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THIS WEEK:

Sun 30/11:	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>
Mon 1/12:	9:10a.m. School Mass (Kindy) 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting
Tues 2/12:	10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. PEDALS Music Stars after school guitar lessons
Wed 3/12:	9:30a.m. BHHS Year 6 Orientation Day No Executive Meeting
Thurs 4/12:	9:30a.m. Presentation Night Practice No Assembly 3:45p.m. PSSA Calendar Meeting Music Stars after school keyboard lessons 6:30pm Presentation Night- Civic Centre
Fri 5/12:	3:25p.m. Distribution of S2 Reports

NEXT WEEK:

Sun 7/12:	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>
Mon 8/12:	9:10am End of Year School Mass (Yr. 5/6) No Staff Meeting
Tues 9/12:	10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. PEDALS 3:40p.m. Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wed 10/12:	Christmas Party No Executive Meeting 7:30p.m. School Committee AGM
Thur 11/12:	11:30a.m. End of Year Assembly

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Jesus said to his disciples, "Be on your guard, stay awake! You never know when the time will come. It is like a man who goes travelling, leaving his servants in charge. You do not know when the master of the house will return. He must not find you asleep. So stay awake!"

(ref. Mark 13:33-37)

Stay Awake – Stay Away. The consumer madness of Christmas has all but eclipsed the one for whom the feast exists, Jesus. In our modern society, 'staying awake' often means 'staying away' from the shopping centres. This year, do something radical, give gifts that Jesus would want – gifts of time, kindness and love.

**Lord Jesus, you came to us in a humble stable.
 Help us to prepare a place in our hearts for you.
 Amen.**

MESSAGE FROM FR. NICK

Advent means "Coming" and we as Christians are waiting for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. He comes to us unexpectedly, at a time we do not know, so the Gospel tells us, to "Stay awake". Does this mean we should never sleep? Certainly not! It means that we should rest our bodies, but we should never slip into sin, into losing hope in the coming of the Lord.

Why do people want to sin? To have a good time! To escape the pain of living for God and living to love and serve one another! With hope in the coming of our Saviour, it is Christ who takes away this pain and he will remove the need to indulge in ourselves and in worldly things in order to be happy. There is a need for balance, because while living in the material world, we also need to draw life from the spiritual world of our God. God cares for us and when we see the face of God, we receive the sustenance of God's love in all we do.

Fr. Nick O.P.

SYMPATHY



We extend our deepest sympathy to the Murray family (Leni – Year 4) on the sad loss of her great grandmother. Please remember to keep the Murray family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of sadness.

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 serious illness or sickness.

GOOGLE APPS & CHROMEBOOKS



Many thanks to all families who were able to attend one of the Parent Information sessions last week

regarding Google Apps for Education and the rollout of Chromebooks for 2015. If you were unable to attend, attached to this newsletter is a pamphlet with information on the Chrome Book Rollout. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP TROPHY VISIT



Yesterday (**Monday, 1st December**) our Year 4/5 class were fortunate to attend the ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy Tour which was located in Sturt Park. The students had the opportunity to get their photo taken with the ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy and test their batting and bowling skills.

MUSIC STARS LESSONS



Lessons for children who have enrolled in the guitar and/or keyboard sessions will continue this week. The guitar lessons will be held on Tuesdays and the keyboard lessons on Thursdays. Lessons will be held after school in the Library. This week will be the last lessons for 2014.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

A reminder that tickets and money for our Christmas Raffle was due on Monday. If you still have tickets and money to send in for the raffle please send it in with your child tomorrow. The raffle will be drawn at our Presentation Evening. Many thanks to all families for donating the items to make up the hampers for our Christmas raffle.

BHHS YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAYS

The Year 6 Broken Hill High School Orientation Day will be held tomorrow (**Wednesday, 3rd December**) commencing at 9:20a.m. and concluding at 2:45p.m. **Parents will need to make their own arrangements to drop off and pick up their child** from the High School. Students will be required to wear their school sports uniform on this day as well. For further information regarding these Orientation sessions please contact Mrs. Denton or the High School.

