Dear Parents

The Sacred Heart Parent Handbook 2016 is available for all families on the school website. This document has been reformatted into alphabetical listings and additional information added in order to provide a quick and easy reference for school information and procedures.

Following on from our Parent Information Evening last week I draw your attention to the following:

**Communication**

- Ongoing communication between parents and teachers is essential in providing the best education for your children
- The School Principal or Assistant Principal are also available for meetings with parents to discuss any issues, however, it is expected that parents meet firstly with classroom/specialist teachers. Appointments can be made through the School Office.
- Good communication is a two-way process and is a responsibility that is shared between those directly involved (not third parties)
- If there is any matter that you feel needs clarification you are strongly urged to contact the class or specialist teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet which will allow both of you to give your full attention to the discussion. Appointments can be made through the School Office.
- Teachers can be contacted directly, through the School Office or by email: surname.firstname@shthorn.wa.edu.au
- **The main form of communication is the School Newsletter which is emailed directly to parents every Wednesday in term times**
- The electronic school sign, classroom level blogs, the Sacred Heart School website, the Sacred Heart School app and classroom notes provide other means of regular communication

In addition to this notes taken during interviews with teachers on the Parent Interview Form will now be emailed to you instead of posted.

**End of Day Procedure**

The Year One/Two Outdoor Classroom began operating this week. Thank you to the many parents who are remembering to wait at the front of the school until the first bell in order to enable students to focus on their learning and not be distracted by the movement and noise of people walking past.

**School Records**

To ensure we have the most recent information and contact details for each family we are required to regularly review our data base. Your child/children have brought home a copy of your Family Information in a sealed envelope. **I ask you to read, amend where necessary, sign and return the form to school by Wednesday 24 February.**

**Pre-Primary On-entry Assessment Program**

Next week students in Pre-Primary will begin the On-entry Assessment Program and an infor-
A letter has been sent home with your child today. This is an assessment for learning to:

- Provide teachers with information about the current skills and understandings of each student
- Inform the planning and delivery of targeted and intentional learning programs, reflective of each child’s needs and capabilities
- Identify, early in the school year, students who may require intervention, consolidation or extension
- A summary for parents will be forwarded prior to the end of Term One.

Further information can be accessed at:
[det.wa.edu.au/educationalmeasurement/detcms/navigation/on-entry/information-for-parents](det.wa.edu.au/educationalmeasurement/detcms/navigation/on-entry/information-for-parents)

**Grab a Bargain - Computer Monitors and Keyboards**

Due to an upgrade of our computers we have a number of monitors and keyboard packages (not wireless) for sale for $10.00. These are available from the Library this Thursday and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday next week **ONLY**. Funds from sales will be donated to the missions.

_Suzanne Fox_
Principal

We are pleased to have the **RAINBOWS** Programme once again at Sacred Heart this year. **RAINBOWS** offers children from families who have experienced a **major loss**, either through the separation/divorce of parents, through the death or illness of a family member, or who have experienced any other **major family transition**, the opportunity to meet in a weekly support group of 3 - 5 students over a period of 12 weeks.

It has been found that when something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. If a parent dies or divorce occurs, not only do the parents grieve but the children do too. Due to their age and short life experience, children find it difficult to verbalise their feelings.

If you feel that your child(ren) may benefit from the programme, and haven’t already participated this year, please collect a consent form from Mrs Hall in the school office. Consent forms need to be signed by a parent before the child is eligible to participate in the programme. Please return signed consent forms to the school office by **Friday 19 February 2016**.

The sessions will be held at school during school time, with a trained adult working with each group. Our trained staff this year are Amanda Banks and myself as the co-ordinator at our school. If you have any queries or concerns, please ring the school office on 9251 3000.

_Vanessa Alaniz_
Assistant Principal and Rainbows Coordinator

**PARISH NEWS**

**LIVING THE FAITH IN THE MODERN WORLD.**

Sacred Heart Parish, as part of their commitment to Archbishop Costelloe’s request for more evangelisation in parishes has organised a series of talks to be held on **THURSDAY EVENINGS 18, 25 and 3 March** in the Foley Centre from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

The presenter will be Deacon Greg Lowe. **Cost: $20.00 to cover the cost of the presenter and materials.**

- Would you like to explore ways of creating time for connecting with God in your everyday life?
- Do you sometimes wonder how to live your faith with those close to you who don’t share your faith (perhaps your own children)?
- Have you ever felt embarrassed to be a Catholic or found your personal beliefs to be different to those of the Church?
- What is the role of the Parish in the community today? Is it only to go to Mass or is it more?

This short course will explore these questions and more. You must **REGISTER** with the Centre for Faith Development on www.cfe.org.au or 9241 5221 OR parish office on 9459 4459. Please give consideration to this wonderful opportunity being presented to you.
SPORTING SCHOOLS
This term **Sporting Schools will run on a Thursday.**
- Netball will start on Thursday 18 February for Years 1-6. All who have applied can start tomorrow.
  Please bring Joggers to change in to.
If your child wishes to take part in this, enrolment forms are available from the front office OR the school website and the places are limited. **PLEASE NOTE: SWIMMING CARNIVAL IS ON WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH**

HEARTS NETBALL CLUB 2016
Registrations are now open for Winter 2016.
Games are on Saturdays at Southern Districts Netball Association in Langford. Season starts 30 April and goes till 20 August (plus finals).
We welcome players NetSetGO through to Seniors. Players must be in Year 2 and above and boys can play up to Year 6. Younger players can join NetSetGO-Newcomers at SDNA.
We will also need Coaches, Umpires and Team Managers for each team.
**Registrations** can be done electronically and we will also be available for two registration sessions in the School Hall: **3.00pm-6.00pm on Monday 22 February.**
For more information contact Valerie Maxville: netballhearts@gmail.com

P&F News

Evening on the Green
Last Friday was our opportunity to welcome all of you to the new school year, with the Evening on the Green.
We were thoroughly blessed with warm weather, groovy music, delectable food and above all else, the fellowship of our family and friends.
We would like to thank musician Seth “Squid” Lowe and caterers; Two Queens, Cake Lovin’, Mr Mocha and Mr Super Whip for providing their services.
Wella of Cake Lovin’ kindly donated a drