



Sacred Heart Primary School Highgate

From the Heart

Newsletter

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Principal's Message – Mrs Tanya McGuire



Dear Families,

Welcome to our final week of our first term of 2024! Upon reflection, these past nine weeks have yielded so much of everyone's giftedness, skills and commitments, and our boys and girls have accomplished so much. Please enjoy today's edition of "From the Heart" which offers further information about the busyness and learning of our students.

As we approach the special Easter season in our Church, we're reminded of how quickly these past weeks of the term have progressed. Our older classes continued with their Lenten preparations, and celebrated the Sacrament of Penance in our chapel yesterday with Fr Stephen and Fr Marius. I hope you get the opportunity to share with your children, how this Sacrament of healing has offered them strength and spiritual support.

Education

The beautiful autumn sunshine continues, but chillier mornings have signalled the impending need for red jumpers and tracksuit tops!

As Term Two commences, our boys and girls will hopefully be fully prepared for the Winter season with their new Winter Uniform items- parents are also reminded that we offer a two-week period of transition, in order for any new items to be sourced.

One World Uniforms encourage all families to place their orders for winter stock as soon as possible, to ensure supply, and as communicated earlier this term, will also offer a delivery option via Australia Post. **Uniform Purchases**-Correct school uniform items are only able to be purchased through One World Uniforms. During the Term Break, One World Uniforms is open on Wednesday 10th April from 9:00 am – 11:30 am and 1:30 pm -4:30 pm. It is also open on Monday 15th April 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm and Wednesday 17th from 9:00 am – 11:30 am and 1:30 pm -4:30 pm at 10 Cowle St West Perth, and can be contacted on **9227 7977**.

All children must be in Full Winter Uniform in Term Two and Term Three. The Sacred Heart navy winter jackets with the school emblem, are optional items (not compulsory) and may be purchased through One World Uniforms. Please note however, that this is the *only winter jacket* that is permissible, if extra warmth is sought.

Second Hand Uniforms can be purchased from the Parents and Friends Association, by arranging access to the stock, via the School Office.

The Sacred Heart Uniform Policy and grooming guidelines can be found here: [2024 SHPSH Uniform Guidelines.pdf](#)

Grooming Requirements

- Students are encouraged to wear their School and Sports Uniform items correctly, and take pride in their personal appearance ie, clean, pressed items are required at school daily, school shoes are to be polished, school shirts are to be worn tucked in.
- Students with hair that is beyond collar length, must have their hair tied back, and all hair ties are to be plain red or royal blue (no florals, stripes or patterns).
- Extreme and radical fashion hairstyles are **not acceptable**. Haircuts are not to be less than a "Number 3" and undercuts are not permitted.
- Jewellery must **not** be worn to school, with the exception of a wristwatch. Any Fitness trackers or smart watches with internet access, are not to be worn to school, or alternatively, the internet access feature, is to be disabled.

- If it is necessary for earrings to be worn, these are only to be plain gold, or plain silver studs, or sleeper style earrings, with only one earring permitted in each ear:- please remember that coloured, gemstones, or any drop styles, are not permitted.

Term Two commences for all children after the holidays, on Monday 15th April, in Winter Uniform

At this time of the Term, we look forward to the upcoming performances of the **2024 Interschool Swimming Team**, as they will represent our school admirably at HBF stadium on Tuesday 16th April (the first week of Term Two). Thank you to Mrs MacMillan and the staff who have worked so hard to ensure the Carnival will be a happy and safe day for everyone!

As always, our Sacred Heart children are encouraged to **Strive for Excellence**, including within their sporting pursuits- with this in mind, we will commence Term Two Tuesdays with a continued commitment to morning Run Club, and also move to incorporate Cross Country training at Forrest Park in Highgate– our session details will be communicated to parents of children in Years 3-6. Please remember:

“Perfect preparation, ensures positive performances!”

Community

We here at Sacred Heart, are blessed to enjoy the giftedness of keen, competent and energetic families, who work hard to build a strong and focused school community.

In addition to a very successful Easter Raffle for this term, the P and F also hosted our very popular Easter Hat Parade on Monday of this week, with our boys and girls enjoying the excitement of demonstrating their craft and work in representing different Easter symbols and themes! It was a very happy occasion and saw many creative productions! Please enjoy the photos in today’s Newsletter. Thank you for your support of this successful venture-Well done everyone, including our 2024 P and F Executive team members, and our wonderful Kindergarten parents, led by Ms Tricia Hoffman, whose energy and commitment we have all enjoyed!

