God of compassion and mercy, we turn to you, we seek your help in our distress.

May we always seek to be a light for others bringing hope in place of despair.

Pour out, we pray, your consoling love upon our brothers and sisters in the Philippines. Bring comfort to those who mourn, shelter and sustenance to all those in need.

Heavenly Father, you are always with us, may we never forget your enduring love which lights our path even in the darkest times.

Amen
Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our families who generously donated money to our appeal for the people in the Philippines whose communities were destroyed by Typhoon Haiyan. Through your generosity, we raised just under $800. This was an amazing effort and this money will go a long way in helping in the recovery stage. Thank you.

Yesterday, many of our Year 6 students attended an Orientation Day at MacKillop Catholic College. This was an excellent opportunity for them to experience a day in the life of a middle school. It is also a reminder for them that they only have a few weeks left at Sacred Heart. These students have been wonderful role models this year, and we appreciate the extra tasks they have undertaken, especially their leadership of the Peer Support program.

We have had some wet weather this week, and this has been a welcome relief from the extremely hot days we have been having. It is essential that students remain hydrated at school, and continue to drink water at home after the school day ends.

You may have noticed the garden area outside Room 1 is undergoing some changes. Mr Worrigal and his student helpers are building a garden and a pergola as part of the Investing in Focus Schools Project. This project will be ongoing over the next few weeks.

Next week is the Annual Book Fair at Sacred Heart. The Library will be open from 8am to 4pm from Tuesday the 26th November – Fri 29th November for books to be viewed and purchased. Any money that the school raises through this Book Fair is put back into purchases for our Library. We thank Miss Helen, Ms Heidi and Ms Natalie for all of the work they do in co-ordinating this event, and thanks also to the student Library Monitors who assist in setting up the Library.

Enjoy your week and the welcome and refreshing rain.

Gez, Lyn, Cate and Lindsay

From the Leadership Team

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29 November

CLASS MASS YEAR 1 / 2 ROOM 5 FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 9am in the Chapel

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 6pm MONDAY 9th DECEMBER

YEAR 6 GRADUATION and MASS 6pm TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER

END OF YEAR WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9am THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER

LAST DAY TERM 4 THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER

TERM 1 2014 COMMENCES THURSDAY 30th JANUARY

School Fees—2014

School fees will be charged once a year at the beginning of the year. Payment plan options will be sent home with your first statement so that families can choose to either pay annually, per term, per month, per fortnight or weekly. There will be 5% discount on fees if families pay total fees before end of term 1. Reminder statement will be sent home every term. If you have any queries please contact the office on 8932 2888.

Widya Lieminda
Finance Officer (widya.lieminda@nt.catholic.edu.au)
Assembly

Spotlight

FRIDAY 12.15pm

Year 4 / 5 Room 9

Welcome

Appreciations this week to...

- Sacred Heart Year 6 students who attended the MacKillop Catholic College Year 7 orientation day. Our students were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

- Mr Ken Murrell who came into school on Saturday to sort our recycled cans and juice containers and take them to the recycling station. Thank you so much.

Students of the Week—Week 6

Transition Room 1
Ella Wilkinson
Molly Suradi

Transition Room 3
Blayde Lees
Shakaila Gardiner-Dunn

Year 1 / 2 Room 6
Jacob Lamberton
Madelaine Miller

Year 1 / 2 Room 7
Aaliyah Nichols
Mace Redman

Year 2 / 3 Room 12
Imogen Simonson

Year 3 / 4 Room 11
Miggy Cubillo
Thomas Deane

Year 4 / 5 Room 10
Emma Perry

Year 5 / 6 Room 14
Samuel Deigan

Year 5 / 6 Room 15
Ben Sobieralski

Funds Raised for Devastation in the Philippines

Our Coin Trail last Friday raised $794.20 for the people in the Philippines devastated by Typhoon Haiyan.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
Pope Francis asks Northern Territory Catholics for their views on the family

Pope Francis has asked us to extend an invitation to Catholics from our diocese to participate in a worldwide Catholic questionnaire on the many challenges facing the family today.

We are collating responses at a diocesan level and to assist in this regard we have laid out some information and instructions on our website.

This includes a link to an online survey where Catholics can respond to the questionnaire directly.

