



Sacred Heart Primary School Highgate

From the Heart

Newsletter



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Principal's Message – Mrs Tanya McGuire



I commence today's Newsletter and wish to formally acknowledge and express my sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone in our wonderful school community for the focused and hard work you've all undertaken in this our second, but very full winter term! Today's edition of the Newsletter is a reflection of the many events and learning opportunities that have been undertaken, and I hope you enjoy the opportunity to reflect on these past weeks as such positive experiences for our boys and girls.

I'm sure you are all approaching the upcoming **July holidays** with enthusiasm, as our students and staff alike, continue with their management of tasks and learning so energetically. I imagine the solid couple of weeks' rest commencing next Friday is called for, to renew our combined energies as we **return to Term Three on Monday 15th July** for a new term, with some eagerly awaited events planned, including **Athletics and our Jumps and Throws Carnivals**, and the celebrations of the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, our **Science and Book Week** celebrations, and of course our inaugural **Italian Week Festival!**

We enjoyed another Assembly today, where we were able to acknowledge our Merit Certificate recipients! Thank you once again, to the Year Six Communication Council for their co-ordination of our term's Assemblies- their leadership and initiative is greatly appreciated.

The majority of our boys and girls continue to look smart and well groomed in their Winter Uniform. Thank you to all parents who have responded positively to reminders about ensuring the children are wearing their correct uniform items, including shoes, tights and hair ties. Please ensure the holidays are utilised to attend to any items that need to be replaced or purchased.

Learning: *Learning from our experiences.*

As our focus in these closing weeks has been on Reporting, I have spent many happy hours over this past week reading the final versions of the **2024 Mid Year Reports**.

I must commend our staff for their work in preparing their Reports. I hope that as parents, you will gain a greater insight as to your child's strengths, skills and achievements over this first Semester. These are also designed to provide you with information about what your children need to work at in order to make further progress and confirm accomplishments.

I acknowledge the teachers (both Class and Specialist) for their many hours of work in both the terms of collating their assessments, assigning grades, and drafting and editing comments; all whilst dealing with their regular classroom responsibilities.

Mid Year Reports will be issued online next **Friday 28th June**. All parents, (Years Pre Primary-Year Six) both new this year to Sacred Heart, and those who have been existing parents over past years, have received reminder messages via SEQTA to ensure all accounts are provisioned to access the Reports online. The Kindergarten Reports are distributed to Parents as hard copies.

Engagement: *(The promotion of positive relationships with our students/staff/parents).*

What wonderful experiences and competitions our boys and girls have enjoyed last week with the 2024 Winter Lightning Carnival incorporating Soccer and Netball for our two senior classes. Congratulations to everyone who played, scored, supported, coached and cheered! Our Netball Teams (A and B) were placed first and third respectively, and our Soccer Teams performed very well, in cold, wintery conditions- Well done everyone!

These occasions are presented as chances for us to continue to **“Strive for Excellence”**, and I’m sure you’ll all enjoy the photos!

Last Friday, the celebration of our **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** provided us all with fun, excitement and much celebration! A special thank you to our staff for their special efforts and hard work to ensure our whole school Mass and associated Buddy activities, have formed happy memories for our children.

The Parents and Friends Association is a hard-working body within our School, and both their fundraising, and community building and celebrating efforts, are planned to benefit all our children and their families. I do hope that our Class Reps are able to reach out and connect with parents at this time, and keep everyone informed about the year’s planned events.

Parents are asked to “Save the date” for the upcoming **2024 student Event, the Disco-** planned for Friday 26th July (Week Two of next term).

Our school is indeed a very blessed community, and this term has been one of much work and achievement- it is very easy to promote such a positive school community to our new and prospective families- please keep up these wonderful efforts everyone!

The June Meeting of the P and F Association is scheduled for next **Wednesday 26th June at 6.00pm** in the Hall- entry via Harold St gate. Please join us to hear of the organising plans that are made all the easier when many hands are involved.

Accountability: *(Taking responsibility for the quality of our work).*

The **School Advisory Council** will meet next **Wednesday 26th June at 7.00pm** in the Staff room, with entry via the Mary St front gate. As most families have completed their obligations to nominate their payment plans for the 2024 School Fees, I’m grateful to them for their commitments and also, for any recent payments they’ve made towards their 2024 School and Tuition Fees.

