



SACRED HEART PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THIS WEEK: Principals Meeting in Forbes

Sun 14th Feb:	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>
Mon 15th Feb:	<i>Principals Meeting in Forbes 9:10a.m. Beginning of Year Mass 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting</i>
Tues 16th Feb:	<i>Principal's Meeting in Forbes</i>
Wed 17th Feb:	<i>Principal's Meeting in Forbes No Leadership Meeting</i>
Thurs 18th Feb:	<i>Principal's Meeting in Forbes 9:00a.m. SHPPS Swimming Carnival No Assembly</i>

NEXT WEEK:

Sun 21st Feb:	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>
Mon 22nd Feb:	<i>9:10a.m. School Mass (Year 4/5) 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting</i>
Tues 23rd Feb:	<i>Shannon Haase (CEO) at SHPPS ICTT Workshop 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. PEDALS</i>
Wed 24th Feb:	<i>Shannon Haase (CEO) at SHPPS Mentor's Workshop 3:45p.m. Leadership Meeting</i>
Thurs 25th Feb:	SCHOOL PHOTOS <i>REC Meeting in Forbes 12:45p.m. No Assembly 4:00p.m. PSSA Swimming Carnival</i>
Fri 26th Feb:	<i>REC Meeting in Forbes</i>

WELCOME KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Welcome to our 17 new Kindergarten children and their families to Sacred Heart Parish Primary School, Broken Hill. Even though the weather has been very hot, the students managed to play lots of games with new friends, complete classroom activities and participate in Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day in their first week.

Miss Zammit said, "It is an exciting time for the children, as they commence their first year at school. We are planning a fun filled year with lots of learning"



SHROVE TUESDAY

Last **Tuesday, 9th February** was Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is an ancient religious festival day dating back to the early Christian times. The name Shrove Tuesday comes from the custom of ringing the "shriving bell" to summon the people to church to be "shriven" – that is, to confess their sins at the beginning of Lent. At this time, certain foods are given up for the duration of Lent, such as eggs, milk, meat and rich buttery dishes. On Shrove Tuesday, families eat up all the rich foods left in their pantries. One way they use up the eggs, milk and fats in the house is to add flour to make special pancakes.

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, in preparation for Lent, Mrs. Denton organised a Pancake Day to kick start our Lenten-giving through Project Compassion. The money raised will go to a very worthy cause.

Many thanks to Mrs. Denton for organising this fundraiser and to all parents who were able to assist by cooking and serving the pancakes. Your time and assistance is greatly appreciated.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness for forty days. He ate nothing and by the end was very hungry. Then the devil tested him promising power and honour if Jesus would worship him. But

Jesus refused and the devil left him.

(Luke 4: 1-13)

Fasting: Fasting is about more than avoiding certain indulgent foods, like chocolate or ice-cream. Eating is just one of many activities in which we are prone to over-indulge.

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.

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 have been placed in all classrooms and the Office to encourage everyone to donate some money throughout Lent for those people who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2016

Last **Wednesday, 10th February** students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 gathered in Marcellin Hall to vote for our school leaders for 2016. Students in Year 6 who were nominated for the positions of School Captains and House Captains were required to present a short speech for each leadership position. Firstly, I acknowledge and congratulate all students who nominated for a leadership position on the way they presented themselves and the quality of their prepared speeches. They all did an exceptional job. Well done!

Secondly, I congratulate the following students and pray that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit during the year to be good leaders of our school.

Our school leaders for 2016 are:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

Leni Murray & Max Trask

HOUSE CAPTAINS:

Champagnat: Leni Murray & Navik Liyanage

Joseph: Isla Vierow & Cameron Attard

McAuley: Grace Norley & Max Trask

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL:

Year 6: Leni Murray & Max Trask

Year 5: Mahaila Denton & Lucais De La Coeur

Year 4: Mackenzie Williams & Connor Turley

Year 3: Lacey-May Finch & Kade McLachlan-Menz

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR MASS

Today, (**Monday, 15th February**) we celebrated the beginning of the new school year by attending a School Mass and inducting our School leaders for 2016. 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 2016. 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 for this occasion.

DIOCESAN MEETINGS

This week I will be travelling to Forbes to participate in a Principal's meeting from **Monday, 15th February** to **Friday, 19th February**.