- [www.darwin.catholic.org.au/synod.htm](http://www.darwin.catholic.org.au/synod.htm) - page with information and instructions for responding to the questionnaire
- [www.surveymonkey.com/s/ntsynod](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ntsynod) - online survey

Responses need to be submitted by Friday 6 December to ensure that our diocese we can collate them to meet the ACBC deadline.

Across our school we have been participating in an Integrated Indonesian Cultural Unit. Here are some photos of Transition students from Room 3 who made Indonesian Animal Masks.
What a cool place our Library is …

Many students welcome the refuge the library is from the heat during lunch time. If students choose a toy they are encouraged to read it a story … pictured right is Sophie Atkinson having a special time with one of the library toys. How precious.

Miss Helen has a new helper in the Library until the end of Term, Natalie Marotzek. If you see Natalie around our school, be sure to say ‘Hi’ and make her feel welcome.

In the Library they are getting ready to do a check of all the items before the end of the year. **Miss Helen would like all borrowed books returned as soon as possible.**

P & F Christmas Raffle

**There are several hampers to be won. Tickets are 50 cents each or 5 for $2. Drawn Friday 6th December.**

The P & F would greatly appreciate donations of Christmas crafts, gifts, decorations etc to be included in the Christmas raffle hampers.

**All donations can be left at school office.**

Thank you for supporting your P & F!

Scholastic Book Club and Book Fair

**Issue 7 book club orders have been given out to those families who placed an order.** If you haven’t received yours please let Miss Helen know by calling the office on 8932 2888 or emailing helen.banning@nt.catholic.edu.au. Issue 8 book club orders are now closed.

**Scholastic Book Fair**

**Tues 26th to Fri 29th November**

**8am to 4pm in the Library**

This is our biggest fundraiser for the year. Parents are welcome to browse any time. Students will bring home their ‘wish list’ early next week.

Come along and support your school.

Welcome to our School Community …

A warm welcome to

Lilly Peters, Yr 4/5 Rm 9 and Lucas Peters, Yr 2/3 Rm 12

We pray you will settle in quickly, make new friends and enjoy your time at Sacred Heart.
**Fast Five with ……..**

**Rickie TININCZKY**

**Year 5**

**Room 10**

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**What is your favourite colour?**

Green,

**Describe your teacher in one word?**

Interesting.

**What is your favourite letter?**

R.

**What do you do in your spare time?**

Play X-box.

**Why is Sacred Heart the best school ever?**

Because my friends are here.

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**Community Notices**

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**St John's Catholic College invites you to**

**Year 7 Simulation Day**

**Friday 29th November 2013**

Come along and experience a day at St John’s as a year 7 student.

Program for the day will include the following:

Period 1: History Ben-Arbor and Clinton Block

Period 2: Science Byron Wilson

RECESS: Eating in dining hall Melissa Nelson

Period 3: Japanese Alana Emecka

Period 4: HDPE/SPORT Lisa Taylor and Cameron Kotten

LUNCH: LOTE CENTRE KITCHEN – Meeting with NURSES, COUNSELLORS, CONSTABLE, ADMIN

Period 5: Food Technology Carolyn Dasseter

Period 6: Maths Caron Doherty

Debrief in Auditorium - students that need to go home to be collected depart. Remaining students are transported to Jubilee hall for Market Day activities.

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**Christmas Markets**

from 3pm to 7pm at Jubilee Hall

in partnership with St Vincent de Paul St John’s Catholic College will be hosting the Annual St John’s Christmas Markets. There will be a number of stalls selling food, crafts and second hand clothing.

You can support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal by placing a new, unwrapped Christmas present under our Christmas Tree. In 2009, and St Vincent de Paul thank you for your contribution.

There will be a number of musical performances for your entertainment, so come along and enjoy some festive fun!

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**Are you good with wood? If so - we need a STAR!**

Mrs Michelle Richards, our Performing Arts Teacher is busy preparing props for our upcoming Christmas concert. She needs a big wooden star (made of light wood) which has ten pointed spikes that can be separated from a middle base. If you are able to help Mrs Richards out please either contact her via the school office on 8932 2888 or email her at michelle.richards@nt.catholic.edu.au

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