



SACRED HEART PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THIS WEEK: Electricity Week Child Protection Week

Mon 8/9:	<i>Feast Day of the Birth of Mary 9:10a.m. School Mass (Kindy) 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting</i>
Tues 9/9:	<i>9:15a.m. Parent Group Meeting 10:00am – 12:00pm PEDALS Playgroup 10:00a.m. – 4:30p.m. Child Safe workshop 1:15p.m. Year 4 Excursion – GeoCentre After school Music Stars guitar lessons</i>
Wed 10/9:	<i>10:50a.m. Fire Drill 3:45p.m. Executive Meeting</i>
Thurs 11/9:	<i>12:45p.m. Assembly (Hosts: Year 3) After school Music Stars keyboard lessons</i>
Fri 12/9:	<i>PSSA Gala Day Boys: Cricket Girls: Basketball</i>

NEXT WEEK:

Mon 15/9:	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows 9:10a.m. School Mass (Year 5/6) 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting</i>
Tues 16/9:	<i>10:00am – 12:00pm PEDALS Playgroup After school Music Stars guitar lessons</i>
Wed 17/9:	<i>PSSA Gala Day Boy: Basketball Girls: Soccer 3:45p.m. Executive Meeting 7:30p.m. School Committee Meeting</i>
Thurs 18/9:	<i>12:45p.m. Assembly(Hosts: Year 4/5)</i>
Fri 19/9:	<i>Footy Colours Day 3:30p.m. Term 3 concludes</i>

WELCOME

We extend a very warm welcome to Father Nick. Father Nick has been appointed the Parish Administrator of the Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish. We trust that Father Nick will enjoy his time in Broken Hill and hope that over the next two weeks you have an opportunity to meet Fr. Nick and make him feel welcome.

23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said, “If your brother offends you, go to him alone to talk about it. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others to speak with him. If he still refuses to listen, ask the community to speak

with him. And if he does not listen to the community, treat him as a pagan.”

(Matt 18: 15-20)

Happy Father’s Day!

A man can be a Father if he accepts God as his Father. God created man as a Father makes a son or daughter, putting in their soul the same spirit that he himself has. If a Father loves and puts others ahead of himself giving up some of his own life to give to the other, the child he begets can receive the same spirit of giving self for the other. Instead of giving birth to self-centredness, greed and introversion, he imparts generosity, awareness of others and the courage to go beyond oneself.

The Father leads by example and so is both creator, teacher and patient long-sufferer. We only have to look at the parable of the Prodigal Son or better named the Forgiving Father, so see what is the role of the Father. What caring Father does not suffer in training his children to grow, mature and in their turn bring to life their own children! The Father is to correct his child and if the child listens, he is won over. He is saved from disaster and death. But the child may object and appear not to listen. He or she rebels and fights against the Father. The Father suffers too and nearly dies as he sees the stubbornness and failings of his child. But persevere and be patient and long-suffering. The child will have a chance to change and come back to listen once more to his or her Father.

The Mother must also be patient and help the man, her husband to be a Father to their child. The Mother must let the Father make his mistakes as he learns to be a Father. She must help him as much as helping the child listen to the Father.

See how important the Father is! He represents God the Father. It is from God that a man receives his role and gift to become a Father. The key to maturity and fatherhood is found in the Gospel.

Jesus says: “If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.” Mistakes, fights and disagreements must happen, but we have been given the capacity to listen and when we can listen to the Word of the Father, we no longer die but live: one can forgive, let go of pride, judgements, hatred and the memory of past hurts. What has been created is a friendship, communion and mutual trust. Jesus says in the same gospel: “It shall be granted by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.”

Fr Nick Falzun OP

**Lord Jesus, it is not always easy to follow you. Help us to listen when others challenge us to be better Christians, and keep us close as a family.
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.

FATHER'S DAY

I hope all dads enjoyed their special day on Sunday. Thank you to everyone who supported the Father's Day Stall, Raffle and BBQ. The children always enjoy the experience of making their special gift for dad and having dad at school for the Father's Day BBQ and raffle. Many thanks to our Parent Group for coordinating and organising these activities and to all the parents who assisted in some way. It is greatly appreciated.