Discipleship: *Living out the teachings of Jesus.*

Father Mark has asked that I communicate to families who may have queries or enquiries regarding the **Baptism of students and siblings**, that further information can be obtained from the Parish Office via email at:-

highgate@perthcatholic.org

In closing, can I thank you all for your continued commitment to working hard in, and for Sacred Heart. Our school is indeed a very blessed community, and this second term has been one of much work and achievement- Everyone deserves a restful holiday break!

I look forward to continued accomplishments for all in the school community, and to sharing even more positive experiences for all, over next term!

Many thanks and God Bless

Mrs Tanya McGuire

Principal



Assistant Principal’s Messages – Mrs Carolyn Perlini

Last week, I had the privilege of travelling to Broome to continue our City-Country STEM partnership with St Mary’s College and to also participate in the RNDM (our Founding Order of the Our Lady of the Missions Sisters) celebrations of 50 Years of Nulungu Girls’ College. It was a wonderful week of celebrating both our commitment to STEM and our rich connections to our founding order, Our Lady of the Missions. On Thursday, we attended a wonderful Thanksgiving Mass, followed by a shared meal provided by our partnership school, St Mary’s College.

We were delighted to reconnect with members of the 2023 Euphrasie Barbier Pilgrimage Tour and spend time with Sr Catherine Brabender (Province Leader of the RNDM Sisters in Australia), Sr Helena and Sr Margaret.



This week, we welcomed Sr Catherine Brabender back to Sacred Heart. Sr Catherine shared with our students and staff information about our new partner school in India that we will be supporting, *Gwatoli School*. Following her presentation, Sr Catherine was able to enjoy morning tea with our staff. We are truly grateful to Sr Catherine and all of our RNDM Sisters who continue to be such wonderful role models to us all. With every visit, they remind us of our core purpose as an RNDM school. We feel privileged to have this special relationship with the RNDM Sisters who continually inspire us to live out Euphrasie's dream in our school each day. This Saturday, Tanya McGuire and I will be participating in the RNDM Partners' Day held next door at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. We feel privileged to attend and make a presentation to all participants about our experiences on the RNDM Pilgrimage to France and England held in September last year.



A reminder that the students' Mid-Year Reports (PP-Year 6) will be issued to parents online via SEQTA on the last day of this term (Friday, 28 June). Kindy Reports will be printed and go home with the children in a sealed envelope on the last day of Term 2. If you have not yet been able to set-up or login into your SEQTA Engage account, which is where your child's school report will be uploaded to, I urge you to do this as soon as possible to ensure that you receive your child's report on time. Please don't hesitate to contact me via email or visit me at school, should you require assistance with the above.

I hope that all our Sacred Heart families have a wonderful break together and spend some time re-energising. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to seeing you all in **Term Three**, when school **commences on Monday 15 July**. Students, watch out for some 'busy bee' optional holiday activities on Seesaw, which I will upload. Parents, thank you for your ongoing support this term in working in partnership with the staff and leadership team of Sacred Heart to ensure the best outcomes for your child.

Mrs Carolyn Perlini
Assistant Principal

School News

Early Years Co-ordinator Message – Miss Catherine Boyes



As always, the Early Years students and staff have been very busy. The Pre-Kindy class learning about colours, mixing colours in water and paint. The Kindy children have completed their big STEM project for the term, designing and building something that would keep the Three Little Pigs safe from the Big Bad Wolf. The Pre-Primary children have begun their training to become Earth Super Heros, competing ten tasks about sustainability and protecting our earth. The Year One class have been learning about Living as a Member of God's Family. And finally, the Year Two children have each brought in a short prayer that they have found or written and are sharing their prayer with the

class each day.

Wednesday the 11th of June was the United Nations First International Day of Play, highlighting the importance of prioritising playing so that all people, especially children, can reap the rewards and thrive to their full potential. Play

helps children develop the cognitive, physical, spiritual, creative, social, and emotional skills they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world. Life can become busy, especially during the school term with all the things that families juggle and so I encourage you, as part of your 'busy bee' optional holiday activities to find some time over the holidays to play.

Please see the below links for some information about play and some ideas for play at home.

The Importance of Play-Based Learning - <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/dl/7lpml0>

Fun Ways to Play and Learn at Home - <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/dl/8646v9>

Curriculum Co-ordinator Message- Mrs Laura Taylor



This term has continued to be extremely busy, with lots of wonderful learning and events taking place. Recently, our staff have had the opportunity to increase their Numeracy knowledge and problem-solving skills, after a Professional Learning session with Mrs Lori Coenen who shares a wealth of knowledge in this area. Teachers were taught some excellent hands-on games and lessons that can be incorporated into their Mathematics timetable. Thank you to Mrs Coenen and Mrs McGuire for facilitating such a wonderful session.

