



# SACRED HEART PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## THIS WEEK:

<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b>	9:00a.m. Day 1 for Kindergarten No School Mass 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b>	<b>SHROVE TUESDAY</b> 10:00a.m. PEDALS Playgroup 3:30p.m. – 4:30p.m. Novita workshop
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 9:10am Ash Wednesday Mass: Yr. 1-6 11:35am Ash Wednesday liturgy: K 11:35am Voting for Student Leaders 3:45p.m. Leadership Meeting 7:30p.m. School Committee Meeting
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b>	No Assembly 3:45p.m. PSSA Committee Meeting
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b>	<b>CENSUS</b>

## NEXT WEEK: Principals Meeting in Forbes

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

# WELCOME

Welcome back everyone to the start of a new school year. I hope you enjoyed the summer holiday break with your children.

A very warm welcome is extended to all our new children and their families who have joined us this year. We hope and trust that your association with Sacred Heart is an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

The children have quickly settled back into the school routine and are eager to learn. The Kindergarten children had their first full day today and look happy to be at 'big school' and will gradually learn and adapt to new routines.

Thank you for your support and co-operation regarding the school uniform. I remind parents that students and staff are required to wear proper enclosed footwear at

all times. This includes sport and casual clothes days. Therefore students are required to **wear black leather lace up shoes during summer and winter seasons (not fashion shoes or shoes with buckles etc.)** Please take this into account when you are purchasing new shoes for your child. Items that have not been approved by the School Committee are not to be worn.

On Fridays, the children wear their sports uniform to school. Approved items include their coloured sports shirt and plain blue shorts (**The blue shorts are not to have any brand names or logos showing.**)

I would also like to welcome back all current and new staff especially Miss Armitage, Miss Pressley and Mr. Moran. It is great to see everyone refreshed after their break and looking forward to a new year with their new class.

Following is a list of classes and staff for 2016.

Kindergarten:	Miss Zammit	Room 12
Year 1:	Miss Pressley	Room 8
Year 2:	Mr. Moran	Room 7
Year 2/3:	Miss Armitage	Room 1
	Mrs. Tracey (Thurs ½ day & Fri)	
Year 4/5:	Mrs. McKay	Room 2
	Mrs. Coff (Mondays)	
Year 5/6D:	Mrs. Denton	Room 4
	Mr. Rynne (Fridays)	
Ass. Principal:	Miss Armitage	
K-2 Lit/Num:	Mrs. Coff	Room 9
Yrs. 3-6 Lit/Num	Miss Armitage	
Special Ed:	Mrs. Tracey	Room 6
Library:	Mrs. Smith	Library
Office:	Mrs. Gobell-McGregor	
Class Support:	Mrs. Finch	
	Miss Clothier	
	Mrs. Dwyer	
	<b>Ms. Gilby</b>	
IT & AEW Sup:	Mrs. Crampton	
Groundsman:	Mr. Peter Jeffery	
Enrolment Officer:	Mrs. Belinda Miller	

## 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.

## BEST START ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Last week and this Friday (**12<sup>th</sup> February**) our Kindergarten children participated in the Best Start Assessment Program and Mathematics Assessment

Interview (MAI). The purpose of these Assessment Programs is to provide information for Kindergarten teachers to:

- build on each student's current knowledge and experiences in literacy and numeracy;
- develop quality teaching and learning programs that support students in achieving Early Stage 1 syllabus outcomes.

Many thanks to the families of our Kindergarten students for ensuring that their child attended this program on their designated day last week. Also, many thanks to Miss Zammit for conducting these tests. In the next few weeks, parents will be informed of their child's results.

## BELLS TIMES

Bell Times for 2016.

8:30a.m.	Teacher on duty
8:55a.m.	End of play bell
9:00a.m.	Lessons begin
11:00a.m.	Recess
11:30a.m.	End of play bell
11:35a.m.	Lessons begin
1:15p.m.	Lunch
1:30p.m.	Play bell
1:55p.m.	End of play bell
2:00p.m.	Lessons begin
3:30p.m.	Dismissal

**It is important that children arrive at school before 8:55a.m. to allow them to commence class on time.**

## SHROVE TUESDAY

Tomorrow (Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February) is Shrove Tuesday. The school will hold a pancake day at lunch time, as a way to kick start our Lenten-giving through Project Compassion. Information about the Pancake Day was sent home last week. Please ensure that all orders are returned and handed to your child's teacher by tomorrow morning for catering purposes.

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 visit each classroom every morning to collect donations from students. We thank you for your participation and generosity for this very worthy cause during the Lenten season.

