



Sacred Heart Primary School Highgate

From the Heart

Newsletter



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Principal's Message – Mrs Tanya McGuire



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new year and all that it promises here at Sacred Heart in Highgate for 2024!

This is the first of our school's twice termly "**From the Heart**" Newsletters, after what I'm sure has been a chance for families to enjoy a wonderful Summer break, enjoy plenty of rest, and to maximise the opportunities to have fun together.

On behalf of all our teachers and staff, I extend a very warm welcome to all families who have joined Sacred Heart this year. My hope for you as parents, is that your association with our school is a long and happy one, and that you experience a partnership that enables you to offer your support of and involvement in your children's learning and faith development. It is now widely accepted that when a strong partnership exists between schools and parents, children fare better with their achievements and feelings of wellbeing.

This year's fabulous **2024 Welcome Event** on our Oval, was a wonderful chance for everyone to commence the new year excitedly, and for existing and new faces to connect and enjoy coming together. I hope that you enjoy some of the photos in our Social Media posts. A special thank you is extended to your hard working **2024 Parents and Friends Executive** and their Class Representatives, on executing such a fabulous event to start the very warm year.

Our new term continues to progress at a full pace, and our children and teachers seem to have made significant achievements over these past weeks at school. I'm very happy to have returned after a summer that seems to continue with warm days, and I envisage 2024 together as another wonderful year in which we continue to not only "**Strive for Excellence**", but for us all to "**Achieve our Excellence!**"

We have commenced the 2024 School Year with enrolments numbering 226 children, from 166 families, and with 24 staff members. We welcome the return of our staff and embrace our newest teachers.

We welcome the following new teaching staff to their roles: Miss Sarah Van Kesteren, Mrs Lori Coenen and Mrs Elizabeth Uchanski, Mrs Gemma MacMillan, Mrs Sonya McCormack and Education Assistant, Miss Britney Vanderwall. Our new Leadership structure sees Mrs Carolyn Perlini as the sole Assistant Principal, and our middle leaders, Mrs Laura Taylor's and Miss Catherine Boyes' roles as Curriculum Co-ordinator and Early Years Co-ordinator respectively, is providing us with a wonderful opportunity to grow competence and leadership in others.

All staff were commissioned to their roles at the Ash Wednesday Mass, and together with all our School Advisory Council members, and Parents and Friends Executive members, and our Year 6 student leaders, were blessed by Father Stephen.

I am sure our School Community will continue to make our new staff members feel welcomed and supported in their roles.

We also have the wonderful news to share with the school community, that our school's continued journey with the City Country Partnership (CCP) that commenced officially this year, and will continue for the next three years, will see Mrs Taylor and Mrs Perlini be in Broome at St Mary's College in coming weeks, as we prepare for their participation in the CEWA STEM Showcase here in Perth in August.

We've also hosted some of the Broome staff earlier this term, and also undertook a campus visit to our additional partners in this venture, Chisholm College in Bedford.

Our work as a leading STEM school, for both our local and statewide CEWA networks, continues to provide us with the opportunity to grow leadership in our staff, and present our boys and girls with chances to shine. The CCP will fund our delivery of Professional Learning in regional and metropolitan CEWA school settings, and also our further purchase of STEM resources for our students. We are immensely proud of this achievement, and also continue this work in the Goldfields cluster, as we explore the delivery of our Professional Learning to St Mary's in Kalgoorlie, with the assistance of our very generous support provided by Bradken.

Each year, the summer break provides us with the opportunity to attend to designated maintenance and scheduled improvement projects. The following items have been attended to over our January break:-

- All classroom and admin Air conditioners serviced.
- Termite treatments and spraying.
- All classrooms' carpet shampooing.
- Pressure cleaning in the toilet blocks, and all lunch areas.
- All windows in the school cleaned.
- Pressure cleaning of covered area roofing and ramp balustrades.
- New fencing to the lower Playground.
- Painting of Toilet blocks and the Admin entrances / passageways.
- Oval coring and fertilising.
- Maintenance in Early Childhood Education Naturescape Playground.
- Reticulation repairs and servicing.

A special thank you to our Year Six students, for their preparations and service as they have presented and two of this term's Assemblies. It marks the beginning of their leadership roles, and I'm confident they are going to conduct themselves admirably throughout the year.

