

# Sacred Heart Primary School Yarrawonga



2015 Term 1 Week 2 Newsletter

## The Journey Begins!

We not only welcome a number of new families to Sacred Heart this year, we also welcome three new teaching staff in Kirby Hillier, Maureen McLarty and Jenny Sagadaik. We also welcome two new Education Support staff in Brit Stacey and Brooke Sanderson. They've all settled in very well and are looking forward to their first year with us.

Welcome back to 2015 and what we know will be another exciting year for your children. It was amazing walking into the Foundation Centre on day one to see all our new Preps looking wonderful in their uniforms and ready (some a little nervous) to begin their learning journey at Sacred Heart. We also extend a welcome to a number of other students and families who have joined us since the start of the holidays. Have a great year everyone!

## Parental Concerns, Queries or Grievances.

I would love to be able to say that over the course of this year everything will go off without any problems whatsoever but unfortunately that's not always the case. As always I ask that if you have any concerns with myself or a staff member please approach us to communicate your issue in a calm and respectful manner. We will always endeavour to work through any problem to achieve an adequate resolution but I urge you all to handle any issues in a way that reinforces the partnership between the home and the school rather than breaking it down.

## Opening School Mass – Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> – 9.30am

Our Opening School Mass will be held this Friday in the MPB at the College from 9.30am and all families are once again invited to attend. It is always a special occasion and one that we like to share with our families so please come along if you're able to. Fr. Steve will lead us in the celebration as our Parish Priest and we will also present our Student Leaders for 2015 afterwards.

Peace and best wishes,

Paul

## Words of Wisdom

*"Blessed are the Merciful as Mercy they will find."*

*Forgiving and being forgiven enables us to put the bad stuff behind us and concentrate on the good parts of our relationships. It is the key to moving forward toward a better life.*



Paul Maher



Heather Keenan



Jacqui Nixon

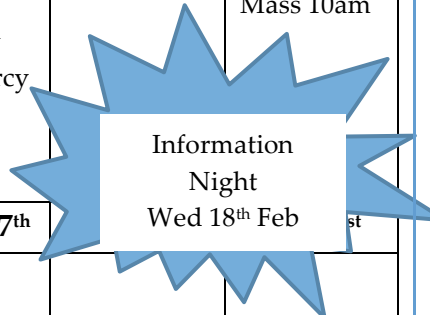
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Week	Term 1						
2	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>
			No Preps		Opening School Mass 9.30am MPB		
3	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>
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4	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>
		Shrove Tuesday	Ash Wednesday *Information Evening for all Year levels * No Preps	Swimming Carnival (Yrs 3-6)	Prep A Buddy Assembly 10am Mercy Centre		Children's Mass 10am
5	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>		
		* Divisional Swimming Wang * Visiting Indigenous performer			Prep S Buddy Assembly 10am Mercy Centre		
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			Regional Swimming Shepparton		Prep C Buddy Assembly		
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	Labour Day Holiday			School Photos Divisional Cricket Trials- Wang/Benalla			
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	Week 1- Home based Euch/Conf		Regional Cricket Trials- Wang	Divisional Tennis Trials- Wang			Children's Mass 10am
9	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>
	Holy Week/Easter Week 2- Home based Euch/Conf			Regional Tennis Wangaratta	Holy Week Liturgy 10am Last Day of Term		Palm Sunday



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## Staff Profile

*Kellie Cowan*



*Class: Prep C*

*Football Team/s: Hawks*

*Favourite Food: Japanese*

*Currently Reading: The Crossroad- (Mark Donaldson, VC)*

*Favourite Holiday Destination: Bright or Byron Bay depending on the season.*

*3 people you'd invite to dinner: Ed Sheeran to listen to, Carl Barron to laugh with and Ryan Gosling...need I explain? Sorry Luke!*

*What would you do with your last \$50?: Head straight to Crown to try and double it!*

*Favourite Movie: Love Actually (cliché I know!)*

*Favourite Quote: It's not always about having what you want, but sometimes wanting what you've got.*

*Someone you admire: Turia Pitt (survivor of W.A ultramarathon fire in 2011) –her tremendous resilience and strength in the face of adversity is inspirational.*

*What do you love about our school: I love how welcoming the staff have been since I have joined the Sacred Heart Team.*

*Everyone at Sacred Heart has a true passion about their job enriching student's lives.*

*The facilities are second to none, from the learning spaces and furniture to the excellent school grounds. I feel lucky to be working in a school with such wonderful students and supportive staff.*

## Religious Education



Welcome back to another school year. We have again hit the ground running with all things RE this term, starting with our **Opening School Mass this Friday at 9.30am in the MPB.**

### Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday will be run in the same format as last year. I would appreciate help from any parent that is available on **Tuesday 17th February** from 9am to help with the cook up of over 800 pancakes!! A separate note will go home today. If you can assist, please fill in the note and return it to school by next Wednesday, 11th February.

