



SACRED HEART PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THIS WEEK:

Mon 9th Feb:	9:00a.m. Day 1 for Kindergarten 10:00a.m. GWS Visit: Years. 1-4 No School Mass 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting
Tues 10th Feb:	10:00a.m. PEDALS Playgroup 11:35a.m. Voting for School Leaders
Wed 11th Feb:	9:15a.m. Parent Group AGM 7:30p.m. School Committee Meeting
Thurs 12th Feb:	9:00a.m. Yrs. 3-6 Swimming Carnival No Assembly 3:45p.m. PSSA Committee Meeting
Fri 13th Feb:	CENSUS

NEXT WEEK:

Sun 15th Feb:	10a.m. Confirmation Enrolment Mass
Mon 16th Feb:	Principals Meeting in Forbes No School Mass No Staff Meeting
Tues 17th Feb:	Principal's Meeting in Forbes SHROVE Tuesday 10:00a.m. PEDALS Playgroup
Wed 18th Feb:	Principal's Meeting in Forbes 9:10a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass
Thurs 19th Feb:	Principal's Meeting in Forbes 12:45p.m. Assembly (Hosts: Year 2/3)

WELCOME

Welcome back everyone to the start of a new school year. I hope you enjoyed the summer holiday break with your children. We were very fortunate to have great weather during the Christmas break.

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 are settling in well and 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 will be 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.

I would also like to welcome back all current and new staff. It is great to see them refreshed after their break and looking forward to a new year with their new class.

Following is a list of classes and staff for 2015.

Kindergarten:	Miss Zammit	Room 12
Year 1:	Miss Buddle	Room 8
Year 2/3:	Miss Heyward	Room 7
Year 3/4:	Miss Nelligan	Room 1
Year 5/6D:	Mrs. Denton	Room 4
	Mr. Rynne (Fridays)	
Year 5/6M:	Mrs. McKay	Room 2
K-6 Lit/Num:	Mrs. Coff	Room 9
Special Ed:	Mrs. Tracey	Room 9
Library:	Mrs. Smith	Library
Office:	Mrs. Gobell-McGregor	
Class Support:	Mrs. Finch	
	Miss Clothier	
	Mrs. Dwyer	
	Mrs. Skewes	
IT & AEW Support:	Mrs. Crampton	
Canteen:	Mrs. Dwyer	
Groundsman:	Mr. Peter Jeffery	
Enrolment Officer:	Mrs. Belinda Miller	

SYMPATHY



We extend our deepest sympathy to the Cock family (Kaitlin – Year 3) on the sad loss of her grandmother. Please remember to keep the Cock family 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations are extended to Mackenzie Williams (Year 3)



and her family on the recent birth of their new daughter/sister, Flynn.



Also, our congratulations are extended to Amy Downward (Kindergarten) and her family on the recent birth of their new son/brother, Fletcher.

BEST START ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Last week our Kindergarten children participated in the Best Start Assessment Program. The purpose of the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment process 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. Also, many thanks to Miss Zammit for conducting these tests. In the next few weeks, parents will be informed of their child's results.

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2015

Today (**Tuesday, 10th February**) students in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 gathered in Marcellin Hall to vote for our school leaders for 2015. Students in Year 6 who 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 2015 are:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

Piper Dwyer & Thomas Kennedy

HOUSE CAPTAINS:

Champagnat: Alice Bright & Charlton Howard

Joseph: Oliver Symonds & Amy Dawson

McAuley: Piper Dwyer & Thomas Kennedy

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL:

Year 6: Piper Dwyer & Thomas Kennedy

Year 5: Isla Vierow & Sabian Durbidge

Year 4: Claudia Kennedy & Henry Hayes

Year 3: Katelin Cock & Harrison Rynne

PARENT GROUP MEETING

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of our Parent Group will be held tomorrow (**Wednesday, 11th February**) in the Library. The purpose of the Parent Group is to provide assistance for our school families and to raise money through fundraising activities to

provide valuable resources for the children. All families are welcome to attend this meeting.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

The first meeting of our School Committee will take place tomorrow night (**Wednesday, 11th 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.

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 **Thursday,**

12th 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 me 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, 2nd March** in Condobolin this year. For more information please contact me at school regarding this carnival.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

baptised and in Year 3 and above are welcome to join the program if they have not be confirmed.



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 this **Sunday, 15th February** at **10:00a.m.** in the Cathedral. All information about the preparation classes will be given out at this Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at **7:00p.m.** on **Friday, 27th March.**

It is important that you attend this Enrolment Mass if your child is going to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

DIOCESAN MEETINGS

Next week I will be travelling to Forbes to participate in a Principal's meeting from **Monday, 16th February** to **Thursday, 19th February.**

Mrs. Coff will also be travelling to Forbes to participate in the 'Leading Mathematics Teaching and Learning' workshop on **Monday, 16th February** and **Tuesday, 17th February** with the Principals.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Next **Tuesday, 17th February** is Shrove Tuesday. This year the SRC will hold a pancake day at lunch time, as a way to kick start our Lenten-giving through Project Compassion. More information about the Pancake Day will be sent home this week.

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 also visit each classroom every morning to collect donations from families. 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 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 February** and will be facilitated by our Parent Group.

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 next **Wednesday, 18th February.** A School Mass and the distribution of ashes will be held in the Cathedral commencing at 9:10a.m. on this day. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass with the students and staff.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Our first School Assembly will be held next week on **Thursday, 19th February** at 12:45p.m. in Marcellin Hall. Year 2/3 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 our 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.

BELLS TIMES

Following is a list of Bell Times for 2015.

8:30a.m.	Teacher goes 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

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 classrooms 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 will be distributed to families soon. 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.

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, located in Room 6, 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. We still 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 participate in School Banking.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable week!

Trevor Rynne
PRINCIPAL

TERM DATES 2015

Term dates for 2015 are as follows:

TERM 1:

School commences: Wednesday, 4th February
School concludes: Thursday, 2nd April

TERM 2:

School commences: Monday, 20th April
School concludes: Friday, 26th June

TERM 3:

School commences: Monday, 13th July
School concludes: Friday, 18th September

TERM 4:

School commences: Tuesday, 6th October
School concludes: Wednesday, 16th December

JUNIOR CRICKET

Hardball Cricket - Years 5 & 6

Commences Saturday 14th February, 8am @ Norm Fox Sportsground. \$15 rego per participant due to change of season format (payable to coaches) For more information visit our Facebook page 'Broken Hill Primary Cricket Association'.

Joey & Lightning Cricket - Kindy to Year 4

Meeting for parents of interested participants, Saturday 14th February, 12pm @ Norm Fox Sportsground



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.

GWS GIANTS SCHOOL VISIT



GWS Giants will be visiting our school next week on **Monday, 16th February**. The players will talk to the Years 1-4 students about Auskick and answer any of their questions.