



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.

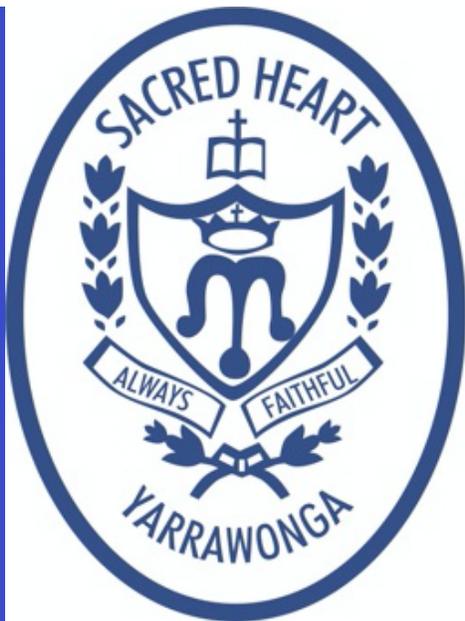


The important aim in Christian meditation is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality but the reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, everything we are.

~ John Main

The importance of Prayer





Good Afternoon Everyone

The children and staff are well and truly settled into the rhythm of 2019. We continue this year to encourage our students to think and work creatively, explore and experiment, plan and reflect, communicate and collaborate. We also encourage your involvement in your child's learning at Sacred Heart. Together we can create an effective learning environment and a climate of mutual respect. There are many ways you can help your child at school.

Some ways are;

- Attending Parish and School liturgies
- Establishing regular contact with your child's teacher
 - Read to your child and listen to your child read
- Encourage your child to take increasing responsibility for his/her learning and organisational skills
 - Encourage healthy eating, sufficient sleep and regular exercise
 - Celebrate your child's success, and
 - Attend school events, meetings and information sessions

We look forward to catching up with everybody at tonight's Meet and Greet.

Have a great week, Arn.



School Uniform

Wearing our school uniform reinforces our children's pride in their appearance and instils recognition of themselves as an integral member of Sacred Heart Parish community. Our children are expected to dress in complete school uniform in a way that reflects a sense of pride in our school and themselves. It also maintains and enhances the positive image our school has in the local community.

There are a few reminders about our expectations about our school uniform

- **Black shoes and white socks are to be worn - runners are only to be worn when wearing our sports uniform**
- **Nail polish is not acceptable**
- **Hair ribbons to be navy or white**

I ask that parents ensure our children wearing our correct uniform each day.

School Photos

School Photos will take place on Monday 18th February. Full school uniform is to be worn.

Grade 6 Leadership Shirts

Our Grade 6 students will be presented with their leadership shirt on Monday 18th of February. This will take place during our School Assembly at 8:50.

Opening School Mass

A wonderful liturgical ceremony to commemorate the beginning of our school year. It would be wonderful to see our families present on Tuesday 19th February at 10am to help us celebrate.

Cyber Safety Evening

Parenting in the 21st century requires you to be able to parent in the digital space. Technology is firmly entrenched in our lives and that of our children so we need the tools to deal with issues as they arise.

Mr David Williams from the Catholic Education Sandhurst will be facilitating a Cyber Safety Session advising us on topics, tips and strategies for your family to be Cyber Safe. This will take place on Monday 25th at 5:00pm.

Most children now have electronic devices and mobile phones from a young age that are connected to the Internet.

It is expected a representative from each family of Grade 5 students will attend the session, in order to help prepare you with knowledge and strategies for keeping your children safe online.

Grade 5 students will be given their laptop contracts at the completion of this session.

We strongly encourage all parents/carers from Grades 4 - 6 to mark this date in their diaries.

Languages

Despite our best efforts we were not able to attract a Japanese or Language teacher for 2019.

As this impacts on both the College and us, leadership has determined that a review of the Language program be undertaken this year to plan a sustainable program for both schools into the future.

Swimming Sports

Students from grades 3-6 will be participating in our School Swimming Carnival, held Thursday 21st February. Thanks to Mr Carroll for all his work in organising this.

Principals Gathering

I will be away the afternoon of Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th attending the Sandhurst Principal's Gathering in Shepparton.

School Fees and Direct Debit

School Fees and Direct Debit School fee notices were sent out a few weeks ago. I would be grateful if these could be attended to in a timely manner. If payment presents a problem, then please contact me.

IMPORTANT DATES	
Wednesday 13th Feb	Prep rest day Parent Meet and Greet Night
Tuesday 19th Feb	Opening School Mass 10am
Wednesday 20th Feb	Prep rest day
Thursday 21st Feb	Yrs 3 - 6 Swimming Carnival
Friday 22nd Feb	Whole school Assembly 2:50pm
Wednesday 27th Feb	Prep rest day School Board Meeting
Monday 25th Feb	Cyber Safety Evening 5:00pm
Thursday 28th Feb	Grade 4 Camp - Lake Nillahcootie
Friday 1st Mar	Grade 4 Camp - Lake Nillahcootie
Wednesday 6th	Prep rest day Ash Wednesday
Thursday 7th	School Photos

Catholic Identity News

Our Opening School Mass is to be held next Tuesday February 19th at 10am in the Multi-Purpose Building (MPB) at Sacred Heart College. This is always a great celebration as we welcome our preps, new students and teachers and ask for God's blessings on us this year. All parents and extended family members are welcome to join us for this Mass.

Our school Masses and liturgies are a very special part of life at Sacred Heart Primary and the children love having their families there if at all possible.

