The stations of the cross is a great way of reflecting the love of Jesus towards us; the extremes to where Jesus would go in his sufferings even though he did not have to. We will do this, as a school community tomorrow Thursday March 29th, beginning in the undercover area at midday. We will conclude our prayers in the Church, after each class has viewed each of the stations.

Dear Jesus,

What have we done to deserve so much of your love.

You gave yourself totally to us and died on a cross because you love us.

Through our sufferings within our family life, help us to come closer to you.

We offer you this prayer by reflecting on the stations of the cross and specially praying for our family and all families around the world.

Mother Mary, please hold our hand and take us with you, in the manner you followed Jesus.

Amen
Dear Parents and Carers,

It’s a funny time in the term. There are two Easter holidays in the next week and the end is in sight. However there are still six school days of term remaining and the business of teaching and learning continues right up until 3.00pm on Friday 5th of April. Given that the end of term is the time when we complete formal assessment tasks, any family who is considering going on holidays early should make an appointment to speak with Mr Luck.

The end of the term is also the time that we provide formal feedback to families regarding the progress of their child/ren. At Sacred Heart we do this through Parent-Teacher Interviews which began on Monday. John Hattie’s work Visible Learning demonstrates a clear link between the provision of quality, task orientated feedback and student achievement. In all classes this term we have focused on the quality of feedback that students receive – feedback from their teachers, feedback from their peers as well as their self-feedback. It has been pleasing to see children taking an increased interest in their learning as they speak about “the next step” in reviewing their classroom activities.

It is not only our children who benefit from quality feedback. As adults and a school we need regular feedback to guide us towards our goals. As a Leadership team we value your feedback about anything to do with Sacred Heart. We would welcome a conversation or a quick email or note with your feedback regarding Term One. There have been a number of significant changes to the way we do things this term especially THRASS, literacy blocks, online booking of Parent-Teacher Interviews and how we go about portfolios. How have these things worked out for you and your family? Let us know.

It would be hard to miss the fact that we celebrate Easter this week – it’s everywhere! The shops, the TV and importantly the Church and our school. Often at Christmas we are challenged to remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. This is even truer at Easter. Our celebration isn’t really about the chocolate and the two days off. We celebrate the hope that the resurrection offers all people. It is an ideal time to begin a “new life” for each of us. It is an ideal time to make a connection with the Parish or to reconnect with Church. The details of the Parish celebrations are listed in this newsletter as well as details for our own celebration of Stations of the Cross tomorrow at 12.00pm. Our whole community would be warmly welcomed in celebrating with us.

May the peace, love and hope of the risen Christ touch our lives this week.

Gez, Lyn, Cate and Lindsay

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Students of the Week—Week 8

Transition Room 3
Tarah Sanchez
Nicholas Troumouliaris

Year 3 / 4 Room 11
Miggy Cubillo
Zak Thompson

Year 3 / 4 Room 1
Georgia Devery
Joshua McGavin

Year 1 / 2 Room 6
Brian Redpath
Dylan McMahon

Year 1 / 2 Room 7
Junior Attenborough
Azura Moore

Year 4 / 5 Room 10
Emma Perry
Chelsea Norris

Year 4 / 5 Room 14
Akira Ferry
Aidan Laughton

Year 2 / 3 Room 12
Alex Hintz-Zaunton
Amelia Jones

Year 5 / 6 Room 15
Rosie Lee
Dechlan Richards

New Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to Donna Ceba and her family. Donna is now the very proud big sister of baby Isabella, born Thursday, 21st March.

REMINDER - BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS
NEED TO BE USED BY END OF TERM (FRIDAY, 5 APRIL)

If you have not used your voucher/s, or if you are unsure of your balance, please either drop into the office or contact us on 8932 2888 or via email admin.shps@nt.catholic.edu.au.

School Fees—Now Overdue

Thank you to those families who have paid their fees on time or have arranged and commenced a payment plan. If you have not paid your fees they are now overdue and prompt payment would be appreciated. If you need to discuss this matter please contact our Finance Officer, Widya Lieminda.

From the DSTA …

What a wonderful first term it has been. Getting to know all the new students of Defence families has been very rewarding. It has been great to see lots of new friendships made.

