Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our second week of the Term. A cold snap seemed to have descended upon us and the children continue to look smart (and of course, warm) in their Winter Uniform. A reminder to all about school shoes being polished and jumpers accompanying children every day has been issued. Your co-operation with ensuring the children are correctly dressed is appreciated. Some confusion has developed (understandably) about fine details with uniform choices, and upon investigation, the school’s current Uniform Policy (2010) will be reviewed and published, to ensure clarity. There are no immediate plans to change the Sacred Heart uniform, but certainly, all parents and staff need clear, easy to interpret and understand, information about what their child is to wear every day.

One of the enquiries we have fielded over recent weeks has been regarding the availability of School Bags and School Jackets. These items have been sourced, and orders are currently called for—the Winter Jacket, whilst not a compulsory item, is the jacket that is to be worn at Sacred Heart, if additional warmth is required. The crested Back Pack School Bag is currently in stock, here at school, and can be purchased via the School Office. The newly sourced, plain navy Trolley Bag, with capacity for safe storage of a laptop, and wheels that make travel on our multi-level ramp, easy to negotiate, have been sourced, and orders are being called for. Samples of the jackets and their sizes, together with bags, are available in the School Office. Thank you to Mrs Miocevich and Mrs Castelanelli for their work in co-ordinating this.

Learning: What did I learn from my experiences today?

I’m sure as parents, you have taken pleasure in exploring the Work Sample Folder that has accompanied your child this week. Parents are encouraged to help celebrate areas of strength and achievement, and set goals for this term. I commend the teachers, who under the guidance and support of their Assistant Principals, have worked very hard to develop folders that are relevant, uncontrived and consistent. Parents have the opportunity for comment and reflection. Research is clear about children faring better at school when parents are actively engaged in the learning their children are involved in. This begins with parents understanding the content and learning that their children are presented with. For this reason, teachers (Class and Specialist) prepare the term’s Curriculum Outlines and regular updates on the Class Blogs. Please check these often to remain up to date about your children’s learning experiences. This year, the Semester One Reports that teachers will prepare for the conclusion of this term, will be issued electronically. As a result, parents will be receiving within the next week, an email from SEQTA, to enable the issue of log in details, when the time comes to access their child’s report. Any queries regarding this, can be directed to the School Office.
Engagement: How did I promote positive relationships with students/staff/parents today?
What a wonderful day we’re all due to experience with the 2016 Mothers Day Afternoon Tea today at 3.00pm. Our hard working Parents and Friends Association and particularly, the Year Two class have been busily selling stall items for your children to present to you as Mothers and Grandmothers, and baking scones for what promises to be an organised and exquisitely prepared gathering. Thank you so much to everyone for their hard work—we look forward to a very special gathering.

Accountability - How did I take responsibility for my work quality today?
We welcome speech pathologists to our Kindergarten today, as they undertake the Kindy Speech and Language Screen. This will provide our parents with a report and opportunity to pursue additional intervention (if required) at this most opportune of times. Children of Kindergarten age are much more receptive of work in this area, and intervention and therapy yields much better results, than when children are older.
Next week, the 2016 National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted—this nation wide assessment is conducted over the week, with children having been well prepared about the experience and they will be well supported here at school. As parents, the best support you can offer is to ensure good rest (early nights) and good nutrition. Parents will receive their child’s NAPLAN report later this year. NAPLAN data, together with many other forms of data at the school level, informs our decisions about addressing students’ learning needs.

