Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week Two of our new Term. I write to you all today, from the lovely surroundings of the Ern Halliday Recreation site on the coast at Hillarys, where our Senior Year Six children are experiencing their Leadership Camp! Accompanied by Mr Jason Tyrrell (Class Teacher) and Ms Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principal), we’ve had a wonderful few days here and completed some very challenging and exciting experiences together, including caving, the flying fox, the big swing, archery and orienteering. The children have executed all their tasks very enthusiastically, including an early start with Bootcamp each morning at 6am!

We conclude today with an adventure at the Great Escape Water Slide Park at Hillarys before heading for home this afternoon, in time for a 3.00pm departure- no doubt, an early night will be needed this evening!

We’ve been very impressed with the children’s enthusiasm and maturity, as they’ve made the most of all the challenges presented to them, including being away from home and family, and accommodating the needs of others- I’m sure you will all enjoy the happy snaps that are coming in the way of today’s Newsletter, and we look forward to a more extensive presentation at an upcoming Assembly. The next leadership preparation opportunity for the senior students, will be the National Young Leaders’ Day to be held at the Perth Convention Centre in March.

**Learning: What did I learn from my experiences today?**

What a lovely Mass we all shared on Ash Wednesday to commence the season of Lent, and also the beginning of our new School Year. Special thanks to our staff and the Year Six children for leading our Mass, and of course, to Fr Irek, who spoke of all of the challenges of the Lenten Season, its length of forty days, and our focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As a way of facilitating these acts of charity, each child has received their Project Compassion box, enabling small change and gifts of money for those who do not have as much as we do, to be built up over Lent. The call for the boxes will be made after Easter.

As a staff, we’ve been very pleased with the way the children have responded to the extreme heat this week- thank you to everyone for their work in ensuring the children were well prepared, and have sufficient fruit snacks and water bottles for the day.

**Engagement: How did I promote positive relationships with students/staff/parents today?**

Our first P and F Meeting for the year takes place in the School Library next Thursday 18th February, from 7.00pm- please join us to hear of the great plans and work of our parents within the school, and also assist in the nomination of Class Representatives, who will be a chief contact for class parents and a support throughout the year.

Next week’s Meeting will also see the distribution of our school’s Draft Strategic Plan, with the call for comment from all in the School Community around this work before final publishing this month.

The Family Movie Night on Friday 26th February promises to be a great start to our new year as a School Community. The opportunity for us all to share fellowship, food and drink, as well as a good movie, promises to set a very positive and welcoming tone to all our P and F initiatives planned for 2016- please make our new families feel welcomed and supported as they embark on their journey at Sacred Heart, Highgate.

Special thanks to our P and F Executive and committee members for their work in organising our gathering- I hope to see many of you on the night!
Accountability - How did I take responsibility for my work quality today?

As a Leadership Team and Staff, we continue our work on the 2016 Annual School Improvement Plan. This process determines our actions for this year, in the domains of LEAD (Learning, Engagement, Accountability and Discipleship). In publishing these actions, we hope for all in our School Community to have a clear understanding of our priorities and vision.

I've received positive feedback from our students and parents about some of the improvements and maintenance items that have been attended to over our summer break including:

- New carpets to the upstairs classrooms of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Painting of all upstairs classrooms and the Junior Primary rooms
- Painting of children’s toilets
- New non slip surface to our lunch areas
- New aluminium picnic tables and benches for the junior lunch area
- New blinds are to be installed in the coming weeks to our junior rooms and the Hall to assist with the projection during the day
- Maintenance to our reticulation, and the air conditioners
- New cabinetry for storage in the Science Room and Art Room
- New storage in the upstairs Resources Room for our Literacy and Maths resources
- Re-working and upgrade of the School’s Website

These tasks have been as a result of decisions made at a School Board level, in preparation of this year’s Budget. The Sacred Heart School Board will meet for the purpose of the election of 2016 Office Bearers and the February Meeting next Wednesday 17th February at 6.30pm. We welcome new and returning members to the School Board, and thank them for their work of service in this role.

The 2016 Sacred Heart Primary School Board members are:

- Mr Steven Brown
- Mr Andrew Sullivan
- Mrs Trevor Hope
- Ms Angela Elder
- Mr Dean Grondal
- Mrs Margaret Boulger Parish Council Nominee
- TBC-Parents & Friends Association Nominee
- Mrs Tanya McGuire - Principal (ex-Officio)
- Fr Irek Czech - Parish Priest nominee (ex-Officio)
- Ms Renee Byrne-King – Assistant Principal
- Mrs Carolyn Perlini - Assistant Principal

Discipleship - How did I live out the teachings of Jesus today?

