



# SACRED HEART PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## THIS WEEK:

<b>Mon 13/10:</b>	No School Mass 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting
<b>Tues 14/10:</b>	10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. PEDALS MusicStars After School guitar lessons 6:30p.m. Kindy 2015 Parent Info Evening
<b>Wed 15/10:</b>	5:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. SCHOOL FETE No Executive Meeting
<b>Thur 16/10:</b>	12:45p.m. Assembly (Hosts: Year 5/6) 3:45p.m. PSSA Committee Meeting MusicStars After School keyboard lessons

## NEXT WEEK:

<b>Sun 19/10:</b>	10am Holy Communion Enrolment Mass
<b>Mon 20/10:</b>	6:00a.m. Camp Quality breakfast 9:10a.m. School Mass (Year 3) 10:15a.m. Camp Quality Puppet Show 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting
<b>Tues 21/10:</b>	9:30 – 10:45a.m. Kindy Orientation Gp. 1 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. PEDALS 12:40p.m. REC Teleconference MusicStars After School guitar lessons
<b>Wed 22/10:</b>	9:30 – 10:45a.m. Kindy Orientation Gp. 2 3:45p.m. Executive Meeting
<b>Thur 23/10:</b>	12:45p.m. Assembly (Hosts: Year 1/2) MusicStars After School keyboard lessons

## WELCOME



Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break and is looking forward to a very busy term.

I would like to make a special welcome to two new members of staff, Mr. Peter Thornber and Mrs. Belinda Miller. Mr. Thornber will be teaching Year 4/5 for the term, while Mrs. Tracey takes extended leave, and Mrs. Miller has taken up the position as the school's Enrolment Officer.

Also I would like to extend a very warm welcome to three new students and their families: Noah Edgecumbe (Yr .1), Ben Marrone-Sadauskas (Yr. 5) and Max Trask (Yr. 4). We hope that their time and association with the school is rewarding and fulfilling.

## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

A king prepared a wedding feast for his son. He sent his servants to tell the guests that the banquet was

ready, but they were not interested. The king was angry! So he sent his servants out onto the roads to gather everyone, good and bad alike, and the wedding was filled with guests.

(ref. Matt 22:1-14)

**Lord Jesus, you call us into a deep and loving relationship with you. Teach us to love. Amen.**

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER NICK

Those who were initially invited to the Wedding Feast did not come to the Feast. Some made excuses, that they had business to attend to, business which they considered more important than the Wedding of the King's Son. Others who were invited were so antagonistic to the King that they killed the servants who invited them (these servants were the prophets of the Old Testament, of whom St John the Baptist was the last). The consequences of refusing the invitation of the King were that all towns were destroyed and the Wedding Feast was not full and so couldn't start.

God's plan is always a plan of love which is destined to be fulfilled. As those who were initially invited did not come (and these were the chosen people of God) the invitation is given then to all other peoples of the earth: the people on the roads, everyone, good and bad alike. We cannot rule out any person, even if they are bad! In this way the Feast was celebrated, the son of the King was honoured by the left-over people who came, because the people considered insignificant were treated as the most important guests of the Wedding Feast ("the humble shall be exalted").

What does this mean for us today? Everything! Are we today at a Feast or a Humdrum? We can make excuses for our problems or we can be disinterested. We can be burdened, tired or bored. God through his son Jesus calls us out of ourselves to live for him and for his Feast.

The kingdom of heaven also begins here on earth as we pray in "The Our Father": "Thy kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven". This was the only prayer that Jesus taught us and his disciples to pray. He himself went with his apostles into the Temple in Jerusalem to pray the Psalms of the Hebrew faith. These same psalms continue to be prayed by the Jews today and by the priests, nuns and other people of the Church using the Psalter or the Divine Office.

If our YES to God's invitation brings us to the Wedding Feast, then we are always a joyful people, a celebrating community! The Eucharist is the

Sacramental liturgy of the Wedding Feast in Heaven. You might say, but what about the work and the other affairs that must be done? There is a time for work and there is a time for rest. Sunday is the day of rest, resting in the Lord with our brothers and sisters. If one day a week is joyful and lived in harmony with each other, then there is a possibility that every other day may have a small portion of the same. Everything starts with the Lord and his invitation to the Feast!

Fr. Nick

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember to continue to keep families of our school and parish community in your thoughts and prayers throughout the week, especially those who may have members of their family suffering from serious illness or sickness.

## SUMMER UNIFORM



As from the beginning of this term the children will be required to wear their **SUMMER UNIFORM**. A reminder that the formal full summer uniform needs to be purchased and worn on formal occasions. The optional part of the uniform can be worn when there is not a formal occasion. Your cooperation is sought in purchasing the approved items and that the length of the dress is appropriate. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

## MUSIC STARS LESSONS



next eight weeks.

Lessons for children who have enrolled in the guitar and/or keyboard sessions will commence this week. The guitar lessons will be held on Tuesdays and the keyboard lessons on Thursdays. Lessons will be held after school in the Library for the

## KINDERGARTEN 2013 ORIENTATION



An Information Night for parents enrolling their child in Kindergarten in 2015 will be held tonight (**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October**) at 6:30p.m. in the Kindergarten Room. It is important that all parents attend this session including parents who currently have children already enrolled at the school.

Kindergarten Orientation sessions for children will be held over the next few weeks on the following days:

### Group 1

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October – 9:30a.m. to 10:45a.m.  
Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> October – 11:45a.m. to 1:00p.m.