The next P and F meeting for next term is scheduled for Tuesday 23rd April in the school Hall at the newly convened time of 6.00pm-7.00pm. Please join us to hear of other exciting 2024 P and F Association plans, and the discussions and planning of ideas for our Mothers Day celebration scheduled for Friday 10th May (Week Four) and the remainder of this year together.

Next term, will see the re-launch of our commitment to **Waste Wise Wednesdays**, and parents are asked to support this initiative by providing minimal wrapping and packaging. The senior children from our Stewardship Council will raise the children’s awareness of our continued commitment to the call we enjoy as **Stewards of Creation**.

Stewardship

Most families (87%) have completed their obligations to nominate their Payment Plan options for the **2024 School Fees**, and I thank them for their commitments and their recent payments towards this year’s School and Tuition Fees. Please ensure an appointment has been scheduled with me, to discuss any variations to fee structures, or any circumstances that have the potential to impact on your family’s obligation to meet their 2024 School Fees.

I will enjoy the privilege of conducting the 2025 Kindergarten enrolment Interviews over coming weeks of Term Two. This process normally sees us working closely with our Parish Priest, as we are a school that seeks a productive relationship with our parish.

I am always heartened to meet with young families who are excited about the prospect of joining the **Sacred Heart Primary School Community**. In preparing for the interviews, I am called to reflect on our purpose as a Catholic Primary School, the prominence that is given to the Religious Education Learning Area, and the opportunity to experience positive liturgical experiences.

In addition, I enjoy sharing with families, the importance of sound, oral language development in the Early Years, and the importance of technology in supporting good, foundational literacy and numeracy skills.

Perhaps what comes through very strongly in discussions with parents who seek Sacred Heart for their children, is their desire to provide a Catholic education for their children, as they themselves may have experienced, and they are seeking a school that has a strong sense of community and welcome- this is our collective responsibility, and I thank everyone for their continued efforts to contribute to our success as a high functioning and successful Catholic Primary School.

We look forward to welcoming our 2025 Kindergarten children to the Orientation and Transition days, later this year.



2025 Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently accepting Enrolment applications at Sacred Heart Primary School, Highgate
2025 Kindergarten applications due Monday 22nd April 2024 with Interviews scheduled for Term Two

As a leading digital learning school that has been consistently recognised and acknowledged for our strong and prize winning STEM focus, Sacred Heart is nestled in the tranquil, heritage surroundings of Highgate.
Our school remains focused on each child reaching their potential in an atmosphere of Faith, Hope and Love.

Sacred Heart Primary school is a Catholic, co-educational primary school, with classes from Pre-Kindergarten (our Three Year Old "Little Hearts") through to Year Six. Our school offers a holistic education, embracing the intellectual, spiritual, physical, emotional and social development of all students, in a secure and affordable setting.

Our continued quest for excellence, ensures Sacred Heart's boys and girls are presented with many and varied learning opportunities, that promote their sense of belonging and generosity, in an environment where all strive towards independence and mastery.

Further details can be found on the school website- www.shpsh.wa.edu.au

LIMITED ENROLMENT OPPORTUNITIES STILL AVAILABLE

POTENTIAL FOR BURSARIES & PART SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
STUDENTS IN YEARS 4-6 IN 2024 AND 2025



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APPOINTMENTS:
For enrolment enquiries, please refer to the school website – www.shpsh.wa.edu.au or to discuss with the School Principal, Mrs Tanya McGuire, opportunities for your child to experience learning at Sacred Heart Primary School in Highgate, please call the School Office on (08) 9253 2500



Catholic Identity

Throughout our School today, being Holy Thursday, we have all been treated to very reverent and polished performances of the **Easter Story** by our senior Year Six students, who had prepared their dramatic versions of Stations of the Cross, that were performed and recorded for all other classes to access, as they moved around the school buildings and spaces.

Each of our classes contributed their songs that complemented each scene, and were recorded during Hymn Singing in past weeks. This enabled the sharing with us all, of their wonderful singing. A special thankyou to our Year Six teacher, Mrs Elizabeth Uchanski, and also for her support in this venture, Mrs Janine Milicich, our Music Specialist, whose work with our Choir, ensured our children performed so beautifully. Their performances were wonderful!

