



SACRED HEART PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THIS WEEK: Uniform Changeover

Sun 27/4:	2 nd Sunday of Easter
Mon 28/4:	No School Mass 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting
Tues 29/4:	ICTT Workshop (Miss Buddle attending) 9:15a.m. Parent Group Meeting 10:00a.m. PEDALS Playgroup
Wed 30/4:	LoC Workshop (Miss Heyward attending) 3:45p.m. Executive Meeting
Thurs 1/5:	NO ASSEMBLY
Fri 2/5:	AGFAIR ACU Study - Jesus the Christ
Sat 3/5:	AGFAIR ACU Study - Jesus the Christ

NEXT WEEK:

Sun 4/5:	3 rd Sunday of Easter 10:00a.m. Confirmation Enrolment Mass
Mon 5/5:	9:10a.m. School Mass (Year 5/6) 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting
Tues 6/5:	10:00a.m. PEDALS Playgroup
Wed 7/5:	Principal's Meeting in Forbes No Executive Meeting
Thurs 8/5:	Principal's Meeting in Forbes Mother's Day Morning Tea 12:45p.m. Assembly (Hosts: Year 3) 4:00p.m. PSSA Committee Meeting
Fri 9/5:	1:30pm Yrs. 3-6 SHPPS Cross Country

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing break. We were very fortunate to have great weather for the majority of the holiday break and we look forward to another enjoyable and busy term of teaching and learning.



I would like to make a special welcome to Colby Schiller, a new student in Year 5. We hope he enjoys his time at Sacred Heart with his new classmates.

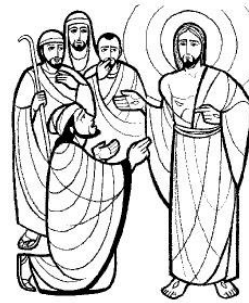
CONGRATULATIONS



Our congratulations are extended to Dalton Piasente (Kindergarten) and his family on the recent birth of their new son/brother, Emmett.

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus appeared to his disciples, but Thomas, who was



not with them, doubted. "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and can put my finger on them, I will not believe," he said. A week later, Jesus appeared again and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Stop your doubting and believe!"

(ref John 20:19-31)

Doubt no longer. There were many signs from Jesus that the disciples witnessed. They were written down in the Gospels so that people like us, thousands of years later, would believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. One of the great Christian virtues, or spiritual strengths, is faith. Faith leads us beyond our doubts and hesitations and gives us direction and purpose.

Holy Spirit, Give us the grace of faith, strengthen our belief in God and lead us beyond our doubts. Amen.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

WINTER UNIFORM

At the commencement of this term students are required to wear the **WINTER UNIFORM**. Your cooperation is sought in purchasing the approved items.

HOLY THURSDAY

Some of our students and their families attended the **Mass of the Lord's Supper**. During this Mass, Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples was commemorated. Just as Jesus washed his disciples' feet, Fr. Danny washed the feet of representatives from our Parish which included two Year 6 students from our school, Emma Hocking and William Scown.

Also, during the offertory the students who attended the Mass took up our **Project Compassion Box** containing all the donations made during the weeks of Lent. The school was able to donate \$667.65 to Project Compassion for 2014. Well done to our SRC for coordinating this fundraiser and to all the students and families for your wonderful generosity towards this worthy cause.

ANZAC DAY MARCH



On the second Friday of the school holidays, many students took part in the Anzac Day March along Argent Street and then attended the Anzac Day ceremony at the memorial near the Court House. Thank you to the children and their families who attended and represented the school on this very special national day of commemoration. Also, many thanks to the teachers who assisted and marched with the children.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



The Parish is about to commence preparation for the celebration of Confirmation. Children who are baptised and in Year 3 and above are welcome to join the program if they have not been confirmed.

Confirmation is all about receiving the Holy Spirit of God. It is the Holy Spirit that the Apostles received at Pentecost and which gave them the power and strength to go out and tell the whole world of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is God's love; the Holy Spirit makes us holy and gives us the joy and peace that only God's children can know.

The Enrolment Mass to commence preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held this **Sunday, 4th May** at **10:00a.m.** in the Cathedral. All information about the preparation classes will be given out at this Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at **10:00a.m.** on **Sunday, 1st June.**

It is important that you attend this Enrolment Mass if your child is going to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The first preparation session will begin on **Wednesday, 7th May** from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. in the Parish Centre (234 Lane Street).

SKOOLBAG APP



Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our school community. We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag School App.

