Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week Four of our Term- I look forward to our first social gathering for this year; tonight’s Family Movie Night on the Oval. It promises to be a great start to 2016 as a school community. The opportunity for us all to share fellowship, picnic food and drink, as well as a good movie, aims at setting a very positive and welcoming tone to our new year together.

Special thanks to our P and F Executive and committee members, together with the Year One Class representatives, for their extensive research and organisation of our event- I hope to see many of you this evening!

Together with all Principals in WA’s Catholic Schools (163 in total), I participated in the Leaders’ Forum on Monday of this week. The day is one of two opportunities that we share each year, to hear of new strategic directions for our system. We also focused on Monday the work on current action plans around School Improvement, School Climate surveys, the new CEWA Funding Allocation model and an update of current CEWA policies. It was a very informative and positive day, beginning with some choice words in his address to us all, from the Reverend Timothy Costelloe, Archbishop of Perth. Archbishop Costelloe called us all to remember that this is the Year of Mercy, but cautioned us not to focus heavily on ecclesiastical language. He challenged us to replace the call for Mercy, with a call for “large-heartedness” – what will you and your family do to ensure your large-heartedness is visible this year?

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

As these early weeks of the term continue, teachers continue with their data collection and assessments- all aimed at determining interventions and enrichment opportunities.

Mrs Worner has commenced the early part of our STRIVE (enrichment) sessions, looking for opportunities this term to capitalise on children’s interests and knowledge of literature. It is our intention to provide a celebratory opportunity later this year -The Night of the Notables, where research and an oral presentation is provided by our students- watch this space for more information. Mrs Perlini is also relishing the opportunity to present Science lessons and explore all things scientific (including new vocabulary) with our boys and girls. Please drop by to see the new Science Laboratory/Classroom. We plan also, for a highlight of this Learning Area, at a later stage of this year.

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

I have the very real pleasure of undertaking playground and classroom duty throughout the week. I am very happy to chat with our boys and girls, and my Kindergarten opportunities are always a real delight! In speaking with Mrs McKenna, we recognised how pleased we are with how our new Sacred Heart students have settled into their routines and learning experiences. In addition, our very helpful parents are operating in a supportive role in the classroom, and when you contribute as a parent helper, you are assured that your children are in good hands, and thriving, not just surviving at school! Thank you to all parents for their contributions to our class programmes.

A sub-committee met on Wednesday evening to work on ideas and plans for the 2016 calendar of events that the Parents and Friends Association will undertake this year- it was a very fruitful discussion and led to some exciting suggestions, and these will be presented at next Wednesday evening’s March Meeting of the Parents and Friends Association. Please come along to hear of proposed plans. It has been confirmed that the P and F Meetings will be the first Wednesday of each month, at 7.00pm in the Library.
**Accountability - How did I take responsibility for my work quality today?**

The **2016 Annual School Fees Statements** have been posted to all families earlier this week. All parents are asked to indicate their preferred payment options. **These options must be indicated in writing by 3rd March.** Please note that there is also the option to debit Credit Cards, and this additional form can be collected from the School Office.

Catholic Education Western Australia offers a discount to tuition fees to all parents who qualify for and have been issued with a means tested Health Care Card, or Single Parent Pension Card. If your circumstances lead you to being eligible for these, you are asked to provide a copy of your card and complete an application form at the School Office, to initiate this discount to 2016 Tuition Fees.

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

On Wednesday of this week, our Year Two children led their “Celebrating Friendship” Liturgy, with children from our Junior classes joining us in the Church as guests. Special thanks to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Ammoscato for their work in preparing the children, and of course to Fr Irek, who complemented our music with his guitar, and to the many parents, parishioners and extended family members who joined us to support the children. Our boys and girls did a wonderful job of reading and leading the celebration.

Fr Irek met with our Leadership Team last Friday to confirm the calendar of liturgical dates, including Sacramental celebrations for this year. These have been included in today’s Newsletter for reference. Please ensure these are in a prominent place in your calendar. Fr Irek would also like to extend an invitation to our parents who serve on the P and F Executive and the School Board, to be blessed and commissioned to their roles of service at the 9.00am Mass on **Sunday 13th March.** Please join us and share Morning Tea to follow.

I was delighted to hear at Assembly this morning from the Pastoral Care Council members, as they shared the story of how our donations to Project Compassion, (Caritas) go to helping and supporting many children in different countries.

