



SACRED HEART NEWSLETTER

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Week 7

Term 3

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Dear Parents, Carers & Students

I can definitely feel that we are in the last few days of Winter and Spring is definitely coming along. What a glorious weekend we just had weather wise!

Hopefully this is the start of something exciting as I can finally put my winter coat and beanie away in storage for another year. Unfortunately with the onset of Spring, this means it is magpie breeding season. Please be careful as I know there are a few magpies around the vicinity of the school that have been swooping various walkers and bike riders already.

It definitely looks like the remaining four weeks of this term is going to be very busy indeed! With the athletics carnival starting from this week, school photos in Week 9, as well as the Year 6 students coordinating various fundraising activities that will go towards their gift to the school at the end of next term. This year the school will be hosting its annual Public Speaking Day and this will take place on **Wednesday 23rd September**. Due to the current restrictions associated with COVID-19, the competition is only open to students at Sacred Heart Primary. I know from my classroom visits all of the students have commenced their preparations for their prepared speech. I would like to thank Mrs Howarth for coordinating this event.

Speaking of restrictions associated with this ongoing pandemic, all parents and staff members have received the latest advice from the Catholic Schools Office last week. Unfortunately due to the current situation that we are in, our Transition Program has been cancelled until further notice. Hopefully when the restrictions are reviewed early next term, we will get approval to recommence this program. To ensure that our nine students who participate in this program every Friday are still having every opportunity to participate in this program out of school, Mrs Rees is currently organising learning packs/resources that will be sent home in the very near future. I am definitely looking forward to seeing those students again soon.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

In the 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 today. If you didn't receive an email and/or have any questions/queries regarding the survey, please feel free to contact me. The closing date for this School Improvement Survey is **Wednesday 9th September**. We should receive the information for all of the surveys in the first few weeks of Term 4.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Remember that the school will be closed next **Monday 7th September** as the staff will be going to Gunnedah to participate at a First Aid Training Day. I do apologise for any inconveniences that this may cause yourself and/or your family.

Finally I would like to welcome Bianca Day who commenced her teaching practicum placement today. Bianca is a third year student studying for a Bachelor of Education at the University of New England. Bianca will be with us for four weeks and she will be working with Mrs John and Mrs Sims on K-1. We wish Bianca all of the best and I know that she will enjoy her time here at Sacred Heart.

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

Dallas Hyatt

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS



Students Of The Week for Attitude, Values and Study Habits Weeks 5 and 6

K-1 - Dougie and Matilda

2-4 - Oscar and Grace

5-6 -Hallie and Hannah

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Elliott: for successfully identifying and writing complex sentences in set writing tasks.

Saxon: dedication and persistence shown with his high jumping.

HOME READING AWARDS

25 nights:

50 nights: Saxon, Coen

75 nights: Shakira

100 nights:

125 nights: Grace, Evie and Xanthia

175 nights: Lachlan



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Loving God, have mercy on all your people.

Help us to listen when you call us.

Give us courage to do what you ask and keep us
close to your heart.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Catholic Core Principles and Values.

Catholic Principles and Values underpin all we do in Catholic schools. These principles and values are explicitly taught in every subject. It is the explicit teaching of these principles and values that sets our Catholic schools apart. This school newsletter will focus on explaining our **second Catholic Core Principle**.

The Principle of the Sanctity of Life

This Principle teaches that every human life is sacred. We focus on **3** important values.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Catholics believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things. Each human being has been created in the image and likeness of God.

Rights and Responsibilities

Every person has a fundamental right to life. We all have duties and responsibilities to one another, our families and to the larger society.

Stewardship of God's Creation

The Catholic tradition teaches that we show our respect to God our creator by our stewardship of creation. We are all called to protect people and the planet.

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

This upcoming Wednesday the students in **Year 5-6** will be celebrating Mass. 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On **Wednesday 16th September** we will be having our school photos. Envelopes were sent home last week. Photos are optional for parents to purchase and because of this we will not be chasing up envelopes. If you are purchasing photos, envelopes will need to be handed in to the office before the day. Regardless of whether you are purchasing photos, **all students** will be photographed for school records so please ensure that your child is in their correct winter uniform. **Girls are required to wear navy stockings on the day.**

SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 School Fees are now overdue. If you haven't yet made payment, please do so as soon as possible or contact the school if you are having difficulty.

SPORT

School Athletics Carnival

The next fortnight is going to be action packed with the completion of our School Athletics Carnival at various stages. The official high jump competition for the carnival will be held at school **tomorrow (Tuesday 1st September)**. The Minor Section will commence at approximately 11.20am, followed by the Juniors at 12.00pm and the Seniors at 1.25pm. We wish all of the students the best of luck.

On **Tuesday 8th September**, all respective age divisions will be taking part in the shot put. While the rest of the field and running events will be held at Jubilee Oval on **Wednesday 9th September**.

The students will be walking to the oval as soon as the late bus has arrived and we will be returning back to school at approximately 2.30pm. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are not allowed to have any parents/grandparents entering and/or staying at Jubilee Oval at any time during the day. Parents are not allowed to pick up their children until we arrive back at school.

As our students have missed out on taking part in a number of community/diocesan events this year due to the pandemic that we are currently experiencing, we are very fortunate to be able to host a sporting carnival and we don't want to jeopardise our students and staff members safety and well-being. A lot of planning behind the scenes has been conducted to ensure that we are abiding by all of the restrictions that are currently in place. Thank you for your understanding and hopefully in 2021, we will be able to have an athletics carnival where all members of our learning community can take part in.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch order bags for the Athletics Carnival need to be handed into the office by this **Friday 4th September** with the correct money. **LATE ORDERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.** There is a set menu in place which went home with all students last week.

YR 6 FUNDRAISING DAY

The Year 6 students will be holding a fundraising day on **Tuesday 22nd September**. This will be a mufti-day (wear your own clothes) for a gold coin donation. Other fundraising activities will take place on the day so save your coins. As you can appreciate, due to COVID the Yr 6 students haven't had much of an opportunity to do any fundraising this year for their end of year gift to the school so please support them on this day.

SUMMER UNIFORM ORDER

Ms Traynor will be placing a summer uniform order on **Wednesday 16th September** ready for Term 4. As the PTF only stock limited items, please ensure that you have checked your child's uniform and place the order with payment by the due date so that you don't miss out. (Please note that new girls summer uniforms need to be purchased by parents - available from Lowes Tamworth or Grace's Uniforms Coonabarabran 02 6842 1670.) Please contact Ms Traynor if you need any clarification.

The uniform order is attached to this newsletter.

ITEMS DUE

Friday 4th September - **ATHLETICS LUNCH ORDERS**

Thursday 10th September - **BOOKCLUB**

Wednesday 16th September - **SUMMER UNIFORM ORDER / SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES**



AUGUST

Mon 31st - ICAS Maths Assessment

SEPTEMBER

Sat 5th - First Eucharist Enrolment Mass - 4pm

Sun 6th - Father's Day

Mon 7th - PUPIL FREE DAY

Wed 9th - Athletics Carnival @ Jubilee Oval

Thurs 10th - Bookclub due

Wed 16th - School Photos / Summer Uniform Order due

Sat 19th - First Reconciliation 3:30pm

Tues 22nd - Year 6 Fundraising Day

Wed 23rd - Public Speaking Day

Fri 25th - LAST DAY OF TERM

