



*Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Your Best*

#### **MINI BLITZ- Week 4**

*'Safety is the best. Put yourself to the test'*

### *2017 Term 1 Week 4 Newsletter*

***"Sacred Heart is a welcoming respectful catholic learning Community always faithful in the spirit of the Mercy tradition."***

Over the last few weeks I have met (and will continue to meet) with many of the parents, staff and contractors that make Sacred Heart tick. There are so many volunteers and staff in the school that give their time generously to ensure that the community events we hold, the sporting opportunities we offer and the extra curricula opportunities in place are of a high standard and align with our school values. We are fortunate that they are there and so committed to continuing to build the beautiful community that is Sacred Heart. I look forward to working with all groups in the future.

One of our school's foundational pillars is building relationships with one another. We can support the children in our school by ensuring that our relationships with each other, school and home, parent and parent and parents and teachers are strong. Participation in school events help us to get to know each other on a personal level and ensure we have a strong foundation of trust so that we can work together to ensure the best outcomes for each child in the school.

#### **Opening School Mass**

Tomorrow (Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>) at 10 O'clock we will be celebrating our Beginning of the School Year Mass. It is a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together as a community so please come and join us.

#### **Parent Information Evening**

My grateful thanks to all teachers for their preparation of the information evenings, held this week and to parents who attended meetings (some on a number of occasions). They reflect a true partnership where all stakeholders have your child's best interests at heart.

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent teacher interviews will take place next week. Please log into [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) using the password **a63kx** and book your time to meet with your child's teacher.

The purpose of these interviews is for you as a parent / guardian to introduce your child

No one knows your child better than you do, so we would like you to support us as teachers to learn more. We would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to provide us with information of what motivates your child, likes and dislikes, special skills, strengths and weaknesses.

#### **Working with Children Checks**

All Catholic Schools in Victoria (as advised by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria) require their parents who wish to assist in any way in the school to have a Working With Children Check WWCC). A form can be accessed and completed online (see link below), then if you go to the post office you can finalise the photo process. There is no cost other than the passport photo and the card is current for five years. If you plan to help out as a volunteer and do not have a card please make time to complete this process. Thanks in anticipation.

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

#### **Swimming Sports**

On Thursday our 3 -6 students participated in a Swimming Carnival at the Yarrowonga Pool. Our students demonstrated a great team spirit and should be congratulated on their perseverance and determination to complete each event to the best of their ability. I along with the staff was very proud of the "Sacred Heart" spirit in action both competitively and behaviourally. I would like to express my thanks to Bree Schutt for all the time and effort she put in to ensure the day ran smoothly. I also extend a big thank you to all our parent helpers and spectators. It was an extremely hot day and your support was appreciated.

## School Fees

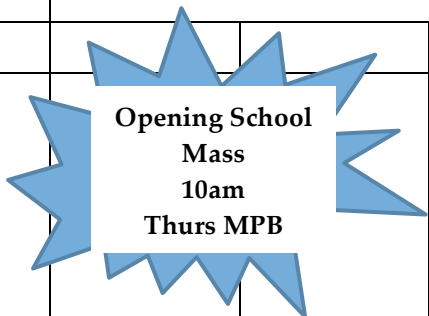
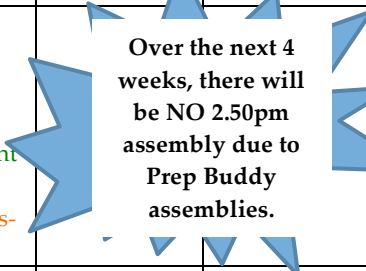
Please ensure all direct debit and Centrepay applications have been filled in and handed into the office by the 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

Kindest Regards

Arn



62 Orr St or P.O Box 199 Yarrawonga Phone: 03 5744 3339  
Fax: 03 5743 1377 [agorman@shyarrawonga.catholic.edu.au](mailto:agorman@shyarrawonga.catholic.edu.au)

| Week | Term 1  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|------|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
|      |   |   | Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>   | Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>                   |
| 4    |  <b>Opening School Mass 10am Thurs MPB</b> |   | Prep Testing<br>Board meeting 6pm  | Opening School Mass 10am MPB                                  | Prep A Buddy Assembly 10am<br>Woods Point Visit- 1MC<br>Parish Mass- 6D & 5M                                   |  <b>Over the next 4 weeks, there will be NO 2.50pm assembly due to Prep Buddy assemblies.</b> |  |
|      | Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>  | Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>                                | Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>                    |
| 5    | Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30pm-6pm  | Shrove Tuesday Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30pm-6pm | Prep Testing<br>Ash Wednesday Yr 3-6 Parish Mass 12noon<br>Yrs P-2 Liturgy 10.30am<br>Parent/Teacher Interviews 1.30pm-6pm | Divisional Swimming Wang<br>Parent/Teacher Interviews 2pm-6pm | Prep S Buddy Assembly 10am<br>Woods Point Visit- 1H<br>Parish Mass- 5B & 5F                                    | Dinner for Daniel 6.30pm Club Mulwala  | Children's Mass 10am led Year 6 & Prep |
|      | Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>                                 | Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>   | Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>   | Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>                   |
| 6    | First Aid for students  | First Aid for students                              | Prep Testing<br>Regional Swimming Shepparton   | School Photos   | Prep G Buddy Assembly 10am<br>Woods Point Visit- 1I<br>Parish Mass- 4W & 4K                                    |  |  |
|      | Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>                                | Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>   | Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>   | Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>                   |
| 7    | Labour Day Holiday  |   |  | Divisional Cricket Trials- Wang & Benalla                     | Prep M Buddy Assembly 10am<br>Woods Point Visit- 6L<br>Parish Mass- 3PC & 3CO<br>* St Patrick's Day- Gold Coin |  |  |

