



Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Your Best

MINI BLITZ- Weeks 5 & 6
'Treat each other with RESPECT.
That is how we be our BEST!'

2015 Term 1 Week 5 Newsletter

Whole School Assembly and Student of the Week Awards.
Friday 27th February 2.50pm Mercy Centre

[This Season of LENT](#)

Fast from JUDGEMENT, Feast on COMPASSION; Fast from GREED, Feast on Sharing; Fast from FEAR, Feast on PEACE; Fast from LIES, Feast on TRUTH; Fast from GOSSIP, Feast on PRAISE; Fast from ANXIETY, Feast on PATIENCE; Fast from EVIL, Feast on KINDNESS; Fast from NOISE, Feast on SILENCE; Fast from DISCOURAGEMENT, Feast on HOPE; Fast from HATRED, Feast on LOVE!

[Congratulations](#)

Congratulations to Mia Crothers and the 'BORN@PERFORM' Dance troupe for winning National Championships in both Jazz and Hip Hop. The event was held at Jupiters Casino on the Gold Coast. A great result for these young stars. Well done girls!

Week 2 of Lent
The focus for us and Caritas this week is the people of Niger. Our donations help save the lives of people in this country living on the brink of survival, giving them access to nutritional support and essential support for life. Any family who would like their own Project Compassion box or more information on the work of Caritas please feel free to contact Meegan at school.

[Children's Mass](#)

While I wasn't able to attend Sunday's Children's Mass, the feedback I received was extremely positive about the numbers of families who came along and the involvement of the children. A big thank you to all those who came along; especially Meegan who led her first Children's Mass as our new Religious Education Co-ordinator.

[Car Parking](#)

A couple of reminders here! Firstly, please be careful parking in the dirt area beside the kindergarten as we did have one issue with a parent using this area last week. I have made contact with the Council about what we are entitled to do here but I would urge you all to be aware if you are parking on the gravel outside the Kinder. Also, after the tragic events of last week with a young child being left in a car in the hot sun it is timely to remind everyone of the dangers of this practice.

Peace and best wishes,

Paul



Paul Maher



Heather Keenan



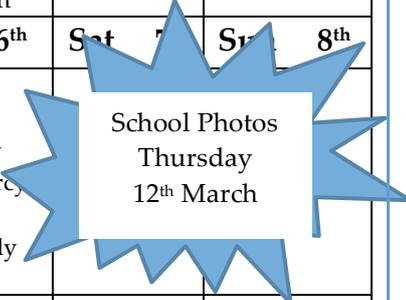
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Week	Term 1						
			Wed 25 th	Thu 26 th	Fri 27 th	Sat 28 th	Sun 1 st
5			Prep Testing Parent/Teacher Interviews	Parent/Teacher Interviews	Prep S Buddy Assembly 10am Mercy Centre * Assembly at 2.50pm		
	Mon 2 nd	Tue 3 rd	Wed 4 th	Thu 5 th	Fri 6 th	Sat 7 th	Sun 8 th
6			Regional Swimming Shepparton	Cybersafety/ Laptop Parent/Child Session (Year 5)	Prep C Buddy Assembly 10am Mercy Centre * Assembly at 2.50pm		
	Mon 9 th	Tue 10 th	Wed 11 th	Thu 12 th	Fri 13 th	Sat 14 th	Sun 15 th
7	Labour Day Holiday			School Photos Divisional Cricket Trials- Benalla	* Assembly at 2.50pm		
	Mon 16 th	Tue 17 th	Wed 18 th	Thu 19 th	Fri 20 th	Sat 21 st	Sun 22 nd
8	Week 1- Home based Euch/Conf		Regional Cricket Trials- Wang Board Meeting 6pm	Divisional Tennis Trials- Wang	* Assembly at 2.50pm		Children's Mass 10am

Library Mrs Ryan



'LEARN TO LOVE TO READ'

JOIN THE PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE 2015

Sacred Heart Primary School will soon be registered for the PRC. Students with completed participation consent forms will then be registered on line. This occurs when parents complete the 2015 Participation and Privacy Consent forms for Sacred Heart Primary, Yarrawonga. Completed Participation and Privacy Forms are sent through the school office tubs to the library for collation. Please complete and send the form to school by the end of Term1, 2015. If you require a Parent Consent form please ask your child's teacher or myself. The challenge closes June 19th, 2015.

