



SACRED HEART PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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THIS WEEK:

Sun 15th Feb:	10a.m. Confirmation Enrolment Mass
Mon 16th Feb:	Principals Meeting in Forbes No School Mass 10:00a.m. GWS Giants at SHPPS 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)

NEXT WEEK:

Sun 22nd Feb:	1 st Sunday of Lent 10a.m. Mass: Confirmation Session 1
Mon 23rd Feb:	9:10a.m. Beginning of Year Mass 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting 7:30p.m. Parent Group Meeting
Tues 24th Feb:	10:00a.m. PEDALS Playgroup 4:00p.m. PSSA Swimming Carnival
Wed 25th Feb:	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Thurs 26th Feb:	PUPIL FREE DAY

SHPPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Thursday our Annual School Swimming Carnival for Years 3 to 6 children was held at the Regional Aquatics Centre. I was very impressed with every child who participated in this carnival. It was great to see all children give their best in the events ranging from the novelties to the swimming strokes.

The final result saw **CHAMPAGNAT HOUSE** (Red) 124 points win over **JOSEPH HOUSE** (Green) 88 points and **McAULEY HOUSE** (Yellow) 74 points.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Age Champions.

8 years boys:	Jett Collins
9 years boys:	Austin Howard
9 years girls:	Maggie Elston
10 years boys:	Joel Van Kemenade
10 years girls:	Mahaila Denton
11 years boys:	Max Trask
11 years girls:	Leni Murray
12/13 years boys:	Charlton Howard
12/13 years girls:	Amy Dawson

Overall Champion Swimmer: Amy Dawson

Many thanks to all teachers and parents who assisted on the day to help make the carnival run smoothly.

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.

DIOCESAN MEETINGS

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

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

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. There will be no Assembly next week.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on **Friday, 27th March** at 7:00p.m. in the Cathedral. Preparation sessions will commence this **Sunday, 22nd February** 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.

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR MASS



A School Mass to celebrate the beginning of the school year will be held on **Monday, 23rd 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 2015 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.

PARENT GROUP MEETING

The next Parent Group meeting is scheduled on **Monday, 23rd February** at **7:30p.m.** in the **Admin Meeting Room**. This will be the first of some night meetings that will be held throughout the year. All families are welcome to attend this meeting.

PEDALS PLAYGROUP

In conjunction with Centcare, 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, 24th February** and will be facilitated by Centcare.

PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The PSSA Swimming Carnival will be held on **Tuesday, 24th March** commencing at 4:00p.m. at the Broken Hill Regional Aquatics Centre. Information regarding arrangements for this carnival has been sent home this week with students selected to represent the school. Participants will be required to meet at the pool **no later than 3:45p.m.** in our designated area. Please ensure that your child is wearing their correct school sports uniform over their bathers when they arrive at the pool (Students may wear thongs). Good luck to the following students who have been selected to represent our school.

BOYS

Charlton Howard
Ben Kuerschner
Joel Van Kemenade
Max Trask
Austin Howard
Luke Dawson
Cadell Collins
Jett Collins
Kade McLachlan-Menz
Max Manns
Colby Schiller

GIRLS

Amy Dawson
Maggie Elston
Mahaila Denton
Alice Bright
Sarah-Jane Smith
Leni Murray
Georgia Manns
Estella Nagas
Paige Fargher

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on **Wednesday, 25th February**. All students will be required to wear their **FULL FORMAL SUMMER** uniform on this day.

PUPIL FREE DAY

A **PUPIL FREE DAY** will be held next **Thursday, 26th February** for the teachers to participate in a professional development day. The day will allow teachers to travel to Cobar to participate in a Chromebook Training workshop.

The children do not attend school 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.

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.

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.

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.



Have a good week!

Trevor Rynne
PRINCIPAL