---

## Staff Profile

Rachel Illingworth



Position: Yr One teacher

Interests: Wakeboarding & Snowboarding

Football Team: Essendon

Favourite Food/s: Tacos & Popcorn

Currently Reading: That Sugar Book

Favourite Holiday Destination: Bali

3 people you'd invite to dinner: My Dad,  
Ellen DeGeneres & Carl Barron.

What would you do with your last  
\$50? Gold Class Cinema

Favourite Movie: The Longest Ride

Favourite Quote: 'If it doesn't challenge  
you, it won't change you.'

Someone you admire: My Mum. She was an  
amazing person.

What do you love about our school: The  
welcoming environment and our beautiful  
students, staff and parents.

---

## Catholic Identity

Meegan McInness



We are hoping we will have many parents and friends of the Sacred Heart community joining us for our Opening School Mass tomorrow at 10AM in the MPB. This Mass is a celebration of who we are at Sacred Heart and all we hope 2017 will be. This Mass will also be when our school leaders will be presented with their badges and our Year 6 students receive their leadership T Shirts.

**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. More detailed information about the other events will follow in the coming weeks. Just a reminder 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

[mmcinness001@shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmcinness001@shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au)

## Pastoral Wellbeing

Janine Buerckner



[jbuerckn@shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jbuerckn@shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au)

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 hard-working St Vinnie's volunteers for making this program possible. The Breakfast Club operates from the canteen.

### Developing independence in Primary school

**By Michael Grose (Part 1)**

***Practical ideas for parents to encourage real independence in children.***

Your goal as a parent should be for your child to be completely self-managing by the end of primary school. That is, he can get himself and others up each morning; make his own breakfast; prepare his own schoolbag; collect his own school uniform; put any notes under your nose to be signed and returned to school; and so it goes on. Now, that doesn't mean that kids will do all this all the time, because other factors come into play such as busy schedules and early starts; children will need some assistance at times. However, it's good to keep in mind that children, when left to their own devices, generally do remarkably well at organising their daily tasks. Sometimes they just need the opportunity. Here are four practical ways to develop real independence in primary school-aged children:

## 1. Involve them in mealtimes

Mealtimes are the fulcrum around which healthy families operate. A shared meal is more than food. It's a ritual that binds people together; it's a vehicle for parents to influence their children; and it's an expression of love and care. It is also fundamental to children's wellbeing because there is a strong correlation between good mental health in young people and those who regularly share a family meal. Mealtimes also offer plenty of opportunities for children to help including running errands, preparing the meal, setting the table, clearing the table, packing the dishwasher and other jobs. There's something for everyone!



## CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Language Learning activities to have a go at home.

Activities will be provided over this term targeting phonological awareness skills.

Phonological awareness is one of the key building blocks for reading and writing. It is listening to, and thinking about the sounds in words.

**\*\*** When learning to read and spell words, children also need to be able to segment, or break words into sounds. *For example, the word 'sack' can be split into s – a – ck. It has 3 sounds.* Help your child to 'find' sounds and 'break up' a word into sounds through practise, using words from their book/around the room. Start with simple words, with two or three sounds. Your child might need to use fingers/blocks to support.

For students in Grade 2+, who are capable of breaking simple words into sounds, practise with words that have consonant blends at the start. Consonant blends are two or three speech sounds together that are not vowels, for example: sm, sn, tr, bl, cr, gl...



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

Last week at after school care we did some Science with making balloon rockets and seeing how fast & long they flew. For cooking this week we made some Milo truffles. We also tried some new fruit, yellow watermelon, the children like this saying it tastes the same but a little sweeter than the red one. Kirby has been kind enough to lend us her keyboard so we have all enjoyed playing some tunes on it.

**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](http://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 27<sup>th</sup> February. For terms visit [extend.com.au/proudparents](http://extend.com.au/proudparents)

PARENT PORTAL: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) Lisa Gard – coordinator

Service Phone: 0459 216 827

Our Extend Superstar for the week is.... **Alyssa Milner** for her lovely creativity.

