

Sacred Heart Primary School Yarrawonga

2014 Term 4 Week 9 Newsletter



Advent – Week Two

Our readings this week talk of preparation and conversion. We are preparing not only for the celebration of Christ, but for the second coming of Christ. Like John the Baptist, we must prepare the way of the Lord.

What can you do to prepare the way of the Lord? How can the children help? Maybe it doesn't seem to be much, but don't ever under-estimate the power of the "ripple effect".

We as parents, are responsible for the peace and love that should be found in our own homes. In all the hectic preparations for Christmas we can lose sight of the real importance of peace on earth, good will to all.

Spend some time this week showing the important lessons of love and peace in your family. Perhaps your family can contribute to or participate in a project to help those in need. This could be the greatest gift you give your children this year. This is how we will change the world - one family at a time.

Working Bee

Thank you to those parents and staff who helped out with the Working Bee last week. We got a lot of work completed in a relatively small amount of time. We will continue to look in future dates for more working bees next year ticking off all the little jobs that need to be completed each year.

End of Year Concert

Just another reminder that our 'End of Year Concert' will be TOMORROW, Thursday 4th December. Families are welcome to gather from 6.00pm for a 6.30pm CONCERT START! Please try to get all the children there on time as we will be starting at 6.30pm so we can finish by 7.30pm. We'll gather on the basketball courts. Looking forward to seeing as many families in attendance as possible.

End of Year Graduation Mass

Our End of Year Mass is still Wednesday 17th December and will begin at 9.30am. As the end of year mass also includes our Graduation Ceremony and Year Level Awards it does take a long time so please put aside at least two hours in your calendars.

Peace and best wishes,

Paul



Paul Maher



Heather Keenan



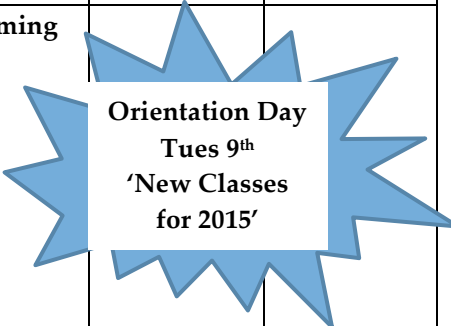
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Week		Term 4					
			Wed 3 rd	Thu 4 th	Fri 5 th	Sat 6 th	Sun 7 th
9			International Day of People with Disability (Yr 5/6- Lake Mulwala)	Christmas Concert 6pm-7.30pm Swimming (3-6)	Swimming (P-2) Cod Classic Support	Cod Classic Support	Cod Classic Support
	Mon 8 th	Tue 9 th	Wed 10 th	Thu 11 th	Fri 12 th	Sat 13 th	Sun 14 th
10	Swimming Program Week 2 (3-6)	Orientation Day 10am-11am Swimming (P-2)	<i>Prep 2015 Transition Session 4</i> 9.30am-12.45pm Swimming (3-6) Splash Park- Prep	Windsurfing Yr 5/6 (30 students) Swimming (P-2) <i>Volunteer Drinks Criterion</i> 5pm onwards	Swimming (P-2)		
	Mon 15 st	Tue 16 th	Wed 17 th	Thu 18 th	Fri 19 th	Sat 20 th	Sun 21 st
11	Bridging Fun Day		Graduation Mass 9.30am	Last Day students Aquatics Day Yr 6	Last Day staff		

Religious Education

Sidony Kelly, Religious Co-ordinator



Advent

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. The readings this Sunday talk of preparation and conversion. We are preparing not only for the celebration of Christ, but for the second coming of Christ. Like John the Baptist, we must prepare the way of the Lord. In doing so, we, as parents, are responsible for the peace and love that should be found in our own homes. In all the hectic preparations for Christmas we can lose sight of the real importance of peace on earth and good will to all.

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Graduation Mass

Graduation Mass is on Wednesday 17th December at 9.30am in the MPB on Piper St. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Have a great week!!

