



**Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Your Best**

**PBIS Blitz (Week 10)**

"We all love swimming but being safe is our number one rule. Listen and be careful while you swim around, we want all our students to be safe and sound."

**Newsletter Term 4 Week 10**

God of majesty and power,  
In this Advent Season, keep Your household watchful and aware of the hour in which we live.  
Lord, bring forward the advent of that day when the sounds of war will be stilled,  
the darkness of evil scattered,  
and all Your children gathered into one.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Dear Parents,

**Catholic Capital Grant** – It is with great pleasure and excitement that we can formally announce that Sacred Heart Primary School has been successful in receiving \$1,000,000 in funding that will go towards our \$2.4 million dollar 'Leadership Centre.' We hope to go to tender before Easter next year with the hope of starting the project about May. This will ensure completion prior to the end of the 2017 school year. A big thank you to the School Board and the staff for their input and advice as we developed our application for this grant. Our increased enrolments meant that we must continue to monitor our Master Plan so that we can accommodate all of our students.

It was very satisfying to receive this funding after receiving three grants previously and this final stage will mean our senior students will be gaining a 21<sup>st</sup> century facility to enhance their learning opportunities in to the future.

**End of Year Concert and Mass** - Thankyou to all those families that came along last Thursday. What a wonderful evening it was. While the children had very little time to prepare for the night they performed admirably and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to sing and dance to you all. Special thanks to all the teachers and Mrs Cussen who prepared the children in what is always a very busy and stressful time of the year.

**Fantastic News!**



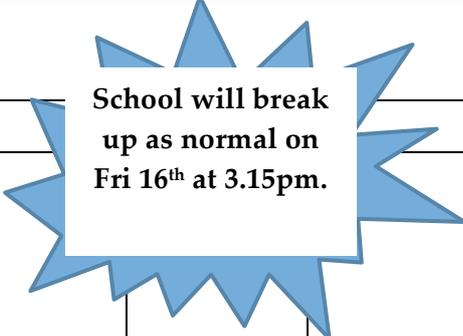
**Swimming Program** – Once again our swimming program has been most successful and I don't think in years past I have taken the opportunity to thank Lynne Lawless for the seamless way in which she organises the program. Sacred Heart is indeed blessed to have Lynne's talents and we are all grateful for the thousands of jobs she completes with little fuss; all because she loves the kids! Thanks Lynne.

**Final day of Classes For 2016** – A reminder to everyone that classes will conclude for 2016 on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm. Staff will be taking part in a Planning Day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and will finish up on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Thanks and best wishes,

Paul

**Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians**

Sacred Heart acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which this school is built. We commit ourselves to working in partnership with Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.

Week	<b>Term 4</b>						
				<b>Thu 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>10</b> (Dec)				* Swimming Program P-3	* Swimming Program Yrs 4-6 * Carols by the Lagoon- Ski Club 7.30pm		
	<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tue 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thu 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sat 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>11</b> (Dec)	* Swimming Program Yrs 4-6 * Choir- Probus- Golf Club- 12noon		* Prep 2017 Transition Session 4- 11.30am- 1.00pm * Reports & Journals go home * Kinder Christmas concert	* Graduation Mass 10am	* Final Day for students. 3.15pm bell. * Yr 6 Aquatics Day		

## Religious Education

Meegan McInness



### Graduation Mass

A reminder the end of year Mass will be held in the MPB on Thursday December 15th at **10am** in the MPB.

### Advent

This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is called the Third Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday. The third candle is lit on this day along with the first two. It is the Shepherds' candle, reminding that God sent the angels to proclaim His arrival to common man and that He still uses ordinary people today to spread the good news of Christ.



### Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Eve Mass this year is 7pm in the MPB. A number of children have indicated they will be attending Mass and joining the choir. We encourage everyone attending to dress up. If there is a parent or two who are attending Christmas Eve Mass and are willing to coordinate the children processing into church with Fr Steve could you please contact me. If you would like your child to be a part of Christmas Eve Mass please contact me via email also.

### Confirmation Eucharist 2017

We have been informed by the Bishops secretary, Mrs Margaret Watson that Confirmation Eucharist for 2017 will be held on Friday night the 26th of May. Please put this date in your diary.

Many great photos were taken of our confirmation/Eucharist Candidates so if you would like to receive an email of the photos of your child, please email me and I'll forward them on.