Discipleship - How did I live out the teachings of Jesus today?
This term, we focus in the Religious Education Learning Area, on the Units of Work that relate to the Sacrament of Eucharist, given this special celebration later this month for our boys and girls in Year Four.
Sacramental preparation includes the following key events—Parent Information Evening, Parent Child Workshop (next Tuesday 10th May at 6.30pm) the Enrolment and Family Mass (on Sunday 15th May at 9.00am) the Eucharist Retreat (held at school on Tuesday 18th May), the opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation (on Friday 20th May) all culminating in the celebration of the Sacrament, on Sunday 29th May at 9.00am.
We look forward as a school, to supporting your family in this very special journey. Father Irek’s contribution as our Administering Priest continues to be welcomed, and we look forward to a wonderful evening of learning next Tuesday night. In this, the month of May, and Mary Our Mother, Fr Irek distributed sets of rosary beads to all after Assembly this morning—thank you Fr Irek.
Our Year One Liturgy on Wednesday this week was the result of work and preparations by Mrs McHardie, Mrs Cornish and Mrs Ammosacto– a special thank you for their work, and of course to the many parents and grandparents who were able to join us.
Accompanying your child today, (if your family is one of 60 that have been randomly selected to participate) is a package of information about the 2016 CEWA School Climate Survey. This Survey is being conducted to provide information to our school and system.
In undertaking School Improvement initiatives, it is important to determine organisational culture, as well as strategy, and results from all school stakeholders, staff, students and parents is necessary to provide information about the four indicators of school culture: Engagement, Learning, Clarity and Empathy. Thank you for your participation and contributions. The survey will be undertaken bi-annually. We anticipate results becoming available to us in Term Three, when a summary of the findings will be prepared for the School Community.
In closing, can I ask everyone to treat the most important of people, Mothers, to all that they deserve this Sunday! The love and special treatment they are entitled to, is a focus for us all. Prayers and our actions for them, as a thank you for their unconditional love and support will, I’m sure, be all they ask for.

Many thanks and God Bless
Mrs Tanya McGuire
Principal
Engaging Hearts and Minds Blog
We are looking forward to commencing another term of social skills learning here at Sacred Heart. This term will see us focusing on 3 new whole-school social skills. These being:
- Moving quietly around the school
- Asking for help
- Being supportive - no ‘put downs’.

We encourage parents throughout to ask their children about their learning of these social skills throughout the term and look for ways to reinforce these skills at home.

Have you visited our Engaging Hearts and Minds blog lately on our school website? There are now several *NEW* posts, which look at our journey in 2016 so far. We would like for you to take a look. The link is: http://shpsengagingheartsandminds.blogspot.com.au/.

Thank you for continuing to support this whole-school initiative.
Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

NAPLAN Week
NAPLAN will be taking place next week for our Year 3 and Year 5 classes. A reminder for parents not to overemphasise the importance of these tests and to avoid undue stress. In addition, we ask that parents of children in the Year 3 and 5 classes avoid any appointments or any activities that may result in interruptions to the class during this period. Please ensure that your child is well-rested during this week. A reminder that Year 3 and Year 5 parents are required to check the class blogs for important information about NAPLAN that has already been posted. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher should you have any further questions regarding NAPLAN Week.

Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

Year 1 Liturgy
The Year 1 students 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 2 students and teachers. We thank Father Irek for leading the liturgy and Mrs McHardie for preparing such a reverent and beautiful celebration about Mothers. We also thank Mrs Ammoscato for her music contributions. We would like to thank all the parents for sharing this special occasion.

Our next class mass will take place on Wednesday 18th May at 9.00 am and will be prepared by our Year 5 class and their teachers. We look forward to this occasion.

Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING
Training is every Monday and Friday morning. We meet at the middle of Hyde Park at 7.45am and finish at 8.15am. Parent supervision is provided around the lakes and the runners are aware of this.

Students can then walk back to school under adult supervision. Thanks to the parents who assist me with this task so our children are safe and secure at all times.

SPRIT SHIELD PROGRESS POINTS
HEWITT – 19 POINTS
HENLEY – 18 POINTS
LEE – 12 POINTS
TAYLOR – 11 POINTS
I hope to see more children join our enthusiastic group and improve their fitness this term.

NETBALL
Our Year 4 team commences their netball journey next Friday at Matthews Netball Centre in Floreat.

They have been training hard and have improved so much in a short time. Good luck Sacred Heart Sapphires! You are the jewel in the crown!