As we embark on our Lenten Journey, and also welcome our new Parish Priest to Highgate, Fr Irek has discussed with us, some ways to ensure our boys and girls will build their positive sense of connection to the parish. In this, a Sacramental year for our children in Years Three, Four and Six, we plan for an Enrolment Mass to present our candidates to the parish community, and in addition, Father would also like for all Sacred Heart children to focus on their Mass attendance- Your child will have the opportunity to receive a Mass card, that can be maintained with Father’s parish stickers, and thus be a visible reminder for our boys and girls, about their commitment as a member of the parish community- look out for these, this weekend.

In closing, can I ask that we all call to mind the needs and intentions of so many people in our world, who are challenged with illnesses. Special prayers of support are especially called for, for the Baptista family, as their youngest daughter, Brielle is currently in hospital for treatment.

Many thanks and God Bless,

Mrs Tanya McGuire
Principal
IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

**Feb**
- 17 School Board Meeting 6.30pm
- 18 P&F Meeting 7.00pm
- 24 Year 2 Class Liturgy 9am Church
- 26 Family Movie Night 5.30-9pm
- 29 Swimming Carnival - Bayswater Waves 9.30am

**Mar**
- 7 Labour Day - Public Holiday - School Closed
- 9 Year 4 Class Mass 9am

Uniform Focus
At Sacred Heart we wish for the students to take great pride in the way that they present themselves in the school uniform. For the remainder of Term 1, we would like to have Uniform focus for the students each week. This week we are focussing on students wearing the correct footwear to school. A reminder that black sneakers, should be worn on sports days only. Black school shoes or brown school sandals, should be worn with the everyday uniform. The uniform policy can be accessed on the school website:
Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

Ash Wednesday and 2016 Sacred Heart Opening Mass
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of Penance and Reflection which prepares us for Jesus’ resurrection on Easter Sunday. During our School Mass on Wednesday morning, our foreheads were marked with ashes. This marks our commitment to Jesus Christ and God. We want to show God that we are ready to turn away from sin, and doing the wrong thing, to staying faithful to the Gospel, by living good lives. Thank you to Father Irek for leading us in this mass, and to Mrs Ammoscato and the choir for leading us in the singing. Thank you to all those who were involved in preparing the mass and to all those who were able to attend.

Project Compassion Boxes 2016
Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s annual fundraising and awareness raising appeal endorsed by the Australian Catholic Bishops, which brings thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Project Compassion 2016 focuses on ‘Learning more, creating change’. It celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men in most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion appeal. Your generosity will work for the freedom of people living in poverty, challenge unjust structures, and empower people to transform their futures through education.
Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 2 Class Liturgy
On Wednesday, the 24th of February, the Year 2 class will celebrate their class liturgy in the Sacred Heart Church, beginning at 9am. The liturgy will be celebrated by Fr Irek. The Lower Cluster students (Pre-Primary to Year 2) will be in attendance. We welcome the Year 2 parents, as well as other parents and members of our school community, to attend this special celebration.
Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

Literacy and Numeracy Whole School initiatives
Sound Waves
In 2016, Sacred Heart is trialling Sound Waves as our whole school spelling program. The Sound Waves phonemic approach uses a sound-to-letter strategy which acknowledges that sounds can be represented more than one way in written form. This synthetic phonics approach focuses first on the basic units of sound in our language – phonemes. It then explores the letters that represent these sounds and how they can be put together to form written words. Sound Waves enhances learning with strategies for reading, writing and spelling. This way your students will gain a deeper understanding of how words are structured. The Year 5 and 6 class in 2015 used the Sound Waves program resulting in substantial gains in spelling skills, by the end of the year. We look forward to using such a well-recommended spelling program.

iMaths
This year the school has decided to trial a mathematics program teaching mathematics explicitly and using investigations allowing students to apply their knowledge of mathematical concepts learned. iMaths Investigations apply the maths concepts of your Curriculum to real-life situations. Every Investigation has been designed to engage and motivate students and show them how much fun maths can be. The iMaths tracker book will come home regularly to assist parents and teachers in communicating the students’ progress in the Mathematics learning area.
Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

Parent Term Planner
To keep parents informed with up to date information the planner will be updated as required. The planner is available on the school website at:
Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

Project Compassion 2016

Learning more, creating change

- Repentance
- Reconciliation
- Renewal
- Rebirth

Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)
Year 6 Leadership Camp
This afternoon we welcome back our Year 6 students from their Leadership Camp at Ern Halliday. We would like to commend the students on their outstanding behaviour whilst on camp. Over the past three days the students have learnt about leadership, accepting challenges and independence. As can be seen in the photos, the students had a very enjoyable time participating in the various experiences. A big thank-you to the staff who prepared and supervised this camp experience to enable it to run so smoothly. We are positive that the camp will remain a wonderful memory for the students. We think they will all sleep well tonight (as will the teachers!).

Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)
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YEAR SIX CAMP
SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL GATES & SAFETY AT SCHOOL
Gates are opened at the following times:
8.15 to 9.00am and 2.50 to 3.20pm
Please note during the above times the school gate on Harold Street, near the oval, needs to be pushed opened in order to enter. (the gate will always be closed, there is no need to press the bell for assistance.)

PARENTS WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE SCHOOL VIA THIS GATE DURING SCHOOL TIME (9.00am to 2.50pm).
All parents MUST enter/leave the school via the Office reception.
Parents are reminded that there is NO child supervision provided to students who arrive at the school before 8.15am. Students dropped off before this time will need to come into the school from Mary Street.
Students are not to be dropped off and left unsupervised by parents outside the supervision hours as it can be dangerous and unsafe.
Thank you for your co-operation.

Deliveries for students
If parents need to deliver any items to their child ie. recess/lunch/books/hat etc., it is requested these items be left with the office staff at reception. Thank you for your co-operation.

SPORT UNIFORM
The white polo shirt is to be worn on the following days:
Monday: Years 3, 4, 5, 6
Tuesday: Years Pre Primary, 1, 2
The coloured faction polo shirt is to be worn on the following days:
Friday: Pre Primary to Year 6

SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Years 3 to 6 ONLY
Monday 29th February
Bayswater Waves 9.30am–12.30pm
A note has been sent home regarding the Carnival on February 29th at Bayswater Waves.
If you can help me on the day, please put your name on the note on the Library door. Thank you to those parents who have already offered to assist me.
Also, I have placed a draft of the programme on the Library door. Any changes need to be made by Monday afternoon at the latest. I will be finalising the programme on Tuesday.

SWIMMING TRAINING 2016 Beatty Park
Monday afternoon 3.15pm–4.00pm
Friday morning 7.30am–8am
This is for children in Years 3 to 6 ONLY this year.
Children who can already swim 25 metres and wish to become 50 metre swimmers are encouraged to attend. This is not a beginner swimming lesson.

Great news! Eleven enthusiastic children came to swimming training last Monday afternoon at Beatty Park. Our squad would love to see more swimmers join them. It could be you!
Andy, our coach is working on stroke technique, endurance and performing a racing dive.
Our children swam for over one hour and completed 15 laps. Well done.
Mrs Stephanie Alderman (Physical Education Teacher)

SCHOOL NEWS

Sacred Heart Primary School is an ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL.
We ask all families to ensure that children’s lunch boxes DO NOT contain any products made from peanuts or tree nuts such as Nutella, Peanut Butter, Muesli bars etc.
Our school canteen is also an ALLERGY AWARE ZONE.
Parents are requested to inform the school if their child suffers from an allergy (including from band-aids) or any other medical condition such as Asthma that staff need to be aware of.
Please inform the school office with any details regarding your child including medication and a medical action plan provided by your doctor.
Please provide any student medication (ie. Asthma Ventolin & Spacer, Epipen, antihistamines) to the class teacher as soon as possible to prepare for any emergency.

UNIFORM SHOP - Open Fridays 8-9am.
For more information and phone orders please call Vilma Spence on 9271 4479. Order forms are available from the school office or the school website at:

Student Absences/Lateness
When a student is absent from school parents are required to:
- Contact the school office explaining WHY their child is absent. (Parents can also inform the class teacher if they wish).
- Send a note to the class teacher when their child returns to school explaining WHY their child was absent.
All students who arrive LATE to school (after 8.45am) MUST be signed in at the school office reception BY A PARENT.

IMPORTANT NEWS
Parents of children with MacBook or iPads.
In case you have missed this in the news from Apple, please have a read as this may affect you. If you would like to know if your device is affected, then please visit the website below.

Lost Property
There are numerous items that were left in Lost Property last year. Please collect from the Undercover Area.

