



SACRED HEART PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THIS WEEK:

Mon 14/7:	Term 3 commences No School Mass 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting
Tues 15/7:	10:00am – 12:00pm PEDALS Playgroup
Wed 16/7:	3:45p.m. Staff Working Meeting
Thurs 17/7:	NSW PSSA Cross Country No Assembly

NEXT WEEK:

Mon 21/7:	PUPIL FREE DAY Liturgy Inservice in Forbes No Staff Meeting
Tues 22/7:	Liturgy Inservice in Forbes 9:15a.m. Parent Group Meeting 10:00am – 12:00pm PEDALS Playgroup Music Stars Guitar lessons
Wed 23/7:	Choral Festival Rehearsal 3:45p.m. Staff Working Meeting
Thurs 24/7:	12:45p.m. Assembly (Hosts: Kindy) 3:45p.m. PSSA Committee Meeting Music Stars Keyboard lessons
Sat 26/7:	Parent Group BBQ – Home Hardware

WELCOME



Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the Collins family (Cadell – Year 5 and Jett – Year 2) and the Norman family (Jasmine – Year 1) to Sacred Heart. We hope that both families association with the school is rewarding and fulfilling.

CONGRATULATIONS



We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Miss Heyward and her fiancée Digby Schinckel who announced their engagement during the holidays while in Paris.

Congratulations
Miss Heyward and

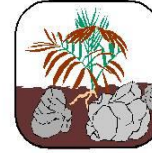
Digby!

15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

A Sower Went Out to Sow



packed soil



stony ground



thorny ground



good soil

Jesus said, “A farmer went out to sow some grain. Some seed fell along the path and birds ate it. Some seed fell on rocky ground; it sprouted straight away for the soil was not deep but when the sun grew hot, the seedlings died because they had no roots. Some seed fell among the thorn bushes which choked

the seedlings. But some seed fell on good soil; it grew and gave a great harvest.”

(Matt 13: 1-9)

Parables are meant to capture our imaginations and make us wonder. They’re not mathematics but poetry. So the Word of God is planted all over the place. God is everywhere. God is with us always. But how few saints there are! Why?

Sometimes birds pluck the seed away. Sometimes the sun scorches the plant. Sometimes thorns grow up and strangle the seed. And sometimes the seed finds good soil and does indeed produce a rich harvest. It is mysterious. Some people respond to the Word of God. And, for some, it makes no impact, as if a bird simply came and plucked it up. I suppose we can only answer for ourselves.

Thanks be to God we have received and responded to God’s Word but have we produced the harvest we were capable of? Did something strangle our full growth to sainthood? Did we give into laziness, negativity, mediocrity? Were we tempted by greed or vanity? Does something else strangle our holiness? If so, now is the time to repent and produce a rich harvest

Fr. Danny

Lord Jesus, may we be like good soil, ready to hear your word and understand it. Give us courage to follow you. Amen

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 next few weeks, especially those who may have members of their family suffering from serious illness or sickness.

APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Applications for enrolment for Kindergarten and other Year levels are currently being accepted for **2015**. Enrolment forms are available at the School's Office. Please pass this information to people you know.

FACTS ABOUT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Why must I send my child to school?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory. This means all children from six years of age and under the minimum school leaving age are legally required to attend school. From 2010, all New South Wales students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age students must be:

1. in school or registered for homeschooling, or
2. in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) or
3. in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours per week) or in a combination of work, education and/or training.

Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance. Principals are also responsible for deciding if the reason given for an absence is justified. For this reason, Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation for long or frequent absences explained by parents as being due to illness. If Principals don't consider an explanation to be satisfactory, they will record the absence as unjustified.

It is important to understand that the New South Wales Department of Education and Training may prosecute parents (including carers) if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school.

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.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life. Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps children to build and maintain friendships with other children. If your child doesn't learn the basic skills in the early years of school they may develop learning problems in later years.

Did you Know?

If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education.