### Confirmation/ Eucharist

Yes, it is earlier than previous years!! A note will go home this week, for our Grade 4 students regarding the Confirmation/Eucharist program. It is imperative that if your child will be receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist this year that this form is completed and returned to school by Friday 20th February. A few more dates for your diaries include:

- The parent information session will be held on Wednesday 4th March at 7pm in the Mercy Centre
- The Home-based program will commence at the start of Week 8 this term.
- Candidates will be presented to the parish at the Children's Mass on Sunday March 22nd. We encourage that all candidates be presented together in the one celebration, however understand that this date may not suit everyone. If it doesn't, we will present those candidates at a date to be confirmed.

### Children's Masses

Children's Masses this term will be held on **Sunday February 22nd and Sunday March 22nd**. Students who will be receiving the sacraments of Confirmation/First Eucharist will be presented to the parish during the Children's Mass on March 22nd.

On another matter, this will be one of my last entries in the school newsletter. My husband and I have taken up a business opportunity in Wangaratta that will require me to run the office full time. Mrs Meegan McInness has been appointed the new Religious Education Coordinator for Sacred Heart. I will remain REC until the end of Week 4, then Meegan will take over for the rest of the year. Meegan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role and will make a fantastic REC.

Have a great week!!

Sid Kelly, Religious Co-ordinator

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Welcome back to Term 1 for 2015. 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 began again this morning and will continue, for the year, on Wednesday and Friday mornings. It is run by the wonderful volunteers from St Vinnies. However, they would love some extra help. If you could offer some time between 8:15am and 8:45am, during the 'rush', to help cook and serve, they would be very appreciative.

Over the next few weeks, I will include tips from Michael Grose, an excellent parenting educator, on how to help your children achieve success. If you would like to get more tips and advice from him, you can go to his website at [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au).



**Help your  
child achieve**  
by Michael  
Grose

### Condolences

Our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to Emily Buerckner and her family on the passing of her great-grandfather, Ken Edis. Also to the Scalzo family on the passing of Grace Scalzo, great grandmother to Alessandro and to Jack & Lily Burns whose grandfather, John Burns passed away last week.

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child's teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

There's no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children's learning. Here are the first two of 10 ways you can work with your child's teacher to maximise your child's chances of school success. (The rest will follow during the term).

#### 1. Know what your child's teacher is trying to achieve

Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child's teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child's class.

#### 2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive

If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child's school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

## Library

Mrs Ryan



### Welcome back...

This year is the International Year Of Light. When a book is read the words assist thinking and new ideas appear. May there be many light bulb moments in the school Library.

The Library Timetable for classes is as follows:

Monday: 3 /4C, 3/4MC, Foundation A

Tuesday: 1/2B, 1/2T, 3/4G

Wednesday: 1/2V, 1/2H, 3/4W 3/4H,5B, 5O

Thursday: Foundation C, Foundation S, 6C, 6L

Library Bags are available for sale for five dollars. The money made will go to the Rosemary Cullen Foundation.

Mrs Lynne Brear is the creator of these Library Bags and a special thank you goes to her. Students require a Library Bag for their Library books.

# Foundation (Prep)

**We welcome new and existing parents and caregivers! The Preps have had a wonderful start this week and we are excited about the year ahead!**

An important reminder: **NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS** on the following five Wednesdays:

WED 4<sup>th</sup> Feb

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

WED 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March

WED 18<sup>th</sup> Feb

A normal week will resume for all Prep students following the week of the March long weekend.

**Hats** - Please make sure your child's hat is clearly labeled to ensure the right hat belongs to the right child. As part of our Sun Smart policy we do enforce the rule, 'no hat, no play' effective of next week.

