Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week Five of our Term - What a wonderful evening we all shared last Friday night, with our Family Movie Night being a successful and relaxed evening together. Special thanks goes to Mrs Sheryl Jonescu and Mrs Jasmine Johnson, who co-ordinated the evening, beginning late last year, with bookings, communication and enquiries! They were very well supported by our other Year One parents, and I’m sure this event will remain on our calendar, as a great way to commence the year together, and welcome new families to Sacred Heart. Some lovely photos accompany today’s Newsletter.

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

A wonderful day for our students in Years Three to Six was enjoyed on Monday of this week, as the 2016 Faction Swimming Carnival was conducted at Bayswater Waves. This year, Senior Champions and Runners-up were awarded to our swimmers, with children having the opportunity to gain points from events across all strokes. A great day was enjoyed by all, and the co-ordination of the Carnival by Mrs Stephanie Alderman was greatly appreciated, as was the support we received from the many parents who assisted, judged and swam, ensuring a very positive experience for all children.

On Monday evening, Ms Renee Byrne-King and Mr Derek Stewart presented the second of our Parent Information sessions about the MacBook Laptop Programme that is in existence at Sacred Heart. Our parents who attended, were treated to some of the tasks that their children undertake, and this was to ensure parents are clear about the role this technology plays in supporting the delivery of curriculum, and our commitment as a school to ensure children build their General Capabilities as outlined in the Australian Curriculum. Thank you to our presenters for the evening, and also to our parents who completed the survey in the lead up to this workshop, guiding us as a staff to cover what was identified as queries and information sought.

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

At this week’s Parents and Friends Association Meeting, it was resolved that funds would be contributed to ensuring our Interschool Swimming Team would represent Sacred Heart in printed swimming caps and bathers. A special thank you to our parents for their assistance with this- we look forward to the presentation of these items at Assembly before the Carnival. The 2016 Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 4th April. This week’s Meeting also explored the slight change to this year’s Easter Raffle, and information about the donations sought, was circulated to all families yesterday. In this, the Year of Mercy, the items received will be prepared for hampers that will be raffled within the School Community, and also shared with the Catholic agency that supports the needy within our locale, *ShopFront*- this is a very important lesson for all our children- well done to all on this initiative.
**Accountability - How did I take responsibility for my work quality today?**

I attended an informal meeting this week at the office of Member for Perth, Ms Eleni Evangel, together with all Principals from schools in our region. Opportunities for our schools to participate in the Speak Up Award, an Essay competition for ANZAC Day, and the Christmas Card design Competition, were all committed to, and we look forward to our contributions to these events. Next week, an Education Forum with Western Australia’s Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Collier is scheduled, and representatives from parent bodies from within all schools have been invited to attend.

The re-design of the School’s initial form of communication to the community - our website, is currently underway, with our designers presenting their most recent work to the Leadership team today. This was determined last year, as part of our Strategic Plan development, and initiated in December. Please feel welcomed to forward your comments around what you find useful in a school website, to the School Office.

Initial requests from parents, were the availability of quick links to information like the Canteen Menu, Newsletter, the important upcoming dates, and enrolment information.

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

There has been the need to reschedule the Sacrament Information evening that all parents of children due to receive a Sacrament this year, are required to attend. Due to Fr Irek’s commitment to his Clergy Retreat, the Information evening has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 30th March**. Information from Fr Irek about dress and requirements will be placed on the Class Blogs, to assist parents with planned expenditure and purchases.

I was delighted to hear yet again at Assembly this morning from the Pastoral Care Council members, as they again reminded us of how our donations to Project Compassion, (Caritas) go to helping and supporting many children in different countries. Please keep the contributions coming to your family Project Compassion boxes.

As a part of our commitment to our Stewardship of Creation, the Environmental Council has co-ordinated today’s “Clean Up Australia Day” activities. Thank you to everyone for their work in keeping our school clean and well looked after!

In closing, can I ask for continued 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 - what conversations are happening in your family about commitments to Lenten promises?

Many thanks and God Bless,
Mrs Tanya McGuire
Principal
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**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 correct Summer school uniform. This week’s uniform focus is: **ensuring that the students’ have their Sacred Heart school hat. The school rule is no hat, no play.** Children are required to bring a note of explanation if they are unable to wear the correct school uniform to school on a particular day. A reminder that school uniforms can be purchased through the uniform shop, which opens each Friday morning before school. The Sacred Heart Uniform Policy can be accessed on the school website. [http://web.shsh.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies/policies_uniforms.pdf](http://web.shsh.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies/policies_uniforms.pdf)

Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

**Parent Interview Week**

As you would be aware, a note regarding the K-6 parent teacher interviews in Week 7 went home this week with your child. Thank you for returning these forms promptly with your preferences of day and time. Next week, the teachers will be sending home, with your child, confirmation slips of your interview times. The interviews will be 10 mins in duration. The interviews are a formal part of the school’s reporting process; we thank you in advance for your support.

