



# SACRED HEART NEWSLETTER

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## Week 4

## Term 1

## 15th February 2021

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is the time where we prepare for the death of Jesus, who gave the ultimate sacrifice of his life for the atonement of our sins. During Lent, we show our appreciation for Jesus' sacrifice through prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Once again this year, our school and diocese supports Project Compassion. Each class will have a Project Compassion box and we ask students to donate money towards the Caritas charity. Any contribution towards Project Compassion is greatly appreciated.

We are celebrating Mass on Wednesday in the church at 11.30am. (**N.B. change of time from 12:30pm**) Students from Years 3 to 6 will be in attendance and students in Yr 5/6 will be leading the Mass. All parents and families are welcome to join us for this parish Mass.

Tomorrow is Shrove Tuesday - sometimes called Pancake Tuesday. This marks the last day before Lent as an opportunity to feast before fasting. The staff will be cooking pancakes for the students to eat before Recess. Please ensure that your child brings extra food for recess as the pancakes alone will not be enough.

Our Swimming Carnival on Wednesday last week was a great day out! I was very impressed with the "can do" attitude of all our swimmers and the wonderful encouragement they all received from their peers. A big thank you to Mrs Goddard for her organisation of the event and to all our parents timekeepers who helped run the carnival very smoothly. Students who have qualified for the Diocesan Carnival have received permission notes today.

Last Friday we received a very special visit from the "Boggy Ninja" who was accompanied by a TV crew. We had a great time cheering the Boggy Ninja on to wish him luck in the upcoming competition! It is entirely possible the recording may not be used for

the final production, however considering this is not an school event, media consent forms will be sent home to families this week. This is required by the television network before any footage can be used for the TV show.

This Friday is the Diocesan Launch of **200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia**. Diocesan principals and CSO staff will gather in Armidale to officially launch the celebrations with further events scheduled throughout the year.



A friendly reminder that our Parent Information Night / PTF AGM will be held next **Monday 22nd February starting at 5.30pm**. The PTF AGM will be first on the agenda (with all positions declared vacant) and then the Parent Information Night will be held immediately after. All families are welcome to attend both events!

I will be out of the school this Thursday and Friday to attend the Term 1 Principal's Meeting and 200 year launch in Armidale. Mrs Fenton will be in charge at school in my absence.

I hope you have a great week!

Nick Baird  
Principal

### RE News



#### Ash Wednesday – 17th February 2021

This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box.

Saint Oscar Romero is our inspiration for Project Compassion 2021, so in his words let's "**Aspire not to have more, but to be more.**"



**Students Of The Week  
for Attitude, Values and Study Habits  
Week 3**

**K-1-2 - Samuel Broadhead** for giving everything a go and being encouraging during group work.

**3-4 - Rose Waisime** for an incredible and imaginative writing task.

**5-6 - Hunter Rigelsford** for great reading skills in Comprehension this week.

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

**Saxon Dickens** for a fantastic 'can do' attitude at the Swimming Carnival.



## Swimming Carnival

Well done to the students who participated at the Annual Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. As mentioned above, I was impressed with the children's 'can do' attitude and stamina. All students showed great sportsmanship and it was a pleasure to see the school spirit both the Cox and Namoi houses displayed.

**Individual Champions:**

**Junior Boy** ~ Saxon Dickens

**Junior Girl** ~ Evie Watt

**Senior Boy** ~ Jack Rees

**Senior Girl** ~ Felicity Gough

**House Champion** ~ With only 11 points separating the two houses, **COX** was the eventual winner.

## Canteen

Many thanks to those who have already expressed their interest in volunteering for Canteen on a Friday. If anyone is available to volunteer for the canteen this year they are asked to contact Fran on 0438 585 407 with available dates. Please remember that if we don't have volunteers it is harder to offer this great service to the children. **An important reminder that if you wish to volunteer it is mandatory that you supply the school with a Working With Children Check.**



**Tues 16th Feb - Australian Dental Health Form**  
**Wed 17th Feb - Diocesan Swimming Permission**  
**Thurs 18th Feb - Bookclub Order**



## FEBRUARY

**Tues 16th** - Shrove Tuesday (Pancakes at 10:45am)

**Wed 17th** - ASH WEDNESDAY Mass - 11:30pm / Reflection Prayer - 3:20pm

**Thurs 18th / Fri 19th** - Principal's Meeting - Armidale

**Fri 19th** - SCHOOL CENSUS DAY

**Mon 22nd** - Parent Information Night - PTF/AGM - 5:30pm

**Fri 26th** - Diocesan Swimming Carnival - Tamworth

## MARCH

**Fri 5th** - TRANSITION STARTS

**Mon 22nd** - Polding Swimming - Sydney

## LOST

From swimming carnival last Wednesday - 2 x goggles (coloured lens). Please check your child's bag in case they were picked up by mistake. Thanks

