Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our slightly shorter sixth week together. I hope the recent long weekend was a wonderful chance for everyone to rest and recharge - this week, our teachers have seen the children refreshed and eager for new learning.

Our school and its surrounds (Mary and Harold Streets) are looking pristine, no doubt due to our efforts to tackle Clean Up Australia Day last Friday - thank you to our Environmental Council and Mrs Saraceni for their efforts to co-ordinate Sacred Heart’s participation this year. In this, our Year Of Mercy with its call for “large heartedness”, it was a wonderful effort by our children to contribute to the stewardship of creation. Wonderful photos accompany today’s Newsletter.

Next week, our senior children from Year Six will attend the Young Leaders Day at the Convention Centre in Perth- it is a wonderful opportunity for our children to hear very motivational speakers and prominent sporting, political and media personalities share their knowledge of leadership - in addition, our children will meet other young leaders from government and non government schools - we look forward to a wonderful day together - full Summer uniform and a packed lunch and snacks will be necessary, and as part of a “lesson in personal responsibility” our boys and girls will be dropped off and meet together at the Convention Centre in the morning, and be bussed home at the conclusion of the day.

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

I was very fortunate this week to once again enjoy time in our classrooms- what a fabulous experience it was in Kindy, as our baby chicks emerged from their eggs right before the eyes of our very excited boys and girls- I was ready to offer some “farming experience” but it was all unnecessary, as our very healthy and determined chicks enjoyed the warmth of their light and the attention of our children- What a fabulous experience Mrs McKenna has provided for us all!

I was also able to assist in Year Four this week- covering Morning Fitness and Spelling, cursive handwriting and Maths with our children- I’m sure Miss Barker would have been very proud of her students as they guided me through all that is their learning in the very important morning session. I was even offered assistance- “If you need our help Mrs McGuire with the Macs, we can show you”!

I look forward to being a group leader in Year One next week, as we tackle a regular rotation for Maths activities, all aimed at covering the necessary number knowledge that our boys and girls need to consolidate.

Later in March, our children in Year Two (Junior scientists) will participate in a visit to Hyde Park, where a University study of the “oblong turtle” and its habitat is underway. The children will be accompanied by University scientists, and we anticipate a very positive experience for all- thank you to Mrs Perlini for her co-ordination of the event, and to Mr Andrew Del Marco who brought this opportunity to our attention- the event covers so many spheres, including the local community aspect, the history of Hyde Park and its relevance to the indigenous community, and the contribution that Science makes to our lives.
Engagement: How did I promote positive relationships with students/staff/parents today?
This year’s Easter Raffle, and information about the donations sought, was circulated to all families last week. This year, in 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. Thankyou to Mrs Erin Sullivan who has co-ordinated action for this year’s raffle, and also ensured our boys and girls have had the opportunity to determine the children’s event scheduled for later in this year, seeking their input about possible discos and late night mystery events...... watch this space for further information, and we also look forward to the P and F Newsletter that our Vice Presidents are working on- its aim is to keep parents informed about the actions of the P and F and all future events and their purpose.

Accountability- How did I take responsibility for my work quality today?
Yesterday morning, I attended an Education Forum at the office of our Member for Perth, Ms Eleni Evangel, together with all Principals from schools in our region. Special guest at the Morning Tea was the Education Minister, the Hon Peter Collier, who briefly shared with all, information around future state funding for students in both government and non government schools, recent reforms in the Education sector and Western Australia’s second phase of implementation of the Australian Curriculum. I was accompanied by our Parents and Friends Association President, Andrew Del Marco.

Next Wednesday, I will accompany our newest School Board members to the CEWA School Board Inservice, at the Office in Leederville. The School Board Constitution and the roles and responsibilities of School Board members will be outlined by School Improvement Advisors- with the intention of acknowledging the importance that the School Board plays in assisting a Catholic School to fulfil its duties to provide a Catholic education to our students, and the special role of service that School Board members undertake.

Work continues this week to prepare the Annual Financial Statement (AFS) for submission in March, after the auditing of the School’s accounts. Thank you to those parents who have indicated their payment arrangements for the 2016 year. The re-design of the School’s initial form of communication to the community continues, with the P and F currently determining the relevant information for their tab- The School Leadership team and staff hope to launch our new website by Friday of next week.

