Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to our 2nd edition Newsletter for Term 2. It is difficult to comprehend how quickly the weeks have moved. We have lots to celebrate so far and have achieved success on so many fronts in the past 6 weeks.

This success is mirrored in the enthusiasm some parents have expressed in forming a new Parents and Friends committee. The aim of the committee is to assist the College in identifying our needs and then fundraising to meet these needs. The all-important meeting is occurring next Wednesday March 15 in the Mary Mackillop Centre at 5.30pm. With our 30th Anniversary celebrations occurring in July closely followed by us hosting the Australian Opera much supported from you is required. Students are keen to upgrade playground facilities and there are preliminary discussions about how parents can support the development of a music program within the College. Your contribution, big or small, is always most welcome. Please come along next Wednesday to see how you can help.

Bishop Eugene and Year of the Family

Bishop Eugene spoke to our principals at our once a term gathering last Friday in Darwin and is keen to make the Year of Family very meaningful within our parishes and school communities. He draws his inspiration about role of family as the Australian bishop delegate to the Vatican’s synod on the Family held in 2016. This comprehensive dialogue was based on extensive surveys of families from around the world. The outcome of the Synod was very profound in many ways and has generated a new way of looking at Church doctrine under the leadership of Pope Francis. The small book, Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) was published after the synod and it is recommended that we pick it up and read the easy to comprehend short snippets contained in it.

Here are two extracts from the book which were published in this week’s Parish newsletter, They are from the list of 100 that the Bishop selected to be reflected on this year. Bishop Eugene asks us to think and pray about each quote:

The lack of dignified or affordable housing often leads to the postponement of formal relationships. It should be kept in mind that ‘the family has the right to decent housing, fitting for family life and commensurate to the number of members. Families and homes go together.

(Families suffer from problems related to work, where young people have few possibilities and job offers are very selective and insecure.)

Please enjoy reading our Week 6 Edition.

Denis Graham

Dates to Remember

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'So it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead'

_Luke 24:46_

**Ash Wednesday**

**The Beginning of the Season of Prayer & Fasting**

The College’s Ash Wednesday was conducted last week with the support of Fr Mark, Christian the Anglican Minster and the two Tindal Chaplains. It was a truly ecumenical service.

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.
**Project Compassion**

The College kicked off Project Compassion this week. Its theme this year is ‘Love your Neighbour’. This is certainly an appropriate theme because the concept of welcoming the stranger has taken a hit this year across many countries with the refugee and asylum seeker crisis.

Students from Year 12 will be conducting the promotion and collection as part of their course work in the Certificate III Christian Ministry and Theology. This will be their major project this semester. Thanks to the following students who have taken on this responsibility:

Aurora Line, Chloe Roberts, Aimee Saltmer, Hannah Wilton.

**Making Jesus Real**

Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 will be starting to use the program this week in the Primary Religious Education classes. It will provide students with the opportunity to identify the many good things that happen in our community and that God has played a role in these things. Over time the college will develop the language that will celebrate ‘Christ amongst us’.

**Vinnies News**

The two Vinnies groups met this week with the ‘Mini Vinnies’ making Easter cards to share with the local community. The secondary group are looking to be engaged with community service outside the school. Details to follow with the next.

**DTSA News**

Well we have been super busy having fun!!!

D-Club has been enjoying our new made friendships. Over the last weeks we have been doing My Little ponies, Lego, Craft and Art, Dancing to Kidz Pop and lots more.

**Don’t forget to come and visit us:**

Monday – Transition to Year 1
Tuesday – Year 2 to Year 3
Wednesday – Year 4 to Year 5
Thursday – Year 6
Friday – Secondary

If you wish to talk and chat please do . I am available on email: jade.derksen@nt.catholic.edu.au

See you all next time =)
2017 Student Residential Address Collection

We have received a notice from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training, to advise you that the department has requested your child’s school provide a statement of addresses, in accordance with section 21 of the Australian Education Regulation 2013 (the Regulation).

A statement of addresses contains the following three pieces of information about students at the school:

- Students’ residential address (no student names or other identifying information)
- Students’ level of education (i.e. whether the student is receiving primary or secondary education)
- Students’ boarding school status (boarders or day students)

Accordingly, all information in the statement of addresses provided by your child’s school to the department is de-identified.

