



# 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 Week Five and the first of our Newsletter editions in this, our second term. Whilst they seem like a distant memory, I do hope that our Autumn and Easter holidays were enjoyed by all, and that many chances for rest, recreation and recovery were on the table. Mine certainly included a few later than normal starts, and some days where pyjamas had a slightly extended presence!

These early weeks of our term have seen us achieve and complete so many wonderful learning experiences, including our Cross Country training, the Cross Country Faction Carnival last Tuesday on a glorious day at Forrest Park, and we now await the Interschool Carnival next Monday at Lake Gwelup Reserve in Karrinyup.

Today's Year Five Assembly will provide the opportunity to present to our 2024 Team, our Interschool packages that have been prepared by our Physical Education Specialist teacher, Mrs Gemma McMillan. These include the Sacred Heart competition singlet, red hair ribbons and messages of affirmation! Without doubt, our boys and girls will do us proud as they give of their best in representing our school. A special thank you to parents who assist their children to participate in these great preparatory experiences. We are very grateful that our students are keen to apply their effort and hard work in preparing for any competitions and performances.

Our boys and girls have commenced the new term at Sacred Heart in their full **Winter Uniform**, looking very smart and wearing their items with pride. Parents are reminded about our School Uniform guidelines.

Please ensure your children are wearing their correct school socks, and black leather school shoes, not black sports shoes instead of the required black leather lace up school shoes on non-sports uniform days. School shirts are to be worn tucked in and with the top button fastened to accommodate the school tie correctly. Parents are asked to attend to incorrect items, before a Uniform Notice is issued.

### **Education- Learning from our experiences**

I continue with the Kindergarten 2025 Enrolment interviews at this time of the year, and we will soon be conducting an **Open Morning School Tour** with our senior students assisting in guiding prospective families around our wonderful facilities, and seeing learning and parental engagement in action.

Upon reflection and in speaking with many families who actively seek membership of our school community, I am reminded of all that is so positive here at Sacred Heart! Well done to everyone as we continue with our plans to ensure we **Strive for Excellence** in all that we do.

Our wonderful celebration of the ANZAC Liturgy on the Oval at our Flag Pole in Week Two, was one such excellent occasion- our Year Four children, so ably prepared by Mrs Lori Coenen and supported by Miss Rachel Sandon, saw the children lead the school in a very reverent and solemn service that was well supported by all who attended. We are reminded of the importance of commemorating, and not celebrating war, and the contributions of the many very brave and courageous men and women who have gone before us. Thank you everyone. Lest We Forget.

Our school was also represented at RSL services in Mt Lawley and Mt Hawthorn, on ANZAC Day- thank you to the staff and senior students who attended these to lay wreaths on behalf of us all. I'm sure everyone has enjoyed our social media posts that have captured these occasions so well.

### **Community** *(The promotion of positive relationships with our students/staff/parents)*

Last Friday we all enjoyed the return to a delightful **P and F Mothers Day Breakfast**, courtesy of our hard working and very adept Year Six Dads (who I believe had been well supported by some hard working and very creative Year Six Mums and our senior students!)

**A very special thank you** to you all as a great and enthusiastic team, who have been so keen to step forward and ensure all Sacred Heart Mothers, Grandmothers and mother figures were so positively treated!

News from the **Parents and Friends Association** accompanies today's Newsletter, and I thank our 2024 President, Ms Tahlie Citterbard and her Executive colleagues for keeping everyone so well informed about recent and past celebrations, and of course, her and the team remain focused on upcoming events that will have such a positive effect on our boys' and girls' journeys!

### **Stewardship** *- Taking responsibility for the quality of our work*

All families are reminded that fee collection is a very necessary focus for the School Advisory Council, and formal collection processes will commence, in the event of failure to make contact with the School Principal to discuss any variations to fee structures, or any circumstances that have the potential to impact on your family's obligation to meet their outstanding 2024, and or any overdue School Fees.

Sacred Heart Primary School will continue to offer a **Pre Kindy** (Three Year old) Class, and a **Kindergarten** (Four Year old) Class in 2025. In coming weeks, we hope to conclude the **2025 Pre Kindergarten** and **2025 Kindergarten Interviews**.

Three-year-old and Four-year-old education programs operate at schools as part of an education course. Catholic **Pre Kindergarten and Kindergarten** programmes provide rich learning environments that cater for children's development across the physical, cognitive, language, social, emotional and spiritual domains. Learning occurs through planned and spontaneous play experiences that are based on the strengths, interests and needs of each child. Each child participating in our programmes in their Catholic school, is encouraged to develop a positive self-image of themselves and others as they begin to live the gospel message.

