



SACRED HEART PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THIS WEEK:

Sun 1st Mar:	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> 10a.m. Mass: Confirmation Session 2
Mon 2nd Mar:	W/F Diocesan Swimming Carnival 9:10a.m. School Mass (Year 2/3) 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting
Tues 3rd Mar:	10:00a.m. PEDALS Playgroup 2:15p.m. School Performance Show 3:45p.m. Guitar Music Lessons
Wed 4th Mar:	Shannon Haase (CEO) at SHPPS 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting
Thurs 5th Mar:	Shannon Haase (CEO) at SHPPS Minilit Training 12:45p.m. Assembly (Hosts: Year 3/4)

NEXT WEEK: Catholic Schools Week

Sun 8th Mar:	<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> 10a.m. Mass: Confirmation Session 3
Mon 9th Mar:	9:10a.m. School Mass (Year 3/4) 3:45p.m Staff Meeting
Tues 10th Mar:	W/F Diocesan Winter Trials in Parkes 10:00a.m. PEDALS Playgroup 3:45p.m. Guitar Music Lessons 6:00p.m. K-6 Parent Info Night 7:30p.m. Games Night Practice
Wed 11th Mar:	11:30a.m. OPEN CLASSROOMS 1:15p.m. BBQ 7:30p.m. School Committee Meeting
Thur 12th Mar:	9a.m. Infants Swimming Carnival
Fri 13th Mar:	Anthony Morgan (CEO) at SHPPS 12:45p.m. Assembly (Host: Year 5/6D) 7:00p.m. St Pat's Games Night
Sat 14th Mar:	St. Pat's Races

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR MASS

Last Monday, we celebrated the beginning of the new school year by attending a School Mass and inducting our School leaders for 2015. We appreciate the presence of families and parishioners who were able to attend this special celebration. At the end of the Mass, Father Nick presented and congratulated our leaders and Year 6 class for 2015. Many thanks to Father Nick for his assistance and for leading us during this liturgy.

Following Mass a morning tea was held for our school leaders and Year 6 class in Marcellin Hall with their parents and family. Thanks to everyone who attended and provided morning tea, and also for cleaning up afterwards. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Our school leaders for 2015 are:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

Piper Dwyer & Thomas Kennedy

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL:

Year 6: Piper Dwyer & Thomas Kennedy

Year 5: Isla Vierow & Sabian Durbidge

Year 4: Claudia Kennedy & Henry Hayes

Year 3: Katelin Cock & Harrison Rynne



HOUSE CAPTAINS:

Champagnat: Alice Bright & Charlton Howard

Joseph: Oliver Symonds & Amy Dawson

McAuley: Piper Dwyer & Thomas Kennedy



We congratulate these students and pray that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit during the year to be good leaders of our school.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual fundraiser for Catholic relief work around the world. Project Compassion is all about hope! Donations to Project Compassion will allow poor communities in the world to become self-reliant and look forward to a more peaceful and productive future. Project Compassion boxes will be placed in all classrooms, the

office and staffroom to encourage our school community to donate some money throughout Lent for those people who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

Our School Captains will also visit each classroom before lunch to collect donations from students. We thank you for your participation and generosity for this very worthy cause during the Lenten season.

FACTS ABOUT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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 year of education.

INSTALLATION OF FLASHING LIGHTS

The NSW Government has provided funding for the placement of school zone signs with flashing lights to alert motorists of the 40km speed limit required during school drop off and pick up times. Installation of these flashing lights outside Sacred Heart Primary School on Sulphide Street have now been completed and are operating.

PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the children who represented our school at the PSSA Swimming Carnival last Tuesday. We are extremely proud of their efforts and the team's performance. They put in a fantastic effort and finished second overall and second in the Handicap division.

A special mention and congratulations to Max Trask who was announced Age Champion for the 11 years boys age group. Max also broke the record for the 11 years backstroke. Well done Max!

Also, congratulations to Mahaila Denton (Junior Girls) and Charlton Howard (Senior Boys) who were awarded Runner-Up age champions for their age groups as well.

Many thanks to all our staff and parents who were able to attend to assist, support and cheer on our team.

LEADING MATHEMATICS – TEACHING & LEARNING

Lead Teachers joined with Principals at the beginning of the Principals Meeting for a workshop on teaching and learning facilitated by Dr. Ann Gervasoni.

The focus of workshop included:

- the Mathematical Assessment Interview;
- identification of the most vulnerable learners;
- creating productive learning environments;

- developing pedagogical content knowledge of teachers; researched based teaching strategies;
- tracking and monitoring of student progress and implementation planning.

Over the next few weeks the teachers will be conducting the Mathematical Assessment Interview with their students.

GOOGLE APPS TRAINING

Last week all staff from the Northern Cluster, including Broken Hill, gathered at Cobar for a workshop on using Google Apps. Facilitator Mike Reading began the day by explaining how his passion for classroom management and student learning, were the reasons he applied to Google Teacher School. Mike told us that the Google Teacher School had received over 10,000 applications and he had been one of just 50 people accepted. Google has introduced many great apps which enhance teaching and student learning, while enabling teachers to monitor the work of every student in the class. Mike was very helpful with our learning and I'm sure we all went home determined to master and develop with our students some of the Google Apps he introduced us to.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on **Friday, 27th March** at 7:00p.m. in the Cathedral. Preparation sessions will continue this **Sunday, 8th March** after the 10:00a.m. in the Parish Centre.



It is important that the children attend all of these preparation sessions with a parent and/or sponsor.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE SHOW

Today (**Tuesday, 3rd March**) the children attended a Performance Show called 'Dinosaur Science' in Marcellin Hall.

MUSIC GUITAR LESSONS



Lessons for children who have enrolled in the guitar sessions will continue this week. The guitar lessons will be held on Tuesdays. Lessons will be held after school in the Library.

CEO VISIT

This week Miss Shannon Haase (Education Officer) from the Catholic Education Office will be visiting our school on **Wednesday, 4th March** and **Thursday, 5th March**. Miss Haase will be working with staff on Assessment Plans and Minilit.

ASSEMBLIES

This week: **Thursday, 5th March** (Hosts: Year 3/4)
Next week: **Friday, 13th March** (Hosts: Year 5/6D)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Next week is Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week is being held this year from **Sunday, 8th March** to **Saturday 14th March**. All 11 dioceses across NSW and the ACT are joining together to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our Catholic schools.

The theme for 2014 is 'Educating for Today and Tomorrow', which is appropriate considering the many individual learning opportunities that Catholic schools provide for their students, with the teachings of Christ always at the centre.

The relationship between school and parish is essential. Catholic Schools Week provides a wonderful opportunity to recognise this relationship and celebrate together.

Catholic Schools Week is also about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools – students, teachers, parents, pastors, parishioners and many others. It is at this time, in particular, that we are reminded of the important role our Catholic schools play in local communities.

Scheduled activities to be held this week at Sacred Heart Parish Primary School during Catholic Schools Week are:

Monday, 9th March:

9:10a.m. School Mass

Tuesday, 10th March:

10:00a.m.–12:00p.m. PEDALS Playgroup in Music Room

6:00p.m. Parent Information evening

Wednesday, 11th March:

11:35a.m. – 1:15p.m. Open Classroom visit

1:15p.m. 'Free Sausage sizzle'

Thursday, 12th March:

Infants Swimming carnival

Friday 13th March:

12:45p.m. Assembly (Hosts: Year 5/6D) including the launch of the Chromebooks

I encourage you to join with me in this spirit of celebration by attending some of the planned activities and events this week at Sacred Heart Parish Primary School during Catholic Schools Week.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember 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.

PEDALS PLAYGROUP

In conjunction with Centacare, we have set up a playgroup at the school which will operate every Tuesday from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. PEDAL stands for Play, Explore, Discover And Learn. The PEDAL playgroup is open to all families with children aged 0-5. Parents are encouraged to join in their child's play and need to provide a piece of fruit for a shared fruit

platter at morning tea. Our next session will be held on **Tuesday, 10th March** and will be facilitated by Centacare.

EMERGENCY FORMS

Emergency forms have been distributed to families. It is important that these forms are completed so we have access to current information in regards to contact numbers and medical issues related to your child. Parents with more than one child must complete a form for each child.

REPORTING TO THE OFFICE

Apart from occasions such as Assemblies, dropping off and picking up your child before and after school, parents and visitors should report to the office to sign in for the duration of your stay in the school. The parent/visitor should then return to the office and sign out before leaving the school grounds. This is a requirement of our Catholic Education Office to know who is on the school grounds at any given time and it is intended to ensure the safety of our students and parents/visitors.

ST PAT'S HELPERS NEEDED

Over the past few weeks a number of notes have been sent home seeking helpers for the St. Pat's Raffle, Games Night and Races. I urge all families to make a special effort to assist in any way possible. It would be great if you could enlist the help of family and friends. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office to assist in any way.



Have a good week!

Trevor Rynne

PRINCIPAL



Transport
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Centre for Road Safety

HOLD AN ADULT'S HAND

- They might try very hard to observe all the road safety rules, but children are easily distracted, often too short to be seen by drivers, unable to identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.
- Talk with your children about safe behaviour on the footpath - it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers posed by heavy vehicles which may be entering or exiting driveways.
- Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand on the footpath, in the car park, and when crossing the road.
- Between eight and at least ten years old supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.