Have a great week everyone,

Meegan McInness

mmcinness001@shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au



**READING YOUR CHILD'S REPORT** by Michael Grose (Part Three)

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:

**Focus on strengths.** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

**Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

**Broaden your focus** away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don't dismiss these as unimportant.

**Take note of student self-assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

**Discuss the report** with your son or daughter, talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed, celebrate your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.



**CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS**

It is important for children to learn that stories generally have parts or a sequence to follow.

Knowledge of this will improve your child's reading comprehension and narrative writing.

\*\* On long car trips you might like to build a story, where each person adds a new part in turn.

Make sure you include the following important parts:

A setting: 'who' the story is about, 'where' the story is taking place and 'when' the story is taking place;

A problem: which arises in the story or a kick off event;

Feelings: how the character feels about the problem;

A plan, action and solution to the problem; And an ending.

You can make it as humorous or as far-fetched as you like, most importantly it has to be fun!



**Portsea Summer Holiday Camp**  
The Portsea Camp is coming up in the school holidays. If you have a child between the ages of 9 to 12yrs, this may interest you. Attached to the end of the newsletter is some information regarding the Summer Holiday Camp. If you have any queries please contact them direct or Mrs Buerckner in the admin office.



**Lost**  
If you've lost or misplaced this 'Pearl Bracelet' please contact the office. Thanks.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: SCHOOL DRESSES

To avoid disappointment we invite students to try-on and pre-order school dresses for 2017. We do our best to estimate the stock required but unfortunately we do run out of sizes from time to time and delays do occur. No financial outlay is required at the time of ordering. Please don't hesitate to contact the staff at Judds Yarrowonga Mensland on 57 441269 if you require any further details.

### SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

**Book early to take advantage of early-bird rates!**

**Early-bird closes:** Friday 2nd December for December bookings, Monday 19th December for January bookings We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend! Have fun with science experiments, participate in a bunch of craft activities with access to a plethora of art media, and get active with a variety of outdoor sports and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend's Summer Holiday Program.

**To check out what's on visit our website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via the Parent Portal.**

### Extend Before and After School Care at Sacred Heart Primary School

Last week at After School Care we learned 'All about' Australian coins, both coins of the Australian Pound & Australian Dollar. We made 3D earth art using shave foam, Green and Blue paint and transferred onto round paper to look like the earth looking from space. We also had some dress-up fun. And had some fun on the hot days playing in our water play tub.



### DECEMBER & JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMS 2016/2017

19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> December & 9<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> January

Extend would like to inform parents that bookings are now open for both holiday programs.

Parents can have a look at our activities program by going to our website: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)

Bookings can also be made here via the parent portal or by calling Extend [1300 366 437](tel:1300366437)

Our Extend Superstar of the Week is.....[Bella Peacock](#) for always being her best at ASC.

Lisa Gard- Team Leader (**Parent Portal: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)**)

This week's activities:

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Scarecrow Tiggy

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Fruity Ice Slushy

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Gift for your teacher

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Reindeer Cookies

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Candy Cane Colouring Comp

### Free

Thanks to the staff from St Vinnies, we have approx. 10-12 Bike helmets that we would like to give away for free. If you're interested in a bike helmet, please drop in at school anytime and inquire at the Office.

### ATTENTION BOYS!

We are a new Not-for-Profit Holiday Camp based on the NSW/VIC border at Howlong. We are offering a unique farm based camp for boys as either part of a school group or individually, during school holidays.

Please check out our website for further details:

[www.boystothebush.com.au](http://www.boystothebush.com.au)

Like and Share our Facebook page to get instant info, deals and updates! This will also enter you in the draw for a free camp for one lucky boy...Should you have any further queries do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards, Adam, Tim & Richard.

The Boys from "Boys to the Bush". 0414 404 250. [info@boystothebush.com.au](mailto:info@boystothebush.com.au)

## Nationally Recognised Training

at  
Yarrowonga Neighbourhood House  
Registered Training Organisation No 21765



### SITHFAB002 Provide responsible service of alcohol

Conducted using the New South Wales Liquor Licensing guidelines, this unit is essential for anyone involved in the sale, supply and service of alcohol.