## PEDALS PLAYGROUP

In conjunction with Centacare, we have set up a playgroup at the school which will operate every second 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 first session will be held tomorrow (Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February).

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.

## ASH WEDNESDAY


Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will be held this Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February. A School Mass and the distribution of ashes will be held in the Cathedral commencing at 9:10a.m. for all Years 1 to 6 students.

Kindergarten students will participate in a class liturgy at 11:35a.m. in their classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass or liturgy with the students and staff.

## VOTING FOR SCHOOL LEADERS

This Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February at 11:35a.m. students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will gather in Marcellin Hall to vote for our school leaders for 2016. Students in Year 6 who have nominated for the positions of School Captains and House Captains will be required to present a short speech for each leadership position. Parents are welcome to attend.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

 The first meeting of our School Committee will take place this Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30p.m. in the Admin Meeting Room. The role of the School Committee is to assist the Principal and Parish Administrator in the efficient running of the school. It is an advisory Board. The School Board meets in the Admin Meeting Room on the second Wednesday of each month except during school holidays.

## BEGINNING OF THE YEAR MASS

A K-6 School Mass to celebrate the beginning of the school year will be held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February at 9:10a.m. in the Cathedral. This is a special Mass when we gather to ask God's blessing for the coming year. At the end of the Mass our school leaders for 2016 will be presented to our school community for the first time. Everyone is welcome to come along to celebrate this Mass with the children, teachers and parishioners. Students will be required to wear their full summer formal uniform on this day. After the Mass the newly elected school leaders will gather for a morning tea. All parents, grandparents and friends are more than welcome to join our school leaders for a 'cuppa' and a bite to eat. The morning tea will be held in the Marcellin Hall.

## DIOCESAN MEETINGS

Next week I will be travelling to Forbes to participate in a Principal's meeting from Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 next week on

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> February.** Students are required to be at the pool no later than 8:50a.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. 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.**

## DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

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

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Parish is about to commence preparations for the celebration of Confirmation.



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 on **Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March** at **10:00a.m.** in the Cathedral. It is important that you attend this Enrolment Mass if your child is going to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

More information will be prepared and sent home soon by the Parish Office to invite families to present their children for this Sacramental program.

## 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 arriving at school on time is important?

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert.
- Helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore
- Reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

**Lateness (partial absences) must be explained by written notes to the school the same way as other absences.**

## ROAD SAFETY

Road Safety is the responsibility of everyone. I would like to remind you of our Road Safety procedures for dropping off and collecting your child before and after school.



- Students walking and being dropped off by parents enter through 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 classroom or Lane Street entrance at the steps.
- 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 or Lane Street.
- Students waiting for parents to collect them **wait with the bus duty teacher** at the gateway 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.

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.

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

## 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 3:30p.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 to 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, 4<sup>th</sup> February

School concludes: Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April

### TERM 2:

School commences: Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April

School concludes: Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July

### TERM 3:

School commences: Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July

School concludes: Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September

### TERM 4:

School commences: Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October

School concludes: Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December

## 40km/H SCHOOL zones Information for parents



The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school. Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9:30am and from 2:30pm till 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits **MUST** be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms.

Gazetted school term dates can be found on the RTA website and the websites of the NSW Board of Studies and the NSW Department of Education and Training.

### Western Division

A small number of schools in the Western Division of NSW commence the school year one week later than schools in the remainder of the state.

### Non-standard 40km/h school zone times

There are a small number of non-standard school zone times in NSW. Red signs at these schools display the non-standard times which apply.

The minimum penalty for speeding in an operating 40km/h school zone is a \$150 fine and the loss of 2\* demerit points.

### Dragon's teeth road markings

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular dragon's teeth road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

# PCYC Art 4 Kids!

## 7 WEEK BEGINNERS ART CLASSES FOR KIDS STARTING MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY!

For kids aged 7 - 12 years

Mondays 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Teacher: Sharyn Matthews

**COST: \$50 to be paid prior to starting**

All Participants must be PCYC Club Members.

Kids membership are \$10 for 12 months

**FOR BOOKINGS OR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL**

**THE PCYC ON 8087 3723**



## JUNIOR CRICKET

Junior cricket commences on Saturday mornings at Norm Fox Oval.

### **Hardball Cricket**

Hardball for Years 5 & 6 commences @ 8a.m.

### **Super 8's**

Super 8's for years 3 & 4 @ 8:30a.m.

### **Skills**

Skills cricket for Kindy and Years 1 & 2 @ 8:30a.m.

**New Players Welcome!**

