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THIS WEEK:

Sun 11/12:	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>
Mon 12/12:	<i>Parent/Teacher forms to teachers No Staff Meeting</i>
Tues 13/12:	<i>9:10a.m. End of Year School Mass 10:00a.m. Year 6 families Morning Tea 3:40p.m. Parent/Teacher Interviews</i>
Wed 14/12:	<i>11:45a.m. End of Year Assembly 1:15p.m. Christmas Party – Sturt Park 3:45p.m. Leadership Meeting 7:30p.m. School Committee AGM</i>
Fri 16/12:	<i>3:30p.m. Term 4 concludes</i>

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Paul wrote to James, “Be patient until the Lord’s coming. Think of a farmer – he waits and waits for the fruit and for the rains. Do not lose heart – the Lord’s coming will be soon.”

(James 5:7-10)

God of mercy, you are patient and kind. Teach us to wait patiently for the coming of Jesus. Amen.

PRESENTATION EVENING



Our Presentation Evening was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the efforts of all our students in a range of areas throughout 2016. The students’ involvement, enthusiasm and enjoyment while presenting their items were very evident on the night.

A big thank you to Mrs. Denton who continues to amaze us all with the choreography of the dance performances and her assistance backstage. Also, many thanks to Miss Armitage, Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Denton for their guidance and preparation of the Infant and Primary Choirs. We are very fortunate to have some very talented teachers working with our students in these areas.

Thanks go to all members of staff for their preparations of items performed on the night, props for the dances

and supervision of the children, as well as their assistance with the preparation of the prayer; to Miss Armitage who was our emcee for the evening and made sure everything ran very smoothly; to Fr. Nick and all other invited guests for being with us on this special occasion for our school and presenting awards; to Mr. Corey Paulson for his didgeridoo playing for our Acknowledgement of Country; to Year 1 and Year 4/5 for the presentation of their verse speaking item; to Mr. Peter Jeffery, Miya Xia and Kate Doyle for their assistance backstage; to Max Trask and Leni Murray for their preparation and delivery of the valedictory speech and to everyone who came along to support the children and teachers. The effort of all involved is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Hamper Raffle by buying tickets and donating goods for the hampers. The raffle was again, very successful. Thanks to our Parent Group for organising this fundraiser, the assistance and support of everyone is greatly appreciated.

I’m sure that you would agree that it was a great night.

CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Stephanie Warhurst for being announce joint Dux for 2016 at the Broken Hill High School Presentation Evening last week.

Stephanie was a past student at Sacred Heart from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Congratulations Stephanie on your achievement.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

END OF YEAR MASS



Our End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving will be held tomorrow (**Tuesday, 13th December**) at **9:10a.m.** in the Cathedral. Everyone is most welcome to come along and

celebrate with us. After Mass, as is the custom, the Year 5 students will host morning tea for the Year 6 children and their families. All students are required to wear their **FULL SUMMER UNIFORM** on this day.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews for Semester 2 are being conducted after school tomorrow (**Tuesday, 13th December**).

END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY

Our final Assembly for the year will be held on **Wednesday, 14th December** at **11:45a.m.** in Marcellin Hall. Year 4/5 will be hosting this Assembly.

Please note the change in day and time.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Weather permitting, students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will have their Christmas Party at Sturt Park on **Wednesday, 14th December**. Each child is asked to bring along a decorated Christmas box with some Christmas treats to eat and drink. The children can wear casual clothes on this day, however, please ensure that they are wearing closed shoes. Classes will make their way to the park at 1:15p.m. and all families are invited to join us for lunch. Parents may collect their child from the Sturt Park at 3:00p.m. or the school at 3:30p.m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGM

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 Committee. The School Committee meets in the Admin Meeting Room on the second Wednesday of each month except during school holidays. Each year there is a turnover of half the Committee members. The school is seeking **Expressions of Interest** to serve on the School Committee due to the completion of some members' Term of Office, which is generally for two years.