**Fruit Containers**- If your child is bringing small or cut up fruit (e.g. berries or grapes) could you please ensure it is stored in a separate container than their lunch box. It is helpful if their fruit break snack is easily accessible and transportable, thank you for your understanding.

**Sports uniform**- Please remember students need to wear their sports uniform every Friday for Bluearth.

Parents please advise your child's teacher of how your child is getting home if there are any changes to their usual routine.

*Please be mindful, it is most helpful if you can wait outside for your child until they are dismissed by their teacher. At the end of the day we deliver important messages for the next day. Thank you for your understanding.*



DAY	PREP A	PREP S	PREP C
MON	LIBRARY	ART	MUSIC
TUES	MUSIC		
WED			
THURS		MUSIC/ LIBRARY	LIBRARY/ART
FRI	ART/ BLUEARTH	BLUEARTH	BLUEARTH

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Jen Sagaidak



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# Discovery Centre News (Years 1-2)



Art is with Mrs Nolen, don't forget your art smock!

A big welcome back to all of the students in Year 1 and 2. We hope everyone had a fabulous holiday and a good rest ready for a fantastic year of learning and fun! A special welcome to our new students in the discovery centre:

Chloe Baxter  
Lillie Hall  
Myley McGlynn-Phillips  
Lucas Towner  
Brandon Tzountourkas



Parent Information Night  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> February  
6.00pm  
Discovery Centre  
All Welcome.



On the table below you will find the specialist days for your child's class. We are still finalising our Sport/Bluearth days. These will be on next weeks newsletter.

	1/2 B	1/2 H	1/2 T	1/2 V
Art	Thursday	Friday	Tuesday	Monday
Library	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Music	Monday	Thursday	Monday	Thursday

Music is with Mrs Cussen, all you need is a smile!



Library is with Mrs Ryan, don't forget your library bag!



Who you will see in the Discovery Centre?



**Support Staff**  
Kaitlyn Ackerly  
Katrina Carpenter  
Michelle Connell  
Kristy Hargreaves  
Liz Howe  
Loretta Myers  
Michael Price  
Britt Stacey  
Julianne Turner

Take home readers will start next week.



Please remember to label all hats, jumpers, containers and other items which are coming to school. A labelled item is much easier to return. Thanks.

Cheree Tregoning



Lisa Handreck



Kayte Barton



Monica Van Roy



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# Bridging (Years 3-4)

## *Dates to remember:*

- Opening School Mass Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am MPB College.
- Parent Information Night – 18<sup>th</sup> February – class time table will be provided.
- Swimming Carnival 19<sup>th</sup> February.
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Confirmation/ First Eucharist Parent Information Night 7pm.



*A big welcome to our new students - Tyrone Baxter, Jesse Tzountzourkas, Lochlin Harvey and Jaime Towner.*

*We hope you are enjoying Sacred Heart Primary School!*

**Back to SCHOOL**



**We would also like to welcome Mrs Whiteley, Mrs McLarty, Mrs Connell and Miss Hillier to the Bridging Centre. We are all looking forward to an exciting school year in 2015!**

*What a good looking bunch of students!*

Maureen McLarty & Nikki Connell

Patrice Goldman



Mel Whiteley



Caitlin O'Dwyer



Kirby Hillier



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# Leadership (Years 5-6)

**Welcome Back....** A warm welcome back to all the children and families of the Leadership Centre. We hope the break has been a refreshing one for everyone. The Year 5/6 children have settled in really well. This year Miss O'Sullivan and Mr Boulton will be working with the children in Year 5 and Mr Carroll and Mrs Lawless working with the Year 6s. Mr Carroll will attend to his Deputy Principal duties in the afternoon blocks. The students have had a few days to become accustomed to the routines of the school day. Sport, Library, Japanese, Bluearth, Art, Music, Science (Fortnightly) and MJR (Making Jesus Real) will be a part of the student's weekly timetable. If you have any questions regarding any daily happenings please get in touch with your child's teacher. All children in the Leadership Centre have Bluearth and Sport on either Tuesday, Wednesday (Yr 6 only) or Friday this year so please ensure these are the only days sports uniform and runners are worn to school. All children are required to read a minimum of 80 minutes over the week. Please make sure reading logs are signed and returned each Friday. All children have received 2015 Medical forms. These need to be completed and returned asap.