Discipleship -How did I live out the teachings of Jesus today?
The Year Four class led a lovely Mass, supported by our children in Years Three, Five and Six on Wednesday of this week. Thank you to Miss Barker for her work in preparing the children, and of course to Mrs Ammoscato for her Music contributions. Mass was led by Fr Oscar, due to Fr Irek’s attendance at Clergy Retreat- and we were able to celebrate with Fr Oscar, his birthday!

This Sunday at our 9.00am Mass, Fr Irek will commission and bless members of the School Board, the Parents and Friends Association and the Parish Council. We look forward to a shared Morning Tea afterwards.

In closing, can I ask for your prayers for Miss Ashleigh Barker and her family as they deal with the recent loss of her Grandfather.

Our Lenten season continues, and as parents, the best teachings for our children, are grounded in our actions- how is your family progressing with commitments to Lenten promises of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving?

Many thanks and God Bless,
Mrs Tanya McGuire
Principal
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Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

Project Compassion Boxes 2016

Week 4 of the Caritas Lenten calendar features Evangeline from Australia. First Australian Evangeline lives in a remote community in the Northern Territory that faces many ongoing challenges. She had a limited vision for her future until three years ago, when she started working at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre, a community-owned venture supported by Caritas Australia.

The program at this centre brings together Elders and young people, like Evangeline, so new generations can learn traditional skills and understand cultural knowledge through sharing art, storytelling, dance and song – practices that are central to traditional culture.

Today, Evangeline is flourishing, with new skills and a passion for the preservation and promotion of her Aboriginal culture. Now a Senior Arts-worker, Evangeline is committed to helping her community stay connected to its culture.

We ask all Sacred Heart students to please continue collecting money for Project Compassion 2016 to help people, like Evangeline, to change their lives to help, teach and empower others.

Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

Advertisements

- P&F Easter Raffle
- P&F Sundowner

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 all girls’ hair ties are RED. Matching coloured hair ties may be worn on Friday to match the faction tops eg., students in Hewitt blue faction may wear blue hair ties when wearing their blue tops. All hair past shoulder length should be tied up. Thank you.

Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

Parent Interview Week

A reminder that our K-6 parent teacher interviews will be taking place next week (Week 7). This week you should have received confirmation slips of your interview times. The interviews will be 10 mins in duration. If you did not receive confirmation of your interview time, please email your child’s class teacher immediately. The interviews are a formal part of the school’s reporting process.

In the past, the upper primary (Years 4-6) have been three-way, where the student has the opportunity to participate in their learning goals for the semester. We encourage you to bring your upper primary (4-6) child along to the interviews next week. We thank you in advance for your support.

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Year 4 Class Mass

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Interschool Swimming Team

Congratulations to the 37 children who will represent Sacred Heart at the Interschool Swimming Carnival in 2016. A note was sent home today with all the requirements for the big day.

Training will be on Monday afternoon and Friday morning at Beatty Park for the next couple of weeks. It would be great to see you there.

T20 Cricket Bash Competition

On Wednesday March 23rd, 4 teams from years 5 and 6 will be participating in a carnival at Coolbinia Reserve.

I need 2 umpires to assist our teams. Can you help? If so, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mrs Stephanie Alderman (Physical Education Teacher)

St Patrick’s Day

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Clean Up Australia Day
In 1989 an 'average Australian bloke' had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard - Sydney Harbour. This simple idea has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event, Clean Up Australia Day. Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in Schools Clean Up Day. In 2016 we celebrate 25 years of Schools Clean Up.

Last Friday after lunch, the whole school was involved in a ‘Clean Up Sacred Heart Primary School’ Initiative. Each class was involved in cleaning up their allocated areas with their teachers and a volunteer from the environmental council. Each student received a rubbish bag and a pair of gloves and began cleaning! Some of the areas we cleaned included down Harold street, the car park, Mary street and more. Everyone did so well and it looked like they were all having so much fun doing their part in respecting our school environment. We made the school look spotless and we gathered so much rubbish.

At the end, all the classes gathered together and put their rubbish bags down in the hardcourt area. The year 5 and 6 classes sorted out all the rubbish that we collected so that we could fill in a feedback form to focus on the type of rubbish in our community.

