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MINI BLITZ- Weeks 3 & 4 'Safety is the best. Put yourself to the test'

Greetings Everyone

The children and staff are well and truly settled into the rhythm of 2017.

We continue this year to encourage our students to think and work creatively, explore and experiment, plan and reflect, communicate and collaborate.

2017 Term 1 Week 3 Newsletter

We also encourage your involvement in your child's learning at Sacred Heart. Together we can create an effective learning environment and a climate of mutual respect. There are many ways you can help your child at school. Some ways are;

- Attending Parish and School liturgies
- Establishing regular contact with your child's teacher
- Read to your child and listen to your child read
- Encourage your child to take increasing responsibility for his/her learning and organisational skills
- Encourage healthy eating, sufficient sleep and regular exercise
- Celebrate your child's success, and
- Attend school events, meetings and information sessions

Math Pathways /Computer agreements

Thank you to many of our Year 5 Parents who attended Monday night's meeting.

Active supervision

Active Supervision begins at 8.25am in the morning. Please

understand if your children are dropped off early there will be no teacher on duty.

Information Evening

Information Evenings for each year level will be held next Tuesday 21st for the different centres. Please see the calendar below for the times. These meeting's are designed to share information regarding expectations, daily/weekly organization, classroom organization and structures.

Swimming Sports

The Year 3-6 swimming sports will be held tomorrow. This is a very exciting time for not only our newly appointed Sports Captains, but an opportunity for our students to encourage each other, acknowledge each others talents and be perform to the best of our ability. Good luck everyone and may the best "house' win.

Kindest Regards

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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.

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Staff Profile Marly Fountain



Position: Yr Five Teacher

Interests: Travelling, Reading and spending time with the family.

Football Team: Rennie of course! And St Kilda.

Favourite Food/s: Chocolate Cake

Currently Reading: Jodi Picoult 'Nineteen Minutes.'

Favourite Holiday Destination: Las Vegas

3 people you'd invite to dinner: Pete, Manu & Colin Fassnidge (MKR!)

What would you do with your last \$50?Spend it on coffee!

Favourite Movie: Wuthering Heights (2009)

Favourite Quote: 'Challenges are what makes life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.'

Someone you admire: My Mum. Nothing ever gets her down.

What do you love about our school: The sense of community and being welcomed so warmly by everyone.

Catholic Identity

Meegan McInness



As mentioned last week, Term One is a busy term for all of us, so I would like to give you some important dates for your diary.

Thursday Feb 23rd: Opening School Mass 10am in the MPB at Sacred Heart College.

Tuesday Feb 28th: Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 1st March: Ash Wednesday. Yrs 1/2/3 will attend a school liturgy at 10.30 and years 4/5/6 will attend the Parish Mass at midday.
Sunday 5th March: Our first Children's Mass. We encourage all families to attend but the Mass will be lead by Preps and year 5/6s.
Tuesday March 14th: Information Evening for all parents of Confirmation/Eucharist Candidates (Year 4) at 7pm in Mercy Centre.
Monday 27th March Caritas Ks with Sacred Heart College
Monday 27th March First week of Homebase for Confirmation/Eucharist Candidates

Friday 31 March: Lenten Liturgy

All these celebrations are whole school community events so we would love to have you join us. Our Opening School Mass is a wonderful celebration and a great way to welcome our Preps, new students and their families as well as our new staff. All our year 6 leaders will be presented with their badges at this Mass. More detailed information about the other events will follow in the coming weeks. I work Tuesday and Wednesdays this year but can always be contacted via email if you have any queries.

Have a great week everyone,

Meegan

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Pastoral Wellbeing Janine Buerckner



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If you have any issues that you'd like to discuss, regarding your children's education or their social or emotional wellbeing, please feel free to come and see me – my office is in the Admin Block.

Our Breakfast Club is held on Wednesday and Friday mornings, before school, and all are welcome. We thank the dedicated and hardworking St Vinnie's volunteers for making this program possible. The Breakfast Club operates from the canteen.

Moving beyond asking, "What did you do at school?" By Michael Grose (Part 2).....Create conversations rather than ask questions The dinner table makes a great place to talk, if all televisions are off, mobile devices are left behind and you take the time to make it more than a pit stop. One way to kick off a conversation is to ask kids if they'd like to hear about your day. From my experience kids are often interested in the most mundane things that go on in an adult's day so don't think you have to make it sound grander than what it is. This gives kids permission to talk about their own days; your story can stimulate conversations which provides openings for kids to ask

questions and share a little, or in some cases a lot, about their own day at school.

Interesting questions lead to interesting conversations

The questions you ask to prompt a conversation will often say a great deal about you and what you value. If you focus only on academic or learning questions, then it indicates that's what you value. It helps to take conversations and your questions in different directions to get a multi-faceted window into your child's school life but also an indication of your child's interests, social skills and welfare. Here are some examples of question starters that may prompt different responses from kids about their time at school:

- 1. Tell me what made you laugh today?
- 2. Who did you play with at recess today?
- 3. Did you do anything that was brave?
- 4. If I spoke to your teacher, what would she tell me about you?
- 5. What did your teacher talk about today?
- 6. Is there anyone in your class who needs to be in time out?
- 7. Where's the best place to hang out/play at school?
- 8. Tell me one good thing that happened to you today?
- 9. Who were you nice/kind/friendly to today?
- 10. Did anyone push your buttons today?
- 11. What did you do that you were proud of/happy with today?
- 12. What's something you learned with a friend today?
- 13. What's your teacher's most important rule?
- 14. If today was a musical instrument what would it be? Why?

15. If you were a teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?

Next time you ask a clichéd and dull question about your child's day, stop yourself before you utter the words. Instead, think outside the square and ask questions that may stimulate a response beyond "Fine" or "Nothing." And remember they may not feel like talking, which is fine too. Like adults, kids need to be in the right mood and the right environment if they are going to share a meaningful conversation about their day.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Why is it important that children are given opportunities for a longer turn to talk and listen?

Research suggests that the lengthy "chats" we have with our children are linked to school success. As children progress through the grades they must learn to use extended discourse in telling stories, giving explanations, reporting, expressing an opinion or writing an essay. Asking children "if, why and how" type questions allows them to deepen their thinking and prepare longer and more complex responses. It makes sense to build confidence with extended discourse gradually, beginning with simple oral tasks.

In each weekly newsletter this year, our school's Speech Pathologist will provide some "family friendly", fun oral language tasks aimed to enhance learning and literacy skills.

We encourage you to set some time aside so that you can get the most out of your interactions with your child. In a busy household sometimes the car is the best place for these focused activities. The key ingredients for a creative interaction are a time, a place, a willing talking partner or audience and an engaging topic or activity.

If your child is reading a particular book at home or in class, try to incorporate words or ideas from that text into your activity. For example; if you are building your child's use of describing words, select a character from your child's reader to describe. Encourage increasingly expensive words such as the beautiful, gorgeous, stunning, breathtaking princess.

Positive communication experiences at home help children feel accepted and valued. Growth in spoken language skills will build children's self-confidence and help them learn to negotiate social interactions at school. This often transfers to other aspects of their learning and life.

Ten activities will be provided each term focusing on key areas of oral language supporting literacy. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child's grade level. If you have any questions you can contact our Speech Pathologist through the Special Education Coordinator, Janine Buerckner. Good luck and, most importantly, enjoy this very special time with your child.





Extend After School Care and Holiday Programs at Sacred Heart Primary School

Last week at after school care we made a bird feeder using recycling items and art/craft, they turned out real well. Many of our students are enjoying setting up a school scene and acting out each roll than swapping around. We have a digital photo frame for our program pictures to be displayed on each week. The children love to see themselves on the frame.

NEW FAMILIES – ENROL TODAY Enrolling is simple and can be done online via our Parent Portal. The annual enrolment fee will not be charged until you use the service, so it's a great way to ensure you can have emergency access if the need arises. See information on operating hours, fees, and how to enrol & book at extend.com.au HAVE YOU SECURED YOUR 2017 BOOKINGS? If you have used our services before, we look forward to seeing you again throughout Term 1. Please ensure you have made your 2017 bookings on the Parent Portal in advance. Are you a Proud Parent?