Next week's activities:

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February: **Races**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February: **Anemometer**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March: **Alphabet Hunt**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: **Sweet Sushi Rolls**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: **Diorama Box**





### **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 <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/howToApply>

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

### **Attention Yr 6's- Prep A Buddy Assembly**

The Prep Buddy Assemblies start this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 are allocated on.

### **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.

**Dinner for Daniel**  
**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

TIME 6.45PM  
VENUE CLUB MULWALA, 271 MELBOURNE ST, MULWALA  
DRESS SEMI FORMAL WITH A TOUCH OF RED  
TICKETS \$110 EACH | TABLES OF 8 AND 16 AVAILABLE

TWO COURSE DINNER & THREE HOUR BEER, WINE & SOFT DRINK PACKAGE

ENTERTAINMENT LUKE & BETH DEWING • DJ  
SPECIAL GUESTS BRUCE & DENISE MORCOMBE  
CELEBRITY GUEST SHANE CRAWFORD

SPONSOR + ADVERTISING DEALS AVAILABLE  
Contact Prue ASAP  
Email: richhgers@hotmail.com

EARLY BIRD TICKETS \$100 UNTIL 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

OR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK TICKETS PLEASE CALL PRUE 0417 427 308

### **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

Could all Book Club orders please be returned by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, with your child's name and class clearly marked. Thank you.

### **SACRED HEART FETE**

*Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

### **ATTENTION- No Friday afternoon assemblies**

There will be NO Friday afternoon assemblies, (2.50pm) the next 4 weeks due to the Prep Buddy Assemblies. Student of the Week Awards will be presented after the Buddy assemblies at approx. 10.45am.

## Nationally Recognised Training

at

Yarrowonga Neighbourhood House

Registered Training Organisation No 21765



### **SITHGAM001 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March

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

Email: [office@ynh.org.au](mailto:office@ynh.org.au)

## Nationally Recognised Training

at

Yarrowonga 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<sup>th</sup> March

Time: 9:30am – 4:00pm

Cost: Full Fee: \$110

Concession: \$90 (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)

### Swimming Carnival

A BIG thank you to those parents who came and helped out with the swimming carnival last Thursday. The day would not be possible without the assistance. Much appreciation from all the Grade 3 to 6 students. Miss Schutt

## Nationally Recognised Training

at

Yarrowonga Neighbourhood House

Registered Training Organisation No 21765



### **HLTAID003 Provide first aid & HLTAID001 Provide CPR**

Early enrolment in HLTAID003 is essential to allow time for the online component to be completed prior to class.

Date: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm CPR 9:00am-1:00pm

Cost: \$ 150 (GST Free) CPR \$ 75 (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)



### Nut Free School

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

## 2017 Fete Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

Fete Coordinators: Sandy Judd 0438 182792  
Robyn Connell 0409 441646  
E: [pandf@shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pandf@shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au)



## Sacred Heart Primary Yarrowonga

---

62 Orr Street, PO Box 199, Yarrowonga 3730

Ph: (03) 5744 3339 Fax: (03) 5743 1377

Web: [www3.shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au](http://www3.shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au)

Email: [principal@shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au)

---

### Parent Teacher Interviews

**Name of parents** (preferred name):

**Preferred contact phone numbers:**

**Email address** (one you will check most often):

Please provide me with any information you would like to know  
about your child.

Strengths, Challenges, interests...





**YARRAWONGA & DISTRICT LITTLE LEAGUE**  
**INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REGISTER FOR U8, U10 & U12 FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL**  
**COST - \$100.00**

**Registrations are now open**

To register your child for Friday Night Football, go to the Yarrowonga and District Little League Home Page [www.sportstg.com.au](http://www.sportstg.com.au) then on the homepage scroll down and click on "**Browse Our Sports Network**" then Australian Football, Victoria and then scroll down to the last section and find Yarrowonga and District Little League.

All information about age groups, fees, times and dates can be found on this page. Click on Member Access and complete the registration process. Please register by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Auskick (30/04/2010 – 2011)**

All Auskick players register at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) and follow the prompts. All kids not old enough to play Friday Night Football and are wishing to participate in Auskick need to register via the Auskick website. Packs are sent directly to your home.

**Under12 (2005-2006)**

**Rennie, Mulwala, Tungamah and Yarrowonga (Sunday) Registered Players - \$20.00**

Under 12's - a fee of \$20.00 is payable for children who play for another Club/Comp. This is to be paid before the 1st game. Please email your child's name & DOB to [rkvodusek@hotmail.com](mailto:rkvodusek@hotmail.com). If you are playing in the U12 on a Sunday, do not register through YDLL, but through Yarrowonga Junior Football website.

**Age Groups**

U12: Born between 1/01/2005 > 31/12/2006

U10: Born between 1/01/2007 > 31/12/2008

U8: Born between 1/01/2009 > 30/04/2010