



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.



We are all tempted by different things whether it be to act a certain way, to buy things etc, however it is the choices we make when tempted that are important. During our lenten time we can choose to go without something rather than engage in it, we can choose to give to others in our time as opposed to doing something for ourselves, and we can choose to pray more deeply particularly prayers of thanks, gratitude or strength.



Buonjourno Everyone

Great news - we are back! Thank you for your patience and support over the past 3 days.

We will return to the following guidelines to ensure the safety of everyone in our school community:

- **All students will return to school tomorrow, Thursday 18th February. Classes will run as normal.**
- **The school day begins at 8.50 am and finishes at 3.15 pm.**
- **Supervision for students begins at 8.30 am. Please refrain from dropping your children earlier than 8.30. Staff use time prior to 8.30 for planning, organising and meetings.**
- **With the easing of COVID restrictions - parents and carers are able to be on campus, however COVID practices such as social distancing, need to be adhered to at all times. Masks must be worn.**
- **We ask parents not to enter the learning spaces at the end of the day – but wait for your children outside. This allows us to monitor the numbers of people in the learning spaces to ensure the safety of everyone.**

I appreciate your adherence to these guidelines.

It is with great excitement I announce the Year 6 leaders for 2021. I know they will be fabulous role models for our school community.

Service: Charlie Hargreaves and Elli Buerckner

Hospitality: Ava Ashton & Zoe Freestone

Courage: Connor Strawhorn & Chloe Perryman

Justice: Macy Quarrel & Blair Strawhorn

Compassion: Montana Morey & Jack Smith

Due to the snap school closure, our swimming sports for students in Years 3 - 6 will now be held on Thursday 25th February. This is a very exciting time for not only our newly appointed Sports Captains, but as well as the opportunity for our students to encourage each other, acknowledge each other's talents and perform to the best of their ability. Good luck everyone and may the best "house" win. Thanks to Mr Carroll for all his work in organising this.

Take Care Everyone

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 18 February 2021	All students return to onsite learning
Wednesday 24 February 2021	Foundation students rest day
Thursday 25 February 2021	School swimming sports at Yarrowonga Outdoor Pool
Friday 26 February 2021	Divisional swimming sports, Wangaratta
Thursday 11 March 2021	School photos

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Safety is best, put yourself to the test!



Catholic Identity News

Today is Ash Wednesday and this was the focus of our Christian Meditation this morning. It is also the beginning of Lent and the commencement of the Caritas, Project Compassion appeal. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box early next week.

Sacraments

Our Sacramental Program will look a bit different this year but the plan is for our students in Year 4 and 5 to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in May and our Year 3 and 4 students to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation in Term 3. A note was emailed to all families in Year 3, 4 and 5 regarding this information. All students in Year 4 and 5 whether receiving the sacraments of Confirmation/Eucharist or not, must fill in the form emailed last week. This needs to be completed ASAP. Any problems please contact me at school or via email.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back at school!

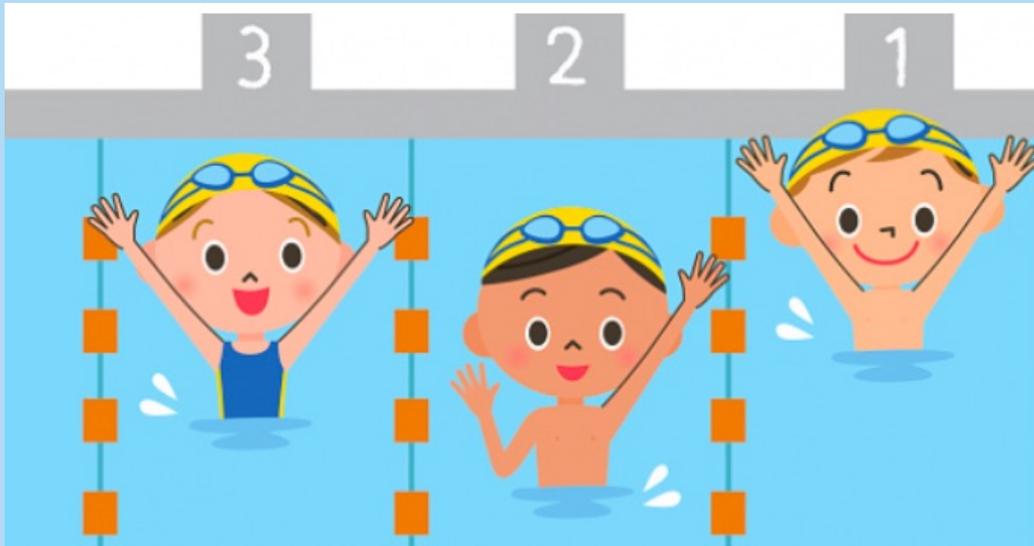
Meegan McInness
Catholic Identity Leader



This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: lent.caritas.org.au

Saint Oscar Romero is our inspiration for Project Compassion 2021, so in his words let's "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."



