



Farewell Miss O'Shea!

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...

Mission Day

Mission Day was so much fun, full of laughter, excitement and fun with friends. The day began with assembly from Room 11. It was written, produced and performed by the talented students and entertained the crowd. The clever script and sharp acting built the excitement of the day as they gave a preview of the day ahead. Mass was led by Room 10. The readers spoke so clearly and confidently and the whole class sang with gusto. The school choir are also to be recognised for their beautiful singing. There was a buzz in the air as everyone set up their stalls. There was so much to do with Tambola game, face painting and crazy hair, mini golf putting, raffles, guess the lollies in the jar, cakes and basketball shots against Australia's largest basketball mannequin.



Thank You

We have loved having our families present in our school at our assemblies, after school netball games, Transition Parent Night, and Mission Day Mass and stalls. We appreciate you taking the time to join in our school activities. We have a wonderful school community and our families are always welcomed to join in the fun.

Kiss and Go

Before and after school pick up is a very busy time, our 'Kiss and Go' pick up/drop off area is generally very smooth and the children get safely into the cars quite quickly. Please remember the following points for the safety of our children;

- Do not park and leave your vehicle in the 'Kiss and Go' area, parking is available in other designated areas.
- Children will be asked to move down to the front of 'Kiss and Go' for pick up. In order to keep cars moving, please keep your car moving forward in the line.

We thank you for your assistance.

Pope Francis: 'My weapons fall silent. The situation in Gaza is desperate'

God of Justice

Hear our prayer this day for peace and justice in our world, that leaders be strong and compassionate in the cause of justice. We pray for the courage to stand in solidarity for the safety and wellbeing of the many innocent lives at risk.

Amen



School Hats

A gentle reminder to our families that all children need to have a wide brimmed school hat each day at school. Staff will be reminding students before play and will contact parents if your child does not have a hat. Hats are available from the office for \$15 should you need to purchase one.

Transition Orientation Program

Our preschool children have been jumping up and down for big school. They have had a great time meeting the teachers, making new friends and welcoming them into the Holy Family community ready for 2024. This program continues for the next two weeks for our 2024 Transitions. If you are yet to submit your application for Transition, 2024, please ensure you do this soon. There is so much FUN to be had in the upcoming orientation sessions.

If you know of families that are looking for Transition in 2024, please let them know there is still time as our enrolments are currently open and we welcome them to come and have a tour of the school.



High Impact Teaching Strategy: Differentiation

This term in our Professional Learning Communities (PLC) our staff will focus on differentiated teaching practices and strategies. Together we will embed and enhance our understanding of how to provide the support and challenge for every student so they can master their individual learning goals, continually grow and develop their efficacy and ownership of learning.

Farewell Fr Petrus Taneo CMF

Best wishes to Fr Petrus on his next assignment. We thank him for being a wonderful Parish Priest for 9 Years at Holy Family Parish.



Catholic Identity Mission Day *Hearts on Fire FEET ON THE MOVE*

Thank you to all families, students and staff for making our Catholic Mission Australia, Mission Day such a success! Room 10 led the school in a joyful mass in the morning for the entire school. Thanks to Father Bords, Sister In and the school liturgical choir and everyone else for helping with the joyful celebration.

The mission day stalls were full of excitement and lots of goodies for sale. Overall, we raised \$2875.50 to go towards the missionary work being undertaken in Timor Leste. It was lovely to see so many smiles on the day and many instances of our students being merciful through kind words and deeds.

All Saints Day Liturgy

A special thanks to Room 5 and Miss Chow on their prayerful liturgy on Tuesday morning to celebrate All Saints Day. Originally called the Feast of All Holy Martyrs, it used to be celebrated on May 13. In 837AD, Pope Gregory IV changed the name to Feast of All Saints and its date to November 1st.

"True fullness of life is achieved by following Him, by putting His Word into practice,"
Pope Francis, All saints Day, 2021



Remembrance Day 2023

Our Remembrance Day Prayer Liturgy will be held on Friday November 10th, 11am at Holy Family assembly area and will be led by Room 11 and Miss Gill (this year's Remembrance Day takes place on Saturday). If any defence force families are available for our liturgy, as guests, please contact Mr Walter, andrew.walter@nt.catholic.edu.au or Dojo for details.

