



Sacred Heart Primary School is committed to child safety. We believe all children have the right to feel safe and to be safe.

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.



On Sunday, we celebrated the first week of Advent:

Almighty God, we begin this Advent Season as an 'Advent People' – people of hope, ready to do your will. Let your blessing come upon us and May it turn our hearts to you in the days ahead. Grant us the peace and joy we long for, as we await the coming of your Son with patient hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Good Afternoon Everyone

It's hard to believe we only have two weeks left of the school year. It feels like Christmas has crept up on us with very little warning! It is however wonderful to see our learning spaces looking bright and joyful with Christmas Cheer. Please keep an eye on our school fence line over the next week - it won't be quite the Myer Christmas windows - but it will brighten your day/night!

2021 Transition

This will happen on Wednesday 9 December. Students will spend the morning in their new learning space and with their teachers for 2021. When deciding on classes, our teachers consider academic achievement levels, children who work well together and children who are better to be separated, special learning needs, behaviour and social or emotional needs. This process takes a lot of time, care, compassion, thought and trust. It is not vital for your child to be in the same class as his/her best friend. It is vital to be in a class with the best interest of your child in mind. It is very difficult to move children around once classes have been set. It is not possible to move one child as this inevitably affects that of another. I thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Staffing Update

It is with sadness we say goodbye to Mr Brennan Mills at the end

of the year. Brennan brought a wonderful sense of fun, professionalism and expertise to our school. Brennan will be teaching at Sacred Heart College Yarrawonga next year.

Graduation Liturgy

Our Graduation Liturgy will take place on the 14th December. Due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to hold our usual ceremony at the MPB or have families attend. The liturgy will be recorded and this will be made available for all families.

End of Year Reports

Reports will be sent home on Friday 11 December 2020.

Stai attento (take care)

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Monday 7 December	Swimming fun sessions begin at Yarrowonga Outdoor Pool with Year 2
Tuesday 8 December	Year 3 fun session at Yarrowonga Outdoor Pool
Wednesday 9 December	Transition Day for Prep to Year 5 students here at school Year 6 fun session at Yarrowonga Outdoor Pool
Thursday 10 December	Year 1 fun session at Yarrowonga Outdoor Pool
Friday 11 December	Foundation fun session at Yarrowonga Outdoor Pool Reports sent home
Monday 14 December	Year 5 fun session at Yarrowonga Outdoor Pool Year 6 Beechworth excursion and graduation night
Tuesday 15 December	Year 4 fun session at Yarrowonga Outdoor Pool
Wednesday 16 December	Final day of school for all students: Usual finish times of 2.50 pm and 3.10 pm for drive through pick up and 3.15 pm for all other students
Friday 18 December at 12 noon	School office closes for 2020 year
Wednesday 27 January 2021	School office re-opens for 2021 year
Friday 29 January 2021	All students return to school

PBIS

Sacred Heart has a wish, to reduce the amount of rubbish. So put your food in containers made of plastic to get a smaller environmental footprint.

FANTASTIC!!!!





Catholic Identity News

SEASON OF ADVENT

The time of Advent is the four week period of preparation for the season of Christmas. It commenced last Sunday. Advent begins the cycle of the Liturgical Year and we are heading into Year B (Mark's Gospel is the main gospel).

The first weeks offer a vision of the future, looking to the end of time when Christ will come again. The final weeks point more specifically to the birth of Christ. Christ, the promised one, is awaited with joyful expectation. The First Sunday of Advent follows the final Sunday of Ordinary Time and the season concludes on Christmas Eve. Christmas season then commences.

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote a letter to the whole world called *Laudato si'* about the need for us to care for creation. He says that we need to change our 'throwaway culture'. Each Christmas we see such a focus on consumerism in the media; the newest gadget, the latest toy, the best ham. But all these things come at a cost to the environment and a cost to people.

So here are some simple ways you can live *Laudato si'* at Christmas.

Food

Use containers to buy bulk dry goods and meat – this minimises single use plastic waste. Some butchers will also take containers for meat and often source their meat locally. Don't be afraid to ask!

Buy naked and ugly – ugly fruit and vegetables often get thrown out despite tasting the same. Try and bring a reusable fresh produce bag.

Use leftovers – try and use beeswax wraps or containers instead of cling wrap or aluminium foil.

Compost your food scraps – try not to add too much meat and dairy to the compost though.

Buy fruit and vegetables from the local market – by buying from local markets we are also reducing the food mileage and supporting local business.

Bake and make what you can – try experimenting this year with homemade condiments.

Use a bread-bag – bread-bags can fit bread rolls, loaves and breadsticks. You can buy ones from Onya or any clean calico or cotton bags are great too.

Presents

Buy fair trade – Buying fair trade ensures that all workers have fair working conditions and have fair wages.