Post your proud parent moment on Extend's Facebook page with a short caption and hashtag #ProudParent to win a GoPro Hero5 plus more prizes worth over \$1000. Winner announced on Facebook on Monday 27th February. For terms visit extend.com.au/proudparents

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au Lisa Gard – coordinator

Service Phone: 0459 216 827

Our Extend Superstar for the week is.... Jazmin Johnson for sitting quietly & listening at roll call.

Next week's activities: Monday 20th February: Baseball Tuesday 21st February: Lemonade Fizzy Wednesday 22nd February: Schools Thursday 23rd February: Lemonade Scones Friday 24th February: Fruit Art



Nut Free School

A reminder to our parents/guardians that Sacred Heart is a nut free school and any products that are nut affiliated.



NSW BUS TRAVELLERS

Parents are required to apply online, print a paper version of their application and return the form to the school office for endorsement and submission.

The link

is <u>https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/howToA</u> <u>pply</u>

If you do not have access to a computer please contact the school office.

<u>Canteen News</u>

* Due to the Swimming Sports, the canteen will be closed on Thursday 16th February.
Therefore no Lunch Orders on this day.
* New Canteen Item available now: - Tamar

Valley Strawberry Yoghurt 110g \$2.50



Rosemary Cullen Foundation Zooper Doopers On Sale! Thursday 16th Feb. Preps, 1s and 2's can bring 50 cents on Thursday (Swimming sports day) to buy a Zooper Dooper from the canteen for Rosie Cullen Foundation. Canteen will be closed but Miss Barton will be there at recess & lunch selling Zooper Doopers.

SACRED HEART FETE

Friday 24th March 2017 5pm – 8 pm Preparations are well underway for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. The date has been changed from later in the year to March so it's a great chance for new and existing families to meet early in the school year. There will loads of entertainment and fun activities for the whole family. A feature of the night will be the goods and services auction (previously known as The Tradie's Auction). If you are able to offer an item or a service please email Sandy Judd - pandf@shyarrawonga.catholic.edu.au or phone Robyn Connell on: 0409 441646. Some ideas include: dog walking, carwashing, babysitting hours, lawn mowing/gardening, cooking, ironing, tax returns, donation of labour hours eg painting, plumbing, carpentry, building, house cleaning, holiday house rental, shopping voucher. Please remember that every cent made at the fete goes back into both schools to benefit the school communities. The Fete Committee would love to hear your ideas

and any help would be greatly appreciated. Fete Coordinators: Sandy Judd 0438 182792 Robyn Connell 0409 441646

Yarra-Mul Basketball Association REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 6PM THIS FRIDAY

Registration will close for Junior & Senior Basketball and Aussie Hoops on our website THIS FRIDAY. Please register at <u>www.sportstg.com</u> then on homepage scroll down and click on "Browse Our Sports Network", then Basketball/Victoria-Country/Yarrawonga Mulwala Basketball Association. Once on our website click on the "Register Now for Domestic Basketball" OR "Aussie Hoops" icon to take you to the registration form and pay.

All information about age groups, fees and nights of play can be found on our website. Please register by Friday 17thFebruary to secure a position, as late entries cannot be guaranteed a place and will incur a late entry fee. Any family with 3 or more children playing junior-do not register online, but contact Amanda Wheaton <u>wheaton@iinet.net.au</u> for family discount (excludes counting family members in Aussie Hoops).

AUSSIE HOOPS PLEASE NOTE: Numbers are capped and so places are limited. If a session is booked out, please register your interest in case a place becomes available. Thank you.





Media release

Date: 7 February 2017 For immediate release

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Statement from Bishop Leslie Tomlinson – Royal Commission

The figures released yesterday about the Diocese of Sandhurst by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse between 1950 and 2010 require a response.

The evidence of the Royal Commission, along with all we have heard over the past four years, can only be interpreted for what it is - a massive failure on the part of the Catholic Church as an institution in Australia to protect our children from abusers and predators.