I chanced upon the following reflection some time ago, and in the context of us all trying to become more like Jesus during this Lenten period, it may be useful as we embark on our 2024 Season of Lent - I hope you enjoy it!

FASTING AND FEASTING (DURING LENT)

LENT should be more than a time of fasting- It should also be a joyous season of feasting. LENT is a time to *fast* from certain things, and to *feast* on others. It is a season in which we should:

Fast from judging others...*feast on the Christ indwelling in them.*

Fast from emphasis on differences...*feast on the unity of all life.*

Fast from thoughts on illness...*feast on the healing power of God.*

Fast from words that pollute...*feast on phrases that purify.*

Fast from worry...*feast on trust.*

Fast from discontent...*feast on gratitude.*

Fast from suspicion...*feast on charitableness.*

Fast from self-concern...*feast on compassion for others.*
Fast from anger...*feast on patience.*
Fast from pessimism...*feast on optimism.*
Fast from complaining...*feast on appreciation.*
Fast from hostility...*feast on friendliness.*
Fast from personal anxiety...*feast on the power of God.*
Fast from idle gossip....*feast on silence or find a word of praise.*
Fast from shadows of sorrow...*feast on Christ's glorious Resurrection.*
Fast from unrelenting pressures...*feast on unceasing prayer.*
Fast from problems that overwhelm...*feast on prayer and confidence in God's help.*

Education

Our teachers have settled smoothly into routines, planning and timetables, and are so pleased with the enthusiasm of their classes, as everyone tackles their studies.

We were delighted to be able to conduct the **2024 Parent Information Sessions** as digital experiences. These sessions are planned as an opportunity to inform parents about curriculum content, classroom rules and routines, homework expectations etc. Our teachers prepared comprehensive handouts and digital presentations, and the Curriculum Outlines for each level have been forwarded to all families via Seesaw.

These current weeks in classrooms are important as the data collection period, and assessments and standardised tests are currently being completed. These results will enable teachers to plan for both necessary enrichment opportunities, and any needed intervention strategies. As always, preparation for any testing situation begins with adequate rest- these first weeks at school can be very tiring, and combined with our currently warm weather, can really affect our boys and girls-early nights are called for!

All good work is grounded in good communication, and I urge parents to always make contact in the first instance, with their child's Class Teacher if they have queries regarding their child's learning and progress.

The expected warm weather that usually accompanies Term 1, sees our school provide adequately for the children's learning in their air conditioned and air ventilated classrooms, and their break times will sometimes see these areas and the air conditioning being utilised. Please don't forget to freeze water bottles and send along fruits and or vegetables only, for the daily afternoon's **Crunch and Sip** break. Children's water bottles must accompany them every day, and these are permitted (and the children are directed) to be refilled throughout the day from our chilled water fountain units.

Community

I value and appreciate the building of strong and positive relationships with all our community. It is so vital in a Catholic School that we communicate with each other through the eyes of understanding and compassion – our attitude each day, will be a model of reflection to our students, parents, and to our community. I have been very impressed with the level of engagement that our students have already demonstrated over these past two weeks here at school.

Our two, high functioning parent bodies within our school, the **Sacred Heart School Advisory Council** and the **Sacred Heart Parents and Friends Association** have conducted their opening year meetings.

There are many positive and exciting initiatives planned to support our children, their necessary school resources and of course, the building of community, and we look forward to many happy occasions together this year. I would encourage everyone to watch for communication from your

Class Representatives regarding events and plans, and additionally, to be on the look out for casual get togethers and play picnics in the park, that offer families the chance to forge friendships.

The **2024 School Advisory Council** members are listed here:-

Mrs Erin Sullivan-Chair

Mr Nick Muriale-Treasurer,

Mr Darren Ballantyne-Secretary

Ms Anka Burns, Mrs Marina Maidment, Mrs Aneta Petkoski, Mrs Jess Gibson (P and F Association Nominee)

together with ex-officio members, myself as Principal, and Fr Mark Payton-Parish Priest, and Council observers, Mrs Linda Robertson and Mrs Carolyn Perlini. The Parish Council Nominee is yet to be announced.

