



SACRED HEART NEWSLETTER

Phone: 6743 4656

Fax: 6743 4250

Email: admin@sacredheartboggabri.catholic.edu.au

dhyatt@arm.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.sacredheartboggabri.edu.au



Week 8

Term 1

16th March 2020

Dear Parents, Carers & Students

Unfortunately at the moment the coronavirus and the impact that it is having on the various industries/events globally is the main point of discussion in many households and rightfully so! However on the weekend I was fortunate enough to watch a documentary on how everyone in a small village in Ireland is preparing for their celebrations of St Patrick's Day for tomorrow and it was very warming to see how all of these villagers work tirelessly through the year to ensure that all residents in the village play an important role in the celebration of this day. In a way, this documentary reminded me of what we are doing here at Sacred Heart Primary, as everyone is encouraged to help us make a difference.

Next Monday (23rd March), our Years 3 and 5 students will be involved in completing some practise online NAPLAN assessments. These results will not be officially recorded after these tests are completed. Not even the teachers or myself will be able to access the results. It is a trial to determine whether the school's WIFI and IT system can handle the testing. A note was sent home last week to the parents / guardians of our Years 3 and 5 students with more information. If you have any questions/queries before then, please feel free to contact me at school.

PARENT SURVEY

Also thank you to the parents who filled in the parent survey in regards to their opinion on a number of factors that we will encounter throughout this academic year. From the results obtained, our school fee payment structure will be the same as last year as well as keeping the same starting time for our PTF meetings. I will be presenting the findings at the next PTF meeting as well as keeping everyone updated with school excursions, major projects, athletics carnival, use of our school website, etc in the very near future.

I have to admit that last Thursday afternoon I was quite exhausted practising with the students the various Bollywood moves for their upcoming performance at the Gunnedah Eisteddfod next term. A big thank you goes out to Shyamla Eswaran who led the workshop with all of the students as well as

some of the teachers with the various dance moves to the song that we will be actually performing. At times I thought I was actually in a Bollywood production. Now it is up to the teachers as well as the students to make the final touches to ensure that our performance will be an event to remember!

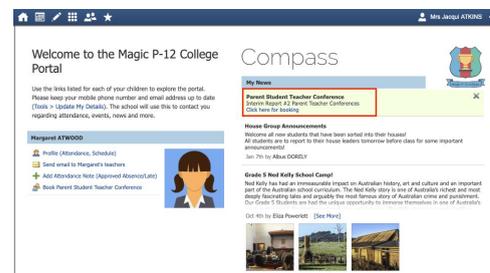
Term 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held next week (unless we receive further notification).

These interviews are designed to inform how your child is going with their learning at the moment and also to set learning goals for the rest of the school year. Appointments can be made via the Compass App and these will be available from tomorrow morning.

Parents can log in to Compass and book a time with staff members at the school.

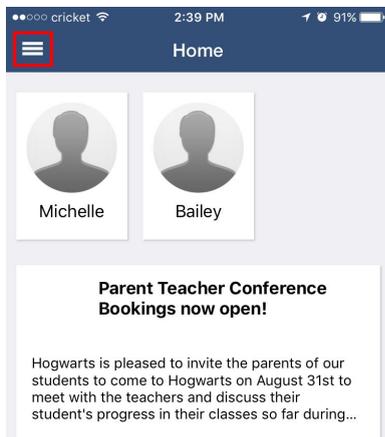
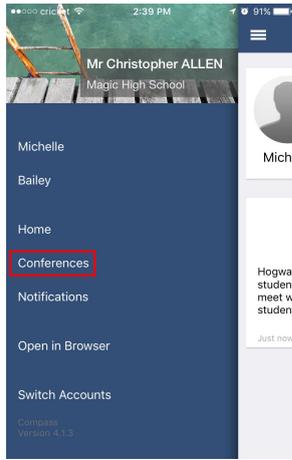
Making a Booking through the Parent Portal (Computer)

Click the notification in your parent portal to make a booking. If you want to access Conferences and do not have a notification, (in each child's profile) click **Book Parent Student Teacher Conference**, then click **My Bookings**. Ensure that you read the **Show me How to Book** to proceed. Follow the prompts to make a booking time.



Using the Compass App to Make a Booking

To use the Compass App on your mobile device: Login using your parent login credentials. From the homepage click the hamburger menu button at the top left (**three horizontal bars**) and then select **'Conferences'** from the menu that slides open. Click on **Week 9 Term 1 Parent / Teacher Interviews** → Click on your child → Click **Interview Welcome** → Scroll down to choose preferred day → Click on timeslot → Click on **Confirm Booking**. If you have more than 1 child, click the back button, then choose your other child and repeat the process.



2020 TRANSITION PROGRAM

Our 2020 Transition Program commenced on Friday 6th March. The school community welcomed Rex, Annabelle, Flynn, Hayley, Lachie, Brayden, Noah, Elsie, Samuel and their families. From all accounts they had a wonderful start to their time with us at Sacred Heart. Mrs Sharon John and Mrs Leah Rees were very busy indeed.

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!

If you have any trouble booking an appointment through Compass, please contact Robyn for help.

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

Dallas Hyatt



Students Of The Week for Attitude, Values and Study Habits Weeks 6 and 7

Transition Rex, Annabelle, Flynn, Hayley, Lachie, Brayden, Noah, Elsie & Samuel

K-1 Dougie & Harry

Yr 2-4 Grace & Saxon

Yr 5-6 Mackenzie & Steven

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Felicity for her excellent achievement at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival.

Ava S: for showing a great understanding of the various structures associated with the different bridge types.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Creed for Our Children

We want our children to be **strong** – to do what they believe is right and to recover when they make mistakes.

We want our children to have **empathy** – to know what it is like to be lonely, scared and vulnerable; to seek help and to give help.