These are some other important dates for your calendar

Children's Mass: March 24th

Parent Information Evening for Reconciliation April 30th at 7pm

Mothers Day Liturgy: May 10th

Children's Mass: May 19th and June 2nd

Reconciliation Ceremony Tues June 5th

Parent Information Evening Confirmation Eucharist Tues June 25th at 7pm

Feast of Sacred Heart Combined Mass with SHC Fri June 28th

Children's Mass July 21st and August 11th

Grandparents Liturgy 26th July

Confirmation Eucharist Friday August 30th 7pm

Children's Mass November 24th

End of Year Mass Tuesday December 17th.

Have a lovely week everyone,

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Sacred Heart Parents & Friends (P & F) News

A warm welcome to new families who have joined our school community. The Sacred Heart Parents & Friends Committee is made up of parents and staff representatives from both Sacred Heart Primary and Sacred Heart College. The P & F have played a valuable part in assisting both schools to fund equipment and resources. At the primary campus the P & F have recently funded the electronic sign on Woods Road, play equipment, basketball backboards and robotics equipment for student use. The P & F meet every 2 months and our major fundraisers include a fete (held every 2 years) and The Multisport Event. The P&F are also involved in community events including the Cod Classic. There are many ways to be involved at Sacred Heart Primary and being a member of the P & F Committee is a great way to meet others and to hear about what is happening at both campuses.

Our first P & F Committee Meeting for 2019 will be held at Sacred Heart Primary in the staffroom on Monday 18th February at 730pm. All welcome.

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Sacred Heart School's Fete

Sacred Heart College

Friday 22nd March 2019 5-8pm

The major fundraiser for the Sacred Heart Schools P&F is to be held soon. The fete is a very popular school event and a great way to start the year as so many families and members of the congregation attend. For new families this is a great way to be involved in the school community. If you would like to be involved in helping to organise the fete please come along to our Fete Committee meeting which will be held on Thursday 14th February at 7:30pm at The Criterion Hotel Deck. This has been scheduled in the evening as a number of working parents have requested a later meeting. Hopefully meeting commitments will be minimal.

You will hear from our committee and teacher reps (Jenny Sagaidak and Lily Maroney) in the next few weeks about the following:

Raffle Baskets:

Each class will be given a theme (please see below). If you could buy an item relating to this theme and place it in the basket located in your child's classroom it would be much appreciated. All baskets will be drawn on the night of the fete.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TYPE OF BASKET</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TYPE OF BASKET</u>
Prep B	Chocolate		
Prep G	DIY/Handyman	4K	Party
Prep M	Bathroom	4S	Laundry
1H	Party	4W	Garden
1C	Stationery/Office	5B	Sweet Treats
1S	Craft	5F	Garden
2F	DIY/Handyman	5I	Bathroom
2M	Office	6D	Baking
2O	Laundry	6M	Kitchen
3B	Office	6S	Sports/Games
3C	Kitchen		
3K	BBQ/Outdoor Entertaining		

Raffle Tickets:

Each family will receive 2 small books of tickets. Once the tickets are sold all money and tickets are to be returned to school. If you need more tickets don't hesitate to contact us.

Book Stall:

Our book stall is happening again. Please send your pre loved books and dvds to your child's class. Boxes will be available in each class.

Goods and Services Auction:

If you have any items or services that you would like to donate for the Auction please feel free to contact us.

Cake Stall Donations:

Each family will receive a plastic plate in the next few weeks and you are asked to make something for the cake stall which can be dropped to the college Multi Purpose Building on the morning of the fete.

Volunteers:

Your classroom teacher will be looking for parent/family member volunteers to fill a short shift on the evening of the fete. If you haven't already got a Working with Children Check it would be worthwhile applying so that you can be involved in classroom help, excursions etc. Many sporting teams also require parents to have one. It's an easy process. Go to:

www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

If you have any queries or would like further information please contact:

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CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or guardian must be the holder of a concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either Term 1 2019 (29th January 2019) or Term 2 2019 (23rd April 2019).

The CSEF is annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

Primary School Student Rate is \$125.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school. Forms are available from the school office and we require a copy of your Concession Cards. The forms need to be lodged with the school by the end of Term 2 2019.

Any queries please contact the office.



Medical Information Update



Could all children with asthma/anaphylaxis etc plans have them updated and signed by a medical practitioner and returned to the office for our records as soon as possible.

Also, any asthma puffers or epipens need to be labelled and handed into the office.

Your promptness in doing this is appreciated.



The Yarrowonga Junior Football Club, 12 years and Under Team, would like to invite all interested players to join us this year for another season of Junior Football.

The Yarrowonga 12 and Under football team are part of the Albury Wodonga Junior Football League. Following on from their successful 2018 season, the Junior Pigeons will again be coached by Glen Leonard. Assisting Glen in 2019 will be Michael Stevens, Lee Fraser, Kaine Smith and Noel Skehan.

With the opportunity to play under excellent coaching staff and in such a high quality competition, all players will be given the best possible start to their football careers whilst playing in a safe and fun team environment.

Training will commence on Tuesday the 26th of February and will run from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Training will be held each Tuesday and Thursday night at that same time.

Any interested players/parents are invited to contact Team Manager Michael Ibbott. For any queries or for further information, please call Michael on 0400

020 476 between 4pm - 8pm or contact by email
on michaelibbott@live.com.au .Prospective players are also welcome to simply
turn up to training and join in.



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