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

Our students are currently focusing on the whole-school social skill: **Showing Respect.** Parents and carers can help their children by looking for teachable moments. Here are some questions you might like to ask your children to promote a discussion about showing respect: **When you think of respect, what kinds of words and actions come to mind? What are some ways you can show respect, and help your family and friends? How can you show respect to the items you own and enjoy? 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 blog at:** [http://shshengagingheartsandminds.blogspot.com.au/](http://shshengagingheartsandminds.blogspot.com.au/)

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**Birthdays Reminder**

We fully understand that birthdays are a very special time for our students. Birthdays will be celebrated in the classroom with a song and each student will also be recognised at our school assembly. In keeping with the school’s aim to promote healthy eating and lifestyle, birthday cakes, lolly bags and treats are no longer permitted to be distributed at school. Likewise, birthday invitations remain the responsibility of the parent. Please use the class contact list, which will be available from your child’s class P & F representative to contact families regarding parties or other celebrations. We thank you for your understanding with this matter and your support for this school policy. Any questions regarding this school policy, can be directed to the school principal.

Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

**FULL FAMILY DETAILS**

The school office is still accepting these forms if you have not returned them as yet.

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**SPORT NEWS**

Congratulations to Hewitt (Blue) for winning the Faction Swimming Carnival on Monday at Bayswater Waves. Final Scores:

- **Hewitt**: 526
- **Taylor**: 523
- **Henley**: 461
- **Lee**: 429

Congratulations to the following trophy winners:

- **Senior Champion Boy**: Owen Koroll
- **Senior Champion Girl**: Jemma Chung
- **Runner up Boy**: Matthew Maine
- **Runner up Girl**: Isabella Troy

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with the judging and pool supervision, and to parents and grandparents who cheered for our Sacred Heart Primary children.

**Training will not be held next Monday as it is a public holiday.**

The children who will be competing in the Interschool event will be given a note next week with all the details for the big day.

This year we are able to compete in nearly all the Interschool programme events. Well done to our team!

**T20 BLAST CRICKET**

SHPSH will be sending 4 teams to the T20 cricket competition at Coolbinia Reserve on March 23rd. I need parents to assist with umpiring and supervision. Are you able to help? Please let me know. There will be 4 x 45 minute games on the day. Sacred Heart has some very good cricket players this year and we would like to showcase their talent at this event.

Mrs Stephanie Alderman (Physical Education Teacher)

**Year 4 MacBook Air Workshop for Parents**

On Monday evening the school held a MacBook workshop for the Year 4 parents, as their children begin their MacBook journey in the one-to-one laptop program here at Sacred Heart. The workshop was well attended and supported. We thank Mr Derek Stewart for his skill and expertise, and for his engaging and informative presentation. The parents had the opportunity to participate in an example lesson using Google docs implemented by Ms Byrne-King. This demonstrated the way in which the laptops could be used in the classroom, implementing the curriculum. It was also a time where parents could ask important questions, both educational and technical. We look forward to offering another workshop for Year 4, 5 and 6 parents to refresh their information on the Laptop Program here at Sacred Heart.

Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

**Year 4 Class Mass**

On Wednesday, the 9th March, the Year 4s will celebrate their class mass in the Sacred Heart Church, beginning at 9 am. The mass will be celebrated by Fr Irek. The Upper Cluster students (Year 3 to Year 6) will be in attendance. We welcome the Year 4 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)
Project Compassion Boxes 2016
Week 3 of the Caritas Lenten calendar features Dominic from Papua New Guinea. Dominic lives with his wife and four children in Papua New Guinea, where generational poverty has led to many challenges, including inequality and violence. Dominic admits that he too faced some of these challenges. But when Caritas Australia and local partner, the Sisters of Notre Dame, established the Community Conversations program, he saw an opportunity to create change. Through regular Community Conversations training sessions, Dominic learnt communication and problem-solving skills that helped him lead open, respectful community discussions in his village, which has achieved greater peace and increased respect. Now, Dominic’s community has a chance to thrive and create a better future for themselves. Dominic is quoted: “When we start to realise we have power to stand independently to change ourselves, help ourselves, we feel liberated,” says Dominic. “I am most proud of the positive changes I am witnessing. I pass my big thanks and pray God will bless our supporters in Australia.”

You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Soundwaves Focus
Week 6- Next week’s sound is...