We will be provided with a very special ANZAC Day liturgy when we return in Term Two, prior to **ANZAC Day by the Wednesday 24th April at 9:00 am**. Having explored the learning associated with this very special day in Australia's calendar, we look forward to their leadership.

A dedicated group of senior Year Six students will also represent Sacred Heart Primary School at the RSL Anzac Day services at Mt Hawthorn and Mt Lawley on **Thursday 25th April**, where they will also share the special task of laying a wreath at these special occasions.

Please access the updated **Term Two Parent Planner** on the school website, to ensure our next term together is a productive and happy one.

In closing, I wish everyone well for the coming holidays and our Easter break, and encourage you all to enjoy special family time together! I look forward to our children's return on **Monday 15th April**.

I also call for everyone's thoughts and prayers as we approach the coming holiday season, and in particular, urge you all to enjoy family time together, and to make room for reflection, gratitude and stillness in your busy lives.

Enjoy God's blessings in the coming weeks, remembering, "We are Easter people."

Mrs Tanya McGuire

Principal

Assistant Principal's Messages – Mrs Carolyn Perlini



As we approach the end of Term One, our students are to be congratulated on the wonderful way they have settled into their new year levels and routines. I thank our staff for their hard work and wonderful efforts in what has been a very busy and rewarding term. Thank you to our families, too, for all their wonderful support this term– it takes a village!

Last week, Mrs Taylor and I had the wonderful opportunity of travelling to Broome to undertake several STEM workshops with the students at St Mary's College. This visit was part of our three-year City-Country Partnership, which has been organised and funded by the *Yadha Muru* Foundation. The three-day visit saw Mrs



Taylor and I deliver STEM experiences to students in Years 2 through to Year 6, following the STEM Design Process. The students were highly engaged in the workshops. We also had the opportunity to meet and talk with St Mary's staff who will be responsible for the continuation of STEM experiences in the Kimberley. Whilst in Broome, Mrs Taylor and I were given the opportunity to be immersed in the rich culture and history of Broome with staff. We attended the Sisters of St John's Heritage Centre and participated in an exciting Mangrove Tour with local Aboriginal guide, Bart. As a school, we are looking forward to this partnership growing over the coming months, and we look forward to welcoming the staff and students of St Mary's College, Broome to Sacred Heart Primary School in August this year, when they will participate alongside our school, in the CEWA STEM Showcase.



A reminder that Term Two will commence with our Parent-Teacher Interviews in Week One. If you haven't done so already, please ensure that you have made an online booking with your child's teacher using the link that I emailed to families earlier in the week. **The system will close for bookings today.**



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Sacred Heart students and their families a happy Easter. May the spirit of Easter bring you and your family joy, hope and happiness. I hope that the term break is full of rest and relaxation, and I look forward to welcoming the students back to Term Two on Monday 15th April in their Winter Uniforms.

School News

Early Years Co-ordinator



I would like to wish all of the students, families, and staff a happy end of Term One. Despite being a short term, our school community has managed to fit a lot into these nine weeks and, as always, our teachers are already looking ahead to creating exciting learning experiences for next term.

Mrs Perlini and I were lucky enough to attend the CEWA Early Years Conference this term. This conference was CEWA's first conference dedicated to Early Years Education, and it was an incredible opportunity to nurture our own sense of curiosity and inquiry. The theme for the conference was "Every Story Matters – Empowering Early Childhood Educators to Embrace and Nurture Each Child's

Narrative.". This theme resonated with us because as educators, we play a role in shaping each child's narrative, which is both an honour and a privilege.

We have drawn on our learning from this conference and begun updating our Sacred Heart Early Years Charter, which we are hoping to have finalised and released early next term. The Charter creates a shared understanding of what education should look like in the Early Years and provides the core principles and practices for us as educators, and advocates for how young children learn in our school setting. The Early Years Team look forward to sharing this with you next term.

Have a safe, relaxing, and fun-filled break everyone, and we look forward to seeing you back at school next term.

