory that tuition fees next year will reflect an increase of 6%. This decision was made following the Catholic Education Council meeting and this recommendation has been approved and authorised by the Bishop.



## Year 6 Public Speaking

Every student in Year 6 worked hard to research and write a persuasive text on the topic "Should there be a controlled cull of crocodiles in the NT?" Thank you to Mrs Routledge and Kurt Atkinson for preparing their classes so well. Ethan Harker represented Holy Family and through the use of well executed persuasive devices he convinced the audience on why we should not cull crocodiles in the NT. He spoke confidently and displayed outstanding public speaking skills.

## Lost Property

Don't forget to look in the lost property box before the end of term. It has lunch boxes, water bottles and a few other items.

## Car Park Reminder

A gentle reminder to our families that the kiss 'n' go at the front of the school is for a drop off and pick up. We have had some cars parking before school and this is blocking the entry for cars coming in. If you are dropping you are walking your child into school, please park your vehicle in the allocated parking space. Keeping the children safe is our first priority.

## Happy School Break

It has been a busy and productive term and we hope the children enjoy some downtime over the holiday break. If you are travelling, please stay safe and enjoy your adventures. The first day back for the students in Transition to Year 6 is Tuesday 10th October.

# Catholic Identity Liturgies & Masses

We look forward to our Term Four masses and liturgies, including Remembrance Day on Friday November 10th, 11am at Holy Family assembly area (this year's Remembrance Day takes place on Saturday). If any defense force families are available for our liturgy, as guests, please contact Mr Walter, [andrew.walter@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:andrew.walter@nt.catholic.edu.au) or Dojo for details.

See below details for Term Four Liturgies and Masses, hope to see you at one or more of them;

Term 4 Week	Date	Time	Event/location	class and teacher
1	13 <sup>th</sup> October Friday	10:00am	Month of the Rosary (October) Prayer Liturgy @ Assembly Area	Rm 6 (Support from HIVE 17 TBC)
3	27 <sup>th</sup> October Friday	9:30am	Mission Day (Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October) Mass @ HF Church	Room 10 Yr 3/4 Mrs Schultz
4	1st November Wednesday	8:25am	All Saints Day Liturgy @ assembly area	Rm 5 Miss Chow
5	10 <sup>th</sup> November Friday	11:00am	Remembrance Day Prayer Liturgy @ assembly Area (invite ADF personnel early via Dojo, n/letter)	Rm 11 Miss Gill
9	8th December Friday	10:00am	The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary prayer liturgy @ assembly area	HIVE 19 (TBC) Miss Deb
10	11 <sup>th</sup> December Monday	5:30pm	Year 6 Graduation Mass @ HF Church	HIVE 18 Yr 6 Mr Atkinson
10	14 <sup>th</sup> December Thursday	11:00am	End of Year/Thanksgiving Whole School Mass @ HF Church (handing over of St Vinnies baskets) TBC	Room 7 Yr 1 Miss Skinner (Mercy Leaders to assist)

Thanks to Mr Mackinnon and Room 9 for an amazing Mercy Day Feast Mass, celebrated by Father Bords at Holy Family Church last Friday. The children did a wonderful job in preparing and leading the mass.



## MITI06

Each year in Religious Education we cover Human Sexuality Strand - Made in the Image of God. By now you should have received an Operoo note, outlining the program and when it will take place in your class. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Walter, [andrew.walter@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:andrew.walter@nt.catholic.edu.au)

## AIEW Highlights

This week we had the opportunity to take performing arts lessons alongside Miss Pollock. We were able incorporate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders perspectives throughout each year level. The classes learnt about Aboriginal dances and we even visited the Torres Strait Islands on a dingy (small boat) through videos to see turtles and dugongs. We then finished it off with a performance of 'Taba Nana' to Miss Rudyard.



## eSafety Parent Webinars

eSafety's free webinars provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe, positive online experiences.

Subscribe to eSafetyNews for dates and registration details or visit [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](http://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars).



# Year 6 Public Speaking Competition by Ioannis

On Friday morning, after assembly, we went to the Hive and our names were called so we knew what groups we were in for activities at St.Paul's. After we knew our groups, we went to the front of the school to wait for the bus. We were waiting a very long time because the bus went to Holy Spirit instead of Holy Family and everyone was just talking about random stuff while we waited for the bus to come.

