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# a Christmas Concert with **Andrew Chinn**



*Composer of ... These Hands,  
Rainbow, Together As One,  
In the Beginning,  
Shine Among Them &  
Under Your Star*



*appearing at:*

**Sacred Heart College M.P.B**  
**6.30 pm Thursday November 23rd**



Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Your Best

### *2017 Term 4 Newsletter (Weeks 7 & 8)*

**MINI BLITZ- Weeks 7 & 8**  
'Put yourself to the test and make every day your very best!'

*Creator God,  
Font of all knowledge and wisdom,  
Help me to see the promise in each child entrusted to me.  
Empower me to preserve their wonder and uphold their trust.  
In all my decisions, help me to be just.  
Give me the strength to equal the task that is mine  
And guide each in Your ways.  
Let my example, my good efforts, my passion  
Inspire in each student a desire to learn  
And to use those skills gained to better this world.  
Amen*

#### **Good Afternoon Parents and Carers**

We are coming to the end of the 2017 year. It is at this time we finalise our plans for 2018. As you can imagine, it is a busy time for us all; report writing, finalising staffing, budgeting for 2018, reviewing and developing our 2018 maintenance plan and setting up next year's classes just to name a few things we are working on at the moment. However, it is also a very exciting time with a highlight being the progress our children have made throughout this year. As decisions are finalised regarding the 2018 year I will let you know via our newsletter.

#### **School Board AGM**

Our school board AGM will be held tonight at 6pm in the School Staff Room.

**On Behalf of the School Board I would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting tonight!! Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November at 6pm.**

The school board is a vital part of our school community that acts as an advisory body for the school, focusing on matters concerning the development of the school and the education and welfare of the students.

We have many members who have served our community for a long period of time and are wishing to stand down at the end of 2017. Therefore, there are two positions up for nomination: **School Board Chair** – position currently held by Ged Martin and **Secretary** held by Sarah Lee- Conway. There is also opportunity for you to join the board and be part of the team without taking on a 'formal' position.

**It would be great to see as many parents as possible at our AGM to celebrate the achievements of 2017 and discuss the school's future direction.**

#### **Staffing 2018**

With each school year, we are faced with changes in our staffing. This year we say farewell to Hannah Williams. Hannah has been a wonderful asset to our staff and will be sincerely missed. Hannah has shared her ICT skills, instrumental in her support of our alternative play program and has demonstrated a love of the Arts in particular, drama. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hannah for her time and dedication in learning to be a great teacher and staff member. Thanks Hannah

Lynne Lawless has decided to take twelve months leave from her teaching position at Sacred Heart. Although this is not Goodbye - Lynne's presence will be missed throughout our whole school community. We wish Lynne an exciting and relaxing 2018 and we look forward to her return in 2019.

### School Closure Day

Our final school closure Day will take place on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> December. This will be a planning day for all staff in preparation for the 2018 school year.

### Prep Transition Days

It has been very entertaining watching our 2018 Foundation class engage in their transition days over the past 4 weeks. Each week we have witnessed bigger smiles, more interaction, relieved parents and excited staff. What more could I ask for??? Thank you.

### School Fees -

I would urge those families who have not paid their school fees yet to meet this cost in the near future. The costs associated with Christmas are always a burden on families so if your school fee obligations are out of the way early it does make life a lot easier as the festive season arrives.

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

Take Care  
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#### 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

#### Attention- Yr 5 students

2018 Year 6's T-shirts are now available in the Year 5 room to try on. Order forms will be available there as well.



#### Attention- Yr 5/6 Journals

A Reminder to those students who haven't returned their journals if they could please do this ASAP.

#### COLOUR RUN - Year 5 & 6

A huge thank you to all the Grade 5 & 6's for their efforts in raising money for the Colour Run this Friday afternoon at the Grove. Students will walk down at 12:45pm for a sausage sizzle, and be bused back at the completion of the event which will be around 2:45pm.

We are still busy chasing up white t-shirts and sunglasses for each student. A reminder that students are to wear their sports uniform to school and will have time to change into their **white t-shirt, old runners and shorts that they don't mind getting wet and coloured**. Students are also reminded to bring a **towel**. All parents are very welcome to come down and cheer on the participants.

The Colour Run will start at approximately 1:45pm and go for about 45minutes.

It should be a great day and is for a great cause, The Rosemary Cullen Foundation.

Thanks again and we look forward to Friday.

Also, a shout out to Mulwala Bakery for donating the bread for the kids sausages.

Thanks so much for your support.