The **2024 Parents and Friends Association Executive** members are Ms Tahlie Citterbard -President, Ms Sigrid McLachlan- Vice President, Ms Claire Giumelli -Secretary and Mrs Jess Gibson-Treasurer (and nominee to the SAC).

Stewardship

All classes have been provided information regarding timetables and the updated **2024 Term Planner** is available on the school website. These items can become the important fridge details! Please read these carefully and hopefully, our coming weeks should run fairly smoothly. The year's Term planners are located on the school website, and we ask that you check this regularly, for any necessary updates and changes.

Once again this year, Sports Uniforms on Friday will see our students wear their white Sacred Heart sports shirts, and their coloured Faction sports shirts are to be worn on Mondays or Tuesdays, at their Physical Education lessons with Mrs Gemma MacMillan.

Earlier this term, all families received the information regarding their Payment Plan options for the **2024 School and Tuition Fees**. You are asked to attend to this and nominate your plan options in coming days, returning the information promptly to Mrs Linda Robertson, our School's Finance Officer.

Conclusion

In the realm of discipleship, I have witnessed a genuine spirit of generosity within our school community as this new year has commenced. As we strive to lead by example and follow the call of Jesus' service to others, we unknowingly have a profound and positive effect on others. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and preparation that you, our parents and guardians, have accomplished over the summer break. The love and care that you have shown for your children, helps them in turn, to show love and concern for their friends and family. Thank you for fulfilling your vocation as a parent and guardian. This has such a positive influence on our boys and girls.

In closing, can I call for prayers for all families within our school community who may need them, and wish everyone well for this weekend. I thank you all for your hard work in getting the children back to school so well prepared and fully equipped, and I look forward to seeing you at swimming training, Run Club, duty and our Assemblies.

Enjoy next week!

Mrs Tanya McGuire

Principal

Assistant Principal's Messages – Mrs Carolyn Perlini

Welcome



I would like to welcome all students and families back to Sacred Heart Primary School for 2024, and I look forward to continuing the role of Assistant Principal for another year. I congratulate our students for showing wonderful independence and resilience as they navigate new classrooms, teachers, routines and curriculum. The students have made a positive start to the new school year and have shown a great sense of pride and commitment to their learning. I thank our very committed staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure a very smooth start to the year for all students. Thank you also to our parents and families for their continued support. In addition, I would like to welcome all new students, parents and staff to our Sacred Heart Community.

In my role as Assistant Principal, I work closely alongside the Principal to undertake a range of responsibilities in the domains of leadership in a Catholic School – *Catholic Identity, Education, Community and Stewardship*. I collaborate with our staff, support our students, and liaise with the school's key stakeholders, including families, parish, and external providers to develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence of students to enable them to achieve their individual potential.

I look forward to working with our wonderful school community throughout the year. 'The door is always open'; please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance in person, via phone or by email at: carolyn.perlini@cewa.edu.au

2024 New Staff Introductions

It is with great pleasure that we have welcomed six new staff members to Sacred Heart in 2024. Below are some short bios to enable our community to get to know each staff member a little more. Please continue to make our new staff feel welcome to SHPSH.

Sarah Van Kesteren (Year 2 Teacher)

Sarah holds a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary) from Australian Catholic University. At the end of 2023, she completed her Master of Education (Special Learning Needs) at the University of Notre Dame. Sarah grew up in the northern suburbs of Perth before moving to Queensland with her family, where she stayed for seven years. In country Queensland, Sarah began her teaching career, teaching Years 1 and 2. After three years of teaching in Queensland, she decided it was time to move back home to Western Australia and has spent the last three years teaching Pre-Primary in Mandurah. Sarah loves reading, music, musical theatre, crafts, cooking and all things Disney! An avid reader, Sarah loves sharing her passion for reading with her students by exposing them to a wide range of children's literature. Sarah also brings her love of music into the classroom, using music to teach new concepts and revise previously taught concepts daily. She has a passion for travel. Her favourite holiday so far has been her two-week trip to Disney World. Sarah is currently planning on going to Bremer Bay at the start of next year to see the orca/killer whales (her favourite animal).