The final School Committee meeting for this year will be the Annual General Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, 14th December** commencing at 7:30p.m. This meeting is open for anyone interested in serving on the School Committee for 2017 to attend.

VOLUNTEERS – THANK YOU



As a token of our appreciation I would like to invite all parents and carers who have volunteered their time this year to join us for an afternoon tea on **Thursday, 15th December**. It will be held in Marcellin Hall from 2:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. It would be great to see you there.

CANTEEN

The canteen will only be open on Monday and Tuesday this week. It will be **closed** on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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. These forms have been given out to all Year 6 students. All clearances are due by **Thursday, 15th December**.

BOOK ORDERS



Book orders for 2017 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 no later than **Friday, 16th December 2016**. 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 three days of school in casual clothes. The final day of school for all students is **Friday, 16th December**. The children will be dismissed at 3:30p.m.

CLASSES FOR 2017

Following is the list of classes and teachers for 2017.

Kindergarten:	Miss Armitage/Mrs. Coff
Year 1:	Miss Pressley
Year 2:	Miss Zammit
Year 3:	Mr. Moran
Year 4:	Mrs. McKay
Year 5/6:	Mrs. Denton
Special Ed.	Mrs. Tracey

TERM DATES 2017

Term 1 dates for next year, 2017 are as follows:

TERM 1:

School commences: **Monday, 6th February**
(Year 1 to 6 students)

Wednesday, 8th February
(Kindergarten students)

Kindergarten students will be involved in the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment program from **Monday, 6th February** to **Tuesday, 7th February**.

SURVEYS

Today, a letter has been sent home with information regarding a 'School Satisfaction' survey for 2016 to be completed online.

The purpose of the survey is to collate information from parents/guardians to present in the school's Annual Report which is made available to parents to read in 2017. This survey is required to meet regulatory requirements.

The survey can be completed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XM5TJ82> and will close on **Tuesday, 20th December**.

I appreciate your time and thank you for sharing your responses.

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 2016. Their dedication and interest in the students is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to Fr. Nick for his support and providing opportunities for 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. Smith, Ms. Langley and Miss Clothier.

Mrs. Smith has been at Sacred Heart for 27 years. Mrs. Smith has taught hundreds of children at our school and in some cases their parents. Mrs. Smith during this time has taught Music, Home Science, Technics as well as look after the libraries on both the Secondary and Primary campuses. Mrs. Smith instigated the Sacred Heart College Ensemble where they performed at school masses and had concerts at Theatre 44. Mrs. Smith was also the musical director for the Secondary musical performance of Pendragon, that some of you may have been a part of, as well as conducting the Infant

and Primary choirs for a number of years. Mrs. Smith certainly has a talent for music. I thank Mrs. Smith for her dedication, wisdom, kindness and support she has shown and wish her and her family all the best with her retirement.

Ms Langley joined us at the beginning of Term 2 this year. Ms Langley is currently teaching Year 2. Ms. Langley's teaching and involvement with the school during this time is greatly appreciated. Ms. Langley has provided a range of different learning opportunities throughout the year including their class performance at the Eisteddfod for verse speaking. I thank Ms. Langley for everything she has done to support the school and the Year 2 class and wish her well with her teaching career.

Miss Clothier has been in a support staff role for the past 2 years. She is currently assisting students in our Year 1 class. Miss Clothier has provided wonderful support for Miss Zammit (2015) and Miss Pressley (2016) and has been involved in many activities during this time. Her interest in the students she works with and support given to the children will be greatly missed. I wished Miss Clothier all the best for the future wherever it takes her.



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: Metcalfe family (Hanna), Rae/Etherden family (Hayden), Thorpe family (Hannah), Trask family (Max), Liyanage/Wellings family (Navik), Smith family (Sarah-Jane), Norley family (Grace), Durbidge/Raven family (Sabian), Prentos family (Christo) and the Murray family (Leni).

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