



SACRED HEART PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THIS WEEK: Catholic Schools Week

Sun 8th Mar:	3rd Sunday of Lent 10a.m. Mass: Confirmation Session 3
Mon 9th Mar:	9:10a.m. School Mass (Year 3/4) 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting
Tues 10th Mar:	W/F Diocesan Winter Trials in Parkes 10:00a.m. PEDALS Playgroup 3:45p.m. Guitar Music Lessons 6:00p.m. K-6 Parent Info Night 7:30p.m. Games Night Practice
Wed 11th Mar:	11:30a.m. OPEN CLASSROOMS 1:15p.m. BBQ 7:30p.m. School Committee Meeting
Thur 12th Mar:	9:30a.m. Infants Swimming Carnival
Fri 13th Mar:	Anthony Morgan (CEO) at SHPPS 12:45p.m. Assembly (Host: Year 5/6D) 7:00p.m. St Pat's Games Night
Sat 14th Mar:	St. Pat's Races

NEXT WEEK:

Sun 15th Mar:	4th Sunday of Lent 10a.m. Mass: Confirmation Session 4
Mon 16th Mar:	Anthony Morgan (CEO) at SHPPS 9:10a.m. School Mass (Year 1) 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting
Tues 17th Mar:	Feast Day of St. Patrick 8am Athletics/Reading Eggs Wkshp. 10:00a.m. PEDALS Playgroup 3:45p.m. Guitar Music Lessons
Thur 19th Mar:	Feast Day of St. Joseph 12:45p.m. Assembly (Host: Year 5/6M) 3:45p.m. PSSA Committee Meeting
Fri 20th Mar:	Action against Bullying & Violence Polding Swimming Trials @ SOPA

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Communities of Faith,
Knowledge and Service

This week is Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week is being held this year from **Sunday, 8th March** to **Saturday 14th March**. All 11 dioceses across NSW and the ACT are joining together to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our Catholic schools.

The theme for 2015 is 'Educating for Today and Tomorrow', which is appropriate considering the many individual learning opportunities that Catholic schools provide for their students, with the teachings of Christ always at the centre.

The relationship between school and parish is essential. Catholic Schools Week provides a wonderful opportunity to recognise this relationship and celebrate together.

Catholic Schools Week is also about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools – students, teachers, parents, pastors, parishioners and many others. It is at this time, in particular, that we are reminded of the important role our Catholic schools play in local communities.

Scheduled activities to be held this week at Sacred Heart Parish Primary School during Catholic Schools Week are:

Monday, 9th March:

9:10a.m. School Mass

Tuesday, 10th March:

10:00a.m.–12:00p.m. PEDALS Playgroup in Music Room

6:00p.m. Parent Information Evening

Wednesday, 11th March:

11:35a.m. – 1:15p.m. Open Classroom visit
1:15p.m. 'Free Sausage sizzle'

Thursday, 12th March:

Infants Swimming carnival

Friday 13th March:

12:45p.m. Assembly (Hosts: Year 5/6D) including the launch of the Chromebooks

I encourage you to join with me in this spirit of celebration by attending some of the planned activities and events this week at Sacred Heart Parish Primary School during Catholic Schools Week.

SYMPATHY



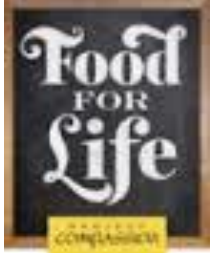
We extend our deepest sympathy to the Brooks/Knight families (Vanessa – Year 5) on the sad loss of her great grandmother and also to the Coombs family (Hayden – Year 4) on the sad loss of his grandfather. Please remember to keep these families in your

thoughts and prayers during this time of sadness.

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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Important points of interest are:

- Regular attendance at school is a legal requirement.
- All students are expected to attend school whenever instruction is provided.
- Parents/Carers should provide an explanation for an absence of their child to the school promptly and within 7 days.
- Parents must 'sign in' their child if they arrive late and 'sign out' if their child leaves the school premises during normal school hours.

