



SACRED HEART NEWSLETTER

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Week 9

Term 3

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Dear Parents, Carers & Students

It is unbelievable that we are at this time of year where I am writing up my section for the last newsletter of Term 3. Where has the year gone? It is quite scary that we only have twelve more weeks before the 2020 academic year finishes as it does feel it was only yesterday that I was writing the first edition of the newsletter. However before this term concludes, there are a number of events that the school will be hosting and/or the students taking part in.

You wouldn't believe how much better the front of the school looks since the front garden has been relandscaped. I have had a number of positive comments from various members of the local community on how these changes have improved the general appearance to the school. Work has just commenced on installing the plaques, lighting, the memorial and plants for our ANZAC garden that will be situated in front of my office. Thanks again to the Groves and Carrigan families for being the main drivers of this project. Also on the first Saturday in the school holidays, work will commence with the upgrading of the students toilet facilities. Most of the work should be completed before students return back to school for Term 4.

I do apologise for the late notice but I have just received approval from the Catholic Schools Office to have our second last Staff Development Day for the year on **Monday 12th October**. As a result the first day of Term 4 for the students will be **Tuesday 13th October**. Again I apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause yourself and your family.

During the last fortnight I have seen a number of students rehearsing their prepared speech and also developing skills associated with impromptu speeches. Next **Wednesday 23rd September**, Sacred Heart will be hosting its Annual Small Schools Public Speaking Day. As mentioned in the last edition of the newsletter, due to the current restrictions associated with COVID-19, the competition is only open to students at Sacred Heart Primary and unfortunately unlike previous years, parents are not allowed to watch their children

perform their prepared and impromptu speeches. Hopefully everything will be back to normal this time next year, where we will be able to invite parents/grandparents and the other small schools in the region to participate in this event. This year we are very lucky to have some representatives from the Catholic Schools Office judging some of the sections. I know they are going to have to make some very difficult decisions on this day. Again I would like to thank all teachers for the large amount of time that they have devoted to ensure our students are prepared for this day, most especially to Mrs Howarth for coordinating this event.

I need to admit to myself, I am getting old and some parts of my body still haven't fully recovered from our School Athletics Carnival last Wednesday. Like I had mentioned in the previous four years, it is very enjoyable to be involved in a carnival such as everyone was encouraged to do their best, regardless of their sporting ability! Even though we conducted the high jump as well as the shot put at school this year, I feel that we still have got the formula right for a great athletics carnival at Sacred Heart as all students were encouraged to participate, try their best and they showed great sportsmanship. Again congratulations to all members of the Namoi house.

Sacred Heart will be celebrating **Book Week** in Week 2 next term (19th-23rd October). The theme for Book Week this year is: 'Curious Creatures-Wild Minds'. Sacred Heart will be celebrating Book Week on **Wednesday 21st October**. Our library coordinator, Ms Moran has been busily organising various activities to be hosted on this day. Including the students **dressing up as a curious creature**, making bookmarks and face masks of their favourite superhero and many more! Also the school will be hosting an online bookfair during Week 2 and 3 as well. More information will be sent home regarding everything that is happening before the end of term.

How time flies! At the moment Miss Bianca Day has passed the halfway point of her teaching practicum with us. When the next edition of the newsletter is sent out early next term, Miss Day will be recommencing her degree online. Thank you Bianca for your enthusiasm, commitment and dedication you have shown during your short stay with us and we

wish you all the very best with your further academic pursuits.

Also next Monday will be the last day Miss Mooney will be working with us. Ashleigh has accepted a teaching position at St Xavier's Primary Gunnedah for the remainder of the school year. On behalf of everyone at our school community, we wish you the best of luck and we hope you enjoyed your time here at Sacred Heart.

Have a great fortnight and I wish you and your family have a safe and relaxing school holidays.
Dallas Hyatt



Happy Birthday to Evie who will be 9 years old this Sunday 20th September and to Annabelle (Transition) Also to Oscar who celebrates his 8th birthday (6th October), Ellie her 6th birthday (9th October) as well as Zach who also on the 9th October will be celebrating his 12th birthday. We hope these students will enjoy their special day!



