



Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Your Best

PBIS Blitz (Weeks 9 & 10)

"We all love swimming but being safe is our number one rule. Listen and be careful while you swim around, we want all our students to be safe and sound."

Dear Parents,

Newsletter Term 4 Week 9

Advent is a time of waiting in hope and expectation. We may hope for many things: to win the lottery; get a better-paid job; pass an examination; find the right person to marry; overcome an illness; heal a soured relationship. Perhaps though the Church's celebration of Advent is more akin to the kind of excited joy in a child's heart awaiting a forthcoming birthday party. Or the joy of expectant parents awaiting the birth of their first child.

For us, though Advent is a 'spiritual' wake-up call. It's an opportunity to lift ourselves out of any self absorption, to open our hearts and realign our lives with Gospel values as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. As Christians our hearts must always be 'awake' to fully grasp the message of Jesus and to remember that this can be a time to start afresh.

End of Year Concert and Mass - Just a reminder that our End of Year Concert is being held this Thursday 1st December starting at 6.00pm. The School Board will have a BBQ running once again but as always you are all welcome to bring your own meal along. Our end of year mass will take place on Thursday 15th December from 10.00am and this will also include our Graduation Ceremony and presentation of classroom awards. All parents are invited to come along to this celebration as well.

Swimming Program – Once again our swimming program is underway and is a great opportunity to talk to the children about water safety and to enhance their swimming skills and stroke technique. The recent media announcements making it the responsibility of schools to ensure that ALL children can swim fifty metres by the end of year Six will be very difficult to achieve without significant government funding and a commitment from parents to reinforce our program at home over the summer months. Treating the rivers, lakes, pools and waterways with respect is the first step. I will be watching and listening for further announcements about this new initiative that will place even more responsibility on our schools with great interest.

Final day of Classes For 2016 – A reminder to everyone that classes will conclude for 2016 on Friday 16th December at 3.15pm. Staff will be taking part in a Planning Day on Monday 19th and will finish up on Tuesday 20th.

Basketball Program 2017 – This Friday, Liam Wright and Kennan Burrage will be coming to school to play basketball with the students over the lunch hour. They will then spend a few minutes of our assembly time describing their Basketball Training Program that will be offered in 2017. Yarrowonga is certainly embracing basketball and this has been reinforced by the large numbers of young people playing both at a domestic and representative level. Liam, who has played with the Bushrangers Basketball team and represented Papua New Guinea and Kennan who has played high level basketball and has come across to Australia from the USA will provide the kids who enrol in the program with some excellent tips and skills that will be sure to enhance their game. More information about the program will be sent home for you to consider for what is sure to be a great opportunity for our students.

Thanks and best wishes,

Paul

Week	Term 4						
				Thu 1st	Fri 2nd	Sat 3rd	Sun 4th
9 (Nov/Dec)				* Swimming Program Prep-3 * Christmas Concert 6pm	* Swimming Program Yrs 4-6 * Woods Point Visit- Yr 6	Cod Classic	Cod Classic
				Mon 5th	Tue 6th	Wed 7th	Thu 8th
10 (Dec)	* Swimming Program P-3 * Windsurfing- Yr 6	* Orientation Day- All Students * Swimming Program P-3	* Swimming Program Yrs 4-6	* Swimming Program P-3	* Swimming Program Yrs 4-6 * Carols by the Lagoon- Ski Club 7.30pm		
	Mon 12th	Tue 13th	Wed 14th	Thu 15th	Fri 16th	Sat 17th	Sun 18th
11 (Dec)	* Swimming Program Yrs 4-6		* Prep 2017 Transition Session 4- 11.30am- 1.00pm * Reports & Journals go home * Kinder Christmas concert	* Graduation Mass 10am	* Final Day for students * Yr 6 Aquatics Day		

Religious Education

Meegan McInness



Graduation Mass

A reminder the end of year Mass will be held in the MPB on Thursday December 15th at **10 am** in the MPB.

Advent

This Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Advent. As we enter the Second Week of Advent, our thoughts should be turning more and more to the coming of Christ at Christmas. As we move on to the second candle on our Advent wreaths, our sense of expectation increases, as does our recognition of the fact that we are not prepared.



CONFIRMATION EUCHARIST 2017

We have been informed by the Bishops secretary, Mrs Margaret Watson that Confirmation Eucharist for 2017 will be held on Friday night the 26th of May. Please put this date in your diary.

Many great photos were taken of our confirmation/Eucharist Candidates so if you would like to receive an email of the photos of your child, please email me and I'll forward them on.

Have a great week everyone,

Meegan McInness

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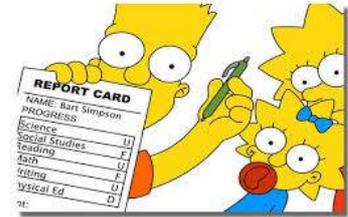


READING YOUR CHILD'S REPORT by Michael Grose (Part Two)

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report, do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.



2. Do you believe that children learn at different rates?

There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead, look for individual progress.

3. Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it?

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible. School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format, school reports should provide you with an idea of your child's progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

It is important for children to learn that stories generally have parts or a sequence to follow.

Knowledge of this will improve your child's reading comprehension and narrative writing.

** There are many new versions of traditional fairy tales. Children love reading the new versions and comparing what was the same/ different with the traditional story. Have a look at these versions:



'The Three Little Bush Pigs' by Paul Dallimore (The Three Little Pigs)

'Suddenly!' by Colin McNaughton (The Three Little Pigs)

'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by A. Wolf' by Jon Scieszka

'There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Mozzie' by P. Crumble

'There Was an Old Bloke Who Swallowed a Chook' by P. Crumble

'Jim and the Beanstalk' by Raymond Briggs



Congratulations

Congratulations and Good luck to Ollie Ridley who is competing in the State Golf Championships at Koorringal Golf Club in Melbourne today. It's a fantastic achievement and we're proud of Ollie's efforts in making it to a state level.

Portsea Summer Holiday Camp

The Portsea Camp is coming up in the school holidays. If you have a child between the ages of 9 to 12yrs, this may interest you. Attached to the end of the newsletter is some information regarding the Summer Holiday Camp. If you have any queries please contact them direct or Mrs Buerckner in the admin office.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book early to take advantage of early-bird rates!

Early-bird closes: Friday 2nd December for December bookings, Monday 19th December for January bookings We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend! Have fun with science experiments, participate in a bunch of craft activities with access to a plethora of art media, and get active with a variety of outdoor sports and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend's Summer Holiday Program.

To check out what's on visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: SCHOOL DRESSES

To avoid disappointment we invite students to try-on and pre-order school dresses for 2017. We do our best to estimate the stock required but unfortunately we do run out of sizes from time to time and delays do occur. No financial outlay is required at the time of ordering. Please don't hesitate to contact the staff at Judds Yarrowonga Mensland on 57 441269 if you require any further details.

Extend Before and After School Care at Sacred Heart Primary School

DECEMBER & JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMS 2016/2017

Extend would like to inform parents that bookings are now open for both holiday programs.

Parents can have a look at our activities program by going to our website: extend.com.au

Bookings can also be made here via the parent portal or by calling Extend [1300 366 437](tel:1300366437)

Lisa Gard- Team Leader (Parent Portal: extend.com.au)

This week's activities:

Wednesday 30th November: All About: Australian Coins

Thursday 1st December: Lemon Slice

Friday 1st December: 3D Earth



Nationally Recognised Training

at

Yarrowonga Neighbourhood House

Registered Training Organisation No 21765



SITHGAM001 Provide responsible gambling services

This unit is an essential requirement of the Gaming Machines Act 2001 for any person with gaming activities as part of their job role in NSW.

Date: Friday 9th December

Time: 9:30am – 4:00pm

Cost: \$ 130 (GST Free)



Visit our website: www.ynh.org.au

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SITHFAB002 Provide responsible service of alcohol

Conducted using the New South Wales Liquor Licensing guidelines, this unit is essential for anyone involved in the sale, supply and service of alcohol.

Date: Friday 2nd December

Time: 9:30am – 4:00pm

Cost: \$ 170 (GST Free)



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Hygiene for Food Handlers

The unit SITXFSA001 Use hygienic practices for food safety is for those who want to work in restaurants, cafes or bakeries, or are members of a community group involved in food preparation.

Date: Friday 25th November

Time: 9:30am – 4:00pm

Cost: Full Fee \$ 105

Concession: \$ 85 (GST Free)



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ATTENTION BOYS!

We are a new Not-for-Profit Holiday Camp based on the NSW/VIC border at Howlong. We are offering a unique farm based camp for boys as either part of a school group or individually, during school holidays.

Please check out our website for further details:

www.boystothebush.com.au

Like and Share our Facebook page to get instant info, deals and updates! This will also enter you in the draw for a free camp for one lucky boy...

Should you have any further queries do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards, Adam, Tim & Richard.

The Boys from "Boys to the Bush". 0414 404 250

info@boystothebush.com.au

Christmas Concert- 6pm Thursday

Tomorrow night our annual 'Christmas Concert' will be held on the Basketball Court starting at 6pm. The students will sing, dance and have a great time on stage and we hope that many families can come along, relax and join in the festivities. Families can bring along some food and drinks. A sausage sizzle will be available and Dip n Dots will also be on-site.

Each centre will perform a song and also a dance item.





The Community Artist Program at Sacred Heart is very fortunate to have Anne Gleeson and Gwenda Hicks give up their time every Tuesday afternoon to guide, teach and encourage promising artists at our school. The students have had many experiences with acrylic paint and pastel. During their time in the Artist Group it has been evident that skills have been developed and refined. This week, the students have their Artwork displayed in the corridor leading to the Art Room from Wednesday the 30th of November until Friday the 2nd of December. Everyone is invited and

welcome to have a look at the artwork, as you will be amazed at what is possible from our talented students. On Monday the 5th of December, the students in the Community Artist Group will be presented with their portfolio of Art. This will be at our Monday morning assembly in the Mercy Centre at 8:50am.

