



SACRED HEART NEWSLETTER

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Week 1

Term 3

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone had a great break and got to spend some quality family time. It doesn't matter if you and your family went overseas, interstate, to the coast or even just went somewhere close by or stayed at Boggabri, what is most important is that you got to spend some quality time with your loved ones. I had the chance to go back to Uralla and it was great to catch up with my family and friends, even though a large part of my holiday was spending some quality time in front of the heater and trying to work on my golf game. I still need to do a lot more!

Anyway like all terms, this one is definitely full with many things happening, especially with the upcoming events like the school audit in Week 8, School Athletics Carnival, Tennis for sport, Mini Vinnie garden being established, First Reconciliation, NAPLAN RESULTS information night, marking of soccer and netball fields on the playground and many more! I am trying to organise a Small Schools Sports Day which is going to be similar to the Mini Olympics that we hosted last year, but at the moment like us, all schools are busy places and it is trying to find a date that is suitable for all. I will keep you updated on how this goes in the upcoming weeks.

From next year, it is hoped that the NAPLAN assessments for Years 3 and 5 will be conducted online. To ensure that there are no difficulties associated with this method of testing, compared to what happened during the census, Mrs Fenton and myself will be attending an Online Naplan Assessment Workshop at Narrabri next Tuesday. The Years 3 and 5 students will be involved with online testing during Week 10. The results they produce will not be officially recorded, it is being implemented to iron out any problems that may occur and also to ensure that our school's IT set up can handle approximately 16 students completing the assessments at the same time.

Like I had mentioned this time last year, I received an email from the Catholic Schools Office to begin preparations for the 2018 academic year. Next Wednesday, I need to send to the office a confirmed number of enrolments that I am expecting next year. The number of children enrolled determines how much funding and also staffing allocation we receive. Compared to this time last year, our numbers have

increased dramatically. But it would be fantastic if we have more, as my aim for next year is to increase our classes from two to three. If you know anyone in the Boggabri district who may be interested in joining our fantastic learning community, could you please let me know.

I do apologise if this causes you and your family any difficulties, but I am letting you know that the school's last School Development Day for 2017 is **Monday 7th August (Week 4)**. All of the staff are attending a 'Putting Faces On Data' workshop at Armidale on that Monday and also the following day. The school will be operating as normal on Tuesday 8th August as I will be coming back to lead Years 3-6 and a relief teacher will be having K-2 on that day. Again, I do apologise for the inconveniences that this may cause.

A warm welcome to Dakodah (Year 4) and his mother Morgan who join us from Kootingal. I am sure Dakodah and his family will definitely enjoy their time at Sacred Heart.

Hopefully I will see you at the Athletics Carnival next Friday. I hope my hammys hold up!

Dallas Hyatt



**Students Of The Week
for Attitude, Values and Study Habits**

Week 10

AQUA

Annabelle (Kindergarten)

Evie (Kindergarten)

Kayleigh (Year 2)

ORANGE

Luke (Year 4)

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Chantelle: for the enthusiasm she brings to school everyday.



Happy Birthday to Harvey (Transition) who celebrates his 5th birthday on Wednesday. **We hope you have a great time on your special day!**

IMPORTANT HOUSEKEEPING MATTERS

ALL VISITORS MUST ENTER THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE OFFICE.

The school must be aware of all visitors on school grounds. If you are dropping off your child late, collecting your child from school early, putting something in your child's bag or volunteering for any reason, you MUST enter the school through the office. Under no circumstances should anyone just walk over to the classroom without the office staff being aware of this.

Late Arrivals - Class officially commences at **8:50am**. If your child arrives to school after this time, **you must sign them in as a Late Arrival**. The time for late bus children is **9am** so the same applies - if your child arrives after this time, **you must sign them in as a Late Arrival**. If you do not sign them in they will have an Unexplained Late Arrival recorded on the roll.

This is an educational requirement and this procedure must be adhered to at all times.

Absentee Notes - It has come to my attention that many families are not sending in Absentee Notes explaining why their child was away from school. Notes should be sent to school the day your child returns to school or even via email or for your convenience, our Skoolbag App has an Absentee Form that you can complete and send in electronically.

