



SACRED HEART NEWSLETTER

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Week 2

Term 1

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Dear Parents, Carers & Students

Happy New School Year everyone! I hope all of you have had a great break and are refreshed for a very busy and productive year ahead. After travelling around the country watching cricket as well as going up to Far North Queensland where I actually got to see rain, rivers running and also some green grass! I am glad to be back in Boggabri and I have heard that during the latter stages of the holidays, Boggabri had received some decent rain. On my morning walks on the golf course, one of the locals told me that he believed that the drought will be broken by the end of March. I hope for all of our sakes, he is correct! I am sure that I will definitely hear all of the exciting adventures you got up to during the holidays in the upcoming weeks. I apologise for the length of this first newsletter, however we have many new families to our school who need to know the process of how everything works in our learning community.

On Australia Day, I was fortunate to be at the Boggabri Swimming Pool to support our new school captains: Cameron and Molly who performed their first official duty for Sacred Heart by delivering a speech on what Australia Day means to them. Both students should be very proud of their achievements as the speeches they delivered highlighted how lucky we all are to be citizens of this fantastic country. I am sure Cameron and Molly will continue their roles superbly at our first weekly assembly this Friday 7th February at 2.30pm.



Even though we had a very short week last week with the students first day of this brand new academic year last Friday, sports captains have already been elected at our house meetings for the upcoming swimming carnival that is going to be held this **Wednesday 5th February**. Congratulations to both Hannah and Lane who were elected to be the sports captains for 2020. I know both of you will do a great job in leading your house at the many events that are planned for the upcoming year. Information in regards to the swimming carnival was sent home with the permission note that went home with the students on Friday.

As I keep mentioning, when everything is working well why change it! Again for 2020 (except for today) the school newsletter will be going home every Monday fortnight via paper copy, email, the school website and/or through the new school compass app. Please ensure that you read this carefully and put things in your diary. This year we will not be using the Skoolbag app that we have used during the last four years. If you haven't as yet download the school compass app on your electronic devices, can you please contact Robyn at the office to receive your parent code.

Have a great fortnight and I may see you at the swimming carnival this Wednesday!

Dallas Hyatt



Happy Birthday to the Tanikah who turned **11 last Friday 31st January**, also to Molly who celebrates her 12th birthday on **Friday 7th February** and Karter who will turn 11 on **Sunday 9th February**. We hope all of you have a fantastic day!

WARM WELCOME

A very warm welcome is extended to our new enrolments and their families for 2020. Welcome to Ellie, Kayla, Lachie and Harry who had their first day of Kindergarten on Friday and their families. We also welcome Zachary (Yr 6) and his parents Craig and Jen who join us from Boggabri Public. As well

as Lane (Yr 6) and his parents Michael and Suzanne who have recently moved to Boggabri. A big welcome also goes out to Ava (Year 2) and Harry (Kindergarten) and their parents Luke and Sara who have joined us from Dalby. We trust that your time at Sacred Heart is a rewarding one.

CLASSES FOR 2020

It is fantastic to see that Sacred Heart is continuing the process of delivering the curriculum in Contemporary Learning Spaces and I will be discussing this more at our Parent Information Night.

Classes for the 2020 school year will be as follows:

K-1: Mrs Sharon John (Mon, Tues and Wed) and Mrs Sims (every Thursday to cover for Mrs John's REC release).

K-2: Mrs Sharon John (every Friday).

Years 2, 3 and 4: Mrs Katie Goddard (Mon, Tues, and every second Wednesday) and Mrs Colleen Howarth (every odd Wednesday and Thursday).

Years 5 and 6: Mrs Kathlene Fenton (Mon-Wed) and Mr Dallas Hyatt (Thurs).

Years 3-6: Mr Dallas Hyatt (every Friday).

Support Programs:

Mrs Rees will be working with students every Monday-Thursday and also coordinating the Mini Lit program which will be commencing in the near future. While Mrs Langham will be assisting students with their learning every Wednesday-Friday. Also Ms Moran will be our school librarian every Friday morning.