When we got to Saint Paul's we had to walk inside the church quietly as mass had started. During the mass a Year 6 student from each school had to go up and say a prayer. Holy Family picked Azella from Room 18. After mass the principal gave a very warm welcoming speech and told everyone where the basketball court, the playground, the ILC and the toilet/bubblers were.

It was now recess so everyone went to the basketball court to eat their recess. After we ate, the boys went and played basketball. There were a lot of kids that I didn't know and they were good at basketball.

After recess, everyone went to the ILC and sat down on the floor waiting for the people to be called up to speak. After the principal spoke, she introduced the judges. There were seven kids who were going to speak. There were a lot of people there so the kids must have been nervous but their speeches were well delivered and they appeared confident. The speech was titled SHOULD THERE BE A CONTROLLED CULL OF CROCODILES IN THE NT. Our representative was Ethan from Room 17.

After the prepared speeches we had a brain break. We all stood up and were doing cool handshakes that people were doing on TV. It was fun. After that, we listened to the impromptu speeches. The impromptu speeches went in the same order as the prepared speeches. Everyone there had a random topic and they spoke well.

After the impromptu speeches we got put into our groups with other schools. My group had only three other kids from Holy Family. We went outside to do the activities that O'Loughlin and the NET team planned for us. My group was number 3, so we went to the area with the 3. When we went there we did an activity. The activity was called Pass the Hula Hoop. Next we played Simon Says. The next activity was a game where you had to stand on this really big rainbow mat. You had to think of a strategy to flip it without touching the grass. I figured it out first where you had to fold it until you can't then everyone goes onto the other side and pulls the mat from underneath. We had the fastest time. We then played cat and mouse and bag races.

After our last activity we went back to the ILC so we could hear who had won the public speaking competition. The principal told us who had won. The person who had won was from Holy Spirit. Her name was Helena.

We then went outside and had lunch. For lunch I had a lunch order, we had a doughnut, a popper and a hot dog. It tasted so nice but I also wanted to play so I quickly ate the whole thing and I started playing basketball. I did a 1v1 with this other kid from another school. He was pretty good. About five minutes the bus was there for us to leave.

We arrived back at school and went into class to begin writing our recount of the day. I enjoyed listening to the speeches and meeting new people.





# Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at Assembly on 11th September 2023.

<b>Rm 19-5</b>	Chloe Cantwell-Eliorda Saria Amidy
<b>Rm 18-6</b>	Zoe King Jacob Ballantyne
<b>Rm 17-6</b>	Olive Preston Aibel Alwin
<b>Rm 12-3/4</b>	Jesse Bailey-Peris Logan Collins
<b>Rm 11-3/4</b>	Beth McFarlane Lois Vallejo
<b>Rm 10- 3/4</b>	Elizabeth Mathew Sebastian Williams
<b>Rm 9 - 2</b>	Jasmine Kilpatrick
<b>Rm 8 - 1</b>	Jace Pratt
<b>Rm 7 -1</b>	Isabelle Preston Mihalis Kazouris
<b>Rm 6 -T</b>	Charlotte Williamson
<b>Rm 5 -T</b>	Jerome Cubillo
<b>Preschool</b>	Ella Champion Charli Motlop
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Raiden Salvador
<b>AIEW</b>	Anthony Rogers
<b>Japanese</b>	Manu Kent
<b>BOBS Award</b>	Brandan Motlop



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Congratulations to the following students who received an award at Assembly on 15th September 2023.

<b>Rm 19-5</b>	Isabella Bonnici-Da Silva Oliveria Isaiah Jennings
<b>Rm 18-6</b>	Ruby Cupo Eann Reyes
<b>Rm 17-6</b>	Lauren Connor Dane Vergara
<b>Rm 12-3/4</b>	Maddison McDonald Koby Hore
<b>Rm 11-3/4</b>	Lyla Kickett Aisha Phillips
<b>Rm 10-3/4</b>	Hunter-Scott Symington Rydah Watts
<b>Rm 9 - 2</b>	Dakota Crowe
<b>Rm 8 - 1</b>	Tisharni Duggan
<b>Rm 7 -1</b>	Kade Nicklin Dominique Rosete
<b>Rm 6 -T</b>	Louis Blake
<b>Rm 5 -T</b>	Michael Estoy
<b>Preschool</b>	Timothy Duggan Felix Mukendi
<b>Performing Arts</b>	Noah Vallejo
<b>AIEW</b>	Noah Vallejo
<b>Japanese</b>	Kevin Mukendi
<b>PE</b>	Valentina May
<b>Respect Award</b>	Ethan Jennings
<b>ASC Award</b>	Rain Middleton

## Spotlight On Staff



*Position*  
ISA

*How long they have been at Holy Family?*

4 years.