Dear Parents,
I’m stepping off the ledge of one of Perth’s tallest buildings to raise funds for the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation (soon to be known as Perth’s Children Hospital Foundation) and I need your help.
The Foundation exists to promote the prevention and treatment of illness and injury in children throughout Western Australia. They provide vital support to families, hospital staff and much needed funds for equipment and programs at the hospital.
You don’t need to be crazy (like me) and jump off a 160m tall building to help; you can simply visit the link below and make your donation to this worthy cause.
All donations are tax deductible, even for businesses, and you’ll be making a real difference to lives of children who have been touched by tragedy way too early.
To make you donation visit
Thank you in advance, your contribution if greatly appreciated.
Kasey Lake (Year 3 parent)

ATTACHMENTS
• P&F Movie Night Flyer
The Commonwealth School Banking Program is held every Tuesday morning from 8.30-9.00am and we have relocated this year to the School Hall. To all new and existing families who are keen to join, please feel free to open a Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank for your child. Remember to take your child's full Birth Certificate and your Driver's License or Passport with you. Once you have the account details, visit us in the hall on Tuesday morning and we can join your child up to the program. This is a great way to introduce your children to the benefits of regular saving. If you would like to know more or have any questions, please contact our School Banking Co-ordinator Julianne Davidson (juliannedavidson@iinet.net.au).

School Banking 2016 - every Tuesday in the School Hall

Calling all Parents and Friends! It’s your P&F!

FIRST MEETING: 7pm Thursday 18th February, School Library

The Sacred Heart P&F Association is an important part of our school community and we encourage you to get involved. We aim to enhance our children’s school experiences and opportunities, and build community at Sacred Heart. The P&F does this through events and programs such as the School Banking Program, school celebrations for Mother’s and Father’s Day, family friendly events, fundraisers and much more.

All parents are encouraged to be part of the P&F and come along to our monthly meetings and help out with P&F activities throughout the year. Getting involved in the P&F is a great way to get to know other parents in the school and to make new friends. We have monthly meetings in the School Library and our first meeting is be held at 7.00pm Thursday 18th February. At this meeting we will be nominating P&F Class Representatives for each year group (Kindergarten to Year 6) as well as a P&F representative to the School Board. Class Representatives have the role of communicating P&F news to parents in their year, and providing feedback to the P&F. Being a Class Rep is a relatively easy task and several parents can share the role for each class. Please give it some thought and please contact me (Andrew) on 0438 861 669 if you’d like more information.

P&F monthly meetings are open to all, and they are fun and informative…so please give it some thought. (pss. You don’t have to come to every meeting). Items can be added to the P&F’s meeting agenda by contacting the Secretary, Yvette Keys on yvettekeys@bigpond.com.

In 2016 we have a new executive team for the P&F. They are Kathryn Bond and Danielle Darragh (joint vice-presidents), Yvette Keys (Secretary), Anita Pavic (Treasurer). You can now spot them at school with the photos below.

Finally, I hope you and your families can make the Family Movie Night to be held on Friday 26th February to welcome everyone back with a family picnic and feature film Big Hero 6.

Regards, and peace,
Andrew Del Marco (president)
Mob 0438 861 669 delmarco@iinet.net.au

2016 P&F Executive Team

Andrew Del Marco
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Kathryn Bond
Vice President

Danielle Darragh
Vice President

Yvette Keys
Secretary

Anita Pavic
Treasurer
The Council and Staff of the Parents and Friends Federation of WA would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year. We trust that at this stage, into week 2, you are all back into the routine of lunches, uniforms and searching for those elusive permission slips at the bottom of school bags.

The staff here in the office have hit the ground running and are currently working hard to get information about our upcoming conference in May out to all schools. The dates for the conference this year are Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May. The Awards of Excellence in Building Positive School Communities will be presented at the conference dinner on Friday 21st May. Nomination forms for the Awards of Excellence are already available on our website, so get your entry in early!

We are also receiving lots of calls in the office from parents who are working hard to ensure P&F’s and parent groups get off to a good start for the year. If you need any information about office bearer’s roles, governance or just some general advice please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Theresa McDonnell, the new Liaison Officer at the Federation, has settled beautifully into our small office and she, along with Siobhan Allen (our Executive Officer) is looking forward to getting out and about and meeting with parents and parent groups in Catholic schools throughout the state. If you would like to arrange a visit from PFFWA to your school, please contact the office or email theresa@pff.wa.edu.au and we would be delighted to organise a time.

Best wishes
PFFWA Council and Staff