WELCOME BARBECUE, PARENT INFO & SAC/PTF AGM NIGHT

Please keep **Wednesday 12th February** open in your calendars. We will be having a Parent Info & SAC/PTF AGM night followed by a welcome BBQ for all parents, teachers, parishioners and families. Please think about taking on a position on our PTF Executive as all positions will be declared VACANT. A note will be sent home soon for catering purposes. I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

As we begin a new school year, we think about how to pray well together. Prayer is possible because God is near us. God is near when we celebrate the eucharist and when we bless food before we eat it. God is near when we are playing outside or when we are with our friends. God is near when we are frightened or lonely or full of joy. This is good news for all of us who love God and want to share ourselves with God in prayer.

Our "**Beginning of the School Year Mass**" will be celebrated next **Wednesday 12th February** commencing at **11.30am**. This mass will also include the induction ceremony of our School and Sports Captains as well as the SRC members from each class. It would be great if you could join us!

Also on Wednesday **19th February**, the school is hosting an afternoon twilight prayer session at the Sacred Heart Church commencing at 3.30pm. All parishioners and members of the school community are welcome to join us.

Loving God, you give us this new school year and new friends with whom to share it.

Bless all who pray and work and learn together.

May this year bring peace and harmony throughout the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

SPORT

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The School Swimming Carnival will be held this **Wednesday 5th February** beginning at approx. 9.30am. All children are expected to participate in this carnival. Information in regards to the carnival is included with the note that has been sent home last Friday. The permission note was due back today but if your child was absent on Friday could you please ensure that the permission slip from this note is returned back to school by **tomorrow!** Students will be required to wear their normal summer uniform on Tuesday as they will need to be wearing their sports uniform on Wednesday and Friday this week.

Timekeepers and recorders will be required on the day so please complete the helpers note also sent home with this newsletter.

N.B. All helpers must have completed a Working With Children Check.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform Expectations

When a student enrolls at Sacred Heart School Boggabri, students and parents are expected to abide by and support the school uniform policy. Sacred Heart is a uniform school and students are expected

to be well-groomed at all times. When wearing the school uniform, students are ambassadors for Sacred Heart School.

Children are expected to show pride in their uniform appearance, with a healthy respect for themselves, for other children, staff members and the school. Good grooming at all times is important. Parents are asked to ensure that their child is well-groomed every day and that the correct uniform is worn. Teachers will be sending home uniform notices via the Compass School Information System to parents whose child/ren are not wearing the correct uniform without a reasonable excuse.

The PTF stock most uniform items at a reasonable price and also have a pre-loved clothing pool. As some items are not stocked, it is **ESSENTIAL** that when a uniform order date is announced that you check your child's uniform items and order by the due date.

Reminders Regarding Uniform

- Children are expected to wear full school uniform each day and to take pride in their appearance.
- Summer uniform will be worn in the first and fourth terms and winter uniform in the second and third terms.
- Black school shoes must be worn (white soled shoes will not be accepted)
- Children may wear school jackets, pullovers (no hoods) or both when they feel cold (only in school colours).
- Children may only wear school track pants on sports days.
- It is a policy that children wear school hats whenever in the playground – **NO HAT, NO PLAY.**

ALL STUDENTS to be conscious of:

- wearing clean and ironed uniforms.
- keeping shirts tucked in.
- wearing ties correctly.
- maintaining neat, combed hair.
- having long hair tied back in school colours.
- no colour put in hair.
- no make-up.
- no wearing of jewellery, except watch, studs or sleepers (girls)
- having buttons done up at all times.
- no wearing of nail polish.

Official School Hours

We advise that supervision begins at 8:30am until the last bus leaves and we ask that no student be left at school outside these hours unless arranged with the Principal or other staff member. Class begins at

9:00am and concludes at 2:45pm. (If your child arrives or leaves between these hours they **must** be signed in/out at the office).

Office Hours

The office will be open between the hours of 8:30am - 3:30pm. When the office is unattended an answering machine will take a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

School Principal

Parents are always welcome to discuss any matters with the Principal. However, as the Principal's administration time out of class is limited, it is essential to make an appointment.

Staffroom

The staffroom is a place where the staff can go when not on duty to relax and enjoy their break. **Students, parents and visitors** are asked to ring the bell at the admin's office and wait for a response before entering the staffroom. Students will not be permitted in the Staffroom unless they have permission from a staff member.

