



SACRED HEART PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THIS WEEK:

Sun 13/12:	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Mon 14/12:	No School Mass
Wed 16/12:	3:30p.m. End of Term 4 for students
Thur 17/12:	3:30p.m. End of Term 4 for staff
Fri 18/12:	3:30p.m. School Office closes

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The people asked John the Baptist, "What are we to do?" He answered, "If you have two shirts, give one to the man who has none. If you have food, share it." To some tax collectors he said, "Don't collect more than is legal," and to some soldiers, "Don't take

money by force and don't accuse anyone falsely. Be content with your pay."

(ref. Luke 3:10-18)

Joy Unbounded. Both the Sunday readings and the psalm follow a theme of rejoicing. "I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord," says St. Paul to the Philippians, "Be tolerant of everyone and pray with thanksgiving for the peace of God." Happiness comes not from the selfish pursuit of our own desires, but from loving the Lord and rejoicing in his salvation.

May our love keep growing and may our hearts be prepared for the Day of Christ.

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 week, especially those who may have members of their family suffering from illness or sickness.

CLEARANCES



All Year 6 students and students from other year levels leaving Sacred Heart at the end of the year will need to complete a clearance form that can be obtained from the office. All clearances are due.

BOOK & UNIFORM ORDERS

Text books and Uniform orders for 2016 have arrived

and can be collected from the office immediately. Any outstanding amount will need to be paid when collected.

SCHOOL FEES



Just a reminder that with the end of Term 4 fast approaching, all outstanding school fees owing to the end of Term 4 should be paid. As you can appreciate the school relies on the school fees to pay for the general running costs of the school. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

CASUAL CLOTHES

Students may attend the last week of school in casual clothes. The final day of school for all students is **Wednesday, 16th December.** The children will be dismissed at 3:30p.m.

CANTEEN

The canteen will be closed this week.

END OF TERM

The last day of Term 4 for students will be on **Wednesday, 16th December.**

The Office will remain open until **Friday, 18th December.**

LOST PROPERTY

There is a substantial amount of lost property located inside the Student Entry Foyer. Please call in and take a look if your child has lost any shoes, jumpers, lunch boxes, drink containers, hats etc. before the end of the term.

SUBJECT LEVIES 2016

Subject levies for 2016 will be sent home soon and are required to be paid prior to the commencement of school. The Office will be open on **Tuesday, 2nd February 2016** from 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. and **Wednesday, 3rd February 2016** from 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m. for subject levies to be paid.

TERM DATES 2016

Term 1 dates for next year, 2016 are as follows:

TERM 1:

School commences: **Thursday, 4th February**
(Year 1 to 6 students)
Monday, 8th February
(Kindergarten students)

Kindergarten students will be involved in the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment program from **Thursday, 4th February** to **Friday, 5th February**. More information about this program will be sent home soon.

School concludes: **Friday, 8th April**

THANK YOU

Firstly, I take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their many contributions to the education and well-being of the students, and the learning opportunities they have provided throughout 2015. Their dedication and interest in the students is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to Fr. Nick and Fr. Simon for their support and providing School Masses and sacramental experiences for the students throughout the year.

I would also like to thank all parents who have assisted with the Uniform Shop, Book Club and Canteen, as well as those parents who have helped in the classrooms, at sporting carnivals and many other activities throughout the year. I am grateful to our members of the School Committee and Parent Group, who represent the parent body, for their time and energy to support the school and the children, and to the many people who assisted these groups. Thank you to everyone. Your assistance and support has been greatly appreciated.

FAREWELL

At this time of the year it is sad to say farewell to members of our school community who will be leaving at the end of the year.

Members of staff who will be leaving are Mrs. Schinckel, Miss Buddle, Miss Nelligan and Miss Byrnes.

Mrs. Schinckel has been at Sacred Heart for 5 years. In this time she has taught mainly in Stage 1 and Stage 2. Mrs Schinckel has been our Assistant Principal and Leader of Curriculum for the past two years. In these positions she has been able to provide great leadership and professional learning opportunities for students and staff. I thank Mrs. Schinckel for her wonderful contributions and genuine interest in the school as a teacher and member of our leadership group and wish her well with her new teaching position in Penola.

Miss Buddle joined us at the beginning of the 2010 school year. Miss Buddle has taught in the Stage 1 area for the 6 years that she has worked at Sacred Heart. Miss Buddle has also provided the school with leadership in the area of technology as our ICT teacher. She has provided staff and students professional learning with online programs and assisted with the smooth transition of the Chromebooks. I thank Miss Buddle for her support and contributions she has made to our school and wish her well with her new teaching position in her new school on the Central Coast.

Miss Nelligan has taught our Year 3/4 class for 2015. Miss Nelligan's teaching and involvement with the school during this time is greatly appreciated. Miss

Nelligan has provided a range of different learning opportunities throughout the year including their class performance at the Eisteddfod for verse speaking. I thank Miss Nelligan for everything she has done to support the school and the Year 3/4 class and wish her well with her teaching career wherever it takes her.

Miss Byrnes has taught our Kindergarten class for Term 4 while Miss Zammit has taken long service leave. Miss Byrnes has provided her class wonderful teaching and learning opportunities while at Sacred Heart and been involved in many extra-curricular activities. Her interest in the students she teaches and support given to the children will be greatly missed. I wish Miss Byrnes all the best as she travels overseas next year and for her teaching career when she returns.



I thank these members of staff for their commitment and many contributions to Sacred Heart and wish them well and God's blessings as they take on new challenges.

We farewell our Year 6 students and wish them well as they move on to High School. Some of their families are ending their association with the school. We wish the following families God's blessings and thank them for supporting and being part our school community: Arthur family (Lachlan), Bright family (Alice), Burns family (Emily & Connor), Davis family (Alex), Dawson family (Amy), DeBrenni family (Claudia), Dwyer family (Piper & Shakira), Fargher/Pascoe family (Paige), Heuer/Nadge family (Michael), Jayasundara family (Himara), Koch family (Connor), Kuerschner family (Ben), Marrone family (Ben) and Osman family (Tia).

We also say goodbye to the Brooks/Knight family (Vanessa) and Whittaker/Bent family (Poppy & Eva) who will be leaving at the end of the year. We wish them God's blessings and thank them for being part of Sacred Heart and wish them all the best for the future.

The staff of Sacred Heart Parish Primary School wish all children and their families a happy and safe holiday over the Christmas season. Whether you are travelling or staying close to home, we hope that you remain safe and enjoy the festive season. We look forward to the New Year when we gather back together again.



Wishing everyone a Holy and Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Please take care and drive safely during the holidays.

Trevor Rynne
PRINCIPAL