In closing, can I ask for special prayers during our Lenten season, as we acknowledge a world filled with people less fortunate than we are. As parents, the best teachings for our children, are grounded in our actions. **How are your family commitments to Lenten promises progressing?**

Many thanks and God Bless,

Mrs Tanya McGuire
Principal
**IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES**

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**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. 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 (no fluoros are permitted). Black school shoes or brown school sandals, should be worn with the everyday uniform. The uniform policy can be accessed on the school website. [http://web.shps.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies/policies_uniforms.pdf](http://web.shps.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies/policies_uniforms.pdf)

**Project Compassion Boxes 2016**

Week 2 of the Caritas Lenten calendar features Hum Noy’s Story. With limited support services for children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos, Duangmala feared that her eight-year-old son, Hum Noy, would never reach his full potential. Thankfully, everything changed when Duangmala and Hum Noy were introduced to the Intellectual Disabilities Unit, which was set up by the Lao Disabled People’s Association with the support of Caritas Australia. This specialised school provides learning support and nurturing care to 50 children with intellectual disabilities in the Laos capital, Vientiane. Since starting school, Hum Noy’s behaviour and abilities have changed remarkably. He is no longer isolated, lonely or frustrated, and his communication skills have advanced quickly. The program has also opened new opportunities for Duangmala, who received training to become a teacher at Hum Noy’s school. Now, she is hopeful that her son and his classmates can lead more prosperous, fulfilling lives. Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help children living with intellectual disabilities, like Hum Noy, in Laos learn, grow and reach their full potential.

You can donate through School boxes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phone 1800024 413. Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

**Engaging Hearts and Mind - Whole School Initiative**

This week we began a new whole-school social skill focus with our Sacred Heart students, which is: Showing Respect. The students will be learning about how they can demonstrate respect during school times and in the wider community. Parents and carers can help their children by looking for teachable moments. Make the most of these opportunities so that children can grow and learn. If you would like to know more about how we teach social skills at Sacred Heart, we encourage you to go to our Engaging Hearts and Minds blog: [http://shpsengagingheartsandminds.blogspot.com.au/](http://shpsengagingheartsandminds.blogspot.com.au/).

Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

**Year 2 Class Liturgy**

The 2 class participated in their class liturgy at the Sacred Heart Church, on Wednesday morning, and were well-supported by the attendance of the Pre-Primary and Year 1 students and teachers. We thank Father Irek for leading the liturgy and Mrs Taylor for preparing such a reverent and meaningful celebration about Friendship. We also thank Mrs Ammoscato for her music contributions. We would like to thank all the parents for sharing this special occasion.

Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

**Year 4 MacBook Air Workshop for Parents**

The Year 4 Parent MacBook workshop will be presented on Monday 29th February. Thank you for your feedback through the survey provided and for your support. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 29th February at 6.00pm.

Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

**Soundwaves Focus**

**Week 5 - Next week’s sound is...**

**Pronunciation**

**How to say the sound**

Open your mouth, so your jaw is lowered more than for /i/ but less than for /a/.

Stretch your lips outwards at the corners of your mouth, but less than you would for /i/

Firmly hold your tongue at the bottom of your mouth.

Briefly turn your voice on.

**Chant and Action**

**Empty eggs – e, e, e.**

Make cup shapes with hands to be empty egg shells.

**Tips for Kids**

- /e/ is a quick sound.
- This is a vowel sound, so nothing gets in the way of the air coming out.

Some teachers have had some feedback in regards to the segmenting tasks for spelling words. This feedback has been considered and some activities have been modified to ensure the implementation processes are fully supported before activities come home. We have provided some tutorial links below which you may find helpful. We will also provide a parent workshop to assist parents in understanding the new whole school spelling initiative. Dates to be announced.

**Phonemic Approach**

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**Segmenting and Blending**

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Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

**School Fees Charges and Business Arrangement Statements**

Annual School Fee Statements have been mailed to all families. Families are requested to commit to a definitive payment plan via a Direct Debit Service Agreement. This Agreement has accompanied your Fee Statement.

There are 4 payment options available to suit your family needs. The Payment Request Form and accompanying Direct Debit Service Agreement will need to be completed, signed and returned to the office by no later than 3 March 2016.

Should you not be in a position to commit to a definitive payment plan please endeavour to make an appointment to discuss your circumstances with Mrs Tanya McGuire by no later than the 1 March 2016.

Mrs Linda Robertson (Finance Officer)
SCHOOL NEWS

2016 Sacramental Program
Diary Dates for Parents/ Guardians (2016)
Sacrament Parent Information Night - Term One
Parents of candidates participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation are asked to attend this meeting to gain important information and dates of the 2016 Sacrament program.