Sid

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Board Profile

Janine Buerckner



Position: Pastoral Wellbeing Co-ordinator & School Chaplain

Interests: Travel, reading and scrapbooking

Favourite Football team/s: Tungamah Bears and Collingwood

Favourite Food/s: Risotto & Chocolate

Currently Reading: "Bones Never Lie" by Kathy Reichs

Favourite Holiday Destination: So many! Berlin, Germany, Edinburgh, Scotland, Quebec City, Canada, Boston, USA

What would you do with your last \$50?: Go Shopping, of course!

3 people you'd invite to dinner: Kathy Lette, Dawn French, Brad Pitt (for the eye candy!)

Someone you admire: Agnes Quinn- a strong, yet gentle lady

Favourite Movie: Grease

Favourite Quote: "Leadership is not defined by the exercise of power, but by the capability to increase the sense of power amongst those being led." Mary Parker Follett

What do you love about our school: The sense of community & belonging & the support that is freely offered.

Janine has that amazing ability to cross all aspects of our school in a manner which builds confidence, trust and learning. She is the cornerstone of our special education programs and oversees the journey of everyone as individuals through their time with us at Sacred Heart. Janine has that special quality of empathy and she endears herself to the community through her care and concern.

Library

Mrs Ryan



Return of Library Books

Please return all Library books to the school Library as soon as possible.

Thank you Jenny Loughnan

A huge thank you to Jenny Loughnan for her fabulous efforts as Book Club Co-Ordinator. Jenny's fantastic work is appreciated by all who use or benefit from Book Club. The money or points raised from Book Club goes towards resources for the different learning spaces in the school. Jenny works so quietly and efficiently and a huge thank you goes to her from our school community.

MUSIC

Please check to see if your child can attend these performances. All School Children can be part of these performances. This is a real way we can spread some Christmas cheer to those in our community and teach our children about giving of their talents to make others happy at this special time. Just like in the story of The Little Drummer Boy, he had no gifts to give Jesus so he shared his talent of drumming at the birth of Jesus.

Dates to remember for Choir performances.

- * School Concert 4th December
- * Probus Club Golf Club 8th Dec. 10.30
- * Croquet Club Golf Club 12.30 9th Dec
- * Christmas on Belmore Parade 10th Dec 5-8
- * Carols on the Lagoon 12th Dec 6-8

Please fill out reply slips at the end of this newsletter for after school performances.

Thank You. Christine Cussen

Thanks for helping out this year! You've been invited.....

The P & F, from both schools, would like to invite all parents, friends, grandparents, family members, etc. who have given up their time this year as a volunteer or helper either in the classroom, on a committee, at school events, etc. to come down to the Criterion Hotel on Thursday 11th December from 5pm onwards for a few 'Thank You' refreshments on behalf of the two schools.

We hope you can make it on Thurs 11th at 5pm.



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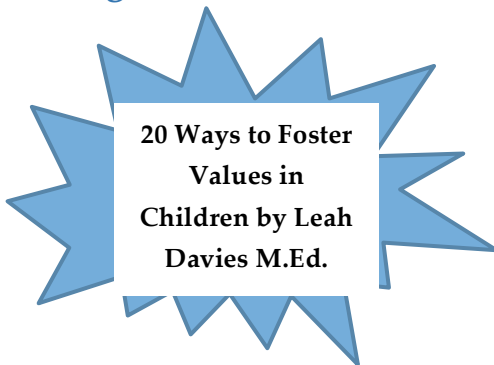
Ten activities will be provided over Term Four targeting phonological awareness. Phonological awareness is one of the key building blocks for reading and writing. It is listening to and thinking about the sounds in words.

** Play a game where your child makes different words starting with the same sound, e.g. if you are changing all words to begin with /t/ sound then 'chair' would become 'tair' and 'lot' would become 'tot.' For something a bit harder: Try changing the final sound e.g. 'pack' would become 'pat' and 'flag' would become 'flat'.