***Students Of The Week
for Attitude, Values and Study Habits
Weeks 7 and 8***

K-1 - Ellie and Dougie

2-4 - Ava S and Emily

5-6 - Hannah and Jack

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Tom: for his outstanding achievement in high jump.

Matilda M: for showing sportspersonship and persistence in all of her events at the Athletics Carnival.

HOME READING AWARDS

25 nights: Emily and Jeremiah

50 nights: Felicity

100 nights: Shakira and Xanthia

125 nights: Kiara and Kayla

150 nights: Grace

200 nights: Lachlan



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Prayer for the Family

Composed by St. Mother Teresa

May we love one another
as God loves each one of us,
more and more each day,
and forgive each other's faults
as you forgive our sins.
Help us, O Loving Father,
to take whatever you give
and give whatever you take with a big smile.
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
cause of our joy, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us.
Holy Guardian Angels,
be always with us,
guide and protect us.
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 third Catholic Core Principle.

The Principle of Fidelity in Relationships.

“Christ entered this world to give witness to the truth, to rescue and not sit in judgement, to serve and not to be served.”

This Principle looks at different relationships within our society.

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

We believe all humans have a right and a duty to participate in society, working together for the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Sacredness of Self

We are called to be truthful and faithful in all our relationships.

Sacredness of Marriage

Sacredness of the Family

Our personal faithful relationship with Christ helps form the foundation of all other human relationships especially within our family.

Year 6 Religion Test

On **Wednesday 14 October 2020** all Yr 6 students at Sacred Heart will take part in a Religion Test.

This year the Sydney Test is being replaced by one produced by the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Bathurst. A few items in the test will be changed so as to suit the Armidale context. All Year 6 students have been given a simple Religion Study booklet to assist them.

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 for the last time this term.** 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

Also 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.**

SPORT

Athletics Carnival

What a wonderful day was had by all at the School Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 9th September. The children certainly participated in a sportsmanlike manner and gave a 100% effort. Many thanks to everyone who helped out in any way.

Individual Champions:

Minor Boy - Dougie Minor Girl - Grace & Kiarah
Junior Boy - Tom Junior Girl - Felicity
Senior Boy - Cameron Senior Girl - Molly
House Champion - Namoi

PTF NEWS

SOCK FUNDRAISER

The PTF are currently holding a Funky Sock Fundraiser. On Friday a note was sent home with a zip lock bag in relation to price and quantity of this fundraiser. Please return the form with payment by Friday 16th October. If you are unable to sell any socks, we still need you to return the order form. If you are able to sell or buy more, please let either myself or Robyn know so that we know if we need to purchase more socks now and in the future.

Kate Gough

PTF President

CANTEEN

Dear Parents of Sacred Heart School

This year to date has been a very trying time. With the devastating drought having taken a toll we are now faced with Covid 19 which is impacting so greatly on us all.

As you can appreciate our Fundraising Efforts this year has been affected in a way we have not experienced before.

I have taken the liberty to evaluate our Menu that we offer to our students and staff and have reduced some prices trusting that you the parents will be able to support the canteen.

All proceeds from the Canteen are carefully taken into account by your PTF Committee and they look very carefully at the STUDENT'S NEEDS when providing additional infrastructure.

SPECIAL DEALS: End of Term Clearance (while stocks last)

Small Pies	\$1.50
Ham or Chicken Cheese Toastie	\$2.50
Large Pies	\$3.00

If you would like to assist us next term in being able to help in the Canteen please phone me with appropriate dates that you would be available. If you have not assisted in the Canteen previously one of our valued Mum's will be only too happy to help you.

I trust that you will be able to support the canteen every Friday as the canteen supports your child/ren.

Thanking you
Nan Fran
Canteen Coordinator
0438 585 407

YR 6 FUNDRAISING DAY

The Year 6 students will be holding a fundraising day next **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

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

TRANSITION

As our Transition students are unable to attend school each Friday due to the COVID restrictions, Mrs Rees has made up packs and sent them home to all of the children. Hopefully by next term they will be able to join the Sacred Heart Learning Community again.



SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

Mon 12th - PUPIL FREE DAY

Tues 13th - FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

