



Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Your Best

2017 Term 4 Newsletter (Weeks 9 & 10)

MINI BLITZ- Library

'As we near the end of the year, it's time to hunt n look and return all those library books'

"The principle goal of education in our school should be creating people who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done" Jean Piaget

MINI BLITZ- Swimming

'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!'

Good Afternoon Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are now in December and have just two and half weeks to go before the 2017 school year finishes. Sacred Heart still remains a very busy place with many events occurring and our teaching and learning continues. Over the coming weeks our children will be participating in many activities that will focus on the Advent season, the birth of Jesus and Christmas.

Wizard of Oz

A big congratulation to all the students who took part in our production, 'The Wizard of Oz.' A big thank you also to Miss Marley Fountain and Miss Hannah Williams for all their personal time and efforts in ensuring the students were well prepared and at the same time having loads of fun.

Staffing Allocations 2018

Attached to today's newsletter is our staffing allocation for 2018.

On Tuesday (12th December), our children will meet their new 2018 teachers. 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 and behavior 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.



School Closure Day

This Friday the 8th of December is a Pupil Free Day. This will be a planning day for all staff in preparation for the 2018 school year.

Last Day of Term

The last day for students this term will be Thursday 21st of December.

All students will return to school on Thursday 1st February, 2018.

School Board Members

A big thank you to our outgoing Board Members Ged Martin, Sarah Lee-Conway and Meegan McInness. I appreciate all the support you have given myself and the Sacred Heart School Community over the past 4 years. Your presence will be missed. I would also like welcome Christine Martin to our school board for 2018.

MINI BLITZ- Out & About

'When out and about representing our school, being safe and respectful is really cool.'

Year 3 Excursion

The Year 3 excursion will now take place on Tuesday 19th December.

Raising money for CJD

Congratulations to Braedyn Petersen and Ava Loughnan for all their hard working in organizing our 5c money trail in support for CJD (Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease)

There is currently no cure for this disease so we hope our fundraising efforts will assist in future research.

Wishing you a great week as we work together for the benefit of our children.

Take Care

Arn

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.

Sacred Heart is a Child Safe School

Sacred Heart Primary School promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children, including those with a disability. Applicants are welcome to elaborate on experience they may have working with children with a disability.

Attention- Yr 5/6 Laptops

Just a reminder to all Year 5 and Year 6 students that their laptops will need to be handed back to the school by the end of this year. Students need to have returned their:

- laptop
- covers
- charger

Prep Parents- Please return.....

A reminder for the parents of the Prep children who received a Monash University survey to complete it and return it to school by the end of this week.

Week	Term 4						
9 (Dec)	 <p>Pupil Free Day this Friday and school finishes on Thursday Dec 21st.</p>		Wed 6th	Thu 7th	Fri 8th	Sat 9th	Sun 10th
			*Swimming Program (Yrs 3-6)	*Swimming Program (P-2)	Pupil Free Day Carols on the Lagoon 7.30pm Mulwala Ski Club		
	Mon 11th	Tue 12th	Wed 13th	Thu 14th	Fri 15th	Sat 16th	Sun 17th
10 (Dec)	*Swimming Program (Yrs 3-6)	*Swimming Program (P-2) *Transition Day and meet your teachers for 2018 (9.30am-11.00am)	*Swimming Program (Yrs 3-6)	*Swimming Program (P-2)	*Swimming Program 12.00-1.30pm P-2 1.00pm-2.30pm- Yrs 3-6		
	Mon 18th	Tue 19th	Wed 20th	Thu 21st	Fri 22nd	Sat 23rd	Sun 24th
11 (Dec)		* Yr 3 Excursion- Echuca/Kyabram	*Graduation Mass- 10am * End of Year Awards Ceremony	*Final Day for students * Yr 6 Aquatics Day	*Final Day for Staff		



Sacred Heart Primary School, Yarrowonga

2018 Staffing

Principal	-	Arn Gorman
Deputy Principal	-	Dean Carroll
REC	-	Meegan McInness
Learner Diversity	-	Janine Buerckner

2018 Teaching Staff

Prep	-	1) Jenny Sagaidak 2) Lilly Maroney 3) Patrice Goldman 4 days / Alisha O'Dwyer 1 day
Year 1	-	1) Maureen McLarty 4 days / Kristy Hargreaves 1 day 2) Lisa Handreck 3) Alison Stacey 3 days/ Kristy Hargreaves 2 days
Year 2		1) Kayte Barton 2) Mon Van Roy 3) Caitlin O'Dwyer
Year 3		1) Mel Whiteley 2) Nikki Connell 4 days / Alisha O'Dwyer 1 day 3) Emma Kerr
Year 4		1) Xavier Kennedy 4 days / Dean Carroll 1 day 2) Rachael Illingworth 3) Kate James
Year 5		1) Meghan O'Sullivan 2) Daniel Boulton 4 days / Kellie Cowan 1 day 3) Marley Fountain
Year 6		1) Bree Schutt 2) Matt Dwyer 4 days/ Kellie Cowan 1 day 3) Brennan Mills

**	Library	-	Noeline Ryan
**	Music	-	Christine Cussen
**	LOTE (Jap.)	-	Natalie Wilson
**	ICT	-	Ash Wheaton
**	Science	-	Michael Price

Reading Recovery - Nada Nolen
Literacy Support - Nada Nolen

2018 Admin. - Heather Keenan
Sonia Burke
Jacqui Nixon

2018 Non-Teaching Staff

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| 1. Lisa Boyer | 7 Katrina Carpenter |
| 2. Kay Zanin | 8. Deb Denys |
| 3. Karen Phillips | 9. Kaitlyn Ackerly |
| 4. Britt Stacey | |
| 5. Lois Stiles | |
| 6. Lynne Brear | |

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ISAIAH TO PERFORM IN MULWALA-YARRAWONGA THURSDAY 04 JANUARY & ECHUCA-MOAMA FRIDAY 05 JANUARY

Isaiah has become one of the biggest names in music this year and brings his live show to Mulwala-Yarrawonga on Thursday 04 January and his home town of Echuca-Moama on Friday 05 January. He comes to town to celebrate an incredible year since winning the X Factor in 2016 and representing Australia at Eurovision in 2017. His original songs have gone gold in Australia and charted in over 33 countries, racking up over 140 Million streams! Isaiah's live show is world class and he brings a 90 minute set of his original hits and sing-along songs currently on the charts.

This is a holiday show for families in a fully supervised environment at the best live music venues in town. This will be an emotional return to his home town and shows not to miss! See Isaiah on Thursday 04 January in Yarrawonga-Mulwala at Club Mulwala (tickets avail www.isaiahofficial.com) and Friday 05 January in



Andrew Chinn Concert

A great night was had at our end of year Christmas concert presented by Andrew Chinn. The children's faces said it all as they sang and danced. A big thank you to Andrew and Mrs Cussen for all their hard work and preparation. Thank you to all the families who were able to join us, we hope you enjoyed the night as much as we did.

Children's Mass

Our final Children's Mass was held the Sunday before last, led by the students from the Leadership Centre. Thank you to the Yr 5's and 6's who attended Mass and read and participated so beautifully.

End of Year Mass and Awards

Our End of Year and Graduation Mass will be held on Wednesday December 20th at 10 am in the MPB. During the Mass we get an opportunity to celebrate all our successes this year and to farewell our Year 6 students. The Mass is followed by our end of year book awards.

Christmas Eve Mass

Sacred Heart Parish celebrates Christmas Eve each year with Mass in the MPB. If there are any children who would like to be part of the choir and participate in the Mass could you please email me. I am also looking for a parent of two to help coordinate the children on the night.

Have a great week and please remember our farming families in your prayers as they harvest in very trying conditions.

Have a great week everyone,

Meegan

Catholic Identity Leader

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Extend After School Care and Holiday Programs

December Theme: Valued Members of our Community,

We had a group discussion about emergency services in our community and the children selected some groups to make gifts and cards for to say thank you for their service. These are: Police, Fire brigade, Hospital (Nurses and Doctors), paramedics, and carers. Quite a list.

