



# SACRED HEART NEWSLETTER

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## Week 3

## Term 3

## 3rd August 2020

Dear Parents, Carers & Students

I have to admit the last fortnight has been like an emotional rollercoaster since I have made my decision public about leaving Sacred Heart Primary at the end of this school year. It was a very hard decision to make but unfortunately all good times must come to an end. However I know that between now and the end of the school year, will bring a large number of highlights and memories before I officially have to pack my bags and move on. I know the new principal of Sacred Heart will continue to make this school even greater!

Recently I received notification from the Catholic Schools with a current update in regards to implementation and/or lifting of restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the easing of restrictions is that the school is now able to host PTF and/or SAC meetings as long as we abide with the current social distancing rules. Therefore our next PTF meeting will be held on **Monday 10th August** at 1.45pm in the staffroom. It would be absolutely fantastic if you could come.

Even though this still needs to be officially approved by the Catholic Schools Office, I am writing to let everyone know that on **Monday 7th September**, there will be a Staff Development Day as all members of the staff will be completing their First Aid training at Gunnedah. I do apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause to your family due to the school being closed on this day.

In previous years, Sacred Heart has been involved in a School Improvement Survey Process where staff, parents and our Year 4-6 students are encouraged to complete. This survey is designed to assess what we are doing well as a school and also raise any concerns that we can rectify. The company who is organising this survey will be sending out emails to all prospective parties from **Monday 31st August**. If you haven't received an email and/or have any questions/queries regarding the survey by this date, please feel free to contact me.

Finally I would like to formally welcome Rose who had her first day in Years 2-4 class last Tuesday. Rose is in Year 3 and I know that Rose and her

parents James and Mary-anne will be made to feel very welcome in our school community.

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

Dallas Hyatt



Happy Birthday to Ayden who celebrated his 11th birthday yesterday as well as Mack who will be turning 12 on Friday 14th August. We hope both of you enjoy your special day!



### *Students Of The Week for Attitude, Values and Study Habits Weeks 1 and 2*

**Transition-** Brayden

**K-1** - Harry and Kiarah

**2-4** - Coen and Rose

**5-6** - Jack and Tori

### **PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

**Jeremiah:** for improvement shown with his creative writing skills.

**Cameron and Molly:** for showing great leadership when representing the school.

### **HOME READING AWARDS**

**25 nights:** Saxon

**50 nights:** Shakira

**75 nights:** Ava S and Xanthia

**100 nights:** Grace, Ellie and Evie

**125 nights:** Matilda R



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Catholic Schools Prayer

Jesus, Good Shepherd,

Teach us through your Spirit to walk your  
way of light,  
to live your way of truth and in all things act  
with love and compassion.

May our schools be places of wonder,  
learning and peace where the lessons of today  
prepare us for the challenges of tomorrow.

May your Mother, Mary,  
guide our footsteps as she guided yours.

This prayer I make in faith.

Amen

### Catholic Core Principles and Values.

Catholic schools have both an academic and religious purpose. It is this religious purpose that sets us apart from other schooling systems. Our schools share in the Diocesan mission to Proclaim, Witness and Serve so as to shape our students as well-formed individuals who have a Catholic framework for living in the world of today. Catholic Principles and Values underpin all we do in Catholic schools. These principles and values are explicitly taught in every subject.

They have been chosen so that students in every year level will have a framework to help guide them in life once they leave school. The mandatory embedding of Core Catholic Principles and Values is explicit in teaching and learning activities in all areas of the curriculum. Through the Catholic Principles and Values and their application in every subject, our students will be helped to develop a worldview that focuses on God and God's desire for all human beings to create a world where everyone is respected and cared for, the environment is managed for the future and resources are used for the benefit of all.

#### The Core Catholic Principles and Values

- The Principle of the Primacy of God
- The Principle of the Sanctity of Life
- The Principle of Fidelity in Relationship
- The Principle of the Common Good.

The explicit teaching of these principles and values will allow each student to grow in their understanding, so that they can develop a meaningful framework on which to build their future lives.

*It is the explicit teaching of these principles and values that sets our Catholic schools apart.*

### RESCHEDULING OF SACRAMENTS

Dates amended due to impact of COVID-19

#### **\*\*First Reconciliation**

**Saturday 19th September at 3.30pm  
Sacred Heart Church, Boggabri.**

#### **\*\*First Eucharist**

**Saturday 17th October at 4pm Sacred  
Heart Church, Boggabri.**

#### **\*\*Confirmation**

**Saturday 14th November, 5:30pm OR  
Sunday 15th November, 9am, St Joseph's  
Church, Gunnedah.**

### SCHOOL MASS

We will be recommencing our celebration of Mass this Wednesday commencing at 11.30am. To ensure we are following social distancing measures, the students will be celebrating Mass every alternate Wednesday. This upcoming Wednesday the students in Years 5-6 will be celebrating Mass. While in Week 4, students in K-4 will be attending. Please note that there will be no hymns played, no presenting of the gifts or shaking each other's hand when offering a sign of peace. If you have any questions or queries in regards to these arrangements, please see Sharon or myself.

### SPORT

#### Athletics

As mentioned in the last edition of the newsletter, we are hoping our School Athletics Carnival will take place on **Wednesday 9th September**. In helping the students from Year 2 to 6 prepare for the carnival, we are very fortunate to have Maryanne Perkins who commenced working with these children to further develop their athletics skills last Friday. These sessions will continue every Friday until the **4th September** focusing on a specific skill associated with athletics.

### SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees were sent home last week and are due by **Friday 28th August**. If you haven't made payment for overdue school fees, could you please do so as soon as possible.



Mon 10th - PTF Meeting 1:45pm (Staffroom)  
Wed 12th - Twilight Prayer Reflection 3:30pm  
Wed 12th -Fri 14th - Principal's Meeting

## AUGUST

Wed 5th - School Mass 11:30am (Yr 5/6)

Fri 7th - SCHOOL CENSUS DAY


Sat 8th - First Reconciliation Enrolment Mass  
4pm

## BIG WRITE THIS WEEK!

This week is our first Big Write for the term. To assist students with their writing it is beneficial for them to discuss their topic. This will help them gather ideas and thoughts for their writing session. We have seen a huge improvement in those students that get to talk about their Big Write at home.

## Talk Homework - Week 3

asive writing prompts



**Which would be the cooler place to live? A castle or a treehouse? Which would you choose? Why?**

I need your help to decide which place would be cooler to live in. Should I choose a castle or a treehouse?

I have to persuade all my readers why I chose the one I did.

I need to give:

1. an **O**pinion
- 2 a **R**eason why I have this opinion
3. some **E**xamples that support my reason
4. my **O**pinion again using different words.