Parents of siblings, and those in the wider Parish community who are seeking a position in either of these classes for 2025, are encouraged to contact the School Office and submit their downloadable Enrolment Forms. Places are strictly limited to twenty students for our "Little Hearts" Pre Kindy Class, and thirty students in Kindergarten.

### **Catholic Identity** *- Living out the teachings of Jesus*

As we commenced Term Two, our Year three children completed their Sacrament of Penance in the Church, after their Parent Child Penance Workshop and a wonderful Class Retreat that Miss Danica Gullotto facilitated with skill and enthusiasm. Thank you, Danica. It was a very positive step in the children's faith development, and their first sacramental experience after their Baptism. We are so pleased as a school, to support families in the parish based and family focused faith journey.

In Week Three, preparations for the special sacrament of First Holy Communion (Eucharist) was our focus-the Year Four children participated in their Parent Child Eucharist Workshop in the School Hall and on the following Thursday, undertook their Eucharist Retreat here with their classmates. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the wonderful celebration of this special Sacrament and I know that many families' celebrations around a table continued in family settings and restaurants. A special thank you to Father Mark, to our Year Four staff, Mrs Coenen and Miss Sandon, and of course to all the Sacred Heart staff who provided such a level of support and preparation that ensured the Sunday was a wonderful memory for all!

Term Two continues to be a full and busy one, and through everyone's hard work and organisation, our children's learning experiences are on track to be positive and productive. When we combine our strengths and talents, we are able to provide a wonderful educational experience for our boys and girls and build a sense of community for all families and staff. I have received some very positive feedback about the new

Newsletter editions, that this year are less frequent, and feature contributions from our staff- thank you everyone- our aim is always to continually improve and “Strive to be our best versions of Excellence!”

In closing, can I thank everyone for their continued prayers for those in our school community who have recently experienced loss and grief, in particular, our colleagues Mrs Lori Coenen and Mrs Vanessa Castellaneli, who both recently lost their beloved mothers. In returning to school, both Lori and Vanessa continue to experience everyone’s efforts to contribute to all that is Sacred Heart- thank you everyone.

Many thanks and God Bless

Mrs Tanya McGuire

Principal

### **Assistant Principal’s Messages – Mrs Carolyn Perlini**



It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through this eleven-week term. You will note by the length and breadth of this issue of our *From the Heart* newsletter that we have had lots of wonderful learning, school events and achievements to share and celebrate with our school community. Whilst accessing Long Service Leave in Week 4 of this term to hike the *Three Capes* in Tasmania, it gave me the opportunity and time to reflect on *why* Sacred Heart is such a wonderful community. I genuinely believe it is the people that belong to it – the students and their families, our staff, and the wider Sacred Heart community. It’s through everyone’s enormous generosity of spirit that leads to our connectedness. Our recent Mother’s Day celebration was a wonderful example of this. I am looking forward to sharing the remainder of the term with you all and embracing the many wonderful opportunities for our school community.

Following on from our April Professional Learning Day, our staff have been focusing their efforts this term to ensure that our whole school approach to STEM provides engaging and high-level teaching and learning programmes and experiences for our students. We were very fortunate at our April Professional Learning Day to hear from Meg from *Nutmegz*, who inspired us and taught us ways to run a greener classroom and school. We look forward to sharing our sustainability practices and STEM opportunities as they unfold. In particular, we are grateful to our ongoing partnership with Bradken, who have enabled our school to rollout exciting lessons and lunchtime clubs using the newly purchased *Micro:bits* this year. Thank you, Bradken!

As we approach the Winter season - with a slight rise in Covid cases in the community - it is a suitable time to review school procedures for children who are unwell at school. If your child is unwell, it is most appropriate to keep him/her home from school. A child who is unwell will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. If your child becomes unwell at school and the teacher or school feels the child is too sick to benefit from school or is contagious to other children, you will be called to take your child home from school. If your daytime or emergency phone numbers change during the year, please notify the school immediately. Our teachers will also ensure good hygiene practices are in place here at school to help minimise the spread of Winter illnesses.

### **School News**

#### **Early Years Co-ordinator - Miss Catherine Boyes**



Term Two has been a very busy term and as we approach the end of Week Five, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge all the hard work and enthusiasm from students, staff, and our wider school community so far this term.

Recently, the Kindergarten students underwent their Speech Screening, with Ms Genevieve Saldhana, covering a variety of different speech areas and providing a snapshot to parents about how their children’s expressive and receptive speech development is progressing.