INSTALLATION MASS

Thanks to the children and families who attended and participated in the Installation of Bishop Columba during the holidays. The children sang beautifully at the Mass. Well done, you made us proud!

FIRST RECONCILIATION



The enrolment Mass for children who would like to prepare for their first Reconciliation will be held on **Sunday, 27th July** at the **10:00a.m. Cathedral Mass**. All details will be given out at this

Mass. There will be four preparation sessions held on Sundays after Mass. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held at 6:00p.m. on **Friday, 29th August**. Children need to be in Year 4 or above and must be confirmed.

PEDALS PLAYGROUP

Our PEDALS Playgroup is open **every Tuesday** throughout Term 3 from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. in the Music Room off Sulphide Street. Families are requested to bring along a piece of fruit to share for morning tea. Please feel free to bring along a friend as it is open to all families. The playgroup will be facilitated by our Parent Group next week.

ASSEMBLIES

This week: **NO ASSEMBLY**
Next week: **Thursday, 24th July** Hosts: Kindy

PUPIL FREE DAY

A **PUPIL FREE DAY** will be held on **Monday, 21st July** (Term 3 Week 2) for staff to unpack the new Australian Mathematics syllabus. This day will be facilitated by Miss Angela Kennedy from our Catholic Education Office.

Children do not attend school on this day.

PARENT GROUP MEETING

Our next Parent Group meeting will be held next Tuesday, **22nd July** at **9:15a.m.** in the **Admin Meeting Room**. All current and new families are welcome to attend this meeting.

CHORAL FESTIVAL



The Infant and Primary Choirs will participate in the Choral Festival at the Entertainment Centre on **Thursday, 1st August**. Rehearsals will be held next **Wednesday, 24th July** at the Entertainment Centre.

SCHOOL MASSES

There will be no School Mass next **Monday, 21st July (PUPIL FREE DAY)**. The first School Mass for the term will be on **Monday, 28th July** and will be hosted by our Year 1/2 class.

REPORTING TO OFFICE

Apart from public occasions such as before and after school and Assembly times, parents/visitors should report to the office to sign in. The parent/visitor should then return to the office and sign out before leaving the school grounds. Your cooperation and assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

ROAD SAFETY

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

- 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.

SCHOOL FEES



Just a reminder to those families who have outstanding school fees that they should be paid **as soon as possible**. As you can appreciate the school relies on the school fees to pay for the general running costs of the school.

TERM DATES

TERM 3: School Resumes: **Monday, 14th July**
School concludes: **Friday, 19th September**

Wishing everyone and happy and safe week.

Trevor Rynne
PRINCIPAL

LOST & FOUND

A reminder for all families to ensure that you label all your child's belongings – clothing, hats, shoes, lunch containers, water bottles etc.



Many of these items accumulate in the 'Lost & Found' area (located in the Office) throughout the year. We will endeavour to do our best to return these items that have names on them; however unidentified property that is not collected by children or parents will be given to a charity organisation or disposed of at the end of this term.

Talking Traffic with Kids

Talking Traffic with Kids – also known as commentary walking – is when adults talk with children about all the things they're doing together to keep safe while they are in the traffic environment. The traffic environment is any place where there are – or could be – vehicles of any kind, such as roads, footpaths, car parks, driveways, bicycle tracks, unfenced yards, parks and farms.

Important things to talk about with children while you're out walking together:

- Why it's important to keep holding a grown-up's hand
- Why you're stopping at the edge of the driveway, road, kerb or crossing
- When it is safe to cross
- What you're looking and listening for while crossing the driveway, road or car park
- Why you have to keep checking until you are safely across the driveway, road or car park.

It is easy to forget just what a complex set of skills and judgements adults use to cross roads safely. We constantly check and recheck what's happening around us. All of this goes on inside our mind – invisible to children unless we talk with them about all the things we do to keep safe. It takes many years for young children to be able to make safe decisions independently around traffic. To keep them safe and help them learn, hold their hands and 'talk traffic' with them whenever you're out and about.