### Group 2

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 9:30a.m. to 10:45a.m.

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October – 11:45a.m. to 1:00p.m.

### Both Groups

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November – 10:00a.m. to 11:30a.m.

A barbeque for families will be held on **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November** commencing at 5:30p.m. at the school on the lawn area. We look forward to seeing our new families at these Orientation activities.

## SCHOOL FETE



The Parent Group has organised a school fete to be held tomorrow evening (**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October**) from **5:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

At this fete the children have been asked to perform a choir item (Infants and Primary choirs). Therefore we require all students to attend the fete. It is anticipated that these items will be performed at approximately 5:15p.m.

Students are able to attend the fete in casual clothes but **must attend and be supervised by a parent/adult while at the fete.** Supervision of your child while at the fete is your responsibility **not** the teachers.

Many thanks to parents and members of our parish and business community who have donated items for our fete. Everybody is welcome to come and watch our talented students perform and enjoy all the fun and games on offer, so remember to bring along all your family and friends.

## ASSEMBLIES

This week: **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> Oct** (Hosts: Year 5/6)  
Next week: **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** (Hosts: Year 1/2)

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



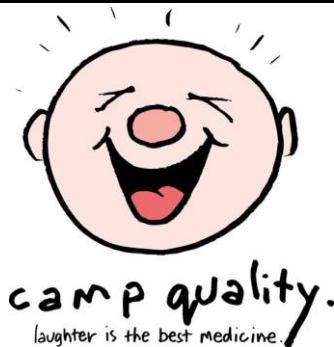
The Parish is about to commence preparation for the celebration of First Holy Communion. Children who are baptised and have received their first Reconciliation in Year 4 and above are invited to join the program.

**The Enrolment Mass** to commence preparations for the

Sacrament of First Holy communion will be held this **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> October** at **10:00a.m.** in the Cathedral. All information about the preparation classes will be given out at this Mass. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place at **10:00a.m.** on **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November.**

It is important that you attend this Enrolment Mass if your child is going to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this year. The first preparation session will begin on **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> October** after Mass in the Parish Centre (234 Lane Street).

## CAMP QUALITY BREAKFAST



On Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> October the Camp Quality Escarpade is coming to Sacred Heart. This escarpade is Australia's wackiest outback motoring adventure and the cars will be at the school on Monday from 6:00a.m. to 8:00a.m. The cars will

be on display in the school playground for anyone interested in having a look.

Our Parent Group has been asked to supply a breakfast for the participants and we require helpers to set up the Hall, cook the BBQ, prepare and clean up. If you are able to assist please contact the school as soon as possible. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Following the breakfast at 10:15a.m. the students will be attending a performance by the Camp Quality puppets. This performance is a live show that has transformed thousands of schools by helping children and teachers learn how to create a supportive school community for children living with cancer and their families. Parents are welcome to attend.

## ROAD SAFETY

As we commence a new term I would like to remind you of our Road Safety procedures for dropping off and collecting your child before and after school. Road Safety is the responsibility of everyone.

- Students walking and being dropped off by parents enter via the steps on Lane Street. Parents parking on the opposite side of Lane Street are asked to escort their child across the road to the gate.
- Students riding bikes/scooters enter through the Lane Street ramp and walk their bike/scooter to the bike rack near the Admin building.
- Students arriving by bus are dropped at the Lane Street entrance and then enter the school via the steps.
- Parents are encouraged to collect their child from the classrooms or Lane Street entrance.
- Bike/Scooter riders and walkers leaving via the Lane Street ramp entrance report to the bike duty teacher at the playground equipment and are escorted across the pedestrian crossing on Sulphide Street and Lane Street.
- Students waiting for parents to collect them **wait with the bus duty teacher** at the top of the steps on Lane Street. Parents collecting students by car are asked to park on the school side of the road. Students should enter the vehicle on the kerb side. Parents parking on the opposite side of the road are asked to walk across the road to collect their child.
- Please do not park in the bus zone or across driveways when dropping off or picking up your child.

I would encourage all parents to discuss these procedures with your child. We ask for your assistance and cooperation to assist us to keep our streets around our school safe and accident free during these busy times. I also request that **parents do not use the Sulphide Street entrance** when dropping off and picking up your child from school.

## SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder to those families who have not yet paid their school fees for Term Three that they should be paid as soon as possible.

## TERM DATES

**TERM 4:** School Resumes: Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October  
School concludes: Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It has become quite noticeable that an increased number of students are arriving late for school. It is important that students arrive at school before 8:55a.m. so they are ready to begin their lessons on time.

### Why arriving at school on time is important?

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert.
- Helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore
- Reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Lateness (partial absences) must be explained to the school the same way as other absences. Your assistance is greatly appreciated with this matter.

## DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PLAN

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of 'Christo et Doctrinae' – A Draft Strategic Plan for Wilcannia-Forbes Diocesan Schools. This strategic plan has been developed, using information gathered from the people of Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese who participated in our listening assemblies held earlier this year.

Your feedback on this Draft Strategic Plan for Wilcannia-Forbes Diocesan schools is most welcome. Your comments should be sent by Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October to Terry McCarthy at [tmccarthy24512@gmail.com](mailto:tmccarthy24512@gmail.com) or feel free to phone Terry on 0400523198. Your feedback will inform the final version of this document which will be launched on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

I hope to see everyone at our School Fete tomorrow evening. Have a good week!

Trevor Rynne  
**PRINCIPAL**