Week	Term 4						
			Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>
7 (Nov)			*AGM- Board Meeting 6pm SH Staffroom	*Andrew Chinn Concert 6.30pm MPB Sacred Heart College	*Parish Mass- Yr 3 * Woods Point Visit 3PC *Colour Run- Yr 5/6- The Grove (1pm-3pm)		*Children's Mass 10am  *Carols on the Lagoon Club Mulwala 6pm
	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>
8 (Nov/Dec)		*Orbost Secondary College Band visit 9.15am-10.15am Mercy Centre	*Drama Club- Wizard of Oz Performance 6.30pm		*Swimming Program starts (P-2) *Parish Mass- Yr 4 * Woods Point Visit- Yr 6D *Windsurfing (Yr 6) * Gr 3 Excursion- Kyabram/Echuca		
	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>
9 (Dec)	*Swimming Program (Yrs 3-6)	*Swimming Program (P-2)  * Grade 3 Incursion (Reptile Encounters 10am - 3pm)	*Swimming Program (Yrs 3-6)	*Swimming Program (P-2)	Pupil Free Day  Carols on the Lagoon 7.00pm Mulwala Ski Club		
	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>
10 (Dec)	*Swimming Program (Yrs 3-6)	*Swimming Program (P-2)  *Transition Day and meet your teachers for 2018	*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 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>
11 (Dec)			*Graduation Mass- 10am * End of Year Awards Ceremony	*Final Day for students * Yr 6 Aquatics Day	*Final Day for Staff		

### Nativity Sets Needed

DISPLAY OF NATIVITY SETS Old Convent, Sunday 3rd December from 11.00am until 4pm.

As the season of Advent begins our journey towards Christmas you are invited to reflect on the Christmas story. This is represented in the nativity sets which will be on display from many cultures and countries at the Old Convent.

If you have a Nativity set that you would like to offer for display please contact Sr. Helen Glasheen 0439 721 657 or Lynne Brear 0437 560 414.



## Children's Mass

This Sunday is our final Children's Mass for 2017 which will be led by the Leadership Centre. The students have been involved in the hymn selection and will lead the celebration by commentating, reading and operating the Powerpoint. It would be great to see as many students in the front rows this weekend especially our Year 5/6 students.

## Andrew Chinn End of Year Concert

Our End of year Christmas Concert is to be held this Thursday evening at 6.30pm in the MPB led by our student's and Andrew Chinn. We hope to see everyone there.

(A note went home yesterday to each child with all details)

Have a great week everyone,

Meegan

Catholic Identity Leader

[mmcinness001@shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmcinness001@shyarrowonga.catholic.edu.au).

### Yarrowonga Mulwala Basketball Association AGM

YMBA Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th December at 7.00pm at the Back of Burkes Hotel. Executive and General Committee for 2018 will be elected. New and existing

### Congratulations- Baby Boy

To the Brown family, proud parents, Ashlea and Tim on the arrival of Lincoln Brown, a baby boy born yesterday. Lincoln is a younger brother to Mikaela (Yr 3) and Rylea (Yr 1).



### Condolences

To Mrs Keenan on the passing of her mother-in-law, Kevin's Mum, Shirley Keenan. Prayers and thoughts are with the family.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Darby Pendergast on his recent efforts in competing in the Regional Championships for Primary School Golf. Well done Darby on your efforts.

## Extend After School Care and Holiday Programs

Wow the hot weather is well and truly here. We do not go out until after 4.30pm with our hats and sunscreen and play in the shade.

### SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book 14 days in advance to receive early bird rates.

Get creative with a variety of art and craft projects, participate in delicious cooking activities, carry out a bunch of fun science experiments, and loads more!

Check out the daily schedule at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and enrol and book with our brand new platform, *LookedAfter*.



We have three incursions and three excursions this January Vacation.

Our acts of Kindness will continue for another two weeks.

**Up and coming events:** Sand sculptures, Cooking Brazilian corn bread, Emergency evacuation discussion and practice, and making our own tabletop games.

**Joanne Kingston- Team Leader** Parent Portal: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)

### Swimming Program

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 8, 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 will participate on the following days:

Prep ~ 2	3 ~ 6
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	

Please ensure permission notes are returned by this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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).

### **Congratulations- State Basketball**

Congratulations to our Senior Boys who represented Sacred Heart at the recent State Championships in Melbourne. The boys team consisted of Mitch Loughnan, Loch Harvey, Liam Williams, Hunter Frauenfelder, Callum deOliveira, Axel Doherty and Cooper Milbourne. The boys came up against some quality opposition and did their best in the early rounds but couldn't advance to the semi-finals.

Thank you to Bailey Frauenfelder for coaching, Mr. Dwyer for driving the bus and Mrs. Zanin for coordinating all the recent representative basketball days. Thank you also to our parents/guardians who have supported the students off the court or with the transport. It's much appreciated.