Date: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Time: 9:30am – 4:00pm  
Cost: \$ 170 (GST Free)



Visit our website: [www.ynh.org.au](http://www.ynh.org.au)  
1 Hargrave Court, Yarrowonga 3730  
Ph: 03 5744 3911  
Email: [office@ynh.org.au](mailto:office@ynh.org.au)

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### SITHGAM001 Provide responsible gambling services

This unit is an essential requirement of the Gaming Machines Act 2001 for any person with gaming activities as part of their job role in NSW.

Date: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Time: 9:30am – 4:00pm  
Cost: \$ 130 (GST Free)



Visit our website: [www.ynh.org.au](http://www.ynh.org.au)  
1 Hargrave Court, Yarrowonga 3730  
Ph: 03 5744 3911  
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## Christmas Concert- Thank you

A huge thank you to the school community for their support last week at the 'Christmas Concert'. It was a fantastic, relaxing night for our families and the children did a tremendous job in performing a variety of Christmas songs, funky dances and smooth moves! Thank you also to Mrs Cussen for her co-ordination of the night, her sound crew, the staff in preparing the student performances including Leanne Mickelson and Mr Maher for donning the royal robes in his last concert! Thank you to our School Board for all their work and preparation with the BBQ and refreshments on the night. All money raised will continue to support the environmental garden and the school grounds. Thank you also to Dippin' Dots (Rach & Tom Runnalls) and their financial contribution to the school as well. Much appreciated. Thanks everyone for a great night.





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BEFORE & AFTER  
SCHOOL CARE

BOOK NOW  
FOR 2017

Please note your current bookings will **not** roll over for 2017. Please ensure you make your 2017 bookings *before* Term 1 begins at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au).

BOOK VIA THE PARENT PORTAL AT:

extend.com.au



MONDAY 19 DECEMBER - FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER &  
MONDAY 9 JANUARY - WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY

SUMMER 2016 - 2017

HOLIDAYS!

### SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

LOCATION:  
62 Orr Street, Yarrawonga VIC  
HOURS:  
7.00am - 6.00pm  
Full session fee: \$60

PAY BETWEEN \$10.51 - \$30 PER SESSION!



EARLY-BIRD CLOSES:

Friday 2 December for December bookings  
Monday 19 December for January bookings  
**Book now to avoid disappointment.**



BOOK ONLINE VIA THE PARENT PORTAL

# YARRAWONGA SWIM LESSONS

Registration Days -

Thursday 1st and Saturday 3rd Dec

10 Week Program starting -

Thursday 8th December

Choose what day works for you

Thursday Afternoons 4pm or  
Saturday Mornings 10am

Also offering two x 1 week  
intensive programs starting  
Monday 9th January days TBA

Yarrawonga Outdoor Pool - Burly Road  
www.motrapools.ymca.org.au  
emily.andrews@ymca.org.au



# Portsea Camp January 2017.

## Vacancies exist for children

to participate in the Portsea Children's Camp  
January 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### Requirements:-

- \* be prepared to have a great time with others
- be aged 9 – 12 years old
- be prepared to be away from parents for 7 days
- should be ready for excitement, adventure and mateship
- fill in an application form available from Noel Tinney.
- Phone Noel on 03 5744 1995 or 0427 550 923 and leave a message or send an email to [jentinneym@gmail.com](mailto:jentinneym@gmail.com)
- Total cost \$327 per child, which is broken down to
  - \$35 subsidy by the Rotary Club of Yarrawonga-Mulwala
  - \$292 to be paid by the child's parents.

For any inquiries or application forms, contact Noel Tinney  
Phone 03 5744 1995, 0427 550 923 or email  
[jentinneym@gmail.com](mailto:jentinneym@gmail.com)

A project supported by the Rotary Club of Yarrawonga-Mulwala.

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# WAVES OF FUN AT Portsea Camp

SWIMMING | SNORKELLING | CANOEING | HIGH ROPES | GIANT SWING | FISHING  
FLYING FOX | DISCO | BIKE RIDING | FACE PAINTING | ARTS AND CRAFTS

**AND SO MUCH MORE!**







**APPLY TODAY!**

Yarrawonga group camp is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, January, 2017.  
Camp is open to children aged 9 to 12 only.  
Total cost \$327.00 – parents pay \$292.00 and Rotary sponsorship is \$35.00.  
Contact Noel Tinney by phone 03 5744 1995, mobile 0427 550 923 or email  
[jentinneym@gmail.com](mailto:jentinneym@gmail.com)

JAN CAMP1    JAN CAMP2    JAN CAMPS    APRIL CAMP    SEPT CAMP

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