Mrs. McKay will participate in an ICTT workshop via video conference on **Tuesday, 23rd February** and Mrs. Coff will also participate in a Mentor's Meeting via video conference on **Wednesday, 24th February**.

Mrs. Denton will travel to Forbes to participate in a REC conference on **Thursday, 25th February** and **Friday, 26th February**.

YEARS 3-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Our School Swimming Carnival for Years 3 to 6 will be held at the Broken Hill Regional Aquatic Centre this week on

Thursday, 18th February. Students are required to be at the pool no later than 8:45a.m. for a 9:00a.m. start. The carnival will conclude at **approximately 2:00p.m.** Parents will need to drop off and pick up their child/children from the pool at these times.

This is a compulsory school activity and all students in Years 3-6 are expected to attend. If for any reason your child is unable to swim he/she can participate in novelties events or support their team.

All students are required to wear their blue school broad brimmed hat and their House coloured T-shirt. These uniform items must be worn when the children are not in the pool. Please ensure that your child has an ample amount of sunscreen as well.

The children will be required to sit in the delegated area with their House team and parents may sit with their child/children in this area. There will be canteen facilities available on the day or students can bring their own recess and lunch. Please ensure that your child also has plenty of water.

An invitation is extended to any Year 2 student to participate in this carnival if they can competently swim 50m in any of the 4 swimming strokes and belong to a Swimming Club. Please contact Mrs. Denton at school to discuss your child's participation in this carnival.

Everyone is most welcome to come along and cheer for their child/children and their House team.

School will be as usual for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students on this day.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on **Thursday, 25th February**. All students will be required to wear their **FULL FORMAL SUMMER** uniform on this day.

PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL



The PSSA Swimming Carnival will be held on **Thursday, 25th February** commencing at 4:00p.m. at the Broken Hill Regional

Aquatics Centre. Information regarding arrangements for this carnival will be sent home soon with students selected to represent the school.

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Wilcannia-Forbes Diocesan Swimming Carnival will be held on **Monday, 29th February** in Condobolin this year. For more information please contact me at school regarding this carnival.

Don't FORGET!



food or purchase food from the canteen for their friends or other children. Your cooperation and support with this matter is greatly appreciated.

K-2 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Infants (Kindy, Year 1 & Year 2) Novelty Carnival will be held this **Wednesday, 2nd March**. This carnival will be held at the Broken Hill Regional Aquatics Centre commencing at 9:30a.m. More details about this carnival will be sent home soon.

School will be as usual for Year 3 to Year 6 students on this day.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Our first School Assembly will be held on **Thursday, 3rd March** at 12:45p.m. in Marcellin Hall. Year 5/6 will be hosting this Assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SKOOLBAG APP

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

FACEBOOK

We are also on Facebook. Check out our Facebook page to keep up to date with events throughout the school.

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.

ANAPHYLAXIS

There are a number of children at our school who suffer from anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It can occur when a susceptible person is exposed to an allergen (such as a food or an insect sting). Reactions usually begin within minutes of exposure and can progress rapidly over a period of up to two hours or more. Anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and always requires an emergency response. With this in mind, it is a good opportunity to remind everyone to **avoid sending to school with your child any food products with nuts or egg**. Also I would encourage parents to remind your child that they should wash their hands after they have eaten and not share their

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. Please contact the Office for more forms if required.

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.

OFFICE HOURS

This term the office will be open from 8:30a.m. to 3:15p.m. on Mondays and Fridays and from 8:30a.m. to 3:30a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The office will be closed daily from 12:30p.m. to 1:00p.m. 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.

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

The Uniform Shop, relocated in the Admin building, is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00a.m. to 9:30a.m.

ST PAT'S HELPERS NEEDED

During the next few weeks a number of notes will be 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. This week we require help for the distribution of Raffle tickets to businesses around town. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office to assist in any way.



SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking day is every Thursday. Forms can be picked up from the Office if you wish your child open an account for School Banking.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable week!

Trevor Rynne
PRINCIPAL

TERM DATES 2016

Term dates for 2016 are as follows:

TERM 1:

School commences: Thursday, 4th February

School concludes: Friday, 8th April

TERM 2:

School commences: Tuesday, 26th April

School concludes: Friday, 1st July

TERM 3:

School commences: Monday, 18th July

School concludes: Friday, 23rd September

TERM 4:

School commences: Monday, 10th October

School concludes: Friday, 16th December



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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.