Lori Coenen (Year 4 Teacher)

Lori has come from Loreto Nedlands and has many years of teaching experience. She has completed her Master Degree in Mathematics and believes in the importance of understanding and applying maths to students' lives. She has lived overseas and interstate and, as a teacher, has held various roles, including classroom teaching (Years 3-7) and curriculum leadership. As an educator, Lori wants to help students meet their fullest potential by providing a safe, risk-taking, and collaborative environment. Her home life revolves around basketball, the beach and her loveable golden retriever. She feels fortunate to live in such a pristine part of the world and to have the opportunity each day to make a difference in the lives of her students.

Gemma MacMillan (Physical Education Teacher)

Gemma completed a Bachelor of Education at Notre Dame University. After finishing her studies, she taught in London for three years. She found this was a great platform to kickstart her career as a teacher. Gemma loved the array of cultures that were presented in everyday life and the way it

created a dynamic surrounding for learning. After her time in London, Gemma returned to work as a Physical Education Teacher at St Paul's Primary Mount Lawley. For the past seven years, Gemma has been supervising and mentoring pre-service teachers from Edith Cowan University. She has found this role to be very rewarding and this has inspired her return to teaching. Fitness is integral to her life, with activities including, strength and HIIT training, boxing, swimming, hot yoga, and Pilates. This year, Gemma plans to take up golf lessons this year and would like to explore more of our city by bike. Gemma is a Scorchers fan and loves watching BBL cricket. Cooking is another passion; she enjoys collecting cookbooks and watching cooking shows.

Sonya McCormack (Science Teacher)

Sonya studied her teaching degree at Edith Cowan University. She was asked to attend the University of Missouri, USA, which she did for her second year of study. Sonya's first appointment was at Ursula Frayne Catholic college. After four years, she applied for the 'Kimberley Calling' exchange and was offered a term's exchange to assist in the Pre-Primary at St Mary's in Broome to develop oral language. She was asked to stay on and of course agreed! After two years, she applied to teach at St Augustine's in Rivervale. She was there for one year and during that time became engaged to a farmer and moved to the Eastern Wheatbelt, to a tiny town called Trayning and taught at St Mary's. For the last five years at St Mary's, Sonya taught Science/STEM and Digital/Design Technologies. She was involved in many local STEM projects. Sonya's passions are sport, tennis, netball, swimming and walking. She also barracks for the Eagles and tries to attend most games!

Elizabeth Uchanski (Year 6 Teacher)

Elizabeth, our Year 6 teacher, brings a wealth of experience from her tenure at Loreto Nedlands Primary School and Yidarra Catholic Primary School. Her educational journey includes previous studies at Notre Dame University, where she refined her teaching skills and passion for learning. Beyond her passion for education, Elizabeth finds joy in tennis, travel, and cooking. Elizabeth is very excited for the school year ahead.

Britney Vanderwall (Education Assistant)

Britney holds a Certificate III in Education Support and has experience working as an Education Assistant in both primary and secondary schools. In 2024, Britney will be primarily supporting our Pre-Kindy and Kindy students. However, she will also be working with students and teachers across the school. Before working as an Education Assistant at Sacred Heart Primary School, Britney was studying to become a High School teacher before deciding that the role of an Education Assistant was better suited to her. In Britney's spare time, she enjoys cooking, staying active by going on walks or hikes and spending time with family and friends.

Ash Wednesday and 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 14 February, our foreheads were marked with ashes. This marked 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, and staying faithful to the Gospel. Thank you to Mrs Uchanski and our Year 6 students for preparing the mass, to Father Stephen for leading us in this mass, and to Mrs Milicich and the choir for leading us in the singing. This mass was also a

wonderful opportunity to commission our Year 6 student leaders, new staff and our members of the School Advisory Council and P and F Executive. Thank you to all the families who came to support this mass.



Term Planner

To keep parents informed with up-to-date information, the school planner is available on the school website. Please check the website regularly as the planner will be updated when required. The Planner is available on the school website is at: <https://www.shpsh.wa.edu.au/pdf/calendar.pdf>

NAPLAN Testing

In the lead up to NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy), which will take place Week 7 and Week 8 of this term (commencing the 13th March), a reminder for parents not to over-emphasise the importance of these tests and to avoid undue stress. In addition, I 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. Thank you for your support with this.