ROAD SAFETY

I would like to remind everyone 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.
- The teacher on duty will dismiss your child when they see that an adult is waiting for them at the front of the school. To ensure that your child has been dismissed and picked up we ask for your cooperation and patience with this matter.

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.

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.

EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Verse Speaking section of the Eisteddfod recently. All classes performed exceptionally well with great enthusiasm and success. The teachers were very proud and delighted with the efforts of the children. Special congratulations to Year 1/2 and Miss Buddle for receiving a 2nd placing in the Infant event and Year 5/6 and Mrs. Denton for receiving a 2nd placing in the Primary event.

Again, well done to all our children and thanks to the teachers for their hard work preparing them for these events.

BALLARAT/MELBOURNE EXCURSION

The Years 5 and 6 students had a great time on their excursion to Ballarat, Melbourne and Bendigo. They had the opportunity to visit places such as Sovereign Hill, the Ballarat Wildlife Park, Melbourne Gaol, MCG, the Melbourne Aquarium and Bendigo's Golden Dragon Museum. The students had fun and learnt a lot about the early gold rush in Victoria. They were a credit to themselves, the school and their families. A special thanks to Mrs. Denton for her support and assistance with supervision throughout the excursion. A great experience for all involved!



NAPLAN TEST RESULTS

Letters have been sent home to parents who have children in Years 3 and 5 providing a report of your child's performance in the 2014 National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy which were held earlier in the year. The results of these tests assist teachers to assess, monitor and support your child's literacy and numeracy needs. You are encouraged to contact your child's teacher if you wish to talk about

your child's report and their current progress in reading, writing and numeracy. Below is more information that may assist when reading these reports:

YEAR 3

Band 1: Students are below the national minimum standard

Band 2: Students are at the national minimum standard

Bands 3 to 6: Students are above the national minimum standards

YEAR 5

Band 3: Students are below the national minimum standard

Band 4: Students are at the national minimum standard

Bands 5 to 8: Students are above the national minimum standards

CHILD SAFE WORKSHOP

Yesterday (**Tuesday, 9th September**) I had the opportunity to participate in 'Child-Safe, Child-Friendly' workshop. This workshop was facilitated by the New South Wales Office of the Children's Guardian.

EMERGENCY DRILL

Today, (**Wednesday, 10th September**) an Evacuation Drill was held. Many thanks to all students, teachers, parents and visitors for taking part in this drill. Emergency drill procedures are posted in all buildings.

ASSEMBLIES

This week: **Thursday, 11th Sept** Hosts: Year 3
Next week: **Thursday, 18th Sept** Hosts: Year 4/5

PSSA GALA DAYS

This **Friday, 12th September** will be the first of our two Gala Days for students in Years 3-6. The girls will participate in Basketball and the boys in Cricket. Information and details about arrangements for these two activities have been sent home with students involved.

Due to the Silver City Show the second Gala Day next week will be held on **Wednesday, 17th September**. The girls will be participating in Soccer and the boys in Basketball. More details regarding this second Gala Day will be sent home early next week.

MUSIC STARS LESSONS

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

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. Please feel free to bring along a friend as it is open to all families. The next playgroup session will be held on **Tuesday, 14th September** and is facilitated by our Parent Group.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

The next School Committee Meeting will take place next **Wednesday, 17th September** at 7:30p.m. in the Admin Meeting Room.

SILVER CITY SHOW

The school will be entering a range of Kindergarten to Year 6 samples of written work and artwork in the Schools Display at the Silver City Show. We hope that you get the opportunity to view the wonderful work produced by our students.

LANDCARE – TREE PLANTING

Attached to this letter is an invitation for our students to participate in a tree planting day to be held this **Sunday, 14th September** at 10:30a.m. If you are interested in attending this event with your child please contact the school by **Friday, 12th September** so we can inform them of numbers attending for catering purposes.

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 concludes: **Friday, 19th September**
TERM 4: School Resumes: **Tuesday, 7th October**
School concludes: **Wed 17th December**

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

A reminder that **Monday, 6th October** is the Labour Day Holiday therefore Term 4 will commence on **Tuesday, 7th October**.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable week.

Trevor Rynne
PRINCIPAL