Late Arrivals & Early Leavers

Late arrivals must be accompanied by carers to the office to sign in. (***It is not appropriate to just drop them off at the front gate.***) Similarly if you are collecting your child early please sign your child out at the office. If someone else is collecting your child, please let a staff member know either verbally or by sending in a note prior to this happening. ***No student will be allowed to leave the school for any reason with another person unless advised by their parents/carer.***

Attendance at School

Regular attendance at school is a Government requirement and is a vital aspect of a child's social adjustment (attitudes to school) and learning experiences. Unreasonable absences hinder a child's progress. However, home is the best place for a really sick child.

Absentee Notes

Sacred Heart must keep a register of enrolment and daily attendance of all children at the school. To comply in accordance with the Registration Systems and in the best interest of students, documentation to substantiate reason for absence is required. An appropriate reason must be recorded otherwise the absence will be recorded as unjustified.

Therefore it is necessary to send in a written explanation as soon as possible, whenever your child is absent from school. If a note is not provided within 7 days of the absence, an unexplained absence will be

recorded against your child. A note may be provided in the form of written, email or the school's Compass App.

If your child is absent and the school hasn't received a phone call or an explanation of absence by 10:30am, an SMS will be sent requesting an explanation.

Visitors and Volunteers at School

ENTERING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR ANY REASON MUST BE VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE. It is also important that you sign the Visitors Kiosk (Compass) at the office and take a badge to wear when you are at school (other than school functions or collecting students). **I would appreciate your diligence in this matter as this is a Child Protection issue.**

Change of Details

It is very important that at the beginning of each school year you notify any changes of address, contact numbers, family circumstances, medical details, bus information and any other relevant information. The school must have at least one emergency contact number for each family. It is asked that you do this as a matter of importance. Please contact Robyn in the Office.

School Fees

Each year the schools fees schedule is reassessed by the Principal in line with the Consumer Price Index. Accounts are sent out in Week 2 of each term and are due within a 30 day period. Annual, per term, monthly, fortnightly or weekly payments can be made at the Office via cash, cheque or Direct Payment into the school account. The school also offers a Direct Debit Payment system with ADIG. For those who wish this type of payment please ask at the Office for more details.

WE DO NOT HAVE EFTPOS TO MAKE PAYMENTS.

(The School Fees Schedule include a Tuition Fee, Book Fee, School Care Insurance & Building Levy)

Medication

If you wish the school to administer any form of prescribed medication, you first need to report to the office to complete the necessary paperwork.

Long Term Medication

If a child is to be given regular long term medication at school, it must also be handed in at the office in **the original container**, with instructions written on the Long Term Medication Form. (This form must also be completed if medication has changed).

If your child has asthma, an allergy or anaphylaxis they **MUST** be diagnosed by a doctor and have a plan

available for the school. This must be updated every school year.

Short Term Medication

If a child is to be given medication for a short term at school, it must also be handed in at the office in the original container, with instructions written on the Short Term Medication Form. The medication is kept in the office and given to the child at the appropriate times during the day. (Please don't just send in medication without some type of note).

Both short term and long term medication forms can be collected from the Office.

Bus/Pick Up Information

It is important that bus or pick up arrangements for your child are confirmed. What happened last year may not necessarily be what will happen this year. Please notify a staff member as soon as possible about this so that our records can be renewed and/or confirmed. If changes are made for pick-up on the day, parents **MUST** speak to a staff member. Your child telling staff is not acceptable. If you wish to send an email this must be received by the office by 11am. If changes are to be made after this time, you **MUST** phone the office.

Permission Notes

When a permission note goes home it **always has a due date on it.** This is often set by other entities as well as the school, but is set for a reason. Notes **must** be returned by this date otherwise children will miss out on activities. All names on these notes must include first and last names for students and parents/guardians.

Collection of Monies

As you would be aware there is a lot of money sent into the office for a variety of reasons. I cannot stress enough the importance of placing any money in an envelope, clearly marked with the child's name and the activity. This will ensure that all money is collected and marked off correctly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THESE MATTERS! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING ANY OF THE ABOVE MATTERS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL.

