Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School

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ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School is located at Wurrumiyanga on Bathurst Island. The school is for students from Pre-school to year 6.
VISION STATEMENT
As Tiwi and Non-Tiwi teachers in the school we work together with parents and the community to provide the best environment that enables our Tiwi children to be educated in a Catholic way. We strive to achieve this by working together to develop self-esteem through two ways learning that will lead to a strong self-identity. We also work together to develop in the student the value of respect that will lead to personal responsibility and a strong Catholic faith in our Tiwi people.

OUR VALUES
Strong in Faith,
Strong in Culture,
Strong in Learning

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
The 2011 school year began with four new staff non-indigenous teachers. The new staff settle into the community and the school, we began the year staff inservice and staff development week.

One of the school priorities for 2011 is Reading to learn taught in every classrooms. Indigenous Language and Culture program taught throughout the school. The Tiwi teacher was able to work with the Teacher Assistant in planning culture through Northern Territory Curriculum Framework. Basically the school invites the eldest to come to the school do cultural activities with the students. Staff Day involved curriculum planning, general school information and preparations.

Finally, I want to thank teachers and students, for their contributions to our school. We pride ourselves in being not just a community, but a community where we belong together as families. This would not be possible if we don’t have a family everyone play their own part.

God bless you all
Ms Leah Kerinaiu
Principal

SCHOOL PROFILE
Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School is a Catholic primary school from preschool (aged 4 years) to Year 6. It is managed by a Tiwi Principal and a Tiwi leadership team.
Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School is situated at Wurrumiyanga, which is the main town ship of Bathurst Island, an Island in the Arafura Sea off the Australian mainland.

The language and culture of the Tiwi people is an integral part of the school curriculum at Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic School. For many years the school was known as St Therese’s. Bishop Gsell gave the school this name when he first came to our island. When the time drew near for us (the indigenous people of Bathurst Island) to take on responsibilities, the first successful handover was that of St Therese’s School, now known as Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic School (MCS). The name change took place a few years before the handover of principalship.

In this journey of education that we walk with our students we will meet obstacles and stormy seas. Because of this we all grow stronger and so does our understanding of what the journey of educational outcomes really means.

**ENROLMENT BY YEAR LEVEL AND GENDER**

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% Indigenous: 99.6%

% Special Needs: 3.4%

Average attendance: 66.2%

Management of non-attendance:
Short periods of non-attendance are followed up by the classroom teacher. Longer periods are followed up by a member of the school leadership team, usually the deputy principal, with assistance from the school liaison officer.

**STAFF PROFILE**

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**TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS**

All teachers have a minimum of four years training and are registered with the NT Teacher Registration Board.

**Summary of teacher qualifications:**

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SMARTER SCHOOLS NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

One of our 2011 priority areas. The school received $150,000 to support through the Smarter Schools National partnerships Program. “Responsibility.” This enable students, teachers, leaders and parents to be taking on their responsibility. The proposed project end date: December 2013.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

~ One of the main highlights of 2011 was the 100 years of Bishop Gsell.
~ Bronze Life Guide
~ Confirmation evening mass
~ MCPS sport Carnival
~ Catholic Identity Day-Rev Elio Capra
~ Swimming Carnival
~ Primary Camp out to Marriliyampi

TEACHER AND LEARNING

At MCPS we have continued to implement the “Count Me In Too Mathematics” Program and SENA Testing for all students in Transition to Year 6. The NTCF Mathematics Outcomes are used for the programming and teaching of Maths from Transition – Year 6.

The ILC Program has continued with all classes attending ILC classes twice a week. These have been programmed and taught by two Qualified Tiwi teachers with the assistance of the classroom Assistant teachers.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

At MCPS we use a variety of assessment tools and strategies to provide as much information as possible regarding student progress.

We formally report to the parents twice a year. Each teacher is required to complete SENA testing, Maths assessment, individual Listening and Speaking assessment and Reading and Writing assessment.
We use school-based assessment procedures and proformas. As a school we also complete Running records to highlight Working Levels for Reading and the PM Benchmark Kit to identify the Independent Levels for all students from Year 1 through to Year 6.

In 2011 our Year 3 and Year 5 students sat the NAPLAN tests and there has been a significant improvement in their results particularly in Numeracy.

### NAPLAN RESULTS

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The student’s contribution to the many masses and celebrations throughout the year is to be commended. A thank you must also go to the many staff members who supported the Religious Education Coordinator throughout this busy year.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

At Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School we strive to give students a Quality Catholic Education. Teachers use past school based units of work along with current units developed by the Catholic Education Office ICCS Writing Days.

We have had many successful events at MCPS this year, some of which are listed below:

~ Opening Mass
~ Ash Wednesday Mass
~ Easter Liturgy
~ Our Lady Of the Sacred Heart Mass
~ 100 Years Bishop Gsell Celebration
~ Confirmation Evening Mass
~ St Therese Day
~ Sacrament of Reconciliation
~ First Holy Communion Mass
~ Catholic Identity Day with Rev Elio Capra
~ Advent/Christmas Mass
Finance

Endorsements

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Ms Leah Kerinaiua
Principal

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