Buy second hand – op-shops have many hidden gems. Also, don't forget to take any old toys or unused gadgets to the op-shops before Christmas. The funds raised by many op shops help the homeless.

Regift – it saves perfectly good items going to landfill.

Shop local – support your locals instead of the large corporations.

Give gift cards or experiences – sometimes creating memories with experiences is better than a toy used for a week or two. Gift cards also reduce waste because the person can choose what they need.

Reuse wrapping paper - you can reuse wrapping paper or bags for other gifts, cards or craft, and keep the paper and bags you get.

Hand-make cards from old cards – this is a great activity for kids to make cards out of old cards. Sometimes, you don't even need a card.

DIY– let your creative juices flow with crafting presents. Sewing, knitting, painting, five-minute Facebook crafts that recycle objects.

Obviously some of the those ideas are easier to adapt then others but have a talk with your children about them and others ways we can be kinder to our world.

I hope everyone has a great week,
Meegan McInness
Catholic Identity Leader





JUMP ROPE FOR HEART DAY

A huge, grateful thank you to all our students, families, staff and the wider community for all their support for the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation. After 6 weeks of practice, the students and staff recently had a celebration of all skills skipping! From Prep to Yr 6, the students and staff joined in the fun. From the 'Criss Cross' to the 'Double Under' and 'Pretzel', the students showed off an array of highly skilled skipping! The students also dressed in red, donated many gold coins and enjoyed a sausage and a Zooper Dooper for lunch.

We thank the 2021 College captains in Annie Robilliard, Brody Benjamin, Lauren Vescio and Sarah Binnie for cooking all the sausages and our Yr 6 school leaders for their help in making the day an enjoyable one.

We also thank Holgates Bakery in Mulwala for the donation of the bread and to Mrs Keenan for collating all the money and prizes to come in the coming weeks.

We acknowledge some of our students below who have gone above and beyond in raising some funds for the foundation. Darcy Fasoli, Sophie Coghill, Emma Attwood, Henry Wilson, Caitlin Brew, Alanna Ford, Sienna Baldwin, Vinny Johnson and Lawson Kelly just to name a few.

Students were also challenged to keep track of their skipping times. Darcy Fasoli, Lyla Levett, Sienna O'Brien, Benji Wollington, Maya Isaac, Dakota True, Claudia Cruikshank, Ed Mulquiney, Alanna Ford and Sophie Coghill round up the Top 10, logging in many, many hours of skipping.

The support from families and friends to the cause has been mind-blowing. As the skipping comes to a finish, currently Sacred Heart Primary has raised \$15,379! Wow!



Can all students please remember to bring a drink bottle to school!

With the restrictions around school bubblers still in play and with the weather predicted to be very hot this week, can all families please ensure that children arrive at school with a full drink bottle each day.

NO SCHOOL CANTEEN DURING DECEMBER

UNFORTUNATELY WE WILL
HAVE NO CANTEEN FACILITIES
AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL
DURING DECEMBER. THIS
INCLUDES NO LUNCH ORDERS!



BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS COLLECTION POINT



Please leave your bread tags here. They will be recycled in Robe, SA to fund wheelchairs for needy South Africans.



Re-made in Robe!



 aussiebreadtags@gmail.com

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Your local contact : _____



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Portsea Camp January 2021.

Vacancies exist for children

to participate in the Portsea Children's Camp
January 11th – 15th 2021.

Requirements:-

- be prepared to have a great time with others
- be aged 9 – 12 years old
- be prepared to be away from parents for 5 days
- should be ready for excitement, adventure and mateship
- fill in an application form available from Noel Tinney.
- Phone Noel on 0427 550 923 and leave a message and contact number, or send an email to jentinne@gmail.com
- Total cost \$550 per child, which is broken down to
 - \$230 subsidy by the Rotary Club of Yarrawonga-Mulwala
 - \$320 to be paid by the child's parents.

Applications close 16th December, 2020.

For any inquires or application forms, contact Noel Tinney

Phone: 0427 550 923 Email: jentinne@gmail.com

A project supported by the Rotary Club of Yarrawonga-Mulwala.

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Major changes have been made to the January, 2021 camps to enable them to be Covid19 compliant.

Summary of changes:-


1. Only two camps in January.
2. Camps are for 5 days only (Monday to Friday).
3. Each camp will be limited to 100 children.
4. Activities will be more limited than usual.
5. The overall cost of the camp is \$550-600 (includes transport, food, accommodation, activities ie. all inclusive.)
6. Yarrawonga Mulwala Rotary Club is increasing their sponsorship to \$230 per child to keep the parent's contribution to \$320.00 (same as last year).
7. If the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, a ballot will be held to decide who goes.
8. The camps are subject to the status of Covid19, and may be cancelled if there is any outbreak of Covid19 cases. Payments will be due closer to the camp date. Refunds of any payments will be made if the camp is cancelled.
9. The lateness of the decision to operate the camps was governed by the State's Health Officers. We hope those interested in applying for the camp will contact Noel Tinney for their forms as soon as possible.
10. Closing date for applications is 16 December 2020.

