



SACRED HEART NEWSLETTER

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Week 1

Term 4

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Dear Parents, Carers & Students

Welcome back everyone! I hope all of you have had a great break and that you got to spend a lot of quality time with your family. My holiday involved completing various outdoor chores for my parents as well as trying to improve my golf game. Let's just say, I still need to work on a large range of skills as well as trying not to lose a large number of golf balls. I am definitely glad I am back at Boggabri.

Compared to this time last term, the general appearance of the school has improved dramatically! With the front of the school being relandscaped, the commencement of the ANZAC Memorial Garden, the removal of some trees in the playground as well as the upgrade of the student's toilets. You wouldn't believe how these projects can change the dynamics and atmosphere of the school greatly. Very soon, work will commence on putting mesh around the solar panels as well as installing a net in the COLA in order to prevent the pigeons from living and/or nesting at various spots around the school. I can't wait for the day that this eventuates as it has been an ongoing battle for a number of years.

Late last term I received some good news in regards to the changing of some restrictions associated with COVID-19. Some of the changes include:

- We are now able to recommence our Transition Program immediately
- From the 12th November, our Year 6 students will be able to take part in various Year 7 orientation programs that their chosen high school offers.
- Also at the moment, it looks like we will be able to have a Year 6 Graduation Ceremony at the end of the year. Fingers crossed!

However, there are still a number of activities that are still on hold. Unfortunately parents are still not allowed to attend assemblies and/or take part in any cultural events, school barbecues, working bees or fundraisers on school grounds. Hopefully these restrictions will be lifted in the very near future as at the moment, this will impact our annual presentation night. An announcement will be made in regards to this event in the very near future.

Late last term I experienced my last 'Small Schools Public Speaking Day' and like in previous years even though it was an inhouse event, I was very impressed by the high standard of competition. I know all of our students, parents and staff have dedicated a large amount of time and effort in preparing for this day. All of our speakers did a fantastic job and if I was the judge, I would have awarded them all equal first place. Unfortunately some of our students missed out on the official awards, but to me they are all winners in my eyes and they should be very proud of their overall achievements. A list of the winners and photos from the day will be on our Facebook Page in the near future. A lot of work behind the scenes went into this day to ensure that it was an outstanding success! I would like to thank all of our students, who participated, as well as Jason Hanrahan and Geraldine Chapman from the CSO who were the judges for the day. Last of all to the wonderful staff at our school, especially Colleen Howarth who was the main organiser of the day.

As mentioned in the last edition of the newsletter, Sacred Heart will be celebrating **Book Week** next week (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! It definitely looks like it's going to be a fun day indeed!

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the school will be hosting an ONLINE BOOKFAIR during Weeks 2 and 3. Information regarding this Online Bookfair is attached to the newsletter and more details will follow next week.

Toilet Upgrade

The boys and girls toilet upgrade project was finalised over the school holidays. They both look fresh and amazing. Over the coming weekend the last few items will be installed. Many thanks to Ms Traynor for her management of this project along with the PTF Executive Committee who instigated the idea and were successful with the grant from the Government.

Finally on the last day of Term 3, the Catholic Schools Office made an announcement on the new principal of Sacred Heart for the next academic year. Congratulations goes to Nick Baird. I have known Nick for a long time as we have worked together coordinating various local and diocesan sporting events in the past. Sacred Heart Primary is very fortunate to have Nick as a principal and I know that he will ensure that our learning community will continue to thrive in the very near future.

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

Dallas Hyatt



Happy Birthday to Kale (7) for this Sunday 18th October as well as Mrs Howarth for Saturday 24th October. We hope both of you both enjoy your special day!



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- K-1** - Vicky and Kale
 - 2-4** - Xanthia and Shakira
 - 5-6** -Mack and Cameron
- PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

M'vtgt <for showing great leadership skills with "Buddy Groups"."

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HOME READING AWARDS

- 125 nights:** Kayla
- 150 nights:** Evie and Xanthia
- 200 nights:** Matilda

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Catholic Schools Prayer

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

Help us to come to the Father by knowing you, loving you and seving you in each other.

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

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 fourth and final Catholic Core Principle.

The Principle of The Common Good

This Principle looks at different relationships within our society. We focus on three important values.

Solidarity and Fraternity

Catholic social teachings proclaims that we are our brother's and sister's keepers, whoever they may be and wherever they may be. We consciously work for the fair distribution of goods and resources for human beings so that their dignity can be upheld.

Preferential Option For The Poor

This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus and his concerns for the poor.

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers.

CATHOLIC MISSION WEEK 2020

What is Catholic Mission ? Catholic Mission operates in over 160 countries to support initiatives in 1,100 dioceses, including remote Australia. Founded in 1822 by a lay single woman named Pauline Jaricot, today Catholic Mission is the Pope's own mission organisation. Catholic people are called to give priority to Catholic Mission as the agency provides essential funding for the Church in Africa, Asia, the Pacific and parts of South America.

2020 Focus

This year, students across Australia are encouraged to learn about Cambodia, and through fundraising and prayer, be part of the life changing work of the

Catholic church as we support children with disability.

Distressingly, children in Cambodia with disability are sometimes not able to go to school and gain an education, and their families may struggle to care for them.

The Arrupe Centre, established by Bishop Kike in 2001, is a home for children with disability, providing them with support and opportunities to live a fulfilled life.

All of Sacred Heart School's fundraising for Catholic Missions in 2020 will go towards supporting The Arrupe Centre.

On 26th October all students will participate in a special Catholic Missions Prayer reflection.

Sacred Heart School FundRaising - WEEK THREE Term FOUR

On **Friday 30th October** we will be asking all the students at Sacred Heart Primary School to wear clothes of their choice and crazy socks!! A gold coin donation will be collected on the day. *Cnuq'c'' igrge'w'q'p' h'hly' ggu' 'ej' qe'q'v'g'u'c'p'f' 'q'q'g't' F'q'q'g't'u' y' k'nd'g' 'l'q'f' 'h'q't' '72' 'e'g'p'u' 'l'p' 'V'w'g'u' '49' 'j' . 'Y' g'f' '4: 'j' 'c'p'f' ' 'V'j' w't' u'f' c'f' '4; 'j' ' 't' 'g'g'u' 'c'p'f' 'w'p'e'j' 0''*

All of Sacred Heart School's fundraising for Catholic Missions in 2020 will go towards supporting The Arrupe Centre of Cambodia. Thank you for your support.

Year 6 Religion Test

This **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.

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We pray for both Coen and Felicity as they are in the final stages of their preparation in order for him to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first



time this *Ucwt'f'c'f' '39'j' 'Q'ev'q'dgt' 'ut' 4.00pm*. Also we pray for our students who will soon begin their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in November. These children will be involved with their Enrolment Ceremony at Mass this Saturday as well.

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In 2020 the REAL TALK series of workshops and seminars will be taking place at Sacred Heart via ZOOM. Aimed towards students in Years 4 and 6, 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. The Year 4 and 6 workshops will be held on *Vw'g'f'c'f' '42'j' 'Q'ev'q'dgt' 0*

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On **Wednesday 21st October** the students in Yr 5/6 will be taking part in an Introduction to CPR Course at school. This will take place from 1:30 - 2:30pm.Æ Æ

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The new Summer Canteen Menu is attached to this newsletter. Please look at it carefully as many prices have been changed.

Just a reminder that when ordering your lunch from the canteen, please do so on a paper bag.

Nan Fran has received minimal responses for the canteen roster. Please if you are able to give up a Friday to do canteen, give Fran a call on 0438 585 407. There are only 9 Friday's this term so please help out if you can.