Yarrowonga Mulwala Basketball Association AGM
YMBA Annual General Meeting will be held today Wednesday 6th December at 7.00pm at the Back of Burkes Hotel. Executive and General Committee for 2018 will be elected. New and existing members are invited to attend.



Last month the children had an opportunity to photograph themselves, and they showed interest in using the camera, so this month we are having a photographer of the day, and their best photo will be displayed on the wall of the Mercy centre.

We have a new Healthy treat for the children at after care, and they just love it, and ask for it every night. Simply put it is cut up fruit frozen. Much healthier than icy poles or ice blocks.

We use: water melon, rock melon, honeydew melon, oranges, and grapes

If you are interested, or curious about what we do in our Summer Holidays Program, the program for January (8th to 25th) is on display at the glass entry door to the Mercy Centre. We have 3 excursions and 3 incursions this January. All children attending Sacred Heart Yarrowonga can join in including the children who start Prep in 2018.

Announcement:

The parent portal will cease to operate at the conclusion of term 4, and it will be replaced by a reliable, flexible and user friendly platform named **LookedAfter**. All families requiring bookings for the Summer Holidays program and after school care for 2018 (existing and new families) must create a new account with **LookedAfter**, at <https://www.lookedafter.com/>

Last of all the staff at Extend would like to wish all the staff, children and families of Sacred Heart Yarrowonga a wonderful Christmas and a happy holiday break. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Joanne Kingston- Team Leader Parent Portal: extend.com.au



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Janine Buerckner



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 is held on Wednesday and Friday mornings, before school, and all are welcome. We thank the dedicated and hard-working St Vinnie's volunteers for making this program possible. The Breakfast Club operates from the canteen.

The Community Health Services have Christmas hampers for families in need. If you feel that this could be helpful to support your family over the Christmas season, please contact Community Health on 5743 8500.

Goodbye Primary school, Hello Secondary school

By Michael Grose

The end of primary school is a significant milestone in children's lives. They've spent half their lives in primary school, in many cases in the same school, which is significant.

Looking back

This is a time for kids to celebrate their achievements; show appreciation to their teachers and enjoy the friendships that they've formed. Here are three ideas:

1. Let's celebrate

Primary school graduation ceremonies play an important part in the primary school life, as they mark the end of an era and the start of a new part of their lives. We need to be careful that the meaning doesn't become lost as graduations become increasingly lavish, even to the point where some students are transported to their graduation in a stretch limo. *Keep them simple and keep them close to the school's values.*

2. Show gratitude

As a former teacher, I know how much a simple thank you can mean from students at the end of the year. So, make sure your kids take the time to thank their final year teacher and, as well as, seek out to thank other teachers who contributed to their education over their primary school journey. *Gratitude costs nothing but has a great impact.*

3. Enjoy friendships

Encourage your kids to be open and friendly at this time of the year, and steer clear of cliques and fellow students who want to exclude others from their groups. The end of primary school can be tricky to navigate, particularly when early maturers stick together and ostracise certain classmates. *This is the time for friendly behaviour and inclusiveness.*

Looking ahead

Here are three ideas for you to help kids make a smooth adjustment:

1. Promote friendships The quicker kids form new friendships the sooner they'll feel comfortable in their secondary school surroundings. Encourage your young person to be open to forming friendships with all sorts of kids; to be accepting of others who may be different to them; to take social risks by joining in activities even though they may feel uncomfortable; and to be friendly, approachable and positive!

2. Be ready to listen Patience and understanding in the early weeks is essential. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it's normal to feel unsure or nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many difficulties they face will be temporary.

3. Keep your attitude positive Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss settling in issues with the appropriate person such as a year level coordinator, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.

CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

Language Learning activities to have a go at home.

Ten activities will be provided over Term Four targeting your child's knowledge of story grammar. 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.



** After reading a story or watching a TV program ask your child what they would do if they were in that character's shoes. Encourage them to start with the phrase; "If I was a I would....."

