



Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Your Best

Newsletter Term Four

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Dear Parents and Carers

It does not seem that long ago that I was welcoming you all to the new school year, and now I find myself signing off on the last issue of our Newsletter for 2018.

As we prepare to enjoy quality time with our families and friends over the Christmas season, may I take the opportunity to thank each and every member of staff, and all of our parents and carers, who have contributed to ensuring the success of everything our school has been involved in this year.

For all those students and their families who are moving on, I wish you every good blessing and thank you for all that you have contributed to life at Sacred Heart during your time here. I hope that you will still think of Sacred Heart as 'your school' and stay in touch with us over the years. It is always so heart-warming to see so many ex-students returning year after year to help out at the end of the year and reconnect with their former teachers and staff members and this year has been no exception.

REPORTS

I hope you enjoyed reading your child's report on Friday. Our children have made good progress and hopefully you had an opportunity to celebrate your child's efforts throughout the year.

FEES

Attached to our newsletter today is our new Fee schedule for 2019. As you will notice there is a slight increase from 2018. The shortfall between the basic costs of running a school and the amount funded by governments means a reasonable fee structure is essential for Sacred Heart to operate and provide the high quality of education that Catholic Education is known for and parents rightly expect. In keeping with Gospel values, no child will be refused a Catholic education due to genuine financial difficulty, which has been verified by the school. New or existing parents who find themselves in this situation and who do not hold a health card are encouraged to discuss fee concessions directly with their school principal to apply for special consideration. This request will be treated with understanding, sensitivity and confidentiality

DATES

School resumes on Thursday 31st January 2019.

Thank you again for a wonderful year. It has been a pleasure working with and for you all. I look forward to reconnecting with everyone in 2018.

Merry Christmas to you all - Take Care and Be safe

Kind Regards

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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.

2019- School Year

Tues Jan 29th- Staff Return

Thurs Jan 31st- Students
return

Catholic Identity

Meegan McInness

The End of Year Mass held yesterday was a wonderful way to end the year. The children were very reverent and participated brilliantly in all aspects of the Mass. It was great to see so many parents and extended family members there helping us celebrate. As part of the awards ceremony our 2018 School Leaders made an address giving thanks. At this time of year, it has a great message for all of us.

THANKS!

One day I sat down and relaxed
and went back over the last year.

I thought of all I could be grateful for:
the people I met who helped me;
the people whom I love and who love me;
the times someone seemed to care.

And I was grateful too for the times
I could help another,
show some care,
And make life a bit easier for
family, friends, students, colleagues
and all I contact.

And I thought of health and of faith,
For having good food to eat,
and a warm bed to sleep in
and enough to live on.

Problems and worries came to mind to:
The worries of others,
my faults and failings,
but in the atmosphere of thanks
they seemed less intense.

As I go back over the years
I realise that there are
so many things I could say thanks for.
I sit here now and enjoy the memories,
I feel the thanks.
Thanks – such a small word
And yet it has great meaning,
Thanks - a word that brings us alive,
For what once was, can always give life.

Thanks – a word that keeps us humble,
for we know that we depend on others.
Thanks – a word that keeps us joyful,
for we know in every day
there are the meetings and the memories,
for the help and support, given and received.

May we always be people who are truly grateful
to others and to God
for what makes life worthwhile.

Remember this moment,
remember this day,
remember last week,
remember all times,
And be grateful!

May the blessings of Christmas be with you all and your families this Christmas season. I hope everyone enjoys a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to another great year in 2019.

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Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday. Looking forward to working with you next year in 2019. Janine Buerckner

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“The results from our first ‘Parent Cafe’ and communication survey have been collated, and the verdict is in. Thank you all for your participation - it really helps the school focus more on what parents want. Not only have you told us what you want communicated, but also how you want to be communicated with! Stay tuned for changes (big & small) next year...

The Parent Engagement Committee

Extend OSHC at Sacred Heart Yarrawonga

Christmas international community support:

Many families in our service contributes to this special fundraiser. We raised enough money to buy 5 chickens to support other families overseas. Well done Extenders



Christmas local community support:

The men's shed has been part of our program for the whole year, and we will be continuing this relationship next year. Again many families contributed to a Christmas hamper for the Men's shed as a surprise. The children worked very hard on the card, and Jessica and Leah covered the inside with lots of tinsel.



Our Holiday Program bookings are being taken now.

Dec 2018: 20th and 21st. Jan 2019 7th to 29th

We wish you all the peace and joy of the season!
Here's to wishing you and your loved one's a very
Merry Christmas
And a joyous new year 2019

Jo Kingston (Team leader) and the Extend team_ **LookedAfter: extend.com.au**



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2019 Fees and Levies

Family Fee	1 Student	\$1,200
	2 Students	\$1,380
	3 or more Students	\$1,570

Curriculum and ICT Levy

Prep	\$400
Year 1	\$400
Year 2	\$400
Year 3	\$430
Year 4	\$430
Year 5	\$600
Year 6	\$600

Build / Maintenance \$250 per family
(Includes Sandhurst Diocese Land Fund)

Camps, Sports, Excursions, Swimming and Incursions

Prep	\$125
Year 1	\$125
Year 2	\$135
Year 3	\$295
Year 4	\$305
Year 5	\$385
Year 6	\$675