We are pleased to announce that this year, there is the possibility of accessing private Speech Therapy on the Sacred Heart school site. Parents who are interested in accessing this service are requested to make

contact with the School Principal, Mrs McGuire, and will be provided with further information regarding Tuition fees and rebates schedules.

*“Early intervention is very important when it comes to Speech Development. It can change a child’s developmental path and improve their outcomes. Early intervention means identifying and providing effective support to children and young people. Effective early intervention works to prevent problems from occurring and tackling them head-on when they do occur, before problems get worse.” Genevieve Saldhana*

### Curriculum Co-ordinator – Mrs Laura Taylor



It has been an extremely busy few weeks here at Sacred Heart, and I wish to commend all our students for their dedication to their learning throughout Term Two. They continue to represent our school in a positive and enthusiastic manner.

Over the last few weeks, our staff have been busy continuing their learning around STEM and incorporating this into their classrooms. It is pleasing to see an array of projects being undertaken and I am looking forward to seeing the final result.

Due to our successes with STEM at Sacred Heart, we have been extremely fortunate to have secured a City Country STEM Partnership with St Mary’s College in Broome and Chisholm Catholic College. Along with Mrs Perlini, I have had the opportunity to work with St Mary’s (on the primary school campus) students from Years 3 – 6. We continue this partnership as we work with their STRIVE group, assisting the teachers to work on a project for the upcoming CEWA STEM showcase in Term 3. Sacred Heart will host the students from St Mary’s for a day and we are excited to share our learning and wonderful school environment with them.

I look forward to working with our staff and students in what will be a very busy, yet rewarding, second half of Term Two!

### Interschool Swimming Carnival

The Interschool Swimming Carnival at HBF Challenge Stadium in Week 1 was a wonderful success for the Sacred Heart interschool swimming team. Our Years 3 to 6 students performed exceptionally well on the day with a good number of ribbons coming our way. The team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the girls competition and 6<sup>th</sup> in the boys, resulting in a position of 6<sup>th</sup> overall. The most exciting aspect was our result in winning the **Most Improved Shield**.



Once again, the Sacred Heart students upheld their fine reputation with enthusiasm, excellent manners and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all our swimmers and a big thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer!



*Mrs Gemma MacMillan  
Physical Education Teacher*



## Cross Country Carnival



On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, our Years 3 to 6 students had a fantastic time at our Faction Cross Country Carnival. The perfect weather set the stage for an awesome day of running. Students gave it their all, showcasing determination and sportsmanship as they tackled the course. The battle for the Faction Cross Country Shield was intense, but emerging victorious this year was Hewitt Blue followed closely by Henley



Green, Taylor Gold and then Lee Red. Huge congratulations to Hewitt Blue for their outstanding performance and kudos to every other faction for their relentless efforts.

Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers for all your help leading up to the Carnival and on the day!

*Mrs Gemma MacMillan*  
*Physical Education Teacher*

## Sacrament of Penance

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, the candidates enrolled, and received their First Sacrament of Penance. The evening was celebrated with candidates, families, Prayer Friends and Students, who gathered in the Sacred Heart Church. Families and students were led in deepening their understanding of the Sacrament of Penance by listening to Prayers of the Faithful and the Gospel story *The Lost Sheep*, read by Father. The candidates confessed their sins and shared their reflection in the Chapel, followed by lighting their candle and were gifted with a lamb. As the evening ended, the candidates received a certificate and shared a group photo. The candidates and families left the Church feeling closer to God.

*Miss Danica Gullotto*  
*Year Three Teacher*



## Nature Play Solutions Parent Information Session



On Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, our school hosted a parent information session, which addressed the importance and benefits of play. Emma Lawrence, an Occupational Therapist from Nature Play Solutions, shared her passion and expertise with parents and staff about why play has such a positive effect on brain development. Emma explained that children who have the opportunity to play in an enriched play environment are much more 'ready to learn' in a classroom, due to a range of physical, cognitive and social/emotional factors. There was also an opportunity to provide feedback on the sorts of items (including different provocations), that are being considered for our oval playground project. We eagerly anticipate the upcoming playground developments!

*Miss Mikaela Caruso and Miss Catherine Boyes  
Year One and Pre-Kindy/Kindy Teachers*

## ANZAC Day Liturgy

On Wednesday the 24th of April, the Year Four class were honoured to have the responsibility to lead the ANZAC service at school and pay our respects to those who have served and still serve to protect our country. The ANZAC day ceremony was a memorable way to recognise those who paved the path of freedom for both Australians and New Zealanders.