Pronunciation
How to say the sound
Hold your teeth together.
Touch the tip of your tongue to the roof of your mouth behind your top teeth.
Let air pressure build up behind the tips of your tongue and create a quick explosion of air as you turn your voice on.

Chant and Action
Ducks dive down – d, d, d.
Use hands to make duck diving movements.

Tips for Kids
• Start by hiding the tip of your tongue behind your top teeth.
• /d/ is a quick, noisy sound, so use your voice!
• If you are saying /t/, turn your voice on a little bit more.

Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

School Fees Charges and Business Arrangement Statements
Families are requested to commit to a definitive payment plan via a Direct Debit Service Agreement. This Agreement 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 (Mrs Linda Robertson (Finance Officer))

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:

Prices have changed from last year. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

Please be aware that the Sacrament Parent Information meeting for ALL Sacraments has been moved to

Wednesday 30th 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)
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WINTER UNIFORMS - TERM 2
Students are expected to be in full winter uniform at the commencement of Term 2. The Winter Uniform Order Form is available from the school office foyer or the school website.

Winter orders need to be placed by no later than Friday, 11th March 2015.

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

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

The Son who was Sorry

Today’s Gospel reading tells us about God’s forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money whenever we don’t use our gifts or talents to serve God or others.

God is like the father in this story. He loves the younger son no matter what he does, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for him to come home and be sorry.

He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal son.

God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away.

Try to make sure you are sorry for your sins and tell Him you are sorry so He can take them away.

Easter Raffle

ATTACHMENTS
• Easter Raffle
Movie Night last Friday

A big thank you to Sheryl Jonescu, Jasmine Johnson and the Year 1 parents for a wonderful evening last Friday which was our first P & F event, welcoming all families to the new school year. Families and children enjoyed an action-packed movie and picnic under the stars.

The P & F would like to extend a HUGE thank you to George and the team at Ecco Pizza, Fitzgerald St, North Perth, for baking & delivering a whopping 128 delicious pizzas to the movie night on Friday. I’m sure that after enjoying your pizza’s so much, many of us will be thrilled to learn that you now offer a delivery service. Super thanks!!!

P & F Parent Sundowner Friday 1st April at 7.15pm

Our next event will be the Parent Sundowner to be held on Friday 1st April. Book the babysitter for a relaxing night to meet other parents and enjoy a Tequila Masterclass by Andy McIntyre of Five Bar. Set in the lovely gardens of the School’s front courtyard. The Sundowner is a parent only, no children event. More information to follow next week.

Canteen – call for 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.

School Banking – call for volunteers

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 Treasurer Finance Report

Over time opportunities will be identified where the P & F can allocate the money that has been raised to date. The funds we have will be used to support the school to deliver enhanced opportunities, facilities and experiences for the students and school community. Regular updates on, what we raise through various events and items we spend the money on will be detailed in the newsletter. To be involved in these decisions come along to the P & F meetings. Everyone is welcome.

Beaufort St Books – credits for the school

Beaufort St Books is running a donation program where $1 from every $20 spent in the store will be forwarded to your chosen school as fundraising. If you are planning on getting some books consider our local Beaufort Street Bookshop and advise them that your fundraising dollar is for Sacred Heart Primary School.

NEXT P&F MEETING
7pm Wednesday 6th April, School Library

EASTER RAFFLE

Our annual Easter Raffle is a very popular and exciting event for our children and this year we are going to do something a bit different…

As it is the Year of Mercy (and in keeping with the challenge set by Archbishop Costello, not to focus too heavily on ecclesiastical language but to show mercy by example) we would like to show the Easter generosity of our beautiful children and parents by donating half of the goodies we collect to Shopfront in Maylands, so that they have additional Easter treats to pass onto those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Shopfront is an Agency of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Perth with the intention of relieving poverty and suffering in an environment that offers practical assistance. Please visit www.shopfrontwa.org.au for more information.

Each year group has their own very important role to play. Please read below on what we would like to collect from each year group this year:

Pre-K to Year 2

Please donate chocolate eggs - where possible, it would be terrific if the eggs were ethically sourced from local makers and suppliers.

Year 3 & 4

Please donate Easter related novelty items such as toy bunnies and chicks, games, books and activities.

Year 5 & 6

Please donate delicious items that you would find in the most amazing food hamper in the world.

Please bring these items to your classroom and pop them in the basket by Friday, 18th March 2016

All the items collected for the School will be combined to make up 1st, 2nd & 3rd Easter raffle prizes which will be drawn from all tickets sold throughout the school. Please detach sold tickets & money and pop them in an envelope marked “Easter Raffle” and also return the envelope to the school office by 18 March 2016.

Good luck & thank you in advance for your help in making this fundraising initiative a huge success!

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 Julianne Davidson (juliannedavidson@iinet.net.au)
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