MUSIC GUITAR LESSONS



Lessons for children who have enrolled in the guitar sessions will continue this week. The guitar lessons will be held on Tuesdays. Lessons will be held after school in the Library.

K-6 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Tonight (**Tuesday, 10th March**) the teachers will be conducting a Parent Information session about the curriculum and expectations for their class at **6:00p.m.** in **Marcellin Hall**. This Information session is for parents only. We hope you are able to attend.

ST PAT'S HELPERS NEEDED

We still require helpers for St Pats. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year.

We **urgently require helpers** to assist with the Games Night on Friday night and Food Stalls at the races on Saturday.

We also require a number of parents to pick up St. Pat's Raffle tickets that have been distributed to businesses around Broken Hill. These tickets need to be collected on **Wednesday, 11th March** and **Thursday, 12th March**.

St. Pat's Raffle tickets sent home need to be returned sold or unsold, with the correct money to school by **Wednesday, 11th March** at the latest. Many thanks to families who have already sold and returned their tickets.

We will require a number of parents on **Friday, 14th March** to prepare a number of items that will be required for the Food Court (cutting tomatoes, lettuces, washing utensils etc.)

Information notes about these activities have been sent home and if you are able to assist please complete the return form and send back to the school tomorrow. Any assistance you can give is greatly appreciated.

OPEN CLASSROOMS

All classrooms will be open for all families and the community to come and view student learning in action tomorrow (**Wednesday, 11th March**) from **11:35a.m. to 1:15p.m.** Please feel free to visit **all** classrooms during this time, not just the classroom that your child is in. Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy a free BBQ lunch as part of our celebrations for Catholic Schools Week.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be no School Committee meeting tomorrow night (**Wednesday, 11th March**) due to St. Pat's.

K-2 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Infants (Kindy, Year 1 & Year 2) Novelty Carnival will be held this **Thursday, 12th March**. This carnival will be held at the Broken Hill Regional Aquatics Centre commencing at 9:30a.m. More details about this carnival have been sent home recently.

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

ASSEMBLIES

This week: **Friday, 13th March** (Hosts: Year 5/6D)
Next week: **Thursday, 19th March** (Hosts: Year 5/6M)

At this week's Assembly Mr. Anthony Morgan, Director of Catholic Education of Wilcannia-Forbes will officially launch the chromebooks. All families are invited to attend this Assembly and meet with Mr. Morgan at the conclusion of the Assembly.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on **Friday, 27th March** at 7:00p.m. in the Cathedral. Preparation sessions will continue this **Sunday, 15th March** after the 10:00a.m. in the Parish Centre.



It is important that the children attend all of these preparation sessions with a parent and/or sponsor.

FEAST DAY OF ST. PATRICK



Next **Tuesday, 17th March** we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Patrick. To help celebrate this day we are giving the children the opportunity to wear casual clothes with **GREEN** on **Tuesday, 17th March.** Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing and enclosed shoes, including a hat for recess and lunch time.

PEDALS PLAYGROUP

In conjunction with Centacare, we have set up a playgroup at the school which will operate every 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 next session will be held on **Tuesday, 17th March** and will be facilitated by our Parent Group.

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.

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.

Have a good week and we hope to see everyone helping us celebrate Catholic Schools Week throughout the week!

Trevor Rynne
PRINCIPAL



Drop-off and pick-up by car



Make sure your children are in an appropriate child restraint that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable.

Look out for buses pulling out – watch for wig-wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop the kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Calling out to them from across the road can be dangerous because they may run to you without checking traffic.

It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/backtoschoolsafety.html>

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT

Last week a team of students from Sacred Heart Parish Primary School made the long, bus trip to Condobolin to compete in the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocesan Swimming Carnival. The team of ten, the largest group to make the trek, performed admirably with all students achieving personal best times or placings. The students would like to thank their parents for their encouragement and support. It was certainly great to take part in an event that showcased 16 /18 schools across a very large area. Congratulations goes to Amy Dawson and Max Trask for their selection in the 'Polding' team that will compete in Sydney on March 20th. We wish them all the very best.

Mrs. Denton