We want our children to love **warmly** – their families, their lives, other children, peoples of different cultures and abilities.

We want our children to love God – to know the love of God through the adults surrounding them; to know God as a friend and faithful companion. **Amen**

Examples of Project Compassion 2020

In Cambodia, a Caritas Australia supported program has helped Phany turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful small farm and has become a role model in her community. Just \$50 dollars can provide 50 chicks for this small farming family, increasing their supply of food and ability to earn an income.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and empower vulnerable young people like Phany in Cambodia to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Project Compassion Fund Raiser

An easter egg guessing competition will be held at school. Each guess will cost 50 cents with ALL money raised going directly to Project Compassion. The winner will be drawn on Thursday 9th of April.

Confirmation

Confirmation Parent Information Session will be held WEDNESDAY 18th March. This compulsory meeting will take place in the meeting room at Sacred Heart School and will begin at 12.30pm. It is essential that a parent or guardian of the Confirmation candidate attend this meeting.

Quote - Pope Francis, Manila, 2015

“In the family we learn how to love, to forgive, to be generous and open, not closed and selfish. We learn to move beyond our own needs, to encounter others and share our lives with them. That is why it is so important to pray as a family!”

REAL TALK

Like last year the REAL TALK series of workshops and seminars will be taking place at Sacred Heart in 2020. Aimed towards students in Years 4 and 6 and also their parents/guardians, these workshops are focused on developing relationships and personal identity. Based on Catholic Christian values, Real Talk provides up-to-date resources, presentations and programs that help young people to understand God's amazing plan for love and life.

Parents of Years 4 and 6 students are invited to attend the Parent Information Night on **Monday 4th May commencing at 6.00pm**. The Year 4 and 6 workshops will be held on **Tuesday 5th May at the school**. A note will be sent home for the parents/guardians of students in Years 4 and 6 tomorrow next week.

SPORT

Polding Swimming Trials

Five students from Sacred Heart qualified to represent the Armidale Diocese at the Polding Swimming

Trials on
*Wednesday
25th March
in Sydney.*

Jack will compete in the 11yrs Breaststroke

and Felicity will contest the Jnr Girl Breaststroke, Backstroke and Individual Medley. Felicity will also join Molly, Cameron and Tom in the PP5 Relay Team. We wish them all the best on the day.

CANCELLED

In light of World Health Organisation's declaration of a worldwide pandemic CSNSW Sport has suspended sports events over the next 2 weeks.

CSNSW Sport notes the expert medical advice of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee, Commonwealth, State and Territory who have provided advice against holding non-essential, organised public gatherings of more than 500 people from Monday 16th March 2020.

Resultantly, CSNSW Sport is cancelling upcoming events. This includes:

- NSWCCC Water Polo selection trials at Ryde - 16 March
- All Schools Cricket at Maitland - 16-19 March
- NSWCCPS Swimming at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre (SOPAC) – 25 March
- NSWCCC Swimming and Diving at SOPAC – 31 March
- NSWCCC Touch Football at Nelson Bay – 8 April

Potentially we may not be able to reschedule these events, we note SOPAC is closed to the public from Monday 16 March 2020 until further notice.

We thank you for your support during this challenging time.

Cross Country

Just a reminder, our School Cross Country will be taking place at Jubilee Oval on **Wednesday 8th April, commencing at 11.30am**. A permission note will go home next week.

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees for Term 1 are due on **Wednesday 25th March**. Please ensure the school receives your payment by this date. If you are having difficulty, please contact me to make alternative arrangements.

PTF NEWS

Drover's Campfire Note

Could everyone please ensure that the note sent home in Week 6 regarding the Drover's Campfire Fashion

Parade is returned to school as soon as possible. As you can imagine a lot of organisation goes into this day and your help would be greatly

appreciated. Please find attached a book of raffle tickets for your family to sell. **For legal reasons these tickets must be returned either sold or unsold.**

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 20th March ~ Sally Bates & Aileen Howe

Friday 27th March ~ Fran Jackson & Sophie Rodstrom

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 (**Friday of this week**). 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 Forms went home in Week 4, however if you need another one, please contact Robyn in the Office. Remember that all payments for uniforms **must** accompany the order either by cash/cheque or EFT payments made to PTF account (Remittance Required). **Payment Details are on the order form.**

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 20TH MARCH. NO ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

BANKING

Just a reminder that student banking is held every Tuesday of the school year. Parents are asked to please ensure that your child's deposit slip is complete and money is in the book. Some student's money has been missing and as a parent is helping out with banking, we are unable to chase this up during class. Your help in this matter would be appreciated.

LIBRARY BORROWING

Library borrowing takes place on Fridays for all students. Please ensure that your child has their library bag with them, otherwise they are unable to borrow.



MARCH

WEEK 8

Tues 17th - Lenten Group 3:30pm

Wed 18th - Mass - 11:30am / Confirmation

Parent Meeting - 12:30pm at school

Fri 20th - Winter Uniform orders due / Bookclub due

Sat 21st - Enrolment Mass for Confirmation - 4pm (Sacred Heart Church)

WEEK 9

Mon 23rd - NAPLAN Practice Test

Mon 23rd - Wed 25th / Term 1 Parent-Teacher Interviews (bookings on Compass)

Tues 24th - Lenten Group 3:30pm

Wed 25th - Mass 11:30am / Term 1 School Fees Due

WEEK 10

Tues 31st - Lenten Group 3:30pm

APRIL

Thurs 2nd - Know Waste Program - 1:45pm

WEEK 11

Tues 7th - Lenten Group 3:30pm

Wed 8th - School Cross Country - 11:30am at Jubilee Oval

Thurs 9th - Fish & Chip Meal Deal / **LAST DAY OF TERM 1**