Reminders: Uniform and Dropping off Belongings and Lunches

At Sacred Heart, we wish for the students to take great pride in the way that they present themselves in the school uniform. Please note that if your child is dressed in the incorrect school uniform and does not have an accompanying note explaining this, staff will bring this to your attention with a uniform notice. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



Please ensure that your child has all belongings and lunch when arriving to school. **We discourage parents from dropping off items and lunch during school hours, as this is a disruption to students' school routine and takes up valuable administration time.** We thank you for adhering to this request.

Year 6 Student Councils

At Friday's assembly, we were introduced to the Council Leaders for Term 1. Our Year 6 students will rotate through the four councils during the school year – *Stewardship Council, Education Council, Community Council and Catholic Identity Council*. We are looking forward to witnessing the leadership of our young leaders. You have our support and prayers for a wonderful year in your roles of leadership.

Premier's Reading Challenge

At Friday's assembly, the school acknowledged the wonderful achievements of the following students, who participated in the 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done to Grayson (Year 6), George (Year 3), Adam (Year 2) and Angus (Pre-Primary). To receive their certificate, these students needed to complete and log 12 or more book titles during the challenge. We are looking forward to promoting the 2024 Premier's Reading Challenge later this year.





Sacred Heart Primary School Highgate

2024 Term Dates

SEMESTER 1

TERM 1

Wednesday 31 January- Thursday 28 March

TERM 2

Monday 15 April – Friday 28 June

SEMESTER 2

TERM 3

Monday 15 July – Wednesday 18 September

TERM 4

Monday 7 October – Friday 6 December

PUPIL FREE DAYS SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 4 March - Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 29 March - Good Friday
Thursday 25 April – ANZAC Day Public holiday
Friday 26 April - Staff PD Day
Friday 31 May - Staff PD Day
Monday 3 June - Public Holiday (WA Day)
Tuesday 4 June - Staff Catholicity Day
Thursday 19 September - Staff PD Day
Friday 20 September - Staff PD Day



Sacred Heart Primary School Highgate 2024 Sacramental Dates

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

PARENT AND CANDIDATE WORKSHOP

Tuesday 19th March 6.00pm

CLASS RETREAT

Thursday 21st March

SACRAMENT

Wednesday 24th April 6.00pm

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

PARENT AND CANDIDATE WORKSHOP

Wednesday 1st May 6.00pm

CLASS RETREAT

Thursday 2nd May

SACRAMENT

Sunday 5th May 9.00am

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

PARENT AND CANDIDATE WORKSHOP

Wednesday 7th August 6.00pm

CLASS RETREAT

Wednesday 14th August

SACRAMENT

Saturday 17th August 6.00pm

PLEASE NOTE:

Please regularly check the Term Planner for the most up-to-date information.

School News

Early Years Co-ordinator Introduction



A warm welcome to our Sacred Heart community as we commence the new school year. My name is Catherine Boyes and this year I hold the role of Early Years Co-ordinator, Pre-Kindy, and Kindy teacher. Early Years Education encompasses Pre-Kindy through to Year Two. The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) describes childhood as a state of 'Belonging, Being and Becoming' with my role focusing on children being immersed in experiences that develop their sense of belonging, allow them to be themselves and enjoy the moments of childhood as they grow, learn, and develop. Working alongside the Leadership Team and staff, I work to ensure quality, up-to-date Early Years Education is delivered in both the indoor and outdoor learning spaces in accordance with the EYLF and National Quality Standard (NQS).

These first few weeks are focused on building respectful and reciprocal relationships between staff, children, and families, establishing routines as children become familiar with their new learning environment, and 'beginning of the year' assessments to ensure learning experiences are meeting each child where they are at. We have already seen such growth from the children in these first six weeks as they have settled into the new school year, developing a sense of 'belonging' in their new environment. Each teacher has fostered these relationships, established these routines, and connected with your children in their own way, and I hope that you have enjoyed seeing some of the learning that has occurred so far on Seesaw.

"It takes a village to raise a child" is one of my favourite quotes and to be part of each of your children's 'village' is an honour. Early Years Education is my passion in life, and I cannot do my role as a teacher or Co-ordinator without working in partnership with our Sacred Heart families. Where possible, I want to have parents, families, and the wider school community actively involved in our Early Childhood initiatives, with the first project being our 'Early Years Charter'.