Prior to the service the students, staff and guests were given a sprig of rosemary to pay their respects to the fallen soldiers. It was a beautiful service and a great reminder of the sacrifices many made and how lucky we are to have the freedom we all enjoy today. Our Year Four students did an amazing job leading the school community. Well done to them all.

*Mrs Lori Coenen  
Year Four Teacher*



## ANZAC Day Community Services



Student, Staff and Parent Representatives from Sacred Heart paid their tributes at the Mount Hawthorn and Mount Lawley ANZAC Day services on ANZAC Day. Please read below the reflections from our student representatives:

It was a very important and solemn experience. I enjoyed hearing the stories of the soldiers and nurses who served in World War One. I was very proud to be representing Sacred Heart Primary School at such a special occasion. ~ *Zara Priolo*

It was a very special day for my family and I as my Great Grandpa fought in World War One. Hearing all the stories about those who went to war but didn't return, made me realise how lucky I am that my Great Grandpa made it home. ~ *Arielle Burns*



I appreciate all the soldiers who fought for our country, and I will never forget their great sacrifice. I was honoured to represent our school and attend the ceremony, where I was privileged to hear from so many distinguished guests and retired service men and women. ~ *Leonardo Skinner*

ANZAC Day is a very important day for my family as both sides of my family fought in both World War One and World War Two. Like my brother and sister, I was able to represent Sacred Heart Primary School at the Mount Lawley ANZAC Service. ~ *Grayson Sullivan*



### **Sacrament of First Eucharist**



On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, the Year Four students celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist. In preparation for receiving the body and blood of Christ for the first time, the students participated in a Eucharist Retreat and Parent-Candidate Workshop. Leading up to the sacrament, the students acknowledged how the Eucharist began at the Last Supper. They discovered that Jesus transformed the bread and wine into His Body and Blood. The Retreat was a wonderful day focusing on the sacrifices of Jesus and the preparations of the gifts and the altar in sharing God's glory.

*Mrs Lori Coenen*  
*Year Four Teacher*

### **Year 5 Assembly**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, the Year Five students 'Went for Gold' as they competed in their own mini Sacred Heart Olympics. They showed a lot of determination, skill, resilience and passion as they competed for their own Gold Medals. The students are to be commended for their efforts to present a fun and enjoyable assembly item. This leads us perfectly into the 2024 Olympic Games to be held in Paris from the 26<sup>th</sup> July to the 11<sup>th</sup> August.

*Mrs Laura Taylor*  
*Year Five Teacher*



## Mother's Day Pampering in Pre-Primary



It was wonderful to have so many mothers and grandmothers in the Pre-Primary classroom for the Mother's Day Pampering morning. This special occasion gave the Pre-Primary children a wonderful opportunity to honour and appreciate the incredible mothers and grandmothers who play such an essential role in their lives. The Pre-Primary children were kept busy pampering their special person. The children served food, gave back massages, painted their nails, created a flower craft and relaxed and read some magazines and books together.



*Mrs Kate Bradley*  
*Pre-Primary Teacher*

## School Photo Day Ordering

A reminder that our **school photos** are taking place on **Wednesday 5th June**. Please order your 2024 school photos at: [www.photohendriks.co.au](http://www.photohendriks.co.au) using the unique school ACCESS KEY **7XCNP8YR**. Please remember that full school uniform, including the red jumper and tie, must be worn on this day (Years 1-6). Kindy and Pre-Primary students must wear their full school tracksuit. Family photos will be taken during the school day. Pre-Kindy students will need to come in for the Pre-Kindergarten photo at 8.45 am on the Wednesday.





## Year 3 and Year 4 Excursion



On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, the Year 3 and 4 classes went on an excursion to the *Telethon Kids Institute* at Perth Children's Hospital. It was a captivating blend of discovery and innovation. Students were engaged in the workshops, and we went on a tour to the cancer preventative Research Team's Laboratory. We were fascinated by the technology of 3D food printing, which left us



inspired and informed. We enjoyed an informative stroll over the Koolangka Bridge, which added an unexpected layer to our day, unveiling the craftsmanship and purpose behind its construction. Overall, it was a great day where science and innovation left us with a deeper understanding of the potential that technology holds in shaping a healthier future. Many thanks to our wonderful parent helpers who joined us for the day!