If you have any concerns in providing this data to the Department of Education, please contact the College Office.

The Katherine Region Swimming Carnival was held at the Katherine Aquatic Centre on Friday the February 24th. Competition was fierce between the 68 students in attendance, with Katherine South Primary School taking out the primary section and Katherine High School winning the secondary section.

A quick reminder that Katherine Region trails are starting soon:

- Australian Football Under 12 at Clyde Fenton School (16th of March @ 3:30pm)
- Rugby League Under 12 at Katherine South PS (20th of March @ 3:30pm)
- Softball Under 13 at Katherine South (20th of March @ 3:30pm)
- Soccer – Girls & Boys Under 13 at Clyde Fenton School (22nd of March @ 3:30pm)
School Aged Immunisations

To protect your children and the community from vaccine preventable diseases, all school-age children, from pre-schoolers to high school students, are recommended to have their age-appropriate immunisations. These immunisations are available at their local Health Centre, general practitioner or Aboriginal Health Service. The vaccines are provided free, but there may be fees associated with a consultation.

St Joseph’s supports the School Based Immunisation Program and parents of middle school students will be receiving vaccine consent forms in the coming week. Please note the consent forms must be signed by the parent and be returned promptly to the office prior to the immunisation day.

More information about the childhood and school immunisations can be found at [www.immunise.health.gov.au](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au), or contact:

Lynda Leigh - Health Promoting School Nurse

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### Immunisation Schedule:

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**Library**

Hello Families and welcome to busy Week 6

Book Club orders arrived and have been given to all students.

Issue 2 Book Club goes out this week so look out for it.

All Book Club is due back on March 17th.

**Missing Library Books**

Please be aware that we still have a number of students with outstanding books from last year. If these books have been lost they will need to be paid for. Letters will again be going home with students next week.
2017 St Joseph’s Catholic College Canteen Menu

DRINKS all $2.00
Juices – Poppers, (Orange, Tropical, Apple/Blackcurrant, Apple, Apple/Mango)
Milk - Brekkas (Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla)
Water
Slushies

SNACKS
Fruit 50c
Popcorn, Rice sticks, Chocolate Muffins $1.00
Vanilla Dixie Ice Cream $2.00

The following items are available every day for lunch or recess
Fresh Fruit Salad - Large $5.00, Small $4.00

SANDWICHES OR WRAPS (on Wholemeal)
Toasted or Plain $4.50 (Ham/Cheese, Ham/Tomato, Chicken/Cheese, Egg & Lettuce, Baked Beans)
Salad $5.00 Ham, Chicken or Tuna w/- Lettuce, Tomato, Grated Carrot, Beetroot, Cheese, Cucumber
Chicken Strip Wrap $5.00 w/- Lettuce, Grated Carrot, Cheese and Mayo

SALADS ($5.00)
Ham, Chicken or Tuna with Lettuce, Tomato, Beetroot, Egg, Grated Carrot, Cheese, Cucumber and Dressing.

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS
Sandwiches and Salads can be made to suit vegetarian orders.
Vegetarian Curry with rice $5.00
Vegetarian Pasta dish $5.00
Salmon Patties with salad $5.00

Items available for recess each day
Mini meat pie $2.00
Chicken strips $2.00
Drumstick $2.00
½ English Muffin – various toppings $2.00
Tandoori and Mint Yoghurt pocket $3.00
Spinach and Ricotta Torpedos $3.00
Pizza – Ham, Cheese and Pineapple, Chicken/Cheese or Pepperoni/Cheese $4.00
Chicken Burger $5.00

LUNCH SPECIALS – Small serve $4.00  Large serve $5.00
MONDAY – Lasagne with Garlic Bread  or  Sausage roll
TUESDAY – Chicken stir-fry  or  Baked Potato with Ham, Cheese, Pineapple, Baked Beans/Cheese, Mince/Cheese Toppings.
WEDNESDAY – Spaghetti Bolognaise  or  Chicken Schnitzel with Salad
THURSDAY – Beef Burger with Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese and Tomato Sauce  or  Creamy Ham and Broccoli Fettucine Pasta
FRIDAY – Fish and Wedges with Lemon and Tartare Sauce  or  Chilli Con Carne with Greek Yoghurt and Pita Bread