Instructions to complete the form - click in e-forms, then click on Absentee Form, complete all necessary fields and sign in the box at the bottom with your finger. Once completed press View Summary & Submit. Press Submit again. This will come to the school via an email and their absence will be marked on the roll accordingly.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Although we celebrated our annual 'Grandparents Day' during Catholic Schools Week in Term 1, next Wednesday the Church remembers the grandparents of Jesus. They are known to us as Joachim and Anne, even though their names are not given in the Bible. Legends tell us that they waited for a child for many years before Mary was born and that they took her to the Temple at the age of three and dedicated her to God. This is a day to do something loving for grandparents in honour of Joachim and Anne.

Next week in the Armidale Diocese is **Marriage and Family Week**. Bishop Kennedy has instructed that all students in diocesan Catholic schools and those students receiving Special Religious Education (SRE) in State schools within the Diocese of Armidale dedicate a lesson specifically to the Sacrament of Marriage during Marriage and Family Week. Marriage and Family Week concludes on Sunday 30th July with a parish Mass and celebration. Throughout the week all of us are strongly encouraged to pray for all families and to actively invite students and families to the parish celebration on 29th July.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Just informing parents of children who are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for their first time, a parent information will be held next ***Wednesday 26th July at 12.30pm*** and the ***Enrolment Mass for these candidates will be on Saturday 29th July at 4.00pm***. A note has been sent home today for all eligible candidates.

*Loving God,
have mercy on all your people.
Help us to listen when you call us.
Give us courage to do what you ask.
Keep us close to your heart.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year our School Photos will be held on ***Thursday 10th August (Week 4/Term 3)***. Students will need to wear their FULL WINTER UNIFORM on this day (girls to wear navy stockings).

The photo envelopes need to be returned to school no later than ***Wednesday 9th August*** (with exact payment enclosed). Even if you do not wish to purchase school photos, your child will still have their photo taken for school files so they still need to wear the appropriate uniform.

HOMEWORK

The first set of homework will be sent out this Thursday. Please be advised due to the School Athletics Carnival, homework for Week 3 will be sent home on Monday 1st August.

ICAS ASSESSMENTS

Hannah (Year 3) recently participated in both the ICAS Digital Technologies and Science tests and her achievements were outstanding being rewarded with one certificate of CREDIT and the other being a MERIT. Kaiden (Year 4) also participated the ICAS Digital Technologies exam and he received a certificate of PARTICIPATION. The International Competitions & Assessments for Schools are independent evaluations of students' skills and knowledge in core learning areas and provide insight into students' understanding. Congratulations to both students

SPORT

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival for this year will take place on **Friday 28th July at Jubilee Oval**. There is a note accompanying this newsletter with more details concerning this event so please make sure you read it and return it as soon as possible. If you can assist in any way for the day, could you please let Mr Hyatt know ASAP. Students are reminded that they need to wear their full sports uniform on this day.

Weekend Soccer

All soccer players are reminded that soccer training will recommence this *Wednesday 19th July at 3.30pm*.

PTF NEWS

PTF/PAC JULY MEETING

The July meeting for the PTF/PAC will take place this **Thursday 20th July at 1:45pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CANTEEN

21st July ~ Kiara Woods

28th July ~ ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (helpers needed)

N.B. Now that we have an enrolment of 37 students, and every one of them, including myself seems to order on a Friday, it is important that you start by **10.30am** so every item is cooked properly!

MUSIC LESSONS

After school music lessons will recommence today for this term. If your child is not continuing with these lessons, please contact the school or let Richard McPhillips know on 0437 148 056.

Also due to the many events that are happening on various Fridays this term, the school won't be having their normal weekly music lessons with Sandy from the Gunnedah Conservatorium. Hopefully the music lessons will recommence in Term 4.



JULY

Mon 17th - SCHOOL RESUMES FOR STAFF & STUDENTS

Thurs 20th - PTF/PAC Meeting @ 1:45pm

Wed 26th - Reconciliation Parent Information Meeting - 12:30pm

Fri 28th - School Athletics Carnival - Jubilee Oval

AUGUST

Mon 7th - PUPIL FREE DAY

Thurs 10th - School Photo Day

Fri 18th - Diocesan Athletics Carnival - Tamworth



- **School Athletics Carnival**

ADIG NEWS

Please find attached the document for ADIG Poster Winners.

EYES & EARS FOR LEARNING

Please find attached via email a letter regarding a Visual & Auditory Program.