ASSEMBLIES

There will be **NO** Assembly this week. Our final Assembly for the year will be held on **Thursday, 11th December** at 11:30a.m. in Marcellin Hall. Year 4/5 will be hosting this Assembly. **Please note the change in time.**

PRESENTATION EVENING

Our 2014 Presentation Evening will be held this **Thursday, 4th December** in the Civic Centre commencing at **6:30p.m.** It is expected that all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 attend this school function wearing **FULL SUMMER FORMAL UNIFORM** including their black lace up shoes.

The students will need to report to their class teacher **by 6:10p.m.** To assist with the organisation of the evening the students will remain with their class group until the end of the evening when their teacher will dismiss them. The students will be supervised by their class teacher throughout the night until dismissed.

Each family is requested to bring along a plate of supper to share at the end of the evening. Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided. Parents will be able to place their plate of supper on tables when you arrive at the Civic Centre in the Supper Room.

Practices will be held at the Civic Centre on **Thursday, 4th December** for all students. Weather permitting, the children will walk down to the Civic Centre and return to school with their teacher at the end of their practice session.

Everyone is invited to attend and acknowledge the students efforts and achievements for 2014. We look forward to seeing you there.

DISTRIBUTION OF SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Semester Two Reports will be distributed at the end of the day on **Friday, 5th December.** Please return your child's Parent/Teacher form back to school on **Monday, 8th December** to allow teachers to allocate a time for your interview. Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted on **Tuesday, 9th December.**

END OF YEAR MASS

Our End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving will be held next **Monday, 8th 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.

PEDALS PLAYGROUP

Our final PEDALS Playgroup will be held on **Tuesday, 9th November** in the Music Room and will be facilitated by our Parent Group.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year, students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will have their Christmas Party at school on **Wednesday, 10th 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 appropriate closed shoes. After lunch the children will make their way to the Hall for a Disco.

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 Expression of Interest form can be collected from the office and should be returned **before the office closes at 3:15p.m. on Wednesday, 10th December.**

The final School Committee meeting for this year will be the Annual General Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, 10th December** commencing at 7:30p.m.

TEXTBOOK ORDERS



Text books for 2014 have arrived and can be collected from the office. 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 **Wednesday, 17th December 2014.** 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.

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 by **Friday, 12th December.**

CASUAL CLOTHES

Students may attend the last week of school in casual clothes. The final day of school for all students is **Wednesday, 17th December.** The children will be dismissed at 3:30p.m.

END OF TERM

The last day of Term 4 for students will be on **Wednesday, 17th December.**

The Office will remain open until **Friday, 19th 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.

TERM DATES 2015

Term 1 dates for next year, 2015 are as follows:

TERM 1:

School commences: **Wednesday, 4th February**
(Year 1 to 6 students)

Monday, 9th February
(Kindergarten students)

Kindergarten students will be involved in the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment program from **Wednesday, 4th February** to **Friday, 6th February.** More information about this program will be sent home soon.

School concludes: **Thursday, 2nd April**

Enjoy your week and I hope to see everyone at our Presentation evening.

Trevor Rynne
PRINCIPAL



Congratulations to the following students who successfully completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. These awards will be handed out at our End of Year Assembly.

GOLD AWARDS

Mahaila Denton

Paige Fargher

(Gold Awards are awarded to students who have completed four (4) successful years in the Premier's Reading Challenge)

The following students were awarded participation awards:

James Dawson, Zahli Finch, Benjamin Miller, Jacob Muscat, Jakora Paulson, Armaan Shah, Hazel Symonds, Jake Finch, Trinity Whitelum, Luke Dawson, Bella Jeans, Oliver Spiteri, Tess Muscat, Lachlan Arthur, Amy Dawson and Shakira Dwyer.

Well done to these students!

**BOOK ORDERS FOR 2015 ARE
READY TO BE PICKED UP FROM
OFFICE**