Liturgies & Masses

Further details here, hope to see you at one or more of them;

Term 4 Week	Date	Time	Event/location	Class and teacher
5	10 th November Friday	11:00am	Remembrance Day Prayer Liturgy @ assembly Area (invite ADF personnel early via Dojo, n/l etter)	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 th December Monday	5:30pm	Year 6 Graduation Mass @ HF Church	Mercy Leaders Mr Walter Mr Peter
10	14 th 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 (HIVE 19 to assist)

Outstanding School Fees

Thank you to the many families who have already finalised their school accounts for 2023. To those families who still have fees outstanding please be aware that payment is now due and fees need to be paid as soon as possible.

If you believe that you will not be able to pay your school fees account by the end of the school year (14th Dec, 2023) or are having difficulties making payments, please contact Janet Kirby to arrange a payment plan. Payments can be made at the School office between 8:00am and 4:00pm Monday to Friday, by cash, or EFT. Credit Card payments can be made over the phone or electronic payments can be made directly to the school.

Our account details are as follows:

Account Name: Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Number: 085 933 Account Number: 39 895 1665
Reference: Account Number (shown on statement)

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.



eSafety
Commissioner



Happy Birthday!

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

Stella Robertson

Elizabeth Mathew

Jayne Riley

Leon James

Angelina Lay Chhetri

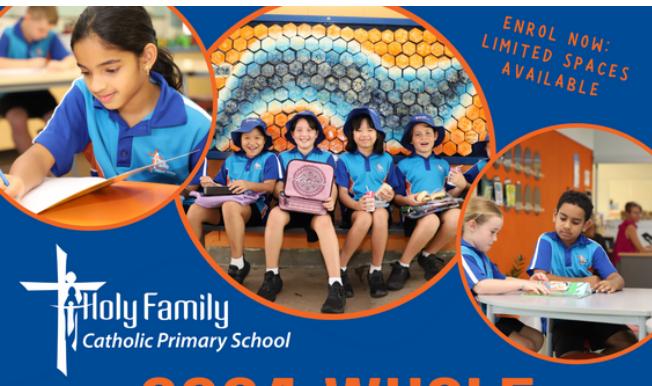
Steffi Baksh

Charlotte Williamson

Shantai Tomlins

Sebastian Williams

Aarush Rupesh



2024 WHOLE SCHOOL PROMOTION DAY

Tuesday 12th December

School: 8.30am - 2.00pm

Preschool: 8.00am - 12.00pm

This 'in-school' promotion day will help build excitement about the upcoming school year and relieve any anxiety students might have.

Preschool and school age students will visit their 2024 class.

Please contact the front office to organise an enrolment interview and school tour.

Your child must be enrolled to attend the above programs.

A packed morning tea and lunch will be required for the Whole School Promotion day.



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



Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at Assembly on 23rd October 2023.

Rm 19-5	Catherine Anstess Cooper McKeon
Rm 18-6	Palerimniotis Klidaras Grace Hill
Rm 17-6	Beliza Lam Ioannis Ginis
Rm 12-3/4	Delilah Small Dimitris Spyropoulos
Rm 11-3/4	Torrae Chisholm Eugene Johny
Rm 10-3/4	Chace Bailey-Peris Jamila Zaubair
Rm 9 - 2	Tyra Walsh
Rm 8 - 1	Prince Nimmo
Rm 7 - 1	Martin Bersabal Panormitis Tsatsaron
Rm 6 - T	Isaiah Briston
Rm 5 - T	Liam Roncesvalles
Preschool	Finn Baksh Kayle Gordon
Performing Arts	Che-Karl Hampton
Japanese	Demi Reardon
PE	Kyrie Calomot
Respect Award	Aarush Rupesh



Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at Assembly on 27th October 2023.