** Say the sounds of different words in slow motion like this /m/-/a/-/n/ or /f/-/l/-/a/-/g/. Get your child to guess the words. You can incorporate this into everyday conversation e.g. Can you please put this in the /b/-/i/-/n/?

Alternatively, get your child to split words into separate sounds, e.g. the word 'black' can be split into /b/-/l/-/a/-/ck/. It has 4 sounds. 'Cheese' can be split into 3 sounds- /ch/-/ee/-/se/ (whereby the last sound is a 'z' sound).

Well Being



19. Consider how your family spends its time and money by asking yourself, "In my child's eyes, what does my family value most?"

20. Remember that your child will adopt the values you demonstrate daily.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT- NEWSLETTER 2015

Parents and Friends of SHPS, it is my pleasure to inform you that we are further progressing our commitment to minimise the schools environmental footprint and decrease its consumption of natural resources in general. To this end, the newsletter will no longer be printed en mass and be sent home with children. There will be a small run of printed newsletters for the church and for collection at the schools front desk.

There are a few ways of accessing the newsletter electronically:

1. The newsletter will continue to be available on the schools website under downloads (<http://www3.shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au/downloads/current-newsletters>)
2. All those families registered for 'Newsletter by email' can click on the link when the school has emailed you.
3. It will also continue to be available via the schools App. It's in the newsletter section. The App is available for Android (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.app_shyarra.layout&hl=en) and Apple (<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/sacred-heart-yarrowonga/id709962884?mt=8>) platforms on smart phones and tablets.

I encourage everyone to help the school minimise its paper consumption by engaging with the digital forms of the weekly newsletter.

Regards Ashley Wheaton (IT Co-ordinator)

Garden News

We have had a wonderful first year, building up and working in our School Garden. It's hard to believe that 12 months ago we had only a fence and bare space in which to work. We now have a large vegetable garden, 6 hens, 50 fruit trees and composting bins all in operation. The number of children who have shown an interest and supported our garden each Tuesday and Thursday, during lunch, has far outweighed my expectations. These children have been actively involved in the planting and harvesting process of the vegetables as well as caring for the hens. Much of the produce available at our recent School Fete was harvested from our very own garden here at school. A big thank you needs to be given to Kelly Bros Vegetables, who have supported us throughout our first 12 months. Leo Kelly has kindly donated many hours, this year, towards teaching children and maintaining the vegetables. We are fortunate to have the support of many local businesses. We hope to further grow our garden next year and try to involve each class in some way. To help make this a possibility, we will be running a BBQ and refreshment stand at this week's End of Year Concert. The money raised will go towards improving, expanding and maintaining our garden. Thank you to all the children who have participated throughout the year and the families who have supported in any way towards this successful project.

I look forward to continuing to provide this learning experience next year.

Thanks, Daniel Boulton.



BBQ at the Concert

~SAUSAGES

~CANS OF DRINK

~FROZEN DRINKS

THERE WILL BE A SAUSAGE SIZZLE, CANS OF DRINK AND FROZEN DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR SALE DURING AND AFTER THE SCHOOL CONCERT, THIS

Thursday 4th Dec.

ALL MONEY RAISED IS GOING TOWARDS THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN. THIS MONEY WILL HELP US CONTINUE TO GROW AND EXPAND THE GARDEN.

THANK YOU



Foundation (Prep)

Class Awards

Abbey Belot (PQ)- for always being respectful and showing the 3 B's. You are a great role model Abbey.

Rory Carlin (PQ)- for your awesome effort with the seasons activity. You are becoming a terrific independent learner.

Alani Petersen (PB)- for how proud you were sharing your exciting Show and Tell this week about your new baby sister. Congratulations Alani!

Riley Robinson- (PB) for the incredible handwriting you have produced this Term Riley! Superstar effort!