Easter is fast approaching and I would like to wish all the families who are heading away and those who are staying in Darwin for the break, to take it easy and stay safe.

A reminder to parents to please communicate with their child’s teacher if they have any concerns. Particularly if one of the parents has been deployed or is absent from home on a regular basis.

If we are all on the same page with regards to your child’s needs and circumstances, then most situations can be dealt with and assistance given if required.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or myself if you need to.

A reminder about the : Defence Family Helpline (24hrs/7days) (1800 624 608) DefenceFamilyHelpline@defence.gov.au

This service if for all enquiries, whether they be urgent or not.

HAPPY EASTER.
Margaret Howe DSTA – Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School. margaret.howe@nt.catholic.edu.au
Support for Students and Families

Catholic Care offer a confidential counselling service for students and their families that are experiencing difficulties in their personal or school lives.

Jo Wicks, our counselor, visits us each Tuesday and she also conducts sessions off site as required. If you believe that you a member of your family may benefit from speaking to a professional counsellor, please contact one of our Leadership Team to arrange a referral. This is a confidential service and the School is not advised of anything that is said during the sessions.

Vacation Care—Placements Open for April School Holiday Break

School Holidays are fast approaching. Placements for Holiday Care are now 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 call 8932 9586.

Easter Services—Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Woodroffe

HOLY THURSDAY 28th March………7pm Mass of the Lords Supper

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March………………9am Stations of the Cross
3pm The Lords Passion

EASTER VIGIL, SAT 30th March………7pm Easter Saturday Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, 31st March………..8.30am and 6pm Easter Sunday Mass

Appreciations …

• Mrs Forsyth and her team who have put together netball teams so that Sacred Heart and MacKillop College students can participate in the local Palmerston competition.

• Jo Wicks from Catholic Care who provides wonderful professional support to our children, families and staff.

• Our whole community who have begun to donate to our “Out Beat” program. Our small efforts have already made a big impact on some families in our community.

Contact Details

There are many occasions where we may need to make phone contact with you. Please ensure that we hold your most current contact details to enable us to contact you as efficiently as possible if the need arises.

It is also important that our staff are kept up to date with the goings on of your family when it has the potential to impact children whilst they are at school. A quick phone call or note will provide us with the best chance of providing appropriate and sensitive care for your child.
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

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The P & F would like to sincerely thank all families who generously donated to our Easter raffle. Particular thanks to Sam O’Donnell from Cuttler and Associates Accounting who donated many Coles/Myer Vouchers. We had a total of 10 prizes thanks to the support of our school community.

Class of the Week

This term our class has been madly working on scientific investigations to try and discover what makes things change. Some of the changes to materials have been physical changes and some have been chemical changes.

This week we tried to launch a plastic rocket into the air with just bicarbonate soda and vinegar. After a countdown the rocket failed to launch and we discovered a crack. Like real scientists we did not give up! We replaced the rocket with a pop top and it launched higher than the school. Jayden had to give it a bit of a nudge to get it going.

Joe brought in some of his toys that use wind pressure to force them forward. The car was really fast across the undercover area.

Easter Raffle Winners

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Did you know you can now follow us on Twitter @Sacredheart_CPS or “Like” us on Facebook
Fast Five with …..

**JOLIE**
Year 3
Room 11

What is your favourite colour?
*Pink*

What is your favourite subject?
*Reading*

What is your favourite animal?
*Chicken*

What is your favourite instrument?
*Guitar*

Why is Sacred Heart the best school ever?
*Because I have lots of friends.*

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**Community News**

**“Light it up BLUE” Disco**
Supporting International Autism awareness month
Where: Malak Shopping Centre, 16 Malak Crescent, Malak
When: **FRIDAY 5th APRIL** 6:00pm-9:30pm
Cost: $20 per child for unlimited games Laser Tag + Small Chips & Drink
      $10 per child for Playground for those NOT participating in Laser Tag
      Adult entry is free
      Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an Adult
      **SOCKS REQUIRED FOR PLAYGROUND & SHOES REQUIRED FOR LASER TAG**
      Café will be open
      **Glow sticks for sale**
      **Prizes best dressed and much more!**

More information - Phone: 8927 1133  Email: events@kjsentertainment.com.au

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**Love one another as I have loved you. John 15:17**