



Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Your Best

2017 Term 4 Week 5 Newsletter

MINI BLITZ- Week 5

'The choices we make reflect who we are. Make the right choices and you will go far.'

Good Afternoon Everyone,

2018

Staff are currently planning class groupings for 2018. If your child is not returning to Sacred Heart next year could you please let me know.

School Fees

I would urge those families who have not paid their school fees yet to meet this cost in the near future. The costs associated with Christmas are always a burden on families so if your school fee obligations are out of the way early it does make life a lot easier as the festive season arrives.

School Board AGM

The School Board AGM will take place in the school staff room on **Wednesday November 22nd at 6.00pm.**

Our AGM is an open meeting to celebrate our School achievements in 2017 and learn about what is planned for 2018.

School Board Membership

Do you think you can help and contribute to school life?

You are invited to consider the School Board as a way in which you can be involved in the school to:

- share your interest in the development of our school
- be a part of a policy and procedure development team
- become familiar with the financial management of the school and hear from staff about the various programmes being offered and their progress

The Board is a great way for you to share your expertise, become involved in school governance and to learn more about our school. There are nomination forms at the front office if you would like to nominate a school member.

Wishing you a great week as we work together for the benefit of our children.

Take Care

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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.

Sacred Heart is a Child Safe School

Sacred Heart Primary School promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children, including those with a disability. Applicants are welcome to elaborate on experience they may have working with children with a disability.

Week	Term 4						
			Wed 8 th	Thu 9 th	Fri 10 th	Sat 11 th	Sun 12 th
5 (Nov)			* Prep 2018 Transition Session 2-10am-12pm 'Meet your Buddy' *Preps to visit Town Library /Kennedy Park 9.30 -11am while Prep Transition is on.	* Discovery Excursion- Melbourne Zoo *Hoop time Basketball Snr All Stars- Mill Park Melbourne	*Parish Mass- Yr 6 * Woods Point Visit 5F * Radio Awareness- Yr 5		
	Mon 13 th	Tue 14 th	Wed 15 th	Thu 16 th	Fri 17 th	Sat 18 th	Sun 19 th
6 (Nov)		* Prep 2018 Transition Session 3-11.45am-2pm * Prep 2018 Parent Information Session 1pm-2pm		*Hoops Senior Mixed Basketball	*Parish Mass- Yr 5 * Woods Point Visit 5M		
	Mon 20 th	Tue 21 st	Wed 22 nd	Thu 23 rd	Fri 24 th	Sat 25 th	Sun 26 th
7 (Nov)	*State Basketball Finals- Boys	* Prep 2018 Transition Session 4-11.45am-2pm *State Basketball Finals- Girls		*Andrew Chinn Concert 6pm	*Parish Mass- 3PC/3CO * Woods Point Visit 5B *Colour Run- Yr 5/6- The Grove		
	Mon 27 th	Tue 28 th	Wed 29 th	Thu 30 th	Fri 1 st	Sat 2 nd	Sun 3 rd
8 (Nov/Dec)	*Orbost Secondary College Band visit	*Orbost Secondary College Band visit			*Swimming Program starts *Parish Mass- Yr 4 (tbc) * Woods Point Visit- Yr 6 (tbc) *Windsurfing * Gr 3 Excursion- Kyabram/Echuca		
	Mon 4 th	Tue 5 th	Wed 6 th	Thu 7 th	Fri 8 th	Sat 9 th	Sun 10 th
9 (Nov)	*State Basketball Finals- Boys	* Prep 2018 Transition Session 4-11.45am-2pm *State Basketball Finals- Girls		*Andrew Chinn Concert 6pm	*Parish Mass- 3PC/3CO * Woods Point Visit 5B *Colour Run- Yr 5/6- The Grove		



Just Leadership

Last Thursday 15 of our Year 5 Students and Ms Fountain attended the Just Leadership Day held in Wangaratta and led by Kerry Stone from Caritas.

This day allows the students to actively think about those less fortunate than themselves and look at ways of putting our ideas into action. Once again the students from Sacred Heart were impeccably behaved and we are very proud of their efforts and contribution.

We look forward to these young leaders of the future helping spread the Caritas message.



Andrew Chinn End of Year Concert

Our end of year concert and visit from Andrew Chinn is getting closer. Andrew the religious songwriter and singer, will be visiting our school as part of our Christmas Celebrations and will be holding a workshop with all classes during the day and then with the children's help will present a concert that evening.

Andrew will be with us on Thursday 23rd of November at 6.30 pm in the MPB.

Enjoy the short week everyone

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Catholic Identity Leader

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Condolences

We pass on our condolences to Daryl, Liz, Ruby and Archie Ward on the passing of Liz's grandfather.

Child Absence- Notifications

Parents must notify their child's teacher or the office directly via phone call, email or the app of any known absences... As children are passing messages on... and 'word of mouth' is not a legally acknowledged notification. Thank you.

Graduation Mass

All Year 6 students are asked to bring in a pre-prep photo of themselves to be used as part of our Graduation Mass. Photos can either be emailed to Mrs Lawless (llawless@shyarrawonga.catholic.edu.au) or brought into school to be scanned and returned.

Extend After School Care and Holiday Programs

November Theme: **Identity**, Who am I? What makes me, me?