Early next term, our Years Three and Five students will participate in the Bishop's Literacy Test. The purpose of this is to measure student learning of the mandated content in the Religious Education Curriculum. Test items relevant to each participating year level are developed by the Religious Education Directorate at the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia. We wish all of our students well for these assessments.

As we head towards the end of Term Two, may I take this opportunity to again commend our Sacred Heart students on their behaviour and their dedication to their learning. May the upcoming mid-year break provide you with an opportunity to rest and relax and enjoy quality time together. Term Three is already shaping up to be another busy term!

Year 5/6 Winter Lightning Carnival

On Thursday 13 June, our Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Winter Lightning Carnival at Henderson Park and Matthews Netball Centre. The Lightning Carnival Day was the culmination of this year's winter sport programme, with students choosing to participate in AFL, Soccer and Netball.

The emphasis of the Lightning Carnival is on fun, participation and fairness. The support, encouragement and team efforts meant the day was a huge success for everyone involved. A few highlights from the day worth mentioning were the Year 6 Girls Netball Team A who came first and received the West Coast Fever Cup. Our Year 5 Netball Team B put in a consistent effort all day and the team finished in 3rd place. Our soccer teams displayed great sportsmanship and the way they conducted themselves was a credit to the school.

National Simultaneous Storytime



On Wednesday the 22nd of May, the students and staff from Kindy to Year 6 joined over 2,000,000 children across the nation to watch and listen to Bowerbird Blues, written by Aura Parker. This colourful, vibrant and fun event aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book to explore age-appropriate themes, and address key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year Six.

Thank you to all students and staff for your attendance at such a powerful event.

URStrong Workshop

Staff at Sacred Heart are excited to continue as a URSTRONG School in 2024. URSTRONG is aimed at fostering positive friendships among our students. This comprehensive wellbeing initiative equips students with essential skills, language, and self-assurance to navigate friendships effectively.



URSTRONG provides teachers with a friendship skills curriculum, Friendology 101, that help kids establish and maintain healthy relationships, manage conflict with kindness, and increase their overall resilience. By fostering a common language among students and educators, the program facilitates the identification and resolution of social issues, fostering a more inclusive school environment.

Aligned with our school's commitment to social-emotional wellbeing and character development, this friendship program complements our existing values.

As we embark on this journey, we encourage ongoing dialogue at home to reinforce the principles learned in Friendology 101. We eagerly anticipate witnessing our students develop into resilient, empowered, and empathetic friends. For further details about the program, please visit www.urstrong.com.

Finally, we thank the families who recently joined our staff at the URSTRONG online workshop.

Mrs Lori Coenen
Year Four Classroom Teacher

National Sorry Day Assembly



On Friday 24th May, our Year Three students share with our school community the history and importance of National Sorry Day, which is celebrated on the 26th May each year in Australia. The students performed a liturgy and assembly item, in which they shared facts about National Sorry Day, and reenacted The Apology that was made by Kevin Rudd. The Year Three students ended their liturgy and assembly item with a prayer and a song and dance. The song the students presented was called Walk On, which had an important message which highlighted that as a nation we are all in this together and must take these steps as one. The students performed this item with confidence and reverence to teach us and remind us about this important day in Australia.

Miss Danica Gullotto
Year Three Classroom Teacher

National Reconciliation Week In Week 7 of this term, Sacred Heart participated in National Reconciliation Week. As a Catholic community we celebrate Australia's rich history and culture through unity, community and a shared story. We acknowledge the many diverse nations and their ancient stories that have been passed down from generation to generation and continue to be shared in Aboriginal communities today. We pray that all will continue the learning journey to discover more about the history of Indigenous Constitutional Recognition and the Voice to Parliament, allowing for genuine, meaningful and supportive dialogue for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities across our country.



As a Catholic community, we recognise that by raising awareness and knowledge of reconciliation, all peoples can be a voice for generations, now more than ever. Through deep listening, connection with Country, sharing stories and

having the courage to speak out for equity, fairness, and justice, we pray for a nation that celebrates our cultural identity, with dignity, and pride. The Catholic Tradition, grounded in the mission and teaching of Jesus, compels us to respect the sacred dignity of each person.