*What is something people may not know about you?*

I love fishing, camping and gardening. I also hate snakes.

*Melissa O'Hara*



*Position*  
ISA

*How long they have been at Holy Family?*

5 years.

*What is something people may not know about you?*

I don't like chocolate

*Marcus Totham*

## Spotlight On Learning



*Room 9*

Science week!

No better way to finish off a busy term than celebrating Science Week with a great bunch of inquisitive learners! This week, the Year Two students have launched into a range of science research tasks, experiments and fun activities.

Some of the activities included:

- Space research and planet profiles
- Biological science: Learning about animal offspring and survival behaviours
- Buoyancy: Building our own aluminum foil boats and testing their capacity
- Inquiry skills where students make predictions on possible outcomes followed by a reflection post-experiment.

One of our most enjoyable learning experiences this week was following a procedure to make our own playdough. The Year Two students loved hands-on learning and followed steps to successfully make their own playdough with different colours. Here is what some of the students had to say!

"I loved making playdough and watching it change into a beautiful squishy ball!"

"The best parts were adding the food dye to change the colour and swapping colours with my friends!"

# Happy Birthday!

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

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| <i>Ethan Harker</i>           | <i>Jasmine King</i>       |
| <i>Lois Vallejo</i>           | <i>John Waskiw</i>        |
| <i>Gabriel Schroeder</i>      | <i>Avaleyah Tran</i>      |
| <i>Mitchel McGhee</i>         | <i>Torrae Chisholm</i>    |
| <i>Eugene Johnny</i>          | <i>Piper Spence</i>       |
| <i>Sienna Olsen</i>           | <i>Indi Anstess</i>       |
| <i>Chloe Cantwell-Eliorda</i> | <i>Niko Anyfantakis</i>   |
| <i>Michael Kazouris</i>       | <i>Nektarios Kazouris</i> |
| <i>Remi Motlop</i>            | <i>Leila Racines</i>      |
| <i>Hunter Cannard</i>         | <i>Bayd Mitchell</i>      |



## Term Three Calendar – 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
WEEK 10 SEPTEMBER 18TH	18	19	20	21	22 Last day of Term 3 Water fun day Assembly 8:25am	

## Term Four Calendar – 2023

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WEEK 1 OCTOBER 9TH	9 Pupil Free Day ELC & OSHC Open	10 Students return to school	11	12	13 Month of the Rosary Liturgy 10am	Crocwise Talk
WEEK 2 OCTOBER 16TH	16	17	18 Transition Parent Information Session 5:30pm	19	20 Assembly 8:25am	Room 5
WEEK 3 OCTOBER 16TH	23	24	25 Transition Orientation Session 1	26	27 Assembly 8:25am Mission Day Liturgy 9:30am & Stalls 11am-12:30pm	Room 11
WEEK 4 OCTOBER 30TH	30	31	1 All Saints Day Liturgy 8:25am Transition Orientation Session 2	2	3 Assembly 8:25am	Room 18
WEEK 5 NOVEMBER 6TH	6	7	8 Transition Orientation Session 3	9	10 Assembly 8:25am Remembrance Day Liturgy 11am	Room 12



# 2024 Transition Enrolment Program

## Parent Information Session

Wednesday 18th October, 5.30pm

## Transition Orientation Days

Wednesdays 8.30am - 10.30am

25th October

1st November

8th November

15th November



These 'in-school' orientation days will help build excitement about the upcoming school year and relieve anxieties students might have. The Orientation Days will take place in the Junior Hub. Please bring a small healthy snack for recess.

Please contact the front office to organise an enrolment interview or school tour. Enrolment forms can be collected from the front office. Your child must be enrolled to attend the above programs.

Please RSVP for Orientation Days and Parent Session by Friday 13th October  
P: 89 276188 E: admin.holyfamily@nt.catholic.edu.au



O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

# Enrol now for 2024



Year 7 Interviews  
20th of Sept

'Make us One in Christ'

Enrolment forms available on the website.

**ENROL NOW!**

Ph: 8945 1277



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