*Miss Danica Gullotto and Mrs Lori Coenen*  
Year Three and Year Four Teachers

## Student Achievements



Congratulations to our Year 4 student, Audrey, who has made the State Team for *Artistic Roller-Skating*. Audrey will be travelling to Sydney in July to represent Western Australia in this National Competition to compete in artistic skating performing free dance routines. Audrey has a dream to compete internationally at the World Skate Championship in Italy next year. Audrey is to be commended for her diligence, goal-setting and working her way to personal success. Sacred Heart is very proud of you, Audrey!

Congratulations also to our Year 6 Graduate (2023), Leo, who has made the *School Sport WA 12 Boys Basketball Team*. Leo will travel with the team to the Gold Coast for the School Sport Australia Games in July. Well done, Leo!



## LifeLink Day School Event Promotion

The Catholic Identity Council have spearheaded a heartwarming initiative to support LifeLink, an organization dedicated to aiding those in need within our Archdiocese. On Friday the 28th of June, students and staff are invited to participate in a Pyjama Day. Students are asked to contribute a gold coin donation, with all proceeds directed towards LifeLink's noble cause. This event not only fosters a sense of community spirit but also instills the values of compassion and generosity within our student body, empowering them to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.



*Mrs Elizabeth Uchanski*  
Year Six Teacher

## Upcoming Pupil-Free Days: Reminder

A reminder that Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May (Professional Development Day), Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Public Holiday) and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June (Catholicity Day) are all pupil-free days. The school is closed on the above dates. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full winter uniform (including red jumpers) for School Photo Day, which is taking place after this long weekend on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.



## Finance News – Mrs Linda Robertson



Fee Statements were emailed to all families at the start of 2024 and at the end of Term 1 2024. These statements are a reminder of fees outstanding as well as a receipt for all monies received to date. Should you have an existing direct debit in place, no further action is required on your behalf.

Every family is required to complete and **submit a new Payment Option 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 option 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**. In committing to a particular payment plan, it enables the school to accurately budget and thereby provide the necessary resources for our students. If you have not already done so, please complete and return the Payment Option Form via email [finance@shpsh.wa.edu.au](mailto:finance@shpsh.wa.edu.au)

Please be advised that our Finance System **identifies the female parent/guardian/carer as the primary contact** for Fees and Charges. This means that when the annual fees are generated, the fee statement will automatically be emailed to the female parent/guardian/carer. The system will be enhanced in the future to enable both parents/guardians/carers to receive the statements. In the interim, should you wish this to be amended to the male parent/guardian/carer, please could you advise us as soon as possible for us to amend your specific account. If you have advised us of this in the past, then no further action is required.

Please also check your junk mail if you have not received the statement. The email will have been generated from: [finance@shpsh.wa.edu.au](mailto:finance@shpsh.wa.edu.au)

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 HCC Fee Discount cannot be applied to students in Pre-Kindergarten.

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

### **P and F News**



I wanted to begin this update with a big heartfelt **thanks** to each and every one of this year's P&F Reps. I am constantly blown away by their enthusiasm and their generosity – both of their energy and their time. Our school community is lucky to have them, and I wanted to take a quick moment to acknowledge how brilliant they are.



An example of that brilliance was on display at last week's Mother's Day breakfast, which was a feast for the eyes as well as the tummies. The Year 6 students (with a little help from their parents) transformed the School Hall into a celebration of Sacred Heart mums and mother-figures. Guests were treated to a scrumptious feast, with plenty of homemade goodies (baked by our Year 6 families) and a fresh delivery of croissants and sourdough (direct from the *Chu Bakery* oven that morning). Some mums were lucky enough to take home one of the door prizes, generously donated by *Chico Gelato* and *Styleware*. A huge amount of effort goes on behind the

scenes to bring these events to life, and we appreciate everything that went into this year's Mother's Day breakfast - especially the very early start!



Another example of the P&F's brilliance can be seen when you step into our new, spacious, and orderly secondhand uniform shop. Volunteers from the P&F spent countless hours over the last few weeks cleaning and sorting mountains of donated clothes so that our school community has access to good quality, secondhand uniforms. They have also unpicked Sacred Heart logos from the older style uniforms so that those items could be donated for textile recycling. It was a huge effort, and I am incredibly grateful for their efforts.

If you would like to purchase a secondhand item from the uniform shop, head into the office and speak with Anita or Vanessa and they will be able to assist you. All of the money raised goes back into the P&F.

*Walk to School Day* on Monday 13 May was also a great success. Students took advantage of the warm Autumn morning to get their steps in and were rewarded with some fresh fruit at the school gates on their arrival. Thanks again to Woolworths Highgate for their generous donation.

Next up on the calendar is the **School Disco**, which will take place on **Friday 26 July**. Mark your calendars!

*Tahlie Citterbard*  
P and F President