Let us pray today that Reconciliation will live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by just and respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

LifeLink Day



On Wednesday 5th June, two representatives from the Pastoral Care Council, together with Mrs Perlini and Mrs McGuire, attended the 2024 LifeLink Launch Day at Newman College. LifeLink provides support and funding to agencies who care for the community. We would like to thank our Year 6 leaders, Hudson and Leonardo, for the outstanding behaviour and leadership they exhibited throughout this special event. In addition, a big thank you to the Year 6 Catholic Identity Council for organising our end of term 'Pyjama Day' fundraiser taking place next Friday. Well done, SHPSH, for supporting this important day!

On the 5th of June, we were very lucky to have the opportunity to go to the 2024 LifeLink launch with Mrs McGuire and Mrs Perlini to represent our school. We listened to Bishop Sproston's speech and CEWA staff tell us about the 25 years of LifeLink Day, and what LifeLink does to support the people in need, around our community and Archdiocese. We learnt that LifeLink is an education and fundraising organisation. Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth encouraged us to "...send a message of love to people in need this LifeLink day". *By Hudson and Leonardo (Year 6 Student Representatives)*



Feast of the Sacred Heart Of Jesus



On Friday the 7th of June, the staff, students, and local parish community enjoyed mass celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. After mass, celebrated by Fr Mark, the staff shared morning tea with Sr Shelley and Sr Margaret from Our Lady of the Missions, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Throughout the day, our students had a lovely time participating in several Feast Day activities. It was certainly a wonderful way to celebrate Sacred Heart's Feast Day!

Miss Mikaela Caruso
Year One Classroom Teacher



Year 6 Excursion



On Thursday the 6th of June, Year 6 students visited the City of Vincent Council Chambers, where they met Mayor Alison Xamon and participated in a mock council meeting. This activity provided them with hands-on experience in local government operations and decision-making processes. An article published in *PerthNow Central* regarding this can be seen below. Following their visit to the Chambers, the students toured Parliament House, where they sat in both chambers. The students engaged in a spirited debate, experiencing firsthand the parliamentary procedures and the importance of discussion in shaping legislation. The excursion offered valuable insights into both local and state government, enhancing their civic knowledge and appreciation for democratic processes.



Mrs Elizabeth Uchanski
Year Six Classroom Teacher

STUDENTS TAKING THE REINS AT VINCENT COUNCIL

Inner city primary schools have been given a chance to help run their council.

For the next three months, Year 6 students in the City of Vincent can visit the council chambers and be either a minute-taker, CEO, councillor or even mayor as part of its Councillor for the Day program.

They can take part in a Q&A session with mayor Alison Xamon and participate in a mock-up council meeting.

Sacred Heart Primary School students took part in the first event on June 6, running two meetings, taking turns to act as the mayor, CEO, councillors and council officers, engaging in debate and making decisions.

Student minute-taker Winter Johnson said it was the first time



Sacred Heart students Winter Johnson, Hudson Jones and Eleanor Gabriel with mayor Alison Xamon.

she visited the council chambers. "It was very exciting to be a part of it," she said.

"I had a good idea and I wanted to put up my hand but I was the minute-taker.

"My mum wants me to be in Federal

(politics) . . . but I think I would enjoy local more."

Student mayor Jada Gasper said she enjoyed being in charge of a meeting.

"I was sitting where the mayor actually sat . . . I got to play her

role, so I felt very important," she said. "I had a big sense of responsibility."

Jada said she would like to become a politician in Federal politics in the future.

Mt Hawthorn Primary School

and Highgate Primary School students will take part in July and August.

"The Councillor for the Day program offers a fantastic opportunity for young people to learn about local government and experience what it is like to take part in a council meeting," Ms Xamon said.

"Events like these enables us to create stronger connections with our young people and provide support to local schools.

"It was wonderful to meet and greet students from Sacred Heart, who were buzzing with energy and very excited to play the roles of council.

"I encourage more schools to take up this opportunity."

The program is part of the city's Youth Action Plan 2022-23.

Year 5 Academic All Stars

On Monday 17th June, eight of our Year 5 students were selected to represent Sacred Heart Primary School in the *2024 Academic All Stars Challenge*, held here at Sacred Heart. The students were required to complete several challenges in the fields of Engineering, Art, Poetry, Chess, Mathematics, English, Drama and General Knowledge. We would like to congratulate all of our Sacred Heart students who attended the challenge. You represented our school wonderfully. We are very proud of your participation, efforts and achievements.



