A Weekly Prayer

North American Indian Prayer

O Great Spirit
Whose voice I hear in the winds,
Whose breath gives life to all the world,

Hear me! I am small and weak
I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty,
and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp, to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may understand
the things you have taught my people.

Let me learn the lessons that you have hidden
in every leaf and rock.

I seek strength not to be greater than my brother
But to fight my greatest enemy, myself.

Make me always ready to come to you
With clean hands and straight eyes

So that when life fades as the fading sunset,
My spirit may come to you without shame.

Author unknown

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Mass Times
Saturday 6pm and Sunday 8.30am, 6pm
Dear Parents and Carers,

At assembly on Monday morning we had a visit from our school based Police Constable, Constable Kim. She explained to the students how important it is to be wearing a helmet when riding a bike or scooter, and gave a demonstration using her eggs, aptly named Jack and Jill! This session from Constable Kim was a timely reminder for students to not only be wearing a helmet, but to make sure it fits correctly.

As the halfway point of the term passes, this is an ideal time to revisit goals that were set at the start of the year. Now is a good time to reflect with children about how they are going at school, what they are doing well in and what areas they may need support in. This makes ideal preparation for discussions at Parent Teacher Interviews in Week 9.

We have had a very wet start to this week, but are still fortunate that we have not been inundated with flooding like many parts of Australia. As a Diocese, we are fundraising to raise money for the Diocese of Rockhampton, an area that has suffered a great deal of damage, and where many families are in need of support. To celebrate St Patrick’s Day (17th March), on Friday 15th March students can wear green clothes (sun smart and sensible clothing) and donate a gold coin. This money will then be sent to the Rockhampton Diocese.

Many of our Year 6 students attended a Leadership Day yesterday. This day provided them with opportunities to develop their leadership skills and work together. Thank you to Miss Morrissey for taking the students and providing leadership for these students.

Have a wonderful week.

Gez, Lyn, Cate and Lindsay

On Tuesday the 5th of March the SRC and Sports Captains went to the GRIP Leadership Conference. As part of the conference we learnt how to be effective leaders. These are some skills and strategies we discussed.

Work together.

Think differently.

What to do in difficult situations.

What we would like to do for our school.

We had a great day and it was a lot of fun. Thank you Miss Morrissey for taking us.
Students of the Week—Week 5

- **Transition Room 3**
  - Blayde Lees
  - Shakaila Gardiner-Dunn

- **Year 3/4 Room 11**
  - Alex Barry
  - Harley Crotty

- **Trans / Yr 1 Room 1**
  - Xavier Cartwright
  - Lachlan Fowler

- **Year 1/2 Room 6**
  - Aiden Murphy
  - Niamh Salter

- **Year 1/2 Room 7**
  - Liam Wells

- **Year 4/5 Room 9**
  - Erin Murphy

- **Year 4/5 Room 10**
  - Talia Davies
  - Gracie Gosper-Kearney

- **Year 5/6 Room 14**
  - Clare Forsyth

- **Year 5/6 Room 15**
  - James Healy

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PARCS Rugby, Netball & AFL

The PARCS Come and Try days have been rescheduled.

**Rugby—Thursday 7th March**

**Netball and AFL—Thursday 14th March.**

All other details with regards to venues and times remains the same. Please remember to bring:

- recess
- lunch
- sunscreen
- a hat and
- a drink bottle.

We are in desperate need of Volunteers for the netball. Please contact the office if you are able to assist in any way.

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Class of the Week

- **Year 5/6 Room 14**

This term in Room 14 we have been reflecting on the wonderful gifts of God’s creation. These are some sample photographs that students took around our school, highlighting the gift of creation.

We have been amazed when learning about some events in Australian history, such as the Eureka Stockade and some of the reasons why convicts came to Australia.

In Science with Miss Webster we made “goop”, which was great fun. This showed us how different properties react with one another.

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Appreciations this week to...

- Zoe Walkington for helping out with the PARCS Basketball.
- Greg Wills from the Catholic Education Office for coming to run the ‘Alert’ Program.
OSHC are looking for a qualified worker for 20 hours/week (Cert 3 in Children Services or experienced). Applicants also need a Senior First Aid Certificate and Ochre Card. For further details and duty statement call Desleigh on 8932 8036 or 8932 2888. Alternatively please email sacredheartoshc@gmail.com or admin.shps@nt.catholic.edu.au. Closing date for applications to be advised.