Beau Sissons (PA)- for concentrating on your handwriting and for trying to make 'right choices'!

Rhani Thomson- (PA)- for helping to "light up" our Learning Space with your bubbly and fun personality. You are a fun person!

Sophie Coghill- (PA)- for the sense of fun you bring to our Learning Space and for using the 3B's everyday.

Hats - Please make sure your child's hat is clearly labelled. Several children are not wearing their hat. It would be most helpful if they could find it, as we do enforce the rule, 'no hat, no play'.

Swimming- Children began the swimming program today. They will continue on **Friday the 5th** in this week and **Tuesday the 9th, Wednesday the 10th** and **Friday the 12th** December, next week. They will need to bring bathers and a towel in an appropriate bag on these days. Children are allowed to wear thongs, to and from, the pool. They are required to still wear their school shoes to school. Please make sure your children's swimming items are clearly labelled.

School Concert – The end of year Concert will be held on Thursday 4th, December. Each Year level will perform a song and dance routine. The Prep children will do a Nativity song together, then the girls will sing and dance to 'Let it Go' from Frozen and the boys will perform to the song, 'Happy'. Costumes are as follows – (if possible) –

GIRLS- 'Frozen' costume- for example a fairy dress- any colour is suitable. If unable to find a fairy dress, a summer dress will do.

BOYS- Bright casual clothes

SPLASH PARK

As we are nearing the end of the year, we are planning to have a fun day at the Yarrowonga Water Slide and Splash Park.

Next Wednesday, 10th of December, the Prep children will walk to the Rotunda at the foreshore. We will leave school at 12.15pm and return at 2.45pm. The children will bring their own lunch to the lake and the Prep teachers will supply an icy pole as an extra treat. They will be able to ride the water slide and play in the splash park.

The children will need to bring their swim gear to school in a well labelled bag. They are required to come to school in their school uniform and they can change when we arrive at the lake.

Alison Stacey



Daniel Boulton



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Discovery (Years 1-2)

What's On This Week in the Discovery Centre!

Sound focus: ow as in cow ,ou as in house

Handwriting: Days of the week, Months of the year and seasons

Grammar and Punctuation: phoneme deletion and substitution ran/run, sack/back

Writing: Procedure

Math: Revision of semester concepts

Inquiry: From the Farm to the Table

Religion: The First Christmas, this weeks focus- 'Nativity'



Grade 1 boys practising for the concert!

A special thanks to Brendan Lloyd who has been on prac from Charles Sturt University in Miss Handreck's Grade over the past 3 weeks. You have been a wonderful help in the Discovery Centre, Mr Lloyd!



Dates for Discovery Centre Swimming next week ...

Tuesday 9th December

Thursday 11th December

Friday 12th December

Please remember to pack necessary swimming gear including towel, goggles and swimming costume as well as a plastic bag for wet clothing afterwards. The times for each grade are as follows:

12.30pm – 1/2W	1.00pm – 1/2C
1.30pm – 1/2B	2.00pm – 1/2H

Class Awards

1/2B

Trinny Preer- being an outstanding student. You always follow the 3Bs and the Bridging Centre will be lucky to have you!

Jeremy Baer- for being a brilliant role model. You set a great example to your classmates. Keep it up!

1/2 H

Ella McCarthy -for your persistence when completing a challenging fractions task. Way to go, Ella!

Leni-Rose Miller -for your good sportsmanship and 'self umpiring' during Blueearth. Top effort, Leni!

1/2C

Ralph Cox- your caring and compassionate nature shown during our visit to Woods Point. Ralph you demonstrated such respect towards the residents, well done!

Daniel O'Brien- your exceptional behavior and attitude this week. Daniel you have given 110% this week, we can't wait to see more of it! Awesome work!

1/2 W

Ashley Jones- your enthusiasm and strong leadership at our concert rehearsals. You are a star!

Lachlan McDonald- your persistence and determination in our speed reading challenge. You are a star!

