



SACRED HEART NEWSLETTER

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Week 6

Term 1

2nd March 2020

Dear Parents, Carers & Students

Recently I went to Armidale to attend the first Principal Meeting for this year and I couldn't believe how in just over a month when I last made this trip, the impact with the large amount of rainfall that we had received has had on the environment. It was great to see green paddocks all of the way to Armidale as well as a lot of dams full and even rivers running and in some cases bursting their banks. Hopefully this trend will continue in the very near future.

Last week a survey was sent home to all parents in regards to their opinions on a number of proposals that will be happening at various times throughout the year. A big thank you goes out to a large number of parents who have already filled out the survey. Please be aware that the closing date for the survey is this **Friday 6th March**. If you have any questions/queries in regards to any of the content that is in this survey, please feel free to contact me at school. I will be presenting the findings to the staff and also to our parent community in the very near future.

Please be aware that the school's Skoolbag App is now obsolete and there will be no more messages/alerts being sent home using this communication feature. Please DELETE it from all of your devices. All messages/alerts will now be sent home via the school's COMPASS App. Again thank you to the number of parents who have recently downloaded this app on their IT devices. If you need some tuition on how to use the app or even understand it's capabilities, there are some COMPASS Parent Information Booklets at the office. Please let us know if you require a copy of the booklet. The PTF will also be sharing information regarding events on the School's Parent Facebook page.

Even though the Gunnedah Eisteddfod seems to be way off in mid Term 2, our students have already begun preparing for the items that we are planning to enter in. Next Thursday all students and teachers will be working with Shyamla Eswaran who visited Sacred Heart last year leading a Hip-Hopping from Bollywood to Brazil workshop. This year all students will be performing a Bollywood inspired production.

So don't be surprised over the upcoming weeks to see your child practising some interesting dance moves at home. More information in regards to dates and times involved with the Gunnedah Eisteddfod will be sent home as soon as we find out.

Have a great fortnight and I will hopefully see you in the very near future!

Dallas Hyatt



Happy Birthday to Elliott who celebrates his 11th birthday today! We hope he enjoys the remainder of his special day!



Please note due to the aquatics program that the students are involved with during our normal assembly time, our next weekly assembly will be on this Friday 6th March at 2.30pm.



2020 TRANSITION PROGRAM

Our 2020 Transition Program will commence this Friday 6th March. At the moment we have 9 children enrolled in this program. Mrs Sharon John and Mrs Leah Rees will be planning and implementing the lessons involved.

This program is for children who will be entering Kindergarten in the 2021 school year. We still have a number of vacancies, so please spread the word around!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Lenten Prayer

During this season of *Lent* we pray that each of us realises the importance of prayer in our lives.

During this season of *Lent* we pray that we can focus on the needs of others and put aside our own needs.

During this season of *Lent* we pray for forgiveness and reconciliation in our world, in our homes and in our school community. **Amen**

LENT

Lent is a journey which began on 26th February - Ash Wednesday. It runs for 40 days and prepares us to celebrate Easter. It is a time for reflection and spiritual renewal. In the Catholic church, Ash Wednesday kicks off the penitential season of Lent. During Lent, we fast, pray and give alms to the needy, to prepare our hearts for Easter Sunday.

PROJECT COMPASSION LENTEN PROGRAM

Project Compassion Money boxes were sent home last Wednesday.

The theme for Project Compassion 2020 is 'Go Further Together'.

Throughout Project Compassion 2020, students will be shown examples of how the money raised by the Sacred Heart school community will be used to assist other communities who are in great need of fresh food, water and shelter.

SACRAMENTS 2020

Confirmation

Sunday 3rd May, 9am, St Joseph's Church, Gunnedah

- Parent Information Wednesday 18th March - 12.30pm
- Rite of Enrolment Mass Saturday 21st March - 4pm
- Rite 2 Reconciliation Wednesday 29th April - 11am
- Retreat day Friday, 1st May St Xavier's Gunnedah (Bishop will visit)

First Eucharist Saturday 13th June, 4pm, Sacred Heart Church Boggabri

- Parent Information - Wednesday 6th May - 12.30pm
- Rite of Enrolment Mass Saturday 9th May - 4pm

- Rite 2 Reconciliation Wednesday 10th June - 11am

First Reconciliation Saturday 19th September, 4pm, Sacred Heart Church Boggabri

- Parent Information - Wednesday 5th August - 12.30pm
- Rite of Enrolment Mass Saturday 8th August - 4pm

