

Sacred Heart Primary School Yarrawonga

2014 Term 4 Week 10 Newsletter



Advent – Week Three

This week we'll light the pink candle representing the third week of Advent. The pink candle reminds us of the 'joy' that we have in the coming of the birth of Jesus.

The waiting, the preparing and the anticipation all combine to create that

joyous feeling we all experience during this beautiful time in the churches year. Yesterday we received the wonderful news of the birth of Darcy Matthew O'Dwyer; the beautiful baby boy of Alisha and Matt O'Dwyer. They too have been waiting, busily preparing and living in joyous anticipation of that most special of times – the birth of their first child.

May we all experience that same joy this year as we gather together with our families, reunite after long absences and celebrate our love for each other.

School Board

A very big thank you to this wonderful team who come together for our monthly meetings to discuss and reflect on the important issues facing Sacred Heart Primary School. I understand that we naturally want to see concrete achievements at the end of a year but the conversations we have had have significantly contributed to the decisions that lead to school improvement – whether it be related to finance, facilities and resources; our grounds and maintenance requirements; our curriculum opportunities or the schools leadership and Catholic Identity – the School Board has input on all these areas and I am extremely grateful for your honesty, your integrity and your wisdom. THANK YOU!

Parents and Friends

A very big thank you to those parents who contributed to our Parents and friends Association this year. You are a relatively small group but the work you do is greatly appreciated. Whether it be through the school FETE, the 'Splash 'n' Dash', the Cod Classic Raffle, the manning of the gate at the Yarrawonga Show or by simply being another voice at our monthly meetings – THANK YOU! The contribution you make toward our children's education is far more than a financial one. You exemplify the importance of what it means to be a member of a community, a volunteer and we are grateful. If you are able to come and celebrate that work tomorrow afternoon from 5.00pm we are gathering at the Criterion for some drinks and nibbles. I would love to see you there to thank you personally!

Peace and best wishes,

Paul



Paul Maher



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Term 4

Week				Thu 11 th	Fri 12 th	Sat 13 th	Sun 14 th
10				Windsurfing Yr 5/6 (30 students) Swimming (P-2) Volunteer Drinks Criterion 5pm onwards	Swimming (P-2)		
	Mon 15 st	Tue 16 th	Wed 17 th	Thu 18 th	Fri 19 th		
11	Bridging Fun Day		Graduation Mass & Awards 9.30am- 11.30am Reports & Journals go home	Last Day students Aquatics Day Yr 6 Fun Day Yr 5	Last Day staff		

Religious Education

Sidony Kelly, Religious Co-ordinator



Advent

This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* is the Latin word for Rejoice! Advent was originally celebrated as a five week season and with the same fasting and penitential nature as the season of Lent. The third Sunday, Gaudete, was like a break for rejoicing in the midst of the fasting. When Advent was reduced to four weeks and the nature of the season altered, Gaudete Sunday was retained. The colour of this Sunday is rose – a celebratory colour – and it is reflected in the vestments worn by the priest and in the colour of the third candle used in Advent wreaths.

Graduation Mass

Graduation Mass is next Wednesday 17th December at 9.30am in the MPB on Piper St. Everyone is welcome to attend. This year classes have been allocated seats and it would be appreciated that all visitors to the Mass refrain from sitting in those seats. Hope to see you there.

Have a great week!!

Sidony Kelly

Music Awards

Cooper Webster - for your enthusiasm and wonderful participation in preparing for the 'Christmas Concert'.

Joe Coulter – for your enthusiasm and helpful ways in Music Classes all year. Thank you Joe.

Japanese Awards

Olivia Corso (3/4P) – for singing beautifully and confidently when we practiced the song together in class. Great work, Liv

Henry White (3/4G) – for singing well and trying to remember your section of lyrics. Great effort, Henry!

Brendan Ryan (3/4C) – for singing beautifully and confidently when practicing the song for the concert. Well done, Bren!

Phoebe Jarrad (3/4A) – for singing enthusiastically and trying to remember your part. Great work, Phoebe!

Staff Profile

Cheree 'Bear' Tregoning



Class: 3/4T

Favourite Football team/s: Kangaroos

Favourite Food: Chinese

Currently Reading: Not much of a reader . . .

Favourite Holiday Destination: Maybe Magnetic Island

What would you do with your last \$50?: Give it away to someone less fortunate that really needs it. I've got all that I need.

3 people you'd invite to dinner: Tough one...I'd have to say Brax, Michael Jordan and Jimmy Barnes.

Someone you admire: My Grandma. She's been through so much in her life, but she still manages to smile, be involved in things and offer advice to others. She is a very strong and selfless lady.

Favourite Movie: Dumb and Dumber closely followed by The Bodyguard.

Favourite Quote: Hakuna Matata. . .

What do you love about our school: I love the fact that people are so welcoming. When I first came here, I didn't know many people. Staff and parents invited me in and I became involved in things. Now I have so many friendships with staff, parents and the wider community. I'm very lucky to have formed these friendships.