If you have any ideas that you would like to contribute or questions that I can assist with, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at Catherine.boyes@cewa.edu.au

I am very excited for all the possibilities to come in 2024 and look forward to working in partnership with you all.

Curriculum Co-ordinator Introduction



Welcome back to our students and families, particularly for those new to Sacred Heart. My name is Laura Taylor and this year I hold the role of Curriculum Co-ordinator and Year Five teacher. My role as Curriculum Co-ordinator entails providing leadership in the various learning areas, especially regarding curriculum planning and programming, pedagogy and teacher professional growth. Working alongside the Leadership Team and staff, I work to raise standards of achievement for all groups of students, with a key focus on both progress and well-being.

The school year has begun with the very important 'beginning of the year' assessment in all year levels. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our teachers and support staff in carrying out this large, but essential, data collection period. I look forward to working with the Leadership Team and staff in the interpretation of the data to understand where our students are in their learning and how best we can support and challenge students across all abilities to succeed and achieve their personal best in 2024.

Over the past few weeks, we have been able to set up all students on their devices, and it is pleasing to see them all working hard and upholding their Digital Citizenship agreements – staying safe online, using their devices appropriately and always caring for them.

It has been a positive and exciting start to 2024, and I look forward to supporting the many opportunities and learning experiences that our Sacred Heart students are going to have this year.

If you have any questions or queries that I can assist with, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at Laura.Taylor@cewa.edu.au.

I look forward to a rewarding and successful 2024!

Project Compassion Boxes 2024

By now, each student should have brought home their Project Compassion boxes for Lent. 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 2024 focuses on 'For All Future Generations'. This theme has been drawn from the story of the burning bush in Exodus 3:1-20.

One day, Moses's sheep wander off and he suddenly encounters a bush that is burning but not consumed. God tells Moses that he has heard the cry of his people. God responds to injustice and chooses Moses to speak to Pharaoh. Moses is scared but God promises 'I will be with you.' All the time, God remains a mystery. Moses wants more detail, so God simply says that this is the same God who has been longing for justice for the whole of history: 'By this name I shall be invoked for all future generations.'

As God called Moses, so now God calls us to work 'for all future generations.'

In line with this theme, this year's Project Compassion stories include Ronita, a 22-year-old mother of two in the Philippines. Ronita returned school to complete her education with the help of the Faithful Companions of Jesus, securing a brighter future for her family.

There is also the story of Memory, who was selected by local leaders in her community in Malawi as a candidate for a vocational skills course. She now works for one of Malawi's largest power companies and is a role model and trailblazer for other young women.

Supporters will also hear from Leaia who built her own home from recycled scraps and is better able to care for her five children, and regularly sends them to school, thanks to a new water tank that affords her a consistent water supply.

Kirsty Robertson, Caritas Australia CEO, said, "During Lent, we are invited to take up the call to fast, pray and give alms. From natural disasters to widespread conflict, the events of the past year mean that many communities need your support. Supporting Project Compassion is a way for us to proclaim the faith that is in our hearts and help our sisters and brothers in need."

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.

Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday 1st March, our SHPSH students and staff did their bit for 'Clean Up Australia Day' by responding to the litter both within and outside the school grounds. Thanks to Mrs Taylor and our Year 5 students for co-ordinating this annual school event.



Faction Swimming Carnival

What a wonderful day for our Years 3-6 students at the Faction Swim Carnival which was held at Beatty Park. Students took part in their races with great enthusiasm, and it was good to see so many excellent displays of not only sports ability, but more importantly true sportsmanship. A big congratulations to Lee faction for their outstanding performance in winning this year's shield. Henley faction were very loud and proud taking out the Spirit Award.

Follow Sacred Heart Primary School on Social Media

Sacred Heart uses some social media platforms to showcase what is happening at the school. Families can follow and engage with the school via Instagram and Facebook.