Mrs Stephanie Alderman (Physical Education teacher)
SCHOOL NEWS

Our Journey in Educational Technology Blog
There has been some new posts added to the Educational Technology Blog reflecting on the Year 4 Workshop in Term 1 and Digital Citizenship. Please follow the link below.
We will organise another Macbook Workshop this term, for Upper Primary Parents, after a quick electronic survey to see if parents are happy to attend and what they would like discussed. Please take the time to fill in the survey which will be sent through email next week. http://shpshedutech.blogspot.com.au
Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

Work Sample Folders
Work Sample folders went home Wednesday, this week. We hope you have taken some time to look through your child’s work sample file and see how well they have been working throughout Term One. Please be aware that these work samples provide a snapshot of your child’s work and is an opportunity for you to praise your children with positive affirmations for their effort and identify areas for improvement. Please be diligent in returning the work sample files back to school once you have looked through them and completed the parent responses.
Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

Term 2 Curriculum Outlines
The teachers have posted the Term 2 Curriculum outlines on their blogs this week. Please take the time to visit the blogs and discover what your child will be focussing on in Term 2. The Outlines provided key learning outcomes and links to the Australian Curriculum in all learning areas.
Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)

Violin Lessons
If you are interested in your child learning to play the violin at Sacred Heart please contact Richard Price on 0417 969 303. Lessons will take place at school during school time.

Important Sacrament Dates
Please ensure that the sacrament dates applicable to your child below, are entered in your diary, as it will be imperative that all candidates and their parents attend the workshops taking place this year.
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)

Soundwaves Focus
Week 2 Term 2

Pronunciation
How to say the sound
Open your mouth so there is a clear passage from front to back.
Lay your tongue flat.
Quickly force air out of your mouth.
No voice is used.

Chant and Action
Happy house – h, h, h.
Form a roof with hands overhead.
This is a vowel sound, so nothing gets in the way of the air coming out.

Tips for Kids
• /h/ is a quiet, breathy sound.
• Put your hand up to your mouth to feel the rush of air as you make the sound.

Pronunciation
How to say the sound
Open your lips and purse them slightly, keeping your teeth together.
Reach the front of your tongue to the roof of your mouth, just behind your top teeth.
Turn your voice on and quickly move your jaw and tongue down to allow air through.

Chant and Action
Jumping jellyfish – j, j, j.
Hold hands with fingers hanging down for tentacles. Jump hands around to j, j, j.

Tips for Kids
• Keep your teeth together and tongue up.
• Make your lips look the same as they do for ‘shh!’.
• /j/ is a noisy sound, so use your voice!
• If you are saying /ch/, turn your voice on.
• If you are saying /d/, make your tongue lazy and push air to the front of your mouth.

Carolyn Perlini and Renee Byrne-King (Assistant Principals)
Hot Dates for your Diary!!

The P&F along with the class reps have been busy little bees coordinating and confirming the event calendar for 2016. It is with our great pleasure that we present to you some wonderful dates for your diaries.

P&F Events coming soon!

Mother’s Day High Tea – today!
We will be celebrating Mothers Day this afternoon with a wonderful High Tea.
We hope you can join us from 3pm-4.30pm.
Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers, grandmothers and carers!

Mother’s Day Prayer for You
May you have all the joy your heart can hold...
All the smiles a day can bring...
All the blessings a life can unfold...
May you have God’s best in everything!

Have a Wonderful Day
The blessing of the Lord be upon you.
Psalm 129:8

20th May – Walk to School Day
More info to follow on this next week.

Other news
Do you have a suggestion/proposal for P&F to consider?
If you have a proposal for the P&F to consider at a meeting we’ve created a form which you can fill in with details of your proposal. Forms are available from your Class Rep or anyone on the P&F Committee. Completed forms can be emailed to the P&F Secretary, Yvette Keys.

Next P&F meeting
7pm Wednesday 1st June, School Library