Please submit application, CV and the names and contact details of three referees to:
The Principal/Director, Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
PO Box 271, PALMERSTON NT 0831
OR via email to above email address OR via fax to 8932 2388

ELC Enrolments
Places are currently available at our Early Learning Centre for children aged 3 to 5 years. Please contact the office for an enrolment form or contact the ELC on 8932 8036.

Vacation Care—Placements Open for April School Holiday Break
Placements for Holiday Care are open for the April break (8 to 12 April). Please get in early as limited places are available.

For an enrolment form or more information please see Desleigh or a staff member at Outside School Hours Care or ring 8932 9586.

Term statements were sent home yesterday, Tuesday, 5th March 2013. Please check your child’s school bag for the statement if you have not received yours or contact the office on 8932 2888 or via email at admin.shps@nt.catholic.edu.au.

Please pay the balance before or on the due date unless you have payment plan in place. Thank you for those families who already made payment and started their payment plan.

Payments can be made at the office or over the phone. If you need to discuss a payment plan please contact the office. Options include weekly, fortnightly, monthly, term, semester or annual payments.

Widya Lieminda, Finance Officer
widya.lieminda@nt.catholic.edu.au

Position Vacation—After School Care
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You are invited to wear your lucky green and join us for a St. Patty’s Dance Party At MacKillop Catholic College Saturday 16th March 6.30pm till midnight $35 family $10 singles (Includes entry, traditional Irish Stew & dessert) Lucky door prizes Best dressed Entertainment

For catering reasons we ask you to please purchase your tickets before Thursday 14th March. There will be a small number of tickets available at the door on the night. Tickets are available for sale at MacKillop Catholic College reception or canteen. For more information contact Nareena Tate 0400 753366 or 89305757

Annual school fees will be billed in two equal instalments at the commencement of each Semester (ie Term 1 and Term 3). Accounts will be payable within 21 days from the date of issue unless a payment plan is in place. A 5% ‘early bird’ discount off tuition fees will apply if all fees and levies are paid before the end of Term 1.

Payment Methods Available: BPAY (preferred)
Cash or Cheque
EFTPOS—Savings or Credit
Direct Deposit 9 from your bank to ours
Centrepay—direct from your Centrelink payments

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ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses.

If you would like your child to participate please complete the Permission Slip below and return it to the school with payment enclosed.

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I give permission for my child _______________________________ Year ____ Room _____

To participate in the following 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

☐ Computer Skills—21 May 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ Science—5 June 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ Writing—17 June 2013 to 21 June 2013 ($18.70 GST inclusive)
☐ Spelling—18 June 2013 ($12.10 GST inclusive)
☐ English—31 July 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ Mathematics—13 August 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ All of the above ($66.00 GST inclusive)

Please find enclosed $_____________ entry fee.

Name of Parent/Guardian ________________________________   Date ____________
Signature of Parent/Guardian ______________________________
Fast Five with ...........

Michael Carter
Year 1 Room 7

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Play with my cousins, go on my trampoline, watch TV, do BMX.

What is your favourite food?
Watermelon, apples and bananas.

What do you do most with your family?
Watch TV.

What is your favourite TV show?
Ben 10 and Monster House.

Why is Sacred Heart the best school ever?
Because I get to run around and I have lots of friends.

Sacred Heart NETBALL
A couple of parents to volunteer are needed to help coach a 9 & Under team and also an 11 & Under team.
One afternoon to coach the team at Sacred Heart School and one evening to play at Palmerston Netball Courts.

Last year this age group was on Thursday evening.

Palmerston Netball Season starts 15 April 2013.

Those parents interested in Coaching and children who are interested in playing Netball please contact me.

Sharon Forsyth Mobile 0419 868095 or home 8932 7015
after 5pm or email skinsandsharon@hotmail.com

COME AND TRY ORIENTEERING - the ideal way to exercise your mind and your body. Great for families of all ages. Your FIRST EVENT is FREE, with experienced club members and coaches on hand to get you started. Events are held on Sunday mornings.

Next event:
On: Sunday 10th March
At: East Point
Start: Picnic area on left just past Pee Wee’s restaurant
Coaching: between 8 and 9am
Time: any time between 7am and 9am; finish before 11am.

Enquiries and more details: phone Susi Bertei on 8981 5841.