Mel Whiteley



Lisa Handreck



Kayte Barton



Kellie Cowan



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Bridging (Years 3-4)

Class Awards

3/4C

Will Connell 3/4C – for your amazing achievements in our Times Tables Challenge. You should be very proud of yourself, well done!

Brooke Knight 3/4C – for your 5 star standard of work displayed in your Penguin Habitat. It was wonderful to see you putting in the time and effort. Well done!

3/4G

Teagan Kelly 3/4G – for always putting in 110% towards everything you do. You are a terrific role model for others. Great work Teagan.

Noah Clarke 3/4G – for your fabulous work towards your inquiry project. Well done Noah!

Lilli Kettner 3/4G – for your excellent spelling results all semester. Great work Lilli!

3/4A

Thomas Gorman 3/4A – for being a positive class member and showing great leadership.

Lindsay Malay 3/4A – for displaying enthusiasm and dedication in all areas.

3/4P

Cameron Ford 3/4P – for the effort and concentration you are showing at improving your Reading levels. Fabulous Cam!

Tahlia Thomson 3/4P – for the great effort you are making with the presentation of all your work. Great Stuff Tahlia!

3/4T

Tyson Dennison 3/4T – for persisting with Inquiry tasks this week and assisting others.

Mia McCully 3/4T – for offering to lead the dance at the Christmas Concert next week. Go Jagger!

Don't forget to organise your Kris Kindle present. The gifts will be shared on Wednesday 17th December.

Students enjoying the Swimming Program, in this lovely summer weather!



Dates to remember:

- 3/4T and 3/4A 12pm Mass Friday 5th December
- Swimming Program – Week 9 and 10 – 3/4C, 3/4P, 3/4G & 3/4A Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 5th, Monday 8th, Wednesday 10th.
- 3/4T – Wednesday 3rd, Friday 5th, Tuesday 9th, Thursday 11th, Friday 12th
- Christmas Concert – Thursday 4th December – **Students from Bridging Centre will need to wear denim shorts/jeans and a colourful shirt.**
- Bridging Centre Breakup – Monday 15th December.

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Patrice Goldman



Cheree Tregoning



Caitlin O'Dwyer



Alisha O'Dwyer



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Leadership (Years 5-6)

Class Awards

Ben Woodburn (5V)- for your enthusiasm & fantastic participation across all areas of school. You're a champion!

Oscar Willis (5V)- for your academic excellence throughout Term 4. Well-done Oscar.

Maddie Jarrad (5O)- your bright and bubbly personality. You always have fun and see the positives in all situations. Your friends are lucky to have such a great friend. Well done Mads.

Cliona Ingram (5O)- your entertaining dance moves for the Christmas Concert- I can't wait to see the end production! Well done Cliona.

Sam Marshall (6L)- for the fantastic way you have embraced self directed learning ~working quietly and conscientiously on all activities to make sure you are doing your absolute best.

Sam Davis (6L)- for the effort and energy you put into every session of morning fitness ~ winning our bridge challenge with an awesome time of 8min 35sec. Brilliant!

Darcy Barton (6C)- for her willingness to work hard and keep up to date with self-directed tasks. Looking forward to the dance act too!

Fletcher White (6C)- for your up-beat attitude that you start every day with. Your smile helps others have a better day. Keep smiling!

Christmas Concert

The students in year 5/6 are asked to wear their school uniforms for part of the concert tomorrow night. They will also bring along a change of clothes related to their specific dance/song act they will be performing in small groups. We hope to see you there tomorrow night for some music, food, drinks and laughter!

Bits and Pieces

Yr 5 students can try on Graduation T-shirts and sizes with either Moni or Meg when parents get a chance to drop in.

The Yr 5 students will have a fun day/Movie session on Thurs 18th August. The Yr 6 students will have an Aquatics Day on Thurs 18th December as well.

Windsurfing- Final call!