As a school we collected:
43 cigarettes
10 clothing materials
19 full bags of sticks, leaves and foliage
4 food scraps
17 metal objects such as screws and cans
7 straws
70 plastic items such as bottles and containers
14 food packaging items
2 animal poo
36 paper items such as newspapers and magazines
8 other

It was a wonderful feeling knowing that our small act of kindness and respect for our environment would make a big difference.

Lastly, don't forget to finish of your colouring competition sheets this weekend as they are due on Wednesday and the winners will be announced next Friday.

The Environmental Council
Engaging Hearts and Mind - Whole School Initiative

Our students are currently focusing on the whole-school social skill: Showing Respect.
**Pastoral Centre Carpark**

Parents are reminded that the Pastoral Centre Carpark (between the school and the church) is **PRIVATE PROPERTY** and NO parental parking is allowed during weekdays. The Pastoral Centre has advised the school that infringements pay be incurred. Street parking is available on Harold Street and Mary Street. The school also offers the Pick Up and Drive Thru Service. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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### 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)**
- **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)*

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**Threadworm**

Parents, please note that there has been a reported incidence of threadworm at our school. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the website link below.

Children can get threadworms by accidently swallowing worm eggs found on contaminated surfaces. Treatments are available over the counter from your local pharmacy. Please note that there is no need to keep children home from school once treatment has commenced.


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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 2016**.

**Winter Uniform Pick Up Day**

- **Wednesday, 6th April 2016**
- **School Hall 8.00-9.00am**

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**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.

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**Weekend Gospel**

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**Head Lice**

Parents, please note that there has been a reported incidence of head lice at our school. The problem of head lice at school is a common one and is often difficult to solve. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the website link below and do take the time to check your children’s hair on a regular basis.

If you discover that your child has head lice or eggs attached to hair strands, please make sure that you implement one of the treatment programs suggested. With everyone’s co-operation, we are much more likely to prevent major outbreaks and the associated anxiety it causes.

Please note that there is no need to keep children home from school once treatment has commenced. The real secret to eliminating head lice is to break the breeding cycle by treating hair regularly as directed by the fact sheet and monitoring your child’s hair closely over the ensuing weeks. Often we think we have eliminated the problem and become distressed at our children seemingly catching head lice again.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

[http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_I/Head-lice](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_I/Head-lice)
P&F Parent Sundowner Friday 1 April at 7.15pm
Tequila Masterclass
Our next event will be the Parent Sundowner to be held on Friday 1st April. Payment forms have been sent home with children this week. Book the babysitter for a relaxing night to meet other parents and enjoy a Tequila Masterclass by Andy McIntyre of Five Bar. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Easter Egg Raffle – Drawn on Monday 21 March
Flyers have gone home with children with raffle tickets attached. Please would you return sold tickets and money as well as donations for prizes by Friday 18 March. Each year group is being asked to bring in specific items. Please see attached flyer/tickets for the details.

Half of our goodies donated this year will go to Shopfront in Maylands so that they have Easter treats to pass on to those less fortunate than ourselves. The funds raised from the raffle will be used for swimming caps for our inter school team and for school and faction flags. We will let you know how much we’ve raised soon. Thanks for your help.

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.

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... Many thanks to those families who have already brought in their contributions and who have bought tickets!
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
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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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SUNDOWNER
The P&F invite all Sacred Heart Parents
to our annual Sundowner

7.30pm Friday 1 April
Mary St Courtyard, Sacred Heart.

Andy McIntyre From Five Bar
will be presenting a
Tequila Masterclass

3 tastings and light supper
$25 per person

With thanks to FIVE

RSVP TO CLASS REPS BY THUR 24 MARCH
DIRECT DEBIT PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD

Name: ........................................................................................................

Number attending: ............ Total Cost ($25 per person)..............................

Direct Debit   OR   Cash in envelope (please circle)

Direct Debit Receipt No.: .................................................................

Please put surname and yr of oldest child as reference on Direct Debit.
Sacred Heart Primary School P&F Association
BSB: 086006    Account number: 850232158
Please hand form to School Office by Thursday 24th March.