Curriculum Co-ordinator



As Term One comes to a close, it is wonderful to look back and reflect on what we have achieved throughout this busy term. Over the last two weeks, our students in Years Three and Five completed their NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning throughout their schooling, and gives parents and the school an indication of the students' educational progress. All of our students in Years Three and Five are to be commended for the way they completed each test, and for their hard-work and determination. NAPLAN Student Reports will be released by ACARA later in the year, and will be sent home to parents.

Last week, all students who were at Sacred Heart last year, would have brought home their 2023 Yearbook. This publication is a wonderful way to reflect on the year that was, and to celebrate the successes we enjoyed as a school community. It also serves as a reminder of the many special events that occurred throughout the year. I hope that all families enjoy spending time together, reminiscing and sharing many memories of 2023. As these things do not happen easily, I would like to thank the staff for their time, and for the many contributions to ensure this Year Book was another success, and I look forward to creating another excellent edition this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students, parents, staff and broader Sacred Heart community a very happy Easter. I hope the term break is a relaxing and restful one, and everyone returns safely, for what will be another busy term at Sacred Heart!

Clean Up Australia Day



On Friday 1st March, the Year Five students coordinated our annual Clean Up Australia Day. It was wonderful to see our students making an effort and getting involved in cleaning up our school and outside areas. There was a large amount of rubbish that was collected, helping to ensure we are 'Keeping Australia Beautiful'. Thank you to our staff and students for their combined efforts in cleaning up our environment.

Mrs Taylor

Year Five Teacher



Year 6 Camp



On Wednesday the 13th of March, the Year 6 class journeyed to Ern Halliday for an enriching three-day camp experience. They began with a captivating "Child vs Wild" session at Kings Park, immersing themselves in survival skills. Upon arriving at Ern Halliday, they eagerly participated in an array of activities, including archery, beach team building, crate climbing, and the exhilarating flying fox. Adding to their excitement, the students showcased their talents at a lively Talent Show, however the next activity of

Bingo, emerged as a definite highlight. This Camp developed the students' leadership skills, fostered camaraderie and fond memories among the group.



Mrs Elizabeth Uchanski

Year Six Teacher

Year 2 Tranby House Excursion

On Tuesday 19th March, the Year Two students ventured to Tranby House (Peninsula Farm) for an excursion that supports our HASS unit on "Technology in the Past and Present". The students came to school dressed in 'olden days' clothing to further immerse themselves in the experience of life in the 1800s. At Tranby House, the students learnt



about the traditional owners of the land - the Whadjuk Noongar people - and that Tranby House is on an area of land know as Wu-Rat Woorat. The students then learnt about the Hardey family, before eagerly participating in some activities that enhanced their understanding of technology in the past and how this impacted daily life. The students applied their knowledge of past and present technology to match artefacts from the past to their present-day counterpart. Some of these artefacts included a washing board, a bow tie press and a chamber pot. Following the artefact matching activity, the students were led on a guided tour of Tranby House to see what the house would have looked like back in the 1800s when the Hardey family lived there. They were

fascinated by the different technologies that were in the past, and even got to have a go at ironing a linen square! A highlight of the day for many students was learning about windmills and making their own windmill craft. The day finished with the students enjoying some 'old fashioned' games such as horseshoe quoits, skipping, hopscotch and egg and spoon races. Thank you to all of the wonderful parent helpers who came and assisted the Year Two students on the day of the excursion.

Miss Sarah Van Kesteren

Year Two Teacher



Year 3 Penance Parent-Candidate Evening and Spiritual Retreat

On Tuesday 19th March, the candidates enrolled to receive their Penance workshop with their parents. They were led in deepening their understanding of the Sacrament of Penance by Mrs McGuire. The parents and candidates participated in a variety of activities; each activity enhanced their understanding of Penance as a Sacrament of healing. They completed the various tasks set for them eagerly and with great enthusiasm, sharing their knowledge with pride. As the evening ended, the candidates left the Hall feeling confident in the next step in their faith journey.

On Thursday 21st March, the Year Three students participated in the Sacrament of Penance Retreat Day. We began the day in the Chapel with a prayer focusing the students' attention on the spiritual journey they were about to undertake. After the prayer service, we read the parable of the Lost Sheep. It was heart-warming to hear the students' insightful thoughts on the parable. After a morning full of reflection and prayer, the students shared their lunch outdoors, enjoying each other's company. We ended the day in reflective silence. The students sat quietly and took the time to think about their day and all the tasks they completed with reverence.