Any student in Year 5 or 6 has the opportunity to participate in a Windsurfing day at the Yacht Club next Thursday December 11th. There are still 15 spots available for this day and will cost \$30. If your child is interested, they need to bring along the money in an envelope, name clearly marked and hand this to Mr Carroll. The cut off will be when all positions are filled with the money forwarded. Thanks.

Numurkah Tennis Championships!



Congratulations to Grace, Micky, Thomas and Zac for coming 3rd in last week's Tennis Championships. Thanks to Renee Banch for transporting and supporting the students.

Library Books

All library books need to be returned asap.
Thank you.



Monica Van Roy



Meg O'Sullivan



Dean Carroll



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SCHOOL FUNDRAISER & SUPPORT FOR THE COD CLASSIC

Many thanks to those who have already volunteered to assist with selling raffle tickets at the Cod Classic at Mulwala Football Ground this weekend.

Please see the roster at the end of the newsletter for those already scheduled and the times.

There are still some spaces left to be filled (highlighted in Yellow). I would be grateful if you could please volunteer some of your time (if you haven't already done so). This is a great fundraiser for our school and we really need the support of parents to ensure we can continue to assist with these community activities. The selling of tickets only involves sitting at a table, taking the money. There is no requirement to actively walk around the venue selling.

Please advise asap if you are able to assist and which time slot and I will confirm via email.

Kind Regards.....Bron Nagle

SCHOOL BACKPACKS

Supplies of the School Logo Backpacks are available for purchase at the Office.

Small (Junior) \$45 and Large (Senior) \$50.

CAROLS BY THE LAGOON – MULWALA WATERSKI CLUB

FRIDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 6.00PM – 8.30PM

Featuring "Me and The Girl"

Free kids activities including jumping castle & face painting

Dress for the festive season

Raffle drawn on the night, 7 great prizes

Gold Coin entry, proceeds to "Friends in Common"

Including a visit from Santa

Entertainment by: Sacred Heart Primary, Ecumenical Choir, Ignite Life Choir,
Yarrowonga P-12 Primary Campus, Mulwala Public School and Sun Country Dance and Fitness

Food and Drink available, no BYO

CAROLS ON THE LAGOON / CHRISTMAS ON BELMORE PARADE - PERMISSION SLIP

My child/ren _____ can attend the Christmas on Belmore Parade on Wednesday 10th December at 5.00pm.

My child/ren _____ can attend the Carols on the Lagoon on Friday 12th December at 6.00pm for a 7.00pm start.

Signed _____

COD CLASSIC FUNDRAISER AND ROSTER

Friday 6th Dec	1:00pm-3:00pm	3:00pm-5:00pm	5:00pm-7:00pm	7:00pm-9:00pm
1	Bron Nagle	Shelley Souter	Rachelle Verlin	Anne-Marie Dowling
2	Jenny Loughnan	Mick Price	Sharon Milbourne	Catherina Shaw
3	Toni Loughnan	Ash Wheaton	Marg Mckenzie	Darlene Canfield
4			Bec Coulter	Meegan McInness
5			Bec Coulter	
6			Liz O'Dwyer	

Saturday 7th Dec	5:30-7:30pm	7:30-9:00pm
1	Paul Shaw	Marty Cummins
2	Ben Cope	Marty Cummins
3	Richard Kelly	Damien Kennedy
4	Phil Conway	
5	Trevor Elliott	
6		

Sunday 8th Dec	9:30am-12:30pm
1	Darren Forrester
2	Mark Mulquinney
3	Darren Forrester
4	Darren Forrester
5	Darren Forrester
6	Darren Forrester
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10	

TAKE A SHOT

*and have a chance to win some
amazing prizes*



Over 1500 prizes to Giveaway

To play log onto

hitthetarget.aoblitz.com.au/

Also by registering, we could have a top ranked player representing Yarrawonga every time they step on court at this year's Australian Open.

Tell everyone to get on board!

Competition close at 5:00pm AEDST 12 December 2014