Cheree is that beautiful person who has the ability to engage kids in meaningful learning through her calming nature. Cheree has been instrumental in the development of our Maths program and is a tremendous resource to staff and students in this Key Area. Cheree has developed lasting friendships with the school community through her quiet, caring and unassuming nature and she has a genuine love for everybody at Sacred Heart. She is looking forward to working in Year 1/2 next year.

Library

Mrs Ryan



Return of Library Books

Please return all Library books to the school Library as soon as possible. Many thanks. Mrs Ryan

Music

Mrs Cussen



MUSIC

What a fun packed week we have had singing in our community and spreading the Christmas Cheer. On Monday the Choir, with the support of some awesome Preps and Grade 1/2's represented our school and sang at The Golf Club for The Probus Group. On Tuesday the Choir sang for the Croquet Club at the Golf Club again. Both performances were fantastic and very well received by those in attendance.

Tonight, Wednesday 10th Dec. we have children in the 'Christmas On Belmore Parade', so if you are down the street please come to the CWA Carpark in Hovell Street at 5.50pm to assemble before the parade. Children to wear Christmas clothes and MUST be wearing their biggest smiles.

Friday is Carols on the Lagoon and ALL children are invited to get up on stage with us and have some fun singing Christmas Songs. Concert starts at 6PM at the SKI CLUB and we are on about 7pm. Once again dress in Christmas clothes and bring your biggest smiles.

Thanks you for your support and interest in all these events and hope to see you all there. Cheers 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.



3 Golden Rules for parenting

from Andrew Fuller – might help you get through the holidays!

1. *Don't do anything for them they can do for themselves.*
2. *Never believe anything they say to you in an argument.*
3. *Never forget that any child has more energy to put into any battle than any adult does.*

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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)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*From the
School Choir
2014*



Foundation (Prep)

Class Awards

Cooper Ridley (PQ)- for your wonderful enthusiasm you showed in the lead up and at the school concert.

Nicole Malay (PQ)- for your wonderful approach to school life. You always try your best Nicole, Well done.

Cooper Webster (PQ)- for your wonderful enthusiasm you showed in the lead up and at the school concert.

Claudia Cruikshank (PB) - for your awesome dancing last night at the School Concert! It looked like you were enjoying the spotlight.

Archie Jaques (PB) – for your cool moves during last nights End of Year Concert! It was great to see you smiling during the song 'Happy!'

Keeley Blick (PA)- for the joy you bring to our Learning Space everyday. Your love of life and learning is contagious and you inspire others!

Lenny Lonergan- (PA)- for the kindness you show to others and for your help in our learning space. You are a great model of the 3 B's.

School Concert- Congratulations to the children on their fantastic performance at the concert. Thank you for organizing their costumes, they all looked sensational.

Swimming- The Swimming program has continued to be a success. The children are using their 3B's very well at the pool. We have 2 days left - **Thursday the 11th and Friday the 12th December.** 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.

Splash Park- Today the children enjoyed their time down at the Splash Park and Waterslide. It was a terrific way to end our year together.

Christkindl- A reminder for children to bring in their KK present before next Wednesday. The children will give these gifts out on the final day of school, next Thursday. It is important that each child brings a present so no one is left out.

Graduation Mass- This will take place next Wednesday at 9.30am. You are most welcome to attend our end of year Liturgy.

Transition

On Tuesday, the Foundation children spent time in their new Learning Space with their teacher for 2015. They seemed to enjoy the experience and are looking forward to next year.

Today the 2015 Foundation children had their final transition day. They also met their teacher and class members for the following year. Thank you to the Prep children for your co-operation today.

School Reports

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Discovery (Years 1-2)

Discovery Centre will be spreading the Christmas cheer by delivering Christmas cakes this week.



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Discovery students enjoying swimming lessons this week

Class Awards

1/2B

Eva Cummins- Your kind and gentle nature. You have demonstrated this whilst assisting your classmates during the concert. Well done!

Riley Bone- Your awesome solo performance at the concert. You did an amazing job!

1/2 H

Hudson Crothers for your wonderful achievements in Maths this year. Top effort, Hudson!

Ciara Smith for your persistence during swimming this week. Top effort Ciara!

1/2C

Torah Duffy- Your energetic effort throughout dance practice and a wonderful concert performance. Torah you always tried your best, well done!

Heidi Wallden- your consistent effort you put into your reading. Heidi you have made such a wonderful improvement- you should be very proud!

1/2 W

Maevae Connell- The wonderful way you helped pack up the concert. You are fabulous!

Discovery W- your awesome dancing at the concert. I am very proud of you. You are all stars!



Dates for Discovery Centre Swimming this week ...

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

Mel Whiteley



Lisa Handreck



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Bridging (Years 3-4)

Class Awards

3/4C

Tyler True 3/4C – for performing beautifully in our School Concert. Well done. Tyler, keep up the practise and you will continue to improve!