Students in Foundation to Year 2 who accept the challenge read or experience 30 books during this period.

Students in Years 3 to 6, who accept the challenge, read 15 books in this period.

Students choose most of their books from the Challenge book list and record their reading on the Premiers' Reading Challenge checklist (yellow form). Parents need to sign the Premiers' Reading Challenge Checklist to verify that the student has read the books. This yellow form is sent to the library so the reading data is entered online. Students from Foundation to 2 may choose 10 books of their choice and students from Years 3-6 may choose five books of their choice.

Tubs of PRC books will be placed in each Learning Space for easy accessibility to assist the PRC. The tubs of books will be clearly labeled and in place by Thursday. Any queries please see me or your child's teacher. Thank you for your participation in this venture, we love to promote reading and fun. We are already off to a great start with many Consent forms arriving at school. Thank you.

Board Profile

Danielle Kennedy



Family: Damien, Micki, Googie, Mia and Sam

Career: Real Estate Agent

Special Talents: apparently all our family could come up with was selling houses & the washing!!!

Interests: Family times- Water-skiing, reading good books & holidays (cooking sometimes!)

Admires most: Old School Values

Currently Reading: A few on the go...Black Ice, Teardrop & Max Achievement.

Favourite Holiday Destination: Port Douglas

What would you do with your last \$50? Enjoy a few nice lattes with Dame.

Favourite Movie: Pride and Prejudice and somethings gotta give

Favourite Quote: Your imagination is the preview to life's coming attractions- Albert Einstein.

What do you love about our school: The ceremonies/functions- Arts on Display, Grandparents Day, the Sacraments, School Sport days, etc.

Danielle is our School Board Chairperson for 2015. She is a sparkling personality who believes in a "hands-on" approach to all that she does. Danielle has a great understanding of her kids and their development and she is vitally interested in our school and its operations. She takes great interest in all aspects from curriculum to building and design and her ideas are based on the consideration she shows for all members of our school community. Danielle is always up for a chat and would love to catch up with families to discuss the wonderful opportunities available to our kids. Congratulations and we look forward to working with Danielle.

Hello and welcome to my first RE report.

Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome to the position. A special thanks to Sidony for all her help in making the transition smooth and for all the work she has done in RE over the last two years. She has left me big shoes to fill. I will be working at school on Thursdays till 1.00 and all day Friday. Any concerns please feel free to contact me at school on these days or anytime via my email mmcinness001@shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au This is a very busy term with Lent, Easter and our Eucharist/ Confirmation Sacramental program starting shortly.

Ash Wednesday

Well done to all our students and the way they participated in our Ash Wednesday ceremonies. The Year 3-6s attended Mass with the parish and Paul received a number of wonderful comments about the children's participation and behaviour at Mass. Well done to our students and the staff who attended this Mass. The Year One and Two's participated in a liturgy here at school and also must be commended for their enthusiastic singing and participation.

Confirmation/ Eucharist

Just a reminder to our Year Four parents, those purple enrolment forms need to be returned by this Friday at the latest, so home based groups can be finalized before our Parent Information evening to be held next Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Mercy Centre. All children planning on making these sacraments need to have an adult representative at this meeting.

Children's Mass

Our first Children's Mass was last Sunday and we had a great group of children participate in this Mass. Thanks to the children who read, carried the offertory, sang or played a musical instrument. I had a number of parishioners comment after Mass what a great job the children did so a big congratulations to you all. Thanks also to their parents who brought them to Mass and the number of staff who were also there.

Have a great week everyone.

Meegan McInness

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Check it out!

Former Sacred Heart student, Dan Howe will line up for the first time against Hawthorn tomorrow night. They play Collingwood in the NAB cup. Dan's mum, Liz works here at Sacred Heart. Keep an eye out for Dan out on the field.



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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 each Wednesday and Friday mornings, before school. Our dedicated and hard-working St Vinnie's volunteers would be very grateful of some help during the 'rush' time of 8:15am till 8:45am. **If you are able to offer some assistance please drop in and see them.** The Breakfast Club operates from the canteen.

Over the next few weeks, I will include tips from Michael Grose, an excellent parenting educator, on how to help your children achieve success. If you would like to get more tips and advice from him, you can go to his website at www.parentingideas.com.au.



One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child's teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

There's no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children's learning. Here is number 7 of 10 ways you can work with your child's teacher to maximise your child's chances of school success. (The rest will follow during the term).

7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties

Resist the temptation to solve all your children's problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

LITTER FREE LUNCHES

Over the past 12 months we have been trialing Litter Free Tuesdays. Children were encouraged to bring no rubbish to school each Tuesday. We removed the bins from the yard and any rubbish or waste was taken home by the children. This year we're hoping to become a "Litter Free School". This will mean children will be encouraged to bring no rubbish to school from Monday to Friday. As mentioned during the information sessions last week, we will be starting as a Litter Free School next week, Monday 2nd March. A note will be sent home on Friday providing further information regarding Litter Free. Thanks



Music

Mrs Cussen

Sean Choolburra was everything we hoped he would be yesterday. He was vibrant and captivating as he interacted with the children. Sean had so much energy as he told us his stories from the past. Through dance and songs he shared his culture. He made us laugh and engaged the audience well. He wowed us with his fire creation from sticks and coconut fibre. We loved his didgeridoo playing. I was so thrilled with how the children listened and participated and as one Prep said on his way out, "It was the best day of my life".

Thanks to the Fires Carriers who did such an awesome job setting and packing up. A day to remember. Thanks everyone. Christine Cussen



MUSIC AWARDS

Beau Sissons - for awesome listening while playing musical instruments. Top effort Beau.

Connor Dixon - for great listening and participation in Music lessons. You are really switched on.

Foundation (Prep)

BUDDIES ASSEMBLIES

PREP S 27TH FEB 10AM

PREP C 6TH MARCH 10AM

(IF YOU KNOW THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT ON THE DAY OF THE ASSEMBLY, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AS REARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR ANOTHER DAY).

Posture Pose to increase core strength, necessary for good posture.

Good posture = good writing.

Have your child raise their head, elbows, shoulder, upper chest, feet and legs (including thighs) off the ground. Make sure that the neck is not in a strained position. Count to twenty. Increase time as strength develops.



THIS WEEK IN MATHS WE HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING PATTERNS

Congratulations to this week's Foundation Awards

Prep S – Rhys Driscoll- the wonderful effort you put into all your work. It's great to see you're always having a red hot go Rhys!

Abbi McLarty- the way you have managed your work whilst not feeling well. You've shown great resilience Abs!

Jazmin Johnson- the fantastic writing you did this week and for always trying your best. You are a star Jaz!

Prep C- Max Vodusek- settling into school routines well and being organised in the mornings. Well done Max!

Alexia Nagle- always trying your best and being a lovely and caring friend. It's great to have you in Prep C!

Elli Buerckner being a champion listener during our mat time and always being your best. You area star!

Charlie Hargreaves being a helpful and friendly member of Prep C. I know I can always count on you Charlie!

Prep A- Jack Van Den Bosch- working hard to listen and follow directions. You are doing a super job!

Kendall Connell- being a kind friend and for sharing so well at your table. You are a star!

Emily Buerckner- the fantastic work you do every day and for being a wonderful role model in our space.

Elle Hammon- for the quiet, mature way you approach your learning. You are a joy to teach!

Alison Stacey



Jen Sagaidak



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Discovery Centre News

Thanks to those parents who were able to make our Information Session last week. Hopefully you have a better insight to the goings on in the discovery centre. This week we have Parent/Teacher interviews. This is a great way to touch base at the beginning of the school year and look at how your child has settled in to the new school year. Please note Kayte Barton is unavailable on Wednesday so she has made herself available on Thursday for parents. Thanks Kayte.

What's On?

Wednesday 25th: Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 26th: Parent/Teacher Interviews
Week 5 (beginning March 2nd)
Observation Survey testing
Monday 9th March Labour Day holiday

Encouraging Independence in the Discovery Centre

As mentioned at our information session last week, we are encouraging the students in the Discovery Centre to become more independent and responsible for their own things. We are encouraging the children to carry their own bags and upon arrival at school we would like the children to put their bags in their class line in the quadrangle. When we begin our morning children will be responsible for unpacking their own bag and putting their fruit break and drink bottle on their desk. We would also like the children to put notes in the office tub and lunch orders in the lunch order basket. They will be reminded of the above-mentioned items and supported in becoming more independent. We would also like children to change their own readers. Each class has a time allocated for changing readers and this is a great opportunity for students to become more independent and responsible for their own belongings. We are asking for all parents to support us in this endeavour.



Reading Tip

Don't leave home without it
Bring along a book or magazine any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's office. Always try to fit in reading!

DISCOVERY CENTRE AWARDS

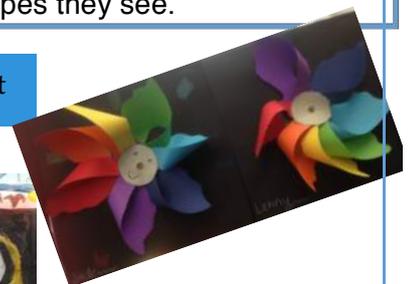
Hunter Irvine for a brilliant start to the year, for making good choices and for being a positive role model to others. Keep it up!
Gemma Kelly for conscientiously applying your best efforts to all areas of the curriculum. You are a great role model for others, Gemma!
Mylah Kennedy for your excellent work habits and for always doing your best. Well done gorgeous!
Darla Lawless- for always putting 110 percent into everything you do! You are a pleasure to teach!
Jaideep Sandhu- for always being your best! You always work your hardest. Awesome job Jaideep!
Matty Saxton for being a Grade Two leader! AWESOME work Matty, keep it up.
Beau Sissons for a fantastic start to year 1. You are setting a fine example for others by the way in which you listen and follow instructions. Well done, Beau.
Coco Vodusek for your high standard of work that you complete in ALL areas. Well done!



Mathematics in the Discovery Centre

This week we are focusing on shape. We are looking at two dimensional shapes. Our focus is looking at the number of edges and corners and features of the shapes. You might like to have a shape hunt when travelling and encourage your child to name the different shapes they see.

Discovery Art



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Bridging (Years 3-4)

Class Awards

3/4C

Maeve Connell for showing wonderful generosity throughout this week. It is lovely to see you helping out your peers in our classroom.

Jye Brennan for your positive attitude this week. You have taken on tasks wonderfully and continued to be you your best. Well done Jye!

3/4MC

Joseph Lee Conway for your brilliance in the pool at the Sports Carnival. What a legend!

Luke Slattery for the brilliant way you have been stepping up to learning challenges and making good choices in the learning space and the yard. Super!

3/4H

Ben Kennedy for continuing his great start to the school year. Your positivity and happiness light up our classroom. Keep up the great work Ben.

Dominic McInness for giving your very best in class, always listening and ready to learn. You are a great role model for your classmates. Keep this up Dom! Great work.

3/4G

Max Holgate for your awesome efforts at the Swimming Carnival. You are a legend. Go Maxie!

Bailey Lewis for putting in 110% with all your work Bailey and for having a red-hot go. I'm so proud of you!

3/4W

Darby Mullins for your outstanding swim times and great sportsmanship at our Swimming Carnival. You are a star!

Daniel Nieuwenhout for your outstanding swim times and great sportsmanship at our Swimming Carnival. You are a star!

Dates to remember:

Confirmation/Eucharist Parent Information Night
- Wednesday 4th March - Mercy Centre.

Amanda Mansfield will be running Paper Plane workshops in our Alternative Play program. This will only be for the Bridging Centre, come and join the fun!