This will include, self-portraits, portraits of children by their Friends, children photographing themselves, and mapping their own personalities and interests.



November is also **Sharing the kindness Month**. For every act of kindness by an individual, family or act to help the community will earn tokens, these tokens will be collected, and the Extend service that collects the most (taking into account the number of children in care) will get \$1000 to go to a nominated charity. We have chosen the Leukemia foundation.

We are starting to think about the end of the year, and are planning to make cards and gifts for the local emergency services, and for the elderly in the local nursing home.

The children have been very keen on the cultural cooking experiences, in the next 2 weeks we will be cooking South African milk tarts and Brazilian cornbread with basil

The children are also enjoying the outdoors now the weather is nicer. They are exploring many sensory experiences, including slime, sand pit, goop, waterplay and water beads.

Joanne Kingston- Coordinator Parent Portal: extend.com.au

Yarrawonga & District Netball Association Representative Netball Trials for 2018

Trials for the 2018 Representative season for all age groups will be held at the Yarrawonga and District Netball Association courts on the following dates;

Under 13's – born 2005 and 2006

Under 15's – born 2003 and 2004

Under 17's – born 2001 and 2002

Trial dates:

Thursday 23rd November 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Tuesday 28th November 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 30th November 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Please note it is expected that girls attend 2 of the 3 trial dates (all is preferable) to be considered for selection. To bring – drink bottle, appropriate netball attire, no jewellery.

Registrations are now open online, see link on the YDNA face book page... register through your my netball account using your email address as your ID and your password. Online registrations will close on Tuesday 21st November.

There will also be a registration night held Tuesday 21st November at the YDNA courts Vic Park from 4.00 – 5.00pm

For further enquires please contact Katrina Kennedy (Co-ordinator YDNA Representative Netball) on 0438543017 or email Katrina.kennedy@bigpond.com.au.

State Athletics- Congratulations

The School Sports Victoria State Athletics were held recently at Lakeside Stadium, in typical "four seasons in one day" Melbourne Style. Five students represented Sacred Heart Primary School in Track and Field events. (See photo from left to right)

Anna Zanin in Year 4, Ella Skehan in Year 5, Paige Duffy Year 6, Coco Vodusek Year 4 and Eva Cummins Year 4. Paige came third in the State for 12-year-old girls High Jump bringing home a bronze medal with an equal PB, and 10th in State for long jump. Anna, Ella, Coco, and Eva made it through to the finals in the 4 x 100m relay in 10-year-old girls coming 7th in the State, with Ella also making the finals in 100m. She also came 7th and 5th in State for 200m, an incredible effort from all the girls involved, and an amazing experience for them and their families.

The girls would like to take the opportunity to thank Sacred Heart Primary School for its support, Little Athletics Yarrowonga Mulwala, Wodonga Athletics Club and Greg Simpson for the on-going training and guidance. Thank you to the parents and families who headed down and supported the girls at the State Athletics. They would also like to congratulate Kaleisha Pell from Yarrowonga P-12 for representing her school in High jump at a State level.

We are sure you will be seeing more of this "Girl Power" in the future.



A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER



Give your children an opportunity to learn about a new culture and language by becoming a Host Family for an International Exchange Student!

Develop an interest in other parts of the world and make a big brother or sister for life.

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Sacred Heart Parent & Friends Association

VOLUNTEER REQUEST

The Cod Classic is being held again this year from Friday the 1st of December to Sunday the 3rd and again we have been asked to assist by selling the raffle tickets. For this the Parents and Friends are paid \$1750. This is the last request for the year and we are in need of volunteers for a couple of hours over this weekend.

If you are able to assist please contact Shannon Doyle by phone 0427 303 138 or by email damiendoyle@bigpond.com or return the slip below to the school office if you are able to assist.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Friday 1st December - 2017 COD CLASSIC	
3pm - 5pm	
5pm - 7pm	
7pm - 9pm	
Saturday 2nd December - 2017 COD CLASSIC	
5.30pm - 7.30pm	
7.30pm - 9.00pm	
Sunday 3rd December - 2017 COD CLASSIC	
9.30am - 12.30pm	



In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school per year. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6.**



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

School Attendance

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

He/she is only missing...	That equates to...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but...

He/she is only missing...	That equates to...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day.

Every minute counts!



Yarrowonga Pre-School & Occasional
Care

‘Wine and Cheese’

Information Evening.

*For parents/guardians of children attending 3 or 4 year
old kindergarten in 2018.*



- ◆ *Come along to meet the Preschool teachers and educators and learn about the educational program for 2018.*
- ◆ *Gain an insight into how the Centre runs and how you can support your child to make the most out of their preschool year/s.*
- ◆ *Meet the 2017 Pre-School Committee, hear about what the Committee does and register your interest to assist on the Committee in 2018.*
- ◆ *Purchase uniforms.*
- ◆ *Enjoy an informal supper of wine, cheese and fruit and meet other parents.*
- ◆ *Lucky door prizes will also be up for grabs!*
- ◆ *Children welcome under parental supervision.*

WHEN: Tuesday 14th November, 2017

WHERE: Yarrowonga Pre-School, Orr St, Yarrowonga

TIME: 7.30pm

RSVP: 5744 3016 or yarrowonga.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au