### **Yarrawonga & District Netball Association Representative Netball Trials for 2018**

Trials for the 2018 Representative season for all age groups will be held at the Yarrawonga and District Netball Association courts on the following dates;

Under 13's – born 2005 and 2006

Under 15's – born 2003 and 2004

Under 17's – born 2001 and 2002

#### **Trial dates:**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 5.00pm – 6.00pm

**Please note it is expected that girls attend 2 of the 3 trial dates** (all is preferable) to be considered for selection. To bring – drink bottle, appropriate netball attire, no jewellery.

**Registrations are now open online**, see link on the YDNA face book page... register through your my netball account using your email address as your ID and your password. Online registrations will close on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

There will also be a registration night held Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at the YDNA courts Vic Park from 4.00 – 5.00pm

For further enquires please contact Katrina Kennedy (Co-ordinator YDNA Representative Netball) on 0438543017 or email [Katrina.kennedy@bigpond.com.au](mailto:Katrina.kennedy@bigpond.com.au).



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.

### How to encourage kids to be problem-solvers By Michael Grose Part 3

When parents solve all children's problems we not only increase their dependency on adults but we teach kids to be afraid of making mistakes and to blame themselves for not being good enough. That's fertile ground for anxiety and depressive illness.

So, how can we raise kids to be courageous problem-solvers rather than self-critical scaredy cats? Here are the last two of six practical ideas to get you started.



#### 5. Show a little faith

Sometimes you've got to show faith in children. We can easily trip them up with our negative expectations, such as by saying 'Don't spill it!' to a child who is carrying a glass filled with water. Of course, your child doesn't want to spill it but you've just conveyed your expectations with that statement. We need to be careful that we don't sabotage children's efforts to be independent problem-solvers with comments such as, 'Now don't stuff it up!' 'You'll be okay ... won't you?' 'You're not very good at looking after yourself!'

#### 6. Applaud mistakes and stuff-ups

Would a child who accidentally breaks a plate in your family while emptying the dishwasher be met with a 'That's really annoying, you can be clumsy sometimes' response or an 'It doesn't matter, thanks for your help' type of response? Hopefully it won't be the first response, because nothing shuts a child's natural tendencies to extend themselves down quicker than an adult who can't abide mistakes. If you have a low-risk-taking, perfectionist, consider throwing a little party rather than making a fuss when they make errors so they can learn that mistakes don't reflect on them personally, and that the sun will still shine even if they break a plate, tell a joke that falls flat or don't get a perfect examination score.

### 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 book with your child, play a guessing game to see how well they were listening and comprehending. Choose a character, place or time from the book and provide clues for your child to guess. For example, I wore a mask, I crept into the house at night and I was scared of the dog = the robber.

**\*\***When there are dialogue/talking marks in the book, add a special voice for the character. If the dialogue is repetitive, get your child to be the part. If the book does not have any dialogue, ask your child what they think the character would be saying.

**\*\***When your child brings home pictures from school that they have drawn, make up a story to go with it. Try to include the seven parts of a story (Setting, Problem, Feelings, Plan, Action, Solution, End). Use the following questions to help:

Who is in the story?                      Where are they?                      When is the story happening?  
What happened to the characters? What was the problem?    How did this make the characters feel?  
What did the characters plan to do? What did the characters actually do?                      What happened next?  
What was the solution?                      How will the story end?

## Sacred Heart Parent & Friends Association

### VOLUNTEER REQUEST

The Cod Classic is being held again this year from Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December to Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and again we have been asked to assist by selling the raffle tickets. For this the Parents and Friends are paid \$1750. This is the last request for the year and we are in need of volunteers for a couple of hours over this weekend.

If you are able to assist please contact Shannon Doyle by phone 0427 303 138 or by email [damiendoyle@bigpond.com](mailto:damiendoyle@bigpond.com) or return the slip below to the school office if you are able to assist.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Friday 1st December - 2017 COD CLASSIC</b>	
3pm - 5pm	
5pm - 7pm	
7pm - 9pm	
<b>Saturday 2nd December - 2017 COD CLASSIC</b>	
5.30pm - 7.30pm	
7.30pm - 9.00pm	
<b>Sunday 3rd December - 2017 COD CLASSIC</b>	
9.30am - 12.30pm	





In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school per year. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6.**



# EVERY DAY COUNTS

## Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

### Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

### Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

### What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

**"Day off"** – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

**Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

**For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:**

[www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)

# School Attendance

**1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...**

He/she is only missing...	That equates to...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

**Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but...**

He/she is only missing...	That equates to...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

**Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day.**

**Every minute counts!**