PTF NEWS

As mentioned earlier, the annual **AGM for our SAC/PTF will be held directly after the Parent Information Night next Wednesday 12th February commencing at 6pm.** Also the PTF has been lucky to be included on the roster of the Boggabri RSL Club to sell tickets for the Wednesday and Friday Night Raffles from which they will be

giving the PTF a donation. A big thank you goes out to Jo Tailby who sold tickets for us on the 1st and 3rd of January. The dates that the PTF have been rostered on are: 19th and 21st February, 8th and 10th April, 27th and 29th May, 15th and 17th July, 2nd and 4th September, 21st and 23rd October and 9th and 11th December. We will be setting up a roster for these dates, so if you could assist with the selling of raffle tickets on any of these dates, please contact the office. This will be a very easy fundraiser and gives people the opportunity to socialise with the wider community.

CANTEEN

OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL BE OPERATING FROM THIS FRIDAY.

Canteen will commence with it's new menu available, this **Friday 7th February**. The new 2020 menu will be accompany this newsletter. If you would like to volunteer for canteen or wish to have you name removed, please contact the office as soon as possible. Just a reminder that Canteen is one day a week and volunteer helpers are urgently needed.

Please remember that you will need to have your Working With Children Check (see Robyn for details if you haven't already obtained it).

STUDENT SAVER (BANKING)

School banking is through the Armidale Diocesan Investment Group (ADIG) and is a great way to teach your children about the importance of saving money from an early age. Banking is held every Tuesday. Students put their pass books in their class trays to be sent to the office. An application form is available from the Office if you would like your child to take up this opportunity. Mrs Mitchell has once again offered to do banking for the students.

2020 TRANSITION PROGRAM

For parents who are planning to enrol their child into Kindergarten for the 2021 school year, Sacred Heart is implementing their Kindergarten Transition Program over the whole school year every Friday beginning on **Friday 6th March and concluding on Friday 13th November (during school terms only)**. The program is planned by a qualified teacher and Mrs Leah Rees will be facilitating this program. There will be a parent information session on **Wednesday 19th February at 10.00am**. It is great to see that we already have eight children enrolled in this program however we still have a number of vacancies, so please spread the word around!

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PACKING AN EVERYDAY LUNCHBOX

Packing an everyday lunchbox does not have to contain fancy ingredients.

Make packing an everyday lunchbox easy by adding:

- **Crunch and Sip®:** 1 serve of fruit or vegetables
- **Recess:** 1 serve of fruit or vegetables + 1-2 everyday snacks e.g. rice crackers, yoghurt
- **Lunch:** Sandwich/wrap/roll or leftovers containing everyday ingredients e.g. pasta, fried rice
- **Drink:** Water and/or reduced fat plain milk
- Don't forget to add an **ice brick** to keep the food cool and safe

See our everyday lunchboxes below for ideas.



Crunch & Sip®: Capsicum sticks
Recess: Mini rice cakes, banana
Lunch: Multigrain wrap with chicken, cheese, carrot and lettuce
Drink: Water



Crunch & Sip®: Cherry tomatoes
Recess: Rice crackers, cucumber sticks and hummus
Lunch: Raisin bread sandwich with banana
Drink: Water, reduced fat plain milk



Crunch & Sip®: Carrot sticks
Recess: Yoghurt, grapes
Lunch: Whole meal sandwich with tuna, tomato and lettuce
Drink: Water

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FEBRUARY

Wed 5th - School Swimming Carnival 9:30am

Wed 12th - Opening Year Mass- 11.30am

- Welcome BBQ, Parent Info & AGM

Night- 6pm

Wed 19th - Transition Information Meeting-10.00am

- School Twilight Prayer Reflection

Afternoon-3.30pm

Wed 26th -Ash Wednesday Welcome BBQ, Parent Info & AGM Night - 6pm

Fri 28th - Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Moree

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED, FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE A TERM PLANNER FOR YOU TO PLACE ON YOUR FRIDGE OR NOTICEBOARD.

WE HAVE ADDED EVENTS THAT WE ALREADY KNOW ABOUT. PLEASE FILL OUT THE REST AS YOU RECEIVE EVENT DATES.