## Prep Buddy Assemblies.....

All the children in Year 6 have been working with their Prep buddies, helping them settle into school. Part of our buddy program are our much loved buddy interviews, where the Year 6s present their buddies to the school community and tell us all a little bit about their buddy and things they like to do. Buddy assemblies will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February (Prep A), Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February (Prep S) and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March (Prep C) at 10am in the Mercy Centre.

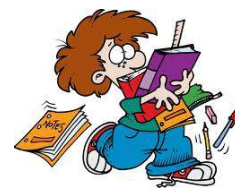
**Coming up....** This Friday the school will celebrate the start of the school year with an Opening School Mass. The mass will be celebrated at 9.30am in the MPB at the Senior School Piper Street Campus. Our Year 6 students will attend with their buddies and student leadership positions will be announced. We hope that parents and families are able to attend.

## Reminders.....

Our Swimming Carnival for all children in Years 3-6 will be held on **Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup>**. Swimming event forms should have been returned by today. If not, please return before Friday's House Meetings. Permission forms will be sent home later this week. An Information night for the Leadership Centre will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00pm in the Year 6 Leadership room.

## Graduation Tops.....

The Year 6 T-shirts and jumpers have arrived. The cost of the polo shirt and embroidery has worked out to be \$33 and hoodies \$40. All children will receive one of their leadership shirts at our first school assembly on Friday. The rest of their uniform can be collected from the Year 6 room once it has been paid for and receipts have been issued.



Daniel Boulton



Meg O'Sullivan



Dean Carroll



Lynne Lawless

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*More News.....*

## **YARRAWONGA/MULWALA BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN**

### **\*New Adults Mixed Competition Starting Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Registrations now open online for Aussie Hoops, all domestic junior age groups and our new mixed adults competition. Registrations close Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. To register and for full details, see the Basketball Associations Website: Enter [www.foxsportspulse.com](http://www.foxsportspulse.com) into your browser. Then click on Basketball, then Victoria-Country, then Yarrowonga Mulwala Basketball Association. Once on our website click on the "Register Now for Domestic Basketball" or "Aussie Hoops" icon on the right side of the home page, to take you to the registration form and payment. YMBA junior/senior fees are discounted by \$10 for all who register by the due date of Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. Past and new players most welcome. Enquiries call Amanda Wheaton 0407507493 or Nedean Clarke 0403110280.

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## **ATTENTION PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS**

**Daine Runnalls** will be running music lessons at your school this year.

*Instruments include: Vocals, Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Ukelele and Mandolin*

Music is a great way to enhance concentration, motivation and confidence, it is also great for relieving stress and anxiety.

Classes this year will be billed at term intervals. \$20 for group lessons and \$30 for private tuition.

Payments for the term to be finalized by the first lesson.

Lessons most likely to commence in Week 3 and on a Thursday.

For any queries, please contact Daine on 0458 616 656

## **DANCE SHOES FOR SALE**

Hip Hop shoes: Bloch size 11 - \$15

Hip Hop shoes: Bloch size 8 - \$15

Jazz: tan energetics size 10 - \$15

Jazz: tan energetics size 10.5 - \$10

Ballet: pink energetics size 7.5 - \$15

All in good condition

Contact Jane on 0427 344 840

## **GUMNUT GUIDES**

Gumnut Guides resume on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Brownie Guides and Sunset Guides resume on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 5.00pm.

## **EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

From January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria's neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools' core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

For more information, see **Student Resource Package** <https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/srp/>

The EMA web system is at: **EMA** (<https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/ema/EMAHome.aspx>)

## **BOOK CLUB**

Welcome back to another year of Scholastic Bookclub. 20% of your Bookclub purchases comes back to the school so we can buy additional resources. Please return the order form on the back of the brochure with your child's name and class clearly marked, plus with your payment of either cash, cheque made out to Scholastic Australia, or completed credit card slip from bottom of order form. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you.

## **CANTEEN**

Welcome back! A canteen list will be coming home with your child with the newsletter today.

If you don't see one you can always go onto the School App and view one there.

For the new parents at the canteen, we have a selection of home made goods to choose from and Icy poles.

On Fridays we have a special day where your child can buy lollies.

Thank you.

Nicole