I acknowledge that the Diocese of Sandhurst, like every other Diocese in Australia, had its share of perpetrators of sexual abuse. To have a single priest abuser was one too many and to have a single claim against a Diocese was also one too many.

It has been reported that the Diocese of Sandhurst was the second worst in Australia for rates of alleged child sexual abuse. This statement needs to be read in the correct context.

Over a 60-year period, the Sandhurst Diocese had a total of 27 claims of abuse, of which 14 were substantiated.

The report identified 1880 alleged perpetrators across Australia, of which 384 were Diocesan priests. The total number of priests from the Sandhurst Diocese alleged to have been perpetrators, using the 14.7 percent figure stated in the report released yesterday by the Royal Commission, is 16. This is consistent with data held by the Diocese.

On these figures, the 16 Sandhurst priests represent 4.1 percent of the total alleged perpetrators Australia-wide.

The last report of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest in this Diocese was 26 years ago in 1991.

As the Bishop of the Diocese of Sandhurst, I have apologised to victims and survivors of sexual abuse on several occasions in the past. I wish to take this opportunity to do so again. I remain committed to working with victims, survivors and their families into the future. As a Diocese and community we will work together to ensure that this betrayal can never occur again.

We have recently recruited a Child Safety Officer to work across the Diocese to ensure that all proper processes for protection of children are in place and maintained. This important position will assist in meeting the requirements of the Victorian Government's Child Safety regulations in our schools, parishes and charitable organisations.

We commit to working with the findings of the Royal Commission to ensure a positive future for our young people and those entrusted to our care.

I believe that the Diocese is very well served by a dedicated clergy, in who I have the utmost confidence.

I encourage anyone who has suffered sexual abuse to report it to the police.

Bishop of Sandhurst, Leslie Tomlinson

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Nationally Recognised Training

Yarrawonga Neighbourhood House Registered Training Organisation No 21765



Hygiene for Food Handlers

SITXFSA001 Use hygienic practices for food safety

This unit is for those who want to work in restaurants, cafes or bakeries, or for members of community groups involved in food preparation.

Date:	Friday 10 th Ma	rch				
Time:	9:30am – 4:00					
Cost:	Full Fee:	\$110				
	Concession:	\$90	(GST Free)			



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Nationally Recognised Training



Yarrawonga Neighbourhood House Registered Training Organisation No 21765

SITHGAMOO1 Provide responsible service of gambling

This unit is an essential requirement of the Gaming Machines Regulation 2010 for any person with gaming activities as part of their job role in NSW.

Date: Friday 3rd March Time: 9:30am – 4:00pm Cost: \$130 (GST Free)



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Junior Rowing Program

Yarrawonga Rowing Club

- WHEN: Sunday 12th February, 2017 at 8am 8 Week Program
- WHERE: Yarrawonga Rowing Club End of Botts Road
- COST: Members \$30 Non Members \$70

To book your spot or for further information please contact Pat Mansfield 0427 632 322

Rowing is for all ages and a great low impact exercise with high results offering a full body exercise

<u>Attention Yr 6's- Prep A Buddy Assembly</u> The Prep Buddy Assemblies start next Friday 24th February at 10am in the Mercy Centre. Prep A will be the first class presented to the school. Following the Buddy Assemblies each week, morning tea will be on offer for our Prep parents and our Yr 6 Buddy parents. The Yr 6's will be responsible for bringing along a plate to share when they allocated on.

2017 Fete Friday 24th March Sacred Heart College Piper Street



Our Book Stall is happening again this year, so please send your preloved books, to your child's class or the office. Boxes will be available in each class room. If you have lots of books to donate please send them in a box as this makes them easier to transport to the college.

The Basket Raffle will also be held again and in the next couple of weeks we will send a letter home to families with some raffle tickets and the theme for your child's class basket. We ask that each student brings an item to put in their class basket which will make up a raffle prize.

There will be regular updates about the fete in the newsletter. We will be seeking volunteers to assist on the night of the fete and information about how you can be involved will also be included in a letter to families.

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