School Swimming Carnival 2021

Our school swimming carnival for students in Years 3 - 6 will now be held at the Yarrowonga Outdoor Pool on Thursday 25 February 2021.

Please note that for those children who are selected to swim at the Divisional School Swimming Sports, this event will be held in Wangaratta the following day, Friday 26 February. If your child is selected to swim at this event you will be notified next Thursday evening and will be required to sign a permission form. The school will be taking a bus to this event for children that are selected.



NSW has one of the largest metropolitan bus fleets in Australia. Almost 4000 buses operate in the Sydney area, while another 1000 buses service the Newcastle, Wollongong and Blue Mountains areas. Passengers take more than 300 million trips on buses throughout NSW each year. In addition, more than 3000 bus services operate in rural and regional NSW.

Adults - always hold your child's hand

School-aged children might seem independent, but they still need a hand around traffic. Remember:

- Always meet your child AT school or the bus stop. NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across
- Until they are at least 10 years old, always supervise your child and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing the road
- Wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road.

Pedestrians

Pedestrians are our most vulnerable road users and they makeup around a half of all fatalities from bus crashes in metropolitan areas. To stay safe on and around buses, pedestrians should:

- Plan ahead and don't rush for the bus
- Obey traffic lights and cross with care
- Avoid being distracted by mobile devices
- Stand back from the kerb when waiting for a bus.

Drivers

Buses can't stop quickly and drivers should:

- Give way to buses pulling out from bus stops
- Not merge too closely in front of buses and Slow down to 40 km/h when bus lights flash.



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.

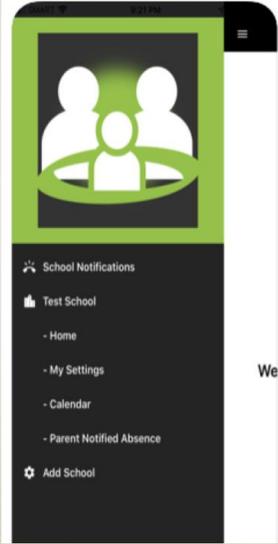
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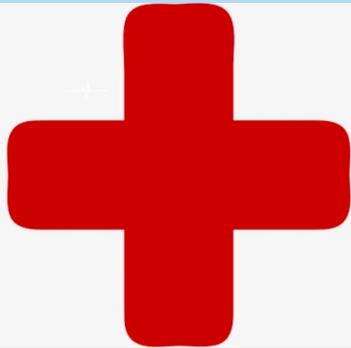


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- Download App from App Store
- Click menu top left
- Click Add school
- Select Sacred Heart Primary Yarrowonga
- Enter PAM credentials



Updating Medical Profile

Can all families please check that their child/ren's Medical Profile is up to date. This can be done via your PAM account. If your child suffers from asthma or anaphylaxis please provide us with an updated action plan as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.



Sets of art smocks and library bags for sale!
The Rosemary Cullen Foundation is selling matching sets of 'home sewn' library bags and art smocks for \$25. They are available from the office here at school.



Yarrowonga and District Little League

Registrations will soon be open for the 2021 AWJFL footy season. If you wish to be a part of an exciting club and play football in the premier junior competition in the North East border region come on down to training and meet the team. Yarrowonga Junior Football Club has representatives in Under 12s, Under 14's and Under 16s.

At this stage the plan is for training to commence on the following dates:

Under 12 training on Tuesday 23 February at 4.30pm with Coach Brad Sneddon (phone: 0429 163 012). All new faces are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Under 14 training on Tuesday 23 February at 5pm. Coaches Jason Tonna (0429 052 851) and Noel Skehan would love to welcome back all the kids they had the opportunity to coach last year and look forward to welcoming any new commers to the

Under 16 training has commenced but for anyone interested it is not too late. If you would like to come down and have a run please feel free to contact Shane Forge for info you may need.
(Phone: 0418 332 286).
All Welcome.

For any enquiries please contact Phil Conway
(Phone: 0428 393 650).

Yarrowonga Pigeons Girls Football also has 16 and under, and 17 and over teams representing the club. For any information, please contact Sharee Spiteri on 0418 514 710.

Yarrowonga & District Netball Association

2021 Junior Netball Competition
Commencing Friday 23rd April

Entry to the competition will be available either:

- Via a club
- Enter your own team
- Individually (The Association will put you in touch with the closest team registered)

Divisions for entry:

Ages are a guide only, grading will be done by ability

Premier (15 & Under & Under 17's)
Section 1 (Under 13's)
Section 2 (Under 11's)

Net Set Go (Prep/Grade 1) & Rookies (Grade 2/3) will register individually as normal.

Registrations will open online via a link posted on the Yarrowonga & District Netball Association Facebook page.

Contact ydna.netball@gmail.com or Danni Blick 0408441704 for further information, otherwise keep an eye out on our Facebook page.

Looking forward to another great year of netball!!!!



2021 Soccer season commences in March.

Registrations now open – please see our Facebook page for details and links.

New players welcome.

(U12, U13, U14 and U16 boys, U12, U14 and U16 girls, Senior women and men).

Please call 0457 797076 for more information.



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