Airlie Preer 3/4C – for giving a fantastic performance in our School Concert. Your singing was beautiful!

3/4G

Zac Fraser 3/4G – for his awesome moves at the school concert. You'd make a great teacher Frazel! Well done.

Darcy Hicks 3/4G – for always having a smile on your face and for displaying the 3Bs in everything you do. Well done buddy!

3/4A

Gordon Yang 3/4A – for finding your voice and participating in all class areas.

Matthew Cooper-Barns 3/4A – for your friendly and co-operative nature.

3/4P

Mac Pendergast 3/4P – for a settled and focused approach to school life this week. Well Done Mac!

Angel Dennison 3/4P – for the great work you did in joining in our concert preparation and presentation. Fabulous Angel!

3/4T

Sam Davidson 3/4T – for ALWAYS displaying the 3Bs and putting 110% into EVERYTHING that you do. AWESOME SAMBO!

Amy Barnes 3/4T – for being a responsible and reliable class member. Well done!

Congratulations to Alisha and Matt O'Dwyer, who had a beautiful baby boy - Darcy Matthew O'Dwyer.

Transition:

All children from Prep to Year 6 transitioned to their new Learning Spaces / Teachers for next year on Tuesday. An enormous amount of time and effort had been put in to ensuring that your child has the best learning opportunity possible for next year. Teachers looked at groupings based on a range of factors and try to accommodate friendships, learning styles and ability groups. The children enjoyed the sessions and returned full of chatter and excitement about their new groups. We appreciate the support that parents give in recognising the time and effort that goes in to this process.

Thanks, Bridging Centre Staff.

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Dates to remember:

- Swimming 3/4T - Tuesday 9th, Thursday 11th, Friday 12th
- Bridging Centre Breakup - Monday 15th December.
- Target visit - 3/4G Tuesday 9th, 3/4A Wednesday 10th, 3/4C Thursday 11th, 3/4P Friday 12th and 3/4T Tuesday 16th. **DON'T FORGET GOLD COIN DONATION.**
- Graduation Mass Wednesday 17th December, 9.30am.

Michael Price



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Cheree Tregoning



Caitlin O'Dwyer



Alisha O'Dwyer



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Leadership (Years 5-6)



Class Awards

Matt Nieuwenhout (5V)- for the fantastic effort & brilliant report on Christmas in Mexico. "Feliz Navidad.

Trevor Jarman (5V)- for the brilliant effort & fantastic report on Christmas in Mexico. "Feliz Navidad.

Harrison Clarke (5O)- For the consistent effort you put in with all your work tasks. You are a great role model for the younger students. Great work Harro!

Ben Griffin (5O)- for a fantastic performance at the Christmas Concert, You did a brilliant job with your dance. You sure can play any role when performing. Great job Griffo.

Elly Robilliard (6L)- for your awesome attitude towards your learning ~ putting your very best effort into your work and displaying commitment and dedication to all you do.

Chloe Laffan (6L)- for displaying commitment and dedication to your learning ~ persisting with difficult tasks and always trying to do your very best.

Sarah Ryan (6C)- for your fantastic efforts this term including self-directed learning, swimming and your contribution to the Christmas Concert.

Anika Walsh (6C)- for your awesome efforts at the Christmas Concert. You planned, practiced and have amazing talents. A great role model for all to see.

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Graduation Mass- Wed 9.30am

*End of Year Concert-
Thanks for your support*

End of year bits and pieces...

As the year comes to a close, students in Years 5 & 6 are asked to return laptops and all accessories by Wednesday at the latest.

Students will have received a Secret Santa note.
Please return gifts asap.

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.

Yr 6 dancing girls enjoying the concert!



Library Books

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

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Meg O'Sullivan



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Wilby and District Christmas Tree

Come along to Wilby to celebrate the annual Wilby and District Christmas Tree.

The evening will be held at the Wilby Recreational Reserve on Friday 19 December commencing at 6pm. A sausage sizzle will be provided. Children will be able to play on the playground equipment and join in some good old-fashioned fun and games before the arrival of Santa at 7.30pm.

The night provides a great opportunity for people to catch up and enjoy the festive season. Parents are asked to bring a small gift to place under the tree to the value of \$10. Please bring your own chairs, drinks and a plate of supper to share. Cost is a gold coin donation per family. This evening is kindly supported by Taylor-Made Window Creations and Yarrawonga Mulwala Physiotherapy.

For further information or to RSVP please contact Fiona Hart on 03 5743 2126.

SCHOOL BACKPACKS

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

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

LOST

Bailey Lewis has lost his named hat. If found please return to the Office. Thank you.

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,
Yarrawonga P-12 Primary Campus, Mulwala Public School and Sun Country Dance and Fitness

Food and Drink available, no BYO

CAROLS ON THE LAGOON PERMISSION SLIP

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

Signed _____