Check out our new Communication Board and find out what is happening in the Bridging Centre!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE ALL PARENTS CATCH UP WITH THEIR CHILD'S TEACHER FOR A MEET AND GREET! IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS THIS WEEK, CONTACT YOUR TEACHERS AND SCHEDULE A TIME THAT SUITS.



Grade 3/4 students enjoying the performance of Sean Choolburra.

Maureen McLarty



& Nikki Connell

Patrice Goldman



Mel Whiteley



Caitlin O'Dwyer



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Leadership (Years 5-6)

Class Awards

Luke Phillips (5B)- for having a crack across all curriculum areas throughout the week, both in the classroom and at the swimming carnival. Well done on always giving your best.

Tess Byrne (5B)- for the way you encouraged your fellow housemates and competitors during the swimming carnival. You always display both great leadership and sportsmanship.

Hayley Webster (5O)- the positive and happy attitude you consistently display in our classroom- you are a joy to teach Hayley, keep smiling.

Max Mickelson (5O)- the effort and determination you put in when completing your literacy and maths tasks. Your determination and willingness to learn is brilliant. Keep working hard Max!

Ned Pendergast (6C)- for his fantastic leadership qualities shown throughout the Swimming Sports. Well done Ned!

Grace Loughnan (6C)- for the way you swam, helped others and always had a smile on your face at the carnival. Great stuff!

Mitch Goldman (6L)- for the thought and effort you put into all areas of your school work ~ aiming to improve all areas of learning and striving to do and be your best.

Hayley Galpin (6L)- for demonstrating a really mature approach to the planning and completing of your work

The Leadership Centre students attended the Ash Wednesday Mass in the church last Wednesday. Well done to the students who were excellent and respectful throughout the Mass. Thanks to Mrs Kelly and all our parent helpers and who did a great job preparing and serving pancakes last week to raise money for Project Compassion. The students also had a great time with Sean Choolaburra and his creative talents yesterday. Thanks Mrs Cussen for organising this.

Coming Up....

* Don't forget to get your entries in for the Splash and Dash.

* Cricket Trials for any boys who play regular weekend cricket in Years 5 & 6 will be held this Friday.

* Cybersafety Session for parents of Yr 5 students- March 5th

* Regional Swimming- Wednesday 4th March.

Congrats Fatima

It was great to see our senior students join in with the fun and excitement of the swimming carnival last week. The support and encouragement was fantastic. Congratulations to Fatima (Red) House on taking out the winner's trophy, but to all teams well done on your participation and effort throughout the day.



Claudia Lazar, Ned Pendergast, Macey Hicks & Tom Davidson hold up the shield for Fatima!

Prep Buddy Assembly and Morning Tea

Last Friday we had the first of our Prep Buddy assemblies. Prep A and their Year 6 buddies did a fantastic job. We heard from some nervous Year six students and their cute buddies. We hope that parents, family and friends can make it along next Friday morning. All are invited to stay back after assembly to enjoy morning tea on the deck of the Mercy Centre.



Well done to the members of our Divisional swimming team who represented the school so well in Wangaratta yesterday. Good luck for those competing in Regional swimming in Shepparton next week.

Daniel Boulton



Meg O'Sullivan



Dean Carroll



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WANTED TO BUY

If anyone has, or knows of a boys bike in good working condition suitable for Grade Six boy, please contact Sheryl on 0458 029 138.

Mulwala Pre School MONSTER Garage Sale

Easter Saturday 8 – 12:00

The Pre School appreciates all donations. If you are having a clean-up your donations can be left at the Pre School Mon-Fri between 9 and 3.

This is a major fundraiser for the Pre School.... your trash may be someone else's treasure!

My Child would like to buy a decent recorder for approx \$10. (NO MONEY YET PLEASE)

Child's Name- _____ Class- _____

Parents name- _____ Phone number- _____

Japanese Awards- Week 4

Lucynda Mansfield (3/4C)

For participating actively in Japanese and learning new phrases and words. Keep up the great work, Lucynda!

Jesse Tzountzourkas (3/4MC)

For learning many words and sentences in the first couple of lessons to catch up with other students. Keep up the great work, Jesse!