**Try some acting! Bring your child's favourite story to life by creating masks, costumes, dress ups, or puppets. Get in character and act the story out, or create a new story or problem for the character. Entertain the whole family by putting on a show.

**While sharing a story with your child, change a predictable part to something totally outrageous that does not fit with the story or pictures. See if your child notices and can suggest something more appropriate.

2017 Walk to School Month

It's with great pleasure that I can announce our final tally of walks, rides and scoots to school during the month of October. Throughout weeks 1-3 of this term, 172 students came to school either walking, riding their bike or scooter 988 times. This was a fantastic achievement and our results have placed our school very high amongst other Primary Schools within the Moira Shire and wider Victoria. We recently presented our awards for Walk to School at assembly. The lucky recipients of an impressive shoe trophy were:

Foundation: Prep S with 46 walks

Discovery: 1H with 62 walks

Bridging: 3W with 93 walks

Leadership: Year 5 with 125 walks

We were also lucky to have Spencer Cowan win the colouring competition held across all schools within the Moira Shire.

Darla Lawless also achieved a special mention for her excellent poster that she entered in the Poster Design competition.

After our final walk on Friday 27th October, the students celebrated with 3 large platters of fruit, thanks to the Martin family from Foodworks in Mulwala and the Moira Shire.

Although the official Walk to School Month has concluded, we still encourage students to make the most of this beautiful weather and safely walk, ride or scoot to school. With the current restrictions to car parking, finding other alternatives to get to school will help alleviate congestion during pick up time. We have extra teachers on duty after school for bikes and walkers to leave the school safely.

We look forward to providing students with this opportunity again in 2018. Thanks for your support,
Daniel Boulton



Colour Fun Run

Friday the 24th of November saw the Year 5/6 students combine with the college to participate in Sacred Heart's inaugural Colour Fun Run.

The day was organised by Mr. Marcus Cummins from the College in an effort to unite the two schools, while raising money for causes close to both organisations.

Our students did a fantastic job fundraising for the day and all proceeds will benefit the Rosie Cullen Foundation. A big shout out to Charlie Adkins and Connor Thomas who both raised over \$270 each and topped both schools individual fundraising tallies.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, jumping over hay bales, sliding on the slip and slide and manoeuvring their way through the obstacle course, all while being coloured in coloured powder by the teachers (who also thoroughly enjoyed their day).

A big thanks to all parents who help support their student in their fundraising endeavours. A final tally should be known soon so stay tuned.



Sacred Heart PS Swimming 2017

Our swimming program is currently underway and will continue in weeks 9 & 10 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 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

	Fri 1 st	Tues 5 th	Thurs 7 th	Tues 12 th	Thurs 14 th
Group 1 (12.00)	2V & 2O	2V & 2O	Prep M & Prep G	2V & 2O	Prep M & Prep G
Group 2 (12.30)	1I & 2B	1H & 1MC	1I & 2B	1H & 1MC	1I & 2B
Group 3 (1.00)	Prep M & Prep G	Prep M & Prep G	2O & Prep A	Prep M & Prep G	2O & Prep A
Group 4 (1.30)	Prep A & Prep S	Prep A & Prep S	2V & Prep S	Prep A & Prep S	2V & Prep S
Group 5 (2.00)	1H & 1MC	1I & 2B	1H & 1MC	1I & 2B	1H & 1MC

Bridging & Leadership

	Mon 4 th	Wed 6 th	Mon 11 th	Wed 13 th	Fri 15 th
Group 1 (12.00)	3W & 5F	3PC & 3CO	3W & 5F	3PC & 3CO	Prep ~ 2
Group 2 (12.30)	5B & 5M	3W & 5F	5B & 5M	3W & 5F	
Group 3 (1.00)	3PC & 3CO	6D, 6L & 6S	3PC & 3CO	6D, 6L & 6S	3 ~ 6
Group 4 (1.30)	4K & 4W	4K & 4W	4K & 4W	4K & 4W	
Group 5 (2.00)	6D, 6L & 6S	5B & 5M	6D, 6L & 6S	5B & 5M	

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