 **Instagram:** [sacredhearthisgate](#)

 **Facebook:** [Sacred Heart Primary School Highgate](#)

Should you have any questions, suggestions or feedback about the content for these platforms, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact: carolyn.perlini@cewa.edu.au

Finance News



Annual fee statements were emailed to all families during January/February 2024. Please note, that unless advised otherwise, the statements are sent to the female parent/guardian. Should you not have received your Annual Statement please contact our Finance Officer, Linda Robertson, on 9253 2502. All information pertaining to your account, along with your payment options which are detailed after the fee statement section, is included on this statement.

Every family is required to complete and submit a new Payment Options form each year. Payment arrangements carried over from last year are not automatically adjusted to allow for any increase/decrease in fees. It is a school requirement to complete the payment options form to ensure the correct number of instalments, at the correct payment amount, are being made for your fees to be paid by 30 November 2024. The Payment Options Form was due on the 16 February 2024. Should you not have returned your form please do so, via email finance@shpsh.wa.edu.au or direct to the office.

Health Care Card Fee Discount Scheme – To access the Health Care Card Assistance Scheme, an eligible means-tested Centrelink card must be presented to our Administration Office and an HCC Fee Discount Scheme form completed. The card must be in the name of the parent /guardian who is responsible for the payment of fees. Should a valid card not be presented upon the expiry of an existing card, any previous discount applied, will be reversed and the applicable fees and charges will be invoiced for your account in line with the expired card. Please note that the initial discount is applied for the entire year, and adjustments are only made upon the expiry of the card.

Pre-Kindergarten fees are not eligible for the discount.

School Advisory Council News

School Advisory Council Chair's Introduction



I'm Erin Sullivan, Chair of the School Advisory Council. Myself; along with Treasurer, Nick Muriale, Secretary, Darren Ballantyne and elected members Anka Burns, Marina Maidment and Aneta Petkoski; are looking forward to another productive and rewarding year serving the School, alongside our Leadership Team of Tanya and Carolyn, supported also by our Bursar, Linda Robertson and Parish Priest, Father Mark.

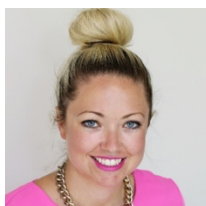
I am very proud of what our Council, the Leadership Team, teachers, education assistants and staff

achieved last year, and of the hard work they have done to prepare for a smooth start and fantastic year ahead; thank you from the bottom of my heart. As a single stream school, SHPSH has distinct advantages in ensuring all students are actively encouraged to do their best while learning, and to participate across a wide range of opportunities and leadership roles. The Council actively supports the endeavours of the School in providing an education of excellence for each and every student.

This will be my final year as a parent at SHPSH, a special place in which my husband Andrew and I have trusted and believed in for many years, to provide a wonderful primary school learning environment to our children; Tom, Vivi and Gray. Like every year, this one will go by in a flash, so I hope you enjoy, just like Andrew and I have with our children, watching your children flourish whilst making lifelong friends.

P and F News

P and F President's Introduction



My name is Tahlie and I am your new P&F President for 2024. My son Sam is in Year 4, and we are now in our fifth year at SHPSH. Along with my Vice President, Sigrid McLachlan, Secretary, Claire Giumelli and Treasurer, Jess Gibson, we wanted to say a quick hello.

I took on this role with some trepidation. As most of you will know, I have some very big – and very well-heeled – shoes to fill. The outgoing President, Berdine Forti, and Vice-President, Marina Maidment, have achieved some incredible outcomes over their tenure. Not just in a financial sense (although that shouldn't be understated – they were fundraising fiends!), but they have increased the sense of community at the school immeasurably, and I think I speak on behalf of the P&F and the whole school community when I thank them for their time, their effort and energy.

Neither of them is taking their foot off the gas, mind you, with Berdine taking on the role of Year 4 class rep and Marina Year 3 class rep during 2024! See you at the meetings, ladies.

The list of reps for 2024 is as follows:

Pre-Kindy	Bianca Comito
Kindy	Lydia Guirguis
Kindy	Tricia Hoffman
Pre-Primary	Gavin Arnold
Year 1	Nicola Jean Ball
Year 1	Kelly Rimpas
Year 2	Catarina Le Guimaraes
Year 2	Laura Bocchio Ramazio
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Year 3	Marina Maidment
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Year 4	Kristie Weisz
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