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Mrs Laura Taylor
Year Five Classroom Teacher



The Arts Learning Areas at Sacred Heart Primary School



As part of our Music program this semester, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artist, Dion Drummond, came all the way from Cairns to perform at Sacred Heart Primary School. He brought with him stories and messages of respect and sharing in reference to National Reconciliation Week. He also brought many interesting artefacts including six different types of boomerang and musical instruments made from natural objects found in the rainforest.

Dion taught us four different 'play' dances that are used in his culture as an introduction to tribal dancing. Many students were invited up to dance with him. The teachers were invited up too. Students followed this visit with a reflection on his performance. Many students commented on his cultural respect, positive attitude and humorous views and they showed great interest in the different places and occasions music is experienced.



Mrs Janine Milicich **Music Specialist**

This term in Visual Arts we have been exploring the work of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to inspire us with our own paintings and sculptures. Students have studied the work of Jimmy Pike, Reko Rennie and Erub Arts and discovered that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artworks are far more varied than just dot paintings! The art room is now overflowing with bright, colourful paintings, recycled sculptures, clay tiles and more.

In other exciting news, eight students will have their work selected to be entered into the annual Angelico Art Exhibition showcased at the Forrest Centre in Perth CBD during the month of August. This is a wonderful time for our community to celebrate the work of our budding artists here at Sacred Heart.

Mrs Jemima Heley **Visual Arts Specialist**



Science at Sacred Heart Primary School



Year 6 Science - Western Power

We applied for the Year Six class to be involved in the Western Power Circuit Breakers Program this year and we were successful. This allowed our students to be involved in the Program which included the introduction of Electronics and Digital Technologies. The Circuit Breakers program involves the use of Micro bits which are like miniature computers. We were able to purchase a class set of 35 Micro bits at a reduced amount for being involved in the Program.

Western Power relies on a team of STEM professionals to help solve a number of problems that face them every day. The engineers test new technology and new ways of doing things. They are also responsible for evaluating a number of projects. They work to ensure that communities across the Western Power network have the power they need.



The students have been involved in a series of lessons that have sequentially introduced them to creating a circuit, programming the Micro bit to produce a series of sounds and creating a sensor that could be used to enable a system to work. They are now working in groups to create a Sustainable Community.



Mrs Sonya McCormack Science Specialist

Finance News



Current Fee Statements will be emailed to all families at the end of Term 2 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

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

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 Linda Robertson on 9253 2502 or via the finance email detailed above.

Parents and Friends Association News



The SHPSH P&F invites students to 'don their best fluoro / 80s / retro costumes and hit the dance floor with their classmates at the Neon Nights School Disco. Parents are encouraged to dress up, too! Tickets are \$10 per child, and will include DJ, games and prizes along with pizza, a drink and a neon goody bag.

Information is in the attached invitation, or you can contact your class rep for more details!

Tickets can be purchased here :

- trybooking.com/CSWCY

Ms Tahlie Citterbard
P and F President

FRIDAY 26 JULY
NEON NIGHTS DISCO
SCHOOL HALL

PRE KINDY - YEAR 2
4:00 - 5:30PM

5:30 - 6pm Food and drink for all kids

YEAR 3 - YEAR 6
6:00 - 7:30PM

\$10 TICKET (PER CHILD)
TRYBOOKING.COM/CSWCY

Dress in your best fluoro / retro / 80s outfits (that's you too, parents) and hit the dance floor with your classmates!

TICKET INCLUDES:
DJ, games and prizes
Photo zone with UV light
Pizza, drink and icy pole
Neon goody bag (to be provided prior to the event)

Song requests can be made via suggestion box in library the week of the disco!

Parent supervision required for Pre Kindy - Y2 children. All children must stay in the hall unless accompanied by an adult.
BYO water & extra food (optional)
There will be a chill out area for kids that need a sensory break

Community News

MESSAGE FROM THE MOUNT LAWLEY DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

The Mount Lawley Dental Therapy Centre will be closed during the July School holidays

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 - Friday 12th July 2024 inclusive

Re - opening **Monday 15th July 2024**

Emergency only dental treatment is available during this time at the following centres :

Tuart Hill Dental Therapy Centre ph: 9344 1585 Wed 3rd – Thurs 4th July 2024

Hillcrest Dental Therapy Centre ph: 9271 7184 Fri 5th – Fri 13th July inclusive

Ballajura Dental Therapy Centre ph: 9249 3812 Wed 3rd – Thurs 4th July 2024

Roseworth dental Therapy Centre ph: 9342 4657 Wed 10th – Fri 12th July 2024

If any after hour emergencies arise and treatment is required, please contact the emergency service on ph: 1800 098 818, Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) or a Private Practitioner.