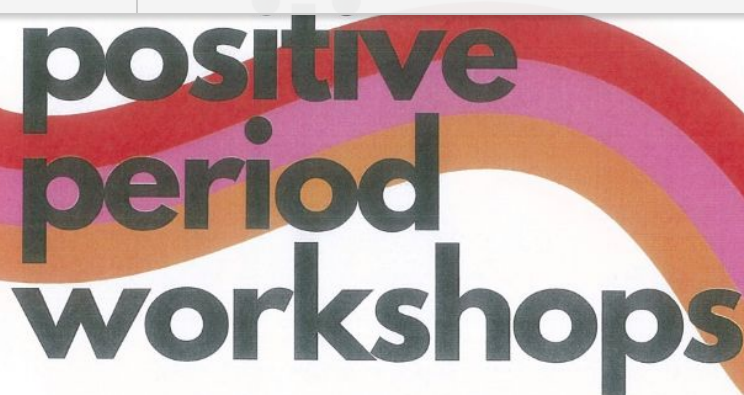


YMCC Girls come and Try Evening

The YMCC is super excited to offer a Girls Come and Try cricket evening at Stan Hargreaves Oval (Vic Park) on Friday 11th of December at 5pm.

With a successful WBBL competition providing girls with fantastic role models to follow, Yarrawonga/Mulwala Cricket Club is looking to tap into this success to encourage more girls into playing the great game of cricket. Yarrawonga/Mulwala Lakers are looking at developing and boosting our numbers, similar to what the Yarrawonga Football club has successfully done, to hopefully run a girls competition on Friday nights,

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<p>The club will also provide a sausage sizzle on this night for all participants. If you are able to help out with cooking the barbeque, please contact me on the number below. All participants will receive one of our famous Friday Night icy poles. All equipment will be provided.</p> <p>All girls aged 5 to 18 and their parents will be warmly welcomed! Current Woolworths Big Bash players are encouraged to bring along a friend, cousin, sister to this event, and parents/grandparents/caregivers are encouraged to do the same. Let's see how many girls we can get down to Vic Park. It promises to be fabulous atmosphere. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us. Please check Yarrawonga/Mulwala Cricket Club Facebook page for updates regarding the evening.</p> <p>Al Mitchell Yarrawonga/Mulwala Cricket Club 0400077233</p>				



positive period workshops

FOR GIRLS AGED 10-13 AND MOTHERS

- YARRAWONGA 9TH JANUARY 11.45AM - 4.30PM
- ALBURY 10TH JANUARY 11.45AM-4.30PM
- BEECHWORTH 12 JANUARY 2.45PM-7.30PM

FROM \$165

Are you finding it hard to start the conversation around periods with your daughter?

Is she aged between 10-13 and on the cusp of womanhood?

Do you think about your own period knowledge as a young girl and wished you knew more?

This workshop is about creating positive change in how young girls view their periods. No more taboo, secrecy and shame. It takes a village so it is time to empower our girls!

- Let's normalise the conversation around periods and put your worried or anxious girls mind at ease
- Discuss different menstrual hygiene products, and give your daughter knowledge.
- Discuss the cycle and our four inner seasons from a wholistic and empowering point of view, with no shame, fear or embarrassment
- Confidently connect with your daughter around conversations about her body, puberty, and menstruation.

Facilitated by Brenda Spilva - Behavioural Practitioner.

book now at www.brendaspilva.com/workshops

Phone: 0411 845 180



SACRED HEART PRIMARY YARRAWONGA

Being part of a caring faith community instils our students with a sense of identity, a sense of belonging and above all a powerful sense of self-worth.

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 NOW BEING TAKEN IN
ALL YEAR LEVELS**

**PLEASE TELEPHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON
(03) 5744 3339 OR SEE OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE
FOR DETAILS**

www.shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au



I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly.
John 10:10

SIMON Everywhere App

All notifications to our school community will be sent via this app.

If anyone has any difficulties in downloading the App and would like some assistance please contact Sonia Bourke in the office or via e-mail at sbourke@shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au.

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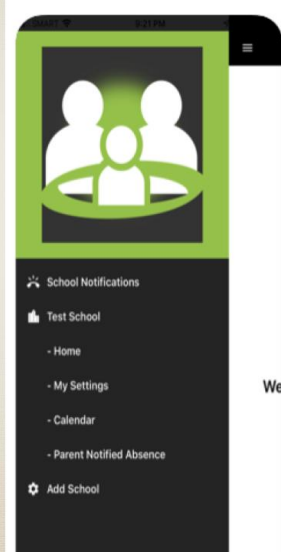
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