Sacramental Parent Information Night Thursday 10th March, 6.30pm, in the Hall
Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion)- Term Two
Sunday 15th May, 9.00am - Enrolment & Family Mass
(Bring a plate for Morning Tea)
Tuesday 10th May, 6.30pm - Parent & Student Workshop (Hall)
Sunday 29th May, 9.00am - Sacrament of Eucharist (In the Church)
Sacrament of Confirmation - Term Three
Sunday 28th August, 9.00am - Enrolment & Family Mass
(Bring a plate for Morning Tea)
Tuesday 30th August, 6.30pm - Parent & Student Workshop (Hall)
Saturday 17th September, 6.00pm - Sacrament of Confirmation
(In the Church)
Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)- Term Four
Sunday 16th October, 9.00am - Enrolment & Family Mass
(Bring a plate for Morning Tea)
Tuesday 11th October, 6.30pm - Parent & Student Workshop (Hall)
Thursday 20th October, 6.00pm - Sacrament of Penance
(In the Church)
Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Years 3 to 6 ONLY
Monday 29th February
Bayswater Waves 9.30am–12.30pm
SWIMMING TRAINING 2016 Beatty Park
Monday afternoon 3.15pm–4.30pm
Friday morning 7.30am–8am
This is for children in Years 3 to 6 ONLY this year.
Training IS STILL ON this Monday, 29th February, for 50m swimmers who will be in the Interschool team.
Mrs Stephanie Alderman (Physical Education Teacher)

WINTER UNIFORMS - TERM 2
Students are expected to be in full winter uniform at the commencement of Term 2. The Winter Uniform Order Form for 2016 is attached to this newsletter and is available from the school office foyer or the school website. Winter orders will need to be placed by no later than Friday, 11th March 2016.

Winter Uniform Pick Up Day
Wednesday, 6th April 2016
School Hall 8.00-9.00am

FULL FAMILY DETAILS
Families received a letter last week requesting to check their family details that have been provided to the school. It is extremely important that the school has all up to date information from parents.
Please return signed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

CANTEEN 9422-7945
Parents please take note to order from the current Summer Canteen Menu, available at school reception and from the school website at: http://www.shpsh.wa.edu.au/pdf/parentinfo_canteenmenu.pdf
Prices have changed from last year.
Thank you for your co-operation.

ATTACHMENTS
• Swimming Carnival Programme
• Winter Uniform Order Form 2016

Weekend Gospel brought to you by The Kids Bulletin @ https://thekidsbulletin.files.wordpress.com

Family Movie and Picnic Night Friday, 26th February
Gates open 5.30pm, movie starts 6.30pm
Movie tickets will be available at the door.
BYO Picnic (no more pizza orders)

Calling all Volunteers
Kids love to see their Mum, Dad or Grandparent in the canteen window at recess!
If you can spare some time on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday see Suzanne or Antoinette in the Canteen to put your name on the roster.
Friday is particularly busy. Every parent helper earns a free snack for their child.

Our School Banking Team are looking for some new Volunteers.
If you can help collect school banking deposits on a Tuesday morning from 8.15am in the school hall, please speak to Julianne Davidson, our School Banking Coordinator or contact the school office with your details.
All School Banking volunteers must have an up to date police clearance.

P&F Parent Sundowner Friday 1 April at 7.15pm
It’s not an April Fools joke, save the date and book a babysitter for Friday 1 April.
Last year’s Gin Masterclass Sundowner was hugely entertaining and this year will be no different. Watch this space for further information next week.
The Sundowner is a parent only, no children event.

School Banking 2016 - every Tuesday in the School Hall
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 Juliane Davidson (juliannedavidson@iinet.net.au)
Save the Date!
PFFWA Conference and AGM 2016
“Congratulations! We Hear You’re Engaged!”

The Parents and Friends Federation of WA are excited to be putting the last touches to our conference program for this year. As usual the conference opening dinner will be held on Friday evening 20th May at Crown Perth.

The conference will commence the following morning and go through until 5.00pm. Refreshments including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided on the day of the conference, along with great speakers, interactive sessions and the usual fantastic networking opportunities.

With both Federal and State elections on the horizon, PFFWA have invited politicians from the major parties to attend and you will have the opportunity to hear what their vision is for education in Western Australia in the foreseeable future.

Dates for your diary – 20th & 21st May 2016
At Crown Perth

For more information, please keep an eye on the PFFWA website and our Facebook page or contact admin@pff.wa.edu.au tel 9271 5909