Sacred Heart community is committed to academic excellence through Christ-based learning experiences which foster reverence, respect and responsibility.

Principal’s Message,

Our Year 6 Graduation family dinner was an enjoyable experience for us this week. The effort that parents put in to their children does pay off. We feel that our students leave the school with a strong foundation for their venture at High School. Our last few weeks are busy, hopefully enjoyable. We look forward to the participation of the students in the various end of year activities and entertainment.

Presentation Night

Presentation Night will be held next Monday, 11th December. We ask that families arrive at 5:45pm so the Award ceremony can begin at 6pm. A shared BBQ supper will follow, we hope to finish up the evening with cricket and tennis games. Parents are asked to BYO drinks and a deck chair for the occasion. A simple BBQ will be provided and families will be asked to pay a surcharge of $10.00 per family. This amount will go towards costs on the night. Parents and Friends are most welcome to attend. Please send in your RSVP if you have not yet done so.

Parent Support Group Meeting

Thanks to all those who attended last Monday’s Parent Support Group meeting. Lots of ideas as we move into 2018. The meeting minutes are attached to today’s newsletter.

Junior Cricket

Sacred Heart School oval will be used for the next 2 Saturdays for the Junior Cricket Competition in town.

Junior Room play

Junior room students have been very, very busy practicing their Christmas play. The performance will be held next Thursday 14th December at 2:15pm in the hall. Parents and friends are warmly invited to come and support the budding thespians.

Yarrawonga Windsurfing School & Stand-up Paddling

The senior room excursion to Lake Mulwala for Windsurfing will take place tomorrow. The bus will be leaving school at 8am, Parents are asked to have students at school by 7.45am. The bus will return to school in time for normal school pick up.

School fee statements

Our final school fee statement run went to families last week. We would appreciate all and any payments that can be processed before the end of the school year.
**Book Coverers needed**

All abilities catered for! We recently received a shipment of Jolly Phonics readers for the Junior room students. Before they can go into the classroom all the readers need to be covered. We are looking for volunteers to help us with this cause. If you can help, please let your details with the Junior room teachers or with Therese in the school office.

**Swimming Program for 2018**

Next year we will be running our swimming program at the beginning of Term 1. We will begin our two week program on Monday 5th February, 2018 and swim each day between 11am - 12pm. If you are available to help out during our program please contact the office or Lyndall McLeod.

Our Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 15th February 2018 from 9.30am.

**Uniform Reminder**

Would you please finalise your uniform invoices for the term. If you are unsure of how much you owe, please contact the school office and we can issue you with a copy of your invoice.

**End of Year School Mass**

All parents and friends are welcome to join the whole school as we celebrate the end of the year with a Mass next Thursday 14th December. Mass will be held at the usual time of 9:30am. Father Martin and Mr Boake will present our current Year 5 students with their 2018 Leadership badges during the celebration.

**Best Start Kindergarten Assessment**

Children come to school with different levels of literacy and numeracy. Some are familiar with books, can recognize some letters, even write their name or count to ten, while others have not yet learned these skills.

Kindergarten teachers have always observed their new students and used different methods to find out what each child knows and can do so they can plan and teach what their students need to learn next.

The 'Best Start Assessment' is not a test. Its purpose is to help the teacher gather information to guide the teaching of your child. Our 2018 Kindergarten students will have their 'Best Start Assessments' carried out Week 1 before they begin their formal classes on Monday 5th February.

**Thursday 1st February**
- 9am - 10am
- 10:30am - 11:30am

**Friday 2nd February**
- 9am - 10am
- 10:30am - 11:30am

Eliza Wraight
Matilda Chappell
Rose Wiles
Lilah Crowe

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**Answer to last week’s SOLVE IT!**

They will finish eating the pizza at the same time.

It takes Charlie 2 mins to eat a sixth of a pizza so that will take him $6 \times 2 = 12$ mins

It takes Jaden 3 mins to eat one quarter of a pizza so that will take him $4 \times 3 = 12$ mins

Congratulations if you got it right.
Many thanks to Gabby and Claire for manning last week’s Canteen duty. Takings were $155.50

Thank you so much to our volunteers who have helped with canteen throughout the year. Your help is greatly appreciated and without your help the canteen would not be able viable for our children to enjoy.

Your child is eligible for FREE dental treatment.
All children in NSW up to 18 years old can have free dental care at a Public Dental Clinic.
Staff will ask for your Medicare number.
Dental clinics are located at the Berrigan Community Health Centre and at the Deniliquin Hospital.
Appointments are available now no waiting - phone 1800 45 00 46

A big thank you to all those families who continue to save their local IGA dockets & hand them into the office.

Term 4
Date Name
NO CANTEEN
8th Dec Senior room in Mulwala
15th Dec Stacey Almond

December Birthdays
10th Victoria Kakono turns 9
29th Will Noonan turns 8

NO AWARDS THIS WEEK

STAR OF WONDER, STAR OF NIGHT PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
Christmas Carols ON THE RIVERBANK

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 6.30PM - 8.30PM TOCUMWAL FORESHORE
Bring your vocals, picnic blankets, chairs, snacks, shakers and tambourines and join us for a night of Christmas Carols and entertainment under the stars.

Entertainment will be provided by Tim and Nathan from “Fake News” as well as lots of local talent and Santa will be visiting the children! Winners of the Christmas Light Competition will be announced and the Preschool Christmas Stocking raffle will be drawn!

If the weather is unsuitable, the Carols will move to the old Bowling Club in Adams Street.
For more information please email tocumwal.chamber@gmail.com or see Liz Lang at the post office!