Miss Danica Gullotto

Year Three Teacher

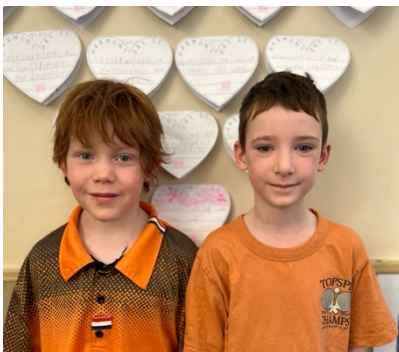


Harmony Week

On Friday the 22nd of March, the Sacred Heart Community gathered at our school Assembly to celebrate Harmony Week. The Year Six students spoke about the meaning behind Harmony Week, highlighting that it is about celebrating Australia's wonderful cultural diversity, and welcoming others into our community. In recognition of Harmony Week, students came to school dressed in orange, or traditional dress from their country of origin. We loved seeing all of your wonderful outfits and we hope you enjoyed learning about the meaning of Harmony Week in your classrooms!

Miss Mikaela Caruso

Year One Teacher



Robogals



Robogals provided an exciting opportunity for our Year 5 and 6 girls, as they welcomed engineers to guide them through the intricacies of Python coding. In a series of engaging sessions, the students delved into the world of programming, discovering how to harness the power of code to bring their ideas to life. Through hands-on activities, they learned to create shapes, design quizzes that self-marked, and even simulated conversations. The experience not only introduced them to essential coding skills, but also fostered creativity and problem-solving abilities, empowering the girls to explore the vast possibilities of technology with confidence and enthusiasm.

Mrs Elizabeth Uchanski

Year Six Teacher

Stations of the Cross

As Easter approaches, the Year 6 students embarked on a meaningful journey of reflection, exploring the Passion of Jesus Christ through the Stations of the Cross. They brought each station to life through dramatic enactments and then utilised their technological skills to produce iMovies, complete with voice-overs and special effects. Today, Holy Thursday, all students had the opportunity to walk around the school grounds, pausing at each station for moments of quiet contemplation. Parents were also welcomed to join from 9:00 to 9:30 am to witness this moving experience. Additionally, to ensure broader participation, all Stations were shared via Seesaw, allowing for continued reflection and engagement within the school community.

Mrs Elizabeth Uchanski

Year Six Teacher

Finance News – Mrs Linda Robertson



2024 Fees and Charges:

2024 Fees and Charges were invoiced and were emailed to all carers/guardians in January 2024. A current statement will be emailed to all families at the end of Term One. This statement will serve as receipt for payments already made. Should you have a current direct debit in place, no further action is required on your behalf.

A number of families have not returned the required payment commitment form. If you have not already done so, please complete and return the Payment Option Form via email finance@shpsh.wa.edu.au – **this was due on the 16 February 2024.**

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 a HCC Fee Discount Scheme form completed. The card must be in the name of the parent /guardian who is responsible for payment of fees. Should a valid card not be presented upon 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. The Health Care Discount is not applicable to Pre-Kindergarten fees.

If you have not received your invoice, or if you have any queries regarding your fees or the payment schedule, please contact Mrs Linda Robertson on 9253 2502 or via email.

P and F News

Ms Tahlie Dwyer



On Monday, the school hall came alive for the annual Sacred Heart Easter Hat Parade egg-stravaganza!

A big thank you to all of the families who cracked out the hot glue guns – there were some truly incredible and gravity-defying hats on display this year!

Students from Kindy to Year 6 whipped their 'hare' back and forth in the fashion parade, which had this year's judges scrambling to award the best dressed. Special mention to Charlotte from Year 4 who took out this year's crown with her Cadbury Crème Egg creation.

The morning was full of winners, with four lucky families taking home one of this year's carefully curated Easter Hampers. A huge thank you to Tricia Hoffman, Lydia Guirguis and all of the Kindy volunteers who put in a massive effort to make this year's Raffle a huge success! Thanks to their hard work, and the generosity of the Sacred Heart community, the P&F has raised \$1,911.40.

Thanks to everyone for giving it a crack and getting involved.

On behalf of the P&F, we wish you an egg-cellent Easter break and we look forward to seeing you in Term Two.

That's all, yolks!