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Sacred Heart PS Swimming 2016

Every Summer news headlines highlight the importance of including a swimming/water safety component in school Health and Physical Education programs.

Our swimming program will take place in weeks 9, 10 & 11 this term. The end of the school year is the perfect time to run the program as the children are soon to be spending lots of hours around water...whether at pools, lakes, rivers or beaches.

Children will participate on the following days :

Please ensure permission notes are returned by Friday 25th November. Children need to come to school with everything they need to participate in the program on their allocated swimming days ~ bathers, towel, sunscreen and thongs (to be worn to and from pool only). To help promote our school's sunsmart message, children are required to wear a t-shirt/rashie at all times. Girls are asked to wear one-piece bathers (if possible).

Children will swim on the following days :

Foundation & Discovery plus Bridging 3

	Tues 29 th	Thurs 1 st	Mon 5 th	Tues 6 th	Thurs 8 th
12.30	Prep S, 1/2W & 1/2V	Prep A & 1/2V	Prep A & 1/MP	Prep S, 1/2T & 1/2MP	Prep S, 1/2W & 1/2V
1pm	Prep M, 1/2T & 1/2MP	Prep M, 1/2T & 1/2MP	3G & 3H	Prep A & 1/2W	Prep M, 1/2T & 1/2MP
1.30	Prep A & 1/2H	Prep S, 1/2W & 1/2H	Prep M, 1/2T & 1/2H	3G & 3H	Prep A & 1/2H
2pm	3G & 3H	3G & 3H	Prep S, 1/2W & 1/2V	Prep M, 1/2H & 1/2V	3G & 3H

Bridging 4 & Leadership

	Wed 30 th	Fri 2 nd	Wed 7 th	Fri 9 th	Mon 12 th
12.30	6D, 6L & 6S	5O & 5CM	5CM & 4W	4C & 4K	5CM & 5B
1pm	5B & 5O	5B & 4W	4C & 4K	6D, 6L & 6S	5O & 4W
1.30	5CM & 4W	4C & 4K	6D, 6L & 6S	5O & 5CM	4C & 4K
2pm	4C & 4K	6D, 6L & 6S	5B & 5O	5B & 4W	6D, 6L & 6S



**SUMMER 2016 - 2017
HOLIDAYS!**

MONDAY 19 DECEMBER - FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER &
MONDAY 9 JANUARY - WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY

**SACRED HEART
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

LOCATION:
62 Orr Street, Yarrawonga VIC

HOURS:
7.00am - 6.00pm
Full session fee: \$60

PAY BETWEEN \$10.51 - \$30 PER SESSION!

***RECEIVE AT
LEAST 50% OFF
REGARDLESS
OF INCOME!**

EARLY-BIRD CLOSES:
Friday 2 December for December bookings
Monday 19 December for January bookings
Book now to avoid disappointment.

extend
BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL CARE

BOOK ONLINE VIA THE PARENT PORTAL

**YARRAWONGA
SWIM
LESSONS**

Registration Days -
Thursday 1st and Saturday 3rd Dec

10 Week Program starting -
Thursday 8th December

Choose what day works for you
Thursday Afternoons 4pm or
Saturday Mornings 10am

Also offering two x 1 week
intensive programs starting
Monday 9th January days TBA

Yarrawonga Outdoor Pool - Burly Road
www.motnropools.ymca.org.au
emily.andrews@ymca.org.au

Portsea Camp January 2017.

Vacancies exist for children

to participate in the Portsea Children's Camp
January 19th - 25th, 2017.

Requirements:-

- * be prepared to have a great time with others
- be aged 9 – 12 years old
- be prepared to be away from parents for 7 days
- should be ready for excitement, adventure and mateship
- fill in an application form available from Noel Tinney.
- Phone Noel on 03 5744 1995 or 0427 550 923 and leave a message or send an email to jentinneym@gmail.com
- Total cost \$327 per child, which is broken down to
 - \$35 subsidy by the Rotary Club of Yarrawonga-Mulwala
 - \$292 to be paid by the child's parents.

For any inquires or application forms, contact Noel Tinney

Phone 03 5744 1995, 0427 550 923 or email

jentinneym@gmail.com

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

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WAVES OF FUN AT Portsea Camp

SWIMMING | SNORKELLING | CANOEING | HIGH ROPES | GIANT SWING | FISHING
FLYING FOX | DISCO | BIKE RIDING | FACE PAINTING | ARTS AND CRAFTS

AND SO MUCH MORE!







APPLY TODAY!

Yarrawonga group camp is Thursday 19th to Wednesday 25th, January, 2017.
Camp is open to children aged 9 to 12 only.
Total cost \$327.00 – parents pay \$292.00 and Rotary sponsorship is \$35.00.
Contact Noel Tinney by phone 03 5744 1995, mobile 0427 550 923 or email
jentinneym@gmail.com

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