Reflection
Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results. Willie Nelson

Welcome
I would like to welcome all staff and students back for another year and hope everyone had a relaxing break. A special welcome is extended to all the new families at Holy Rosary and to the children who are beginning their school journey this year for the first time. A warm welcome is also extended to staff who have returned from leave and to Ms Caroline Morling (music teacher one day a week) and Ms Natalie Conway (School Psychologist, two days every fortnight)

Class Refurbishments Update
Our Years Kindy, Pre-Primary and 1 are now almost completed and the refurbishments looks fantastic. A huge thank you to the staff and volunteers who gave up their weekend to ensure that the rooms were up and running for the commencement of school.

The library will be completed soon and the next stage will be the rooms in the block that Year 3 is in.

Explicit Direct Instruction
Last year I informed you that we were undertaking the EDI program throughout the school. Staff spent last week in Perth undertaking training in this program. We joined schools from the Catholic, State and Independent sectors in the Kimberley and Pilbara. The three year initiative is being funded by the federal government at a cost of approximately $22 million dollars.

We have decided to conduct our English block from 8 to 10:15, so that the students can receive the appropriate time for instruction.

Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time so they can participate fully in the lesson.

Below is an extract form the Good to Great Schools (Parent Fact Sheet) and over the weeks we will provide you with more information about the program.

What is Explicit Direct Instruction?
Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) gives teachers a step-by-step guide to creating effective lessons that maximise student learning across all areas of the Australian Curriculum in primary schools. The model was developed by John Hollingsworth and Dr Silvia Ybarra from DataWORKS and is based on educational theory, brain research, data analysis and direct instruction. EDI is a strategic collection of instructional practices combined together to design and deliver well crafted, explicit lessons. EDI always includes specific lesson design components, specific lesson delivery strategies and continuous checking for understanding until students obtain mastery of the concept being taught. The strong professional support and training provided to EDI teaching staff and schools means students are highly engaged in the learning process and supported while they master skills. (Adapted from the Good to Great Schools – Parent Fact Sheet)

Commissioning Mass and Whole School Mass
Please join us in celebrating the following important masses. Sunday, February 8th ‘Staff Commissioning Mass’ at 9am, followed by morning tea (please bring a plate) and Wednesday, February 11th ‘Whole School Mass’ at 8.15am.

Curriculum Changes
This year we are pleased to announce that we have implemented the following changes to the curriculum, Music which will be taught by Ms Caroline Morling and Aboriginal Studies, taught by Ms Sharna Palmer. The classes will spend approximately five weeks each term, undertaking these areas.
Sad News
Patrick Ndubaku died in Nigeria on Sunday 18th January 2015. Patrick was a volunteer in the Diocese for several years with a view to commencing studies for the Diocese and worked in the Derby Parish for a short time. Please pray for the repose of his soul and remember Patrick, his family and community in your prayers and masses.

Thank You
To Ms Anne O'Loughlin, who has been helping with our computer and internet issues during the week. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Contact Details
Please contact the office as soon as possible if you have updated any of your contact details.

Written Notification
All absences must be explained with a written note. We appreciate parents/carers ringing up to notify us of an absence, but this must also be accompanied by a note, explaining the absence, when the child returns to school.

School Board and P&F AGM 2015
School Board AGM. This will take place on Wednesday 18th February, 2015 at 4:30pm in the staffroom. The P&F AGM will take place on Wednesday 25th February, 2015 at 2:30pm in the library.

CENSUS DAY Friday, 13th February
The government funding we receive is determined by the number of students at school and unexplained absences can lead to the school receiving less funds. Please ensure your child is at school on Friday 13th February, and if they are not, then please notify the school in writing with a valid reason.

Term Calendar
Term 1 calendar is included in this newsletter. Please refer to it often to keep informed of what is happening in the school. Also note that some dates that appear may change due to circumstances beyond our control.

2015 Parent’s/Carer’s Planning Dates (In Case You Want to Travel)

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| 4    | **Monday October 12:** Pupil Free Day |

Children’s Letters To God
Dear God: This is my prayer. Could you please give my brother some brains. So far he doesn't have any.

Enjoy the coming weekend.

Rob Palladino
Principal

Canteen
A canteen menu is attached to this Newsletter. Due to health and safety reasons, no food from home will be heated up in the canteen.

Dates to Remember
Sun. 8 February   Staff Commissioning Mass 9am.
Wed. 11 February  Beginning of school whole school mass 8.15am
HOMEWORK CLUB AT THE TOWN LIBRARY TERM 1, 2015
Monday to Friday from 3 to 4 pm. Free internet access and printing. For primary and high school students who are library members and doing homework. Staff assistance with research. Bring all your own materials. Parental supervision compulsory for under tens.

Merit Awards
The following children will receive Merit Awards at Friday’s assembly at 1.45 pm. Parents are welcome to attend our assemblies.

Year 1  Rhodes Inglis, Lily Davidson
Year 2  Cody Malay, Mya Heemi, Lucy Morling
Year 3  Nathaniel Bunworth, Luke Martin
Year 4  Frederick Shovellor, Jennifer Drummond, Aidan Burns
Year 5  Nathan Krassovsky, Safiya James
Year 6  Damien Gray, Antazrah Marshall

Notes from the Nurse
It was lovely to see all of our HRS Students coming to school with clean hands and clean smiley faces. These simple things are very important to protect our children’s health, by preventing germs getting into their bodies.

In 2015 our HRS health focus is going to be on healthy skin and healthy ears. I will be talking a lot to the students about “Clean Hands + Clean Face = Healthy Skin and Healthy Ears”. I will also put articles in the school newsletter throughout the year, giving Parents and Carers tips on keeping their kids’ skin and ears healthy.

EAR HEALTH CHECKS: Permission forms for me to do Ear Health checks on children from PP to Year 4 are attached to this newsletter. I would appreciate Parents filling out the form and returning to their child’s class Teacher as soon as possible so we can start screening early in term one. There are spare copies at school in the Front Office.

I am looking forward to another fun year at HRS; working with Students, their Families and our Staff to have a healthy happy 2015. If you would like to talk to me about your child’s health concerns, my mobile number is 0409 229 677.

Helen Moore – School Health Nurse
Derby Community Health

“MALEFICENT” Free Movie Night – Friday 13th February
At the undercover courts on Ashley Street commencing at 6.30 pm. BYO chair or rug, families welcome, children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Derby Girls Academy fundraising BBQ and drinks stall available. This event is supported by the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service Closing the Gap and ‘Nuff of the Puff’ Tackling Smoking program.

This initiative has been facilitated by the Shire of Derby West Kimberley Community Development Department. Events are strictly smoke, alcohol and drug free. Staff have the right to refuse entry to any persons intoxicated or acting inappropriately. Please note events may be cancelled at short notice due to weather or staffing. For more information please call 9191 0999.

Newsletter Incentive
Please ask your child to return the Newsletter Incentive acknowledgement slip as it gives them an opportunity to win a prize.

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I have received and read my child ___________________________________________ newsletter.

Parent / Caregiver signature: ____________________________________________