Rm 19-5	Armani Dionysiou Marcus Wear
Rm 18-6	Leila Racines James Kilpatrick
Rm 17-6	Noah Briston Olive Preston
Rm 12-3/4	Zoe Sugg Indi Anstess
Rm 11-3/4	AJ Campbell Rylee Pugh
Rm 10-3/4	Madison McArthur Ethan Jennings
Rm 9 - 2	Eli Whipp
Rm 8 - 1	Thomas Kirkham
Rm 7 - 1	Darcie Hodges Nektarios Kazouris
Rm 6 - T	Zahra Piedade
Rm 5 - T	Nya Hucks
Preschool	Levi Motlop Florence Mukendi
PE	Jasmine Kilpatrick
Performing Arts	Dana Wilson
Japanese Award	Elizabeth Mathew
Courage Award	Tisharni Duggan

Spotlight On Staff



Position
ISA

How long they have been at Holy Family?

Second year at Holy Family

What is something people may not know about you?

When I was younger my dream job was to be a cheese maker so I could make blue cheese.

Grainne McCormick



Position
Performing Arts Teacher and Inclusion Support Practitioner

How long they have been at Holy Family?

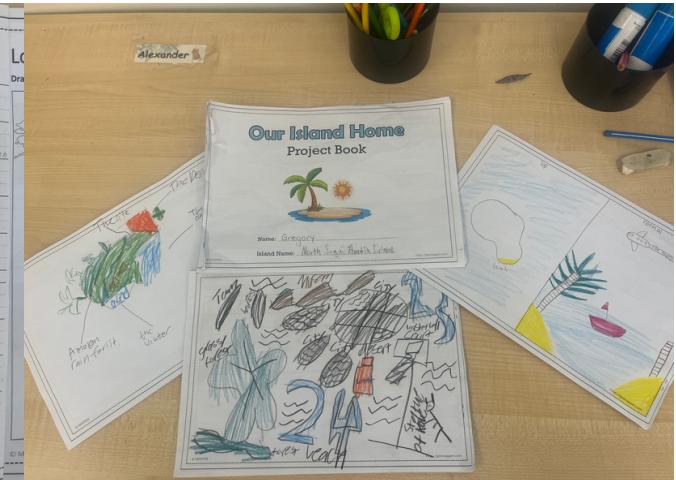
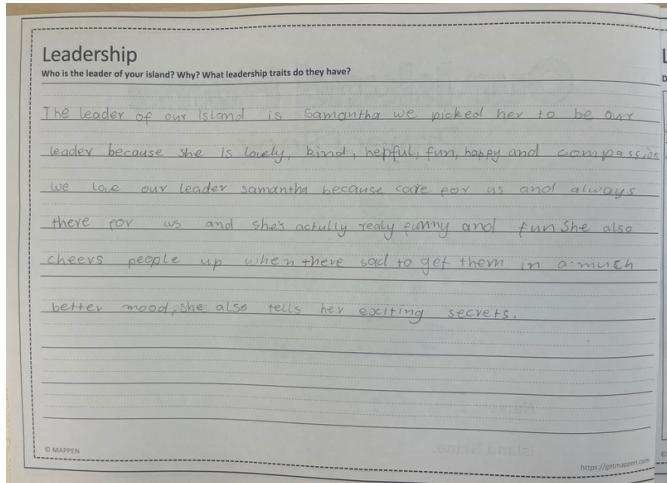
Almost two years.

What is something people may not know about you?

I love fishing. My biggest Barra caught was 1m 10 cm. I also love animals.

Stephanie Pollock

Spotlight On Learning



Room 11

For HASS this term, Year 3/4 have been learning the topic 'My Island Home'. This topic covers climate zones, natural vegetation, mapping, and all other things related to our country.

To explore this topic in depth, Room 11 have been developing their very own island homes. This project involves the students picking a name and location for their island and plotting it on a map. They then have to choose a leader for their island and describe why they are the perfect person to lead the island. The students also have to design a flag for the island, and a coat of arms to represent the island and its values. Additionally, values for the island are to be selected and clearly stated. Finally, students describe the climate zone of the island, the rainfall, and the types of vegetation found on their island.

This project has been a lot of fun so far, with students showing their creativity through their islands. There are basketball islands, turtle islands, and flower islands, just to name a few. It has been a great way to allow students' creativity to flourish whilst also demonstrating their understanding of the HASS concepts, and using reading and writing skills along the way too.

Once each student has finished their island design, they will present their island to the class, persuading them as to why they should visit the island.

We can't wait to hear all of their wonderful ideas!

Thank You & Farewell

From Miss O'Shea



After receiving a teaching job advertisement for the Northern Territory in my pigeon hole at my previous school in Wodonga, Victoria, it planted a seed. It was a feeling I couldn't shake and so I started to ask around about teaching opportunities in the NT. Before I knew it Michael Avery, the Director of Catholic Education at the time, was calling me and offered to meet to discuss my options. He assured me of finding work and described the appealing Territory lifestyle to me. That was it, I was convinced. Soon after it became official that I was making the move to Darwin at the start of 2012 for one or two years.

My entire house was packed into a shipping container and travel plans were arranged. My parents accompanied me on the drive up the middle of Australia until I reached destination: Darwin!

Marg Guit, the Principal at Holy Family at the time met my parents and once I arrived. This was very comforting for not only me, but for my parents who would soon be roughly 5000km away.

The 2012 school year began and I quickly settled into the routines of my new school. The strong sense of family and community was felt immediately and still to this day Darwin and Holy Family in particular, continue to welcome and support me in my school and personal endeavours. An example of this has been students and families attending some of my sporting events and cheering on from the side lines.

A few early memories include arriving at Holy Family and noticing all the beautiful palm trees around the office entrance. Our uniform at the time I found rather interesting: green shirts and brown shorts. I recall at the time that all the staff in the school fit around the two tables in the staff room. Many of whom laughed when I told them I was moving to Darwin for one or two years (they knew it would be longer and they were right). I remember talking about the four seasons in class and students looking at me strangely as up here there is only a 'wet' and 'dry' season. Children getting wet in the rain or on a slip'n'slide (see photo) in uniform was eye opening for me; I didn't realise just how quickly things dry up here. My first classroom was Room 5 and 6 combined. I wondered how I scored the biggest teaching space in the school.

In my time at Holy Family I was very lucky to have the opportunity to work across a range of roles and positions.

- 2012 - 2014: Religious Education Coordinator and Year 5/6 Classroom Teacher
- 2015: Religious Education Coordinator and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Project leader
- 2016: Assistant Principal of Religious Education and Year 5/6 Teacher (a stint as Acting Deputy Principal)
- 2017 & 2018: Deputy Principal and Year 3/4 Classroom Teacher
- 2019 - 2023: Deputy Principal with a two terms as Acting Principal

I completed my Masters in Educational Leadership through the Australian Catholic University whilst in Darwin also thanks to the support of Shane Donohue and the Catholic Education Office.

Holy Family Catholic Primary School will always hold a very special place in my heart. Over the past 12 years, this amazing school and the leadership teams have provided, encouraged and supported me with ongoing opportunities to learn, improve, strengthen and grow professionally and personally. I am so grateful that I followed my heart and moved to Darwin and am blessed to have crossed paths with so many wonderful people: staff, students and families.

Thank you to all who contributed to making my time in Darwin and Holy Family so enjoyable and memorable.

Term Four Calendar – 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
WEEK 4 OCTOBER 30TH	30	31	1 Transition Orientation Session 2 8:30am-10:30am	2	3 Assembly 8:25am	ROOM 18 – 6
WEEK 5 NOVEMBER 6TH	6 School Board Meeting 6pm	7	8 Transition Orientation Session 3 8:30am-10:30am	9	10 Assembly 8:25am Remembrance Day Prayer Liturgy 11am	
WEEK 6 NOVEMBER 13TH	13	14	15 Transition Orientation Session 4 8:30am-10:30am	16	17 Assembly 8:25am	ROOM 8 – 1
WEEK 7 NOVEMBER 20TH	20 Early Advent- Week 1	21	22	23 2024 School Captain speeches 8.25am	24 Assembly 8:25am	ROOM 12 – 3/4
WEEK 8 NOVEMBER 27TH	27 Early Advent- Week 2 School Board Dinner 6pm	28	29	30	1 Assembly 8:25am	ROOM 7 – 1
WEEK 9 DECEMBER 4TH	4 Early Advent- Week 3	5 P&F BBQ from 5.30pm Christmas Concert 6:45pm	6	7	8 Assembly 8:25am Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary Liturgy 10am	HIVE 19– 5
WEEK 10 DECEMBER 11TH	11 Early Advent- Week 4 Year 6 Grad Mass at Church 5:30pm	12 Whole School Promotion Day OCC Year 6 Orientation Day	13 Preschool Graduation assembly 8:30am	14 Students Last Day Awards Ceremony 8:30am End of Year Mass 11:00am	15 Staff last day	

New Ways November 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8	1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	
6 Try out a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire	8 Plan a new idea or activity you want to try out this week	9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	12 Find out something new about someone you care about
13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about	15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective; read a different paper, magazine or site
20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them	22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show
27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it	28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card	29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times			If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely! Roald Dahl

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Mission Day 2023





Community News

 **BARÇA**
Academy

ROAD TO FC BARCELONA

Jacob James is an eight year old boy currently playing soccer for the Hellenic Athletic Club in the midfielder and striker positions. Overcoming so much in his life, he lives and breathes soccer playing in both the wet and dry season comps and practicing every other waking hour of his life. Jacob's favorite players are Lionel Messi and Kylian Mbappe.

Recently the BARCA Academy was in Darwin and did two training camps where Jacob was scouted and invited to travel to Barcelona in early December 2023.

We are asking for financial support to help lower the financial burden on our family and appreciate any support.

BARÇA ACADEMY CLÍNIC - DECEMBER 2023

The Barça Academy 10-day experience is a training program for closed groups that allow you to feel like a Barça player. The trainings are directed by Barcelona Barça Academy coaches, following the Braca methodology offering all Barça Academy players the chance to learn and practice the FC Barcelona methodology, to improve both technical and tactical aspects. The 10-day experience is held at the exclusive FC Barcelona Headquarters and includes:

- Attending 5 Barca Academy training sessions
- Friendly games against Spanish clubs or Academies
- Meet and greet with former and current FC Barcelona players
- Attend a professional LaLiga game and much more.

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ROAD TO FC BARCELONA

Hello, my name is Kainoa. I'm 12 years old and living in the tropics of Darwin, Northern Territory Australia. My pride and joy is football (soccer), and since the age of 5, I have played for my local team; The Mindil Aces. In the past few weeks, Barcelona Football Club have toured Australia, teaching kids like me the way they play football. This year was the first time they came to Darwin, I was so excited to participate. At the end of the 3-day clinic, they announced that a select few would be invited to attend a 10-day intensive clinic, in Barcelona Spain. I was one of the lucky ones to be chosen.

I am reaching out for any financial support that you can offer. Even the smallest amount will go a long way.

The clinic starts on December the 3rd 2023 to 12th December.

Thank you for your generosity in advance!

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JUNIORS WANTED!

Tracy Village Football Club are looking for more juniors to join the club!

Girls - U/12
Boys - U/10, U/12 & U/14

Training: 5-6PM Tuesday and/or Thursday

Games: Monday or Sundays

\$100 SPORT VOUCHER
ACCEPTED HERE

Registered Activity Provider for the Sport Voucher Scheme

Tracy Village SOCIAL FOOTBALL CLUB DARWIN NT

Razorbacks

Contact: Shep on 0408 520 242



When does Kids Space work?
 Four weekly sessions, 3:30-4:45pm for children aged 5-12 years

Term 4
 MONDAY
 13th NOVEMBER – 4th OF DECEMBER

How to access Kids Space?
 Referrals can be made directly to CatholicCare NT on 8944 2000. A practitioner will contact both parents to arrange a time to meet individually to discuss their child's needs and current coping styles. The practitioner, with permission from both parents, will then meet with the child/ren to discuss the group. Further details regarding the group will be provided on referral.

Where is Kids Space being held?
 CatholicCare NT – 17 Hidden Valley Road Berrimah NT 0828