SPORT

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

It was great to hear how well our students went at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival held at Moree and it was unfortunate that Mr Hyatt couldn't attend in his normal role of team manager. Thanks again to Mrs Rees who was the team manager for the day. All of our students showed the rest of the Diocese how great our school really is as their behaviour and sportsmanship was exemplary and they gave 100% at all times. They tackled many challenging obstacles such as the longer pool and the high level of competition. All children should be very proud of their achievements especially Jack who will compete at Polding for 11yrs Breaststroke and Felicity who came first in Jnr Breaststroke, 2nd in Jnr Backstroke and Individual Medley. With these placings, Felicity achieved the Runner Up Junior Girl. Our PP5 Relay Team consisting of Tom, Felicity, Cameron and Molly came first in their event. All of these children will now represent the Armidale Diocese at the Polding Swimming Trials on **Wednesday 25th March at Sydney. Congratulations to all students!**

Cross Country

Due to a number of items that are happening in the first few weeks of Term 2, we have decided to have our Cross Country during the last week of Term 1. Please mark down, **Wednesday 8th April** in your diaries, as our Cross Country will be taking place on this day. More details a little later on.

PTF NEWS

The first PTF Meeting was held today in the school library. Many items were discussed, with the main one being the Drover's Campfire fundraiser. More information regarding this will be available in upcoming newsletters.

CANTEEN

Many thanks to the parents/grandparents who have volunteered to do Canteen this term. We have many new volunteers that will be having their orientation this term (which is great). If you are happy to do canteen in Term 2, could you please contact Fran Jackson.

Roster

Friday 6th March ~ Heike Watson

Friday 13th March ~ Fran Jackson & Georgie Carrigan

BANKING

Just a reminder that student banking is held every Tuesday of the school year. ADIG offers an incentive system, so if you bank at least \$1 deposit each week you will qualify. Also the school receives a 30% commission on all deposits made throughout the year. If your child would like to bank, please contact the office for an application form.

WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 is when students start wearing their winter uniform. Could you please check to see what your child will need, as an order will be placed at the end of Week 8. **This is only 2 weeks away** and it will creep up on us quicker than you think. The orders will be going in at this time because if we need to order jackets etc with emblems, they take a bit longer to arrive. Uniform Order Form went home in Week 4 and remember that all payment for uniforms **must** accompany the order either by cash/cheque or EFT payments made to PTF account. (Payment Details are on the order form). **Orders must be received by Friday 21st March. NO ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**



MARCH

Tues 3rd - Lenten Group 3:30pm

Wed 4th - Mass 11:30am

Thurs 5th / Fri 6th - Peaceful Kids Conference
Tamworth - Mrs Fenton

Fri 6th - First day of Transition Program /
Assembly 2:30pm / Parent Survey closes

Tues 10th - Lenten Group 3:30pm

Wed 11th - NO MASS

Thurs 12th - Shyamla Dance Workshop - Day
in Residence

Fri 13th - Assembly 2:30pm

Fri 21st - Winter Uniform orders due

Good for Kids good for life

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Walk, bike ride, skate or scooter to school on March 13th, to celebrate active travel.



Children under 16 years of age (and adults supervising them) are allowed to ride on a footpath in NSW.

Encourage your kids to follow these tips for safer riding:

- Always wear an approved bicycle helmet, properly fitted and fastened.
- Always obey road rules, including traffic lights, stop signs and give way signs.
- Turn your head when passing driveways
- Keep left when riding on the footpath and give way to pedestrians
- Travel at a speed that is safe for you and others
- Wear bright clothing to make yourself visible

Sources: The Bicycle Network & Transport for Road Safety NSW



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A poster for 'PLAY SOCCER' with a soccer ball in the center. The text reads: 'REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 10th APRIL', 'PLAY SOCCER', 'SIGN UP TO PLAY SOCCER AND BE A PART OF THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR SPORT!', '2020 ONLINE REGISTRATIONS OPEN'. It lists details for Gunnebaan & District Soccer, including age ranges (5-16), skill levels, vouchers, and sibling discounts. Contact information includes a Facebook page and a phone number (0423 397 141).

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 10th APRIL

PLAY SOCCER

SIGN UP TO PLAY SOCCER AND BE A PART OF THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR SPORT!

2020 ONLINE REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Gunnebaan & District Soccer

- Open to all juniors: ages 5-16
- All skill levels welcome
- ActiveKids Vouchers claimable
- Sibling discounts available
- Register at www.playfootball.com.au

more info at: [facebook.com/gunnehahsoccer](https://www.facebook.com/gunnehahsoccer) or call 0423 397 141