To install it, just search for our school name "Sacred Heart Parish Primary School Broken Hill" in either the Apple App Store, or

Google Play Store. We hope the use of the app will assist with communication of school activities be more effective.

PARENT GROUP MEETING

Our next Parent Group meeting will be held tomorrow on **Tuesday, 29th March** at **9:15a.m.** in the **Admin Meeting Room**. All families and friends are welcome to attend this meeting.

PEDALS PLAYGROUP

Our 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, 29th April.**

Please feel free to bring along a friend as it is open to all families whether they have a child attending Sacred Heart or not.

DIOCESAN MEETINGS

Over the next two weeks, a number of teachers will be participating in some Diocesan workshops and meetings.

Tomorrow (**Tuesday, 29th April**) Miss Buddle will be participating in an ICTT workshop by video conferencing. Miss Heyward will also participate in a video conference on **Wednesday, 30th April** for Leaders of Curriculum (LoCs) teachers. This week I will travel to Forbes to participate in a study course conducted by the Australian Catholic University (ACU) on **Friday, 2nd May** and **Saturday, 3rd May.**

Next week I will travel back to Forbes to participate in a Principal's meeting from **Wednesday, 7th May** to **Thursday, 8th May.**

ASSEMBLIES

There will be no Assemblies this week or next week (Mother's Day Morning Tea).

AGFAIR

The Parent Group will be operating a food site at AgFair this year. AgFair will be held this **Friday, 2nd May** and **Saturday, 3rd May.**

The Parent Group urgently require help on both days and also with a few other things to prepare for these days. If you are able to assist in any way please complete the form that was sent home today and send into the Office by this **Wednesday, 30th April.**

SCHOOL MASSES

Our first School Mass will be on next **Monday, 5th May** and will be hosted by our Year 5/6 class.

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

A **special invitation** is extended to all mums, grandmothers and special people in the children's lives to come along to Marcellin Hall next **Thursday, 8th May** to join your child/children for morning tea. The



morning tea will commence at **10:30a.m.** allowing the adults' time to get their cup of tea and cakes before the children join you at 11:00a.m. Vehicle access into the school grounds is limited to dropping off and picking up the elderly and people restricted

to wheelchairs. Please drive with care and slowly when on the school grounds.

The children are looking forward to sharing this time with their mums and special people in their lives.

SHPPS CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL



Children in Years 3-6 will participate in the SHPPS Cross Country Carnival at the **Memorial Oval** on **Friday, 9th May** commencing at **1:30p.m.** The students will have an early lunch at school before they walk to the oval. They will walk to Memorial Oval with their teachers and they will be **dismissed from the oval at approximately 3:00p.m.** The students are required to remain at the oval until the presentations have been completed. Canteen facilities will be available and children are reminded to bring any medications (e.g. puffers) to school to take with them to the oval. Everyone is welcome to come along and cheer for the children and their House Team. Students are required to wear their correct school sports uniform on this day.

School is as usual for children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Infant students wear their school sports uniform to school on this day and will be dismissed at 3:30p.m.

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The Diocesan Cross Country Carnival will be held on **Friday, 23rd May** in Parkes. For further information please contact me at school no later than this **Monday, 12th May** about this carnival.

PSSA CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The Broken Hill PSSA Cross Country Carnival will be held on **Friday, 6th June** at the Memorial Oval. More details will be sent home soon.

NAPLAN TESTS

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools.

The tests will be conducted across Australia on the same days for all students according to the following timetable:

Tuesday 13th May – Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test.

Wednesday 14th May – Reading test

Thursday, 15th May – Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern; Chance and Data; Measurement and Space)

Friday, 16th May – Catch Up Day

REPORTING TO THE OFFICE

Just a reminder that 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.

I would like to remind everyone that entry into and from the school is by the steps or driveway on Lane Street. I ask that you do not use the side entrance on Sulphide Street. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open from 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m. every day except Mondays and Fridays. On Mondays and Fridays the Office will open at 8:30a.m. and close at 3:15p.m. The office will also be closed from 12:30p.m to 1:00p.m. each day for lunch. We are seeking your cooperation in keeping to these hours when you need the services from the office unless there is an emergency. This will allow the teachers to focus on their preparations and duty of care for their class.

SCHOOL FEES



Just a reminder to those families who have not yet paid their school fees for Term One that they are overdue. As you can appreciate the school relies on the school fees to pay for the general running costs of the

school.

TERM DATES

TERM 2: School Resumes: **Monday, 28th April**
School concludes: **Friday, 27th June**

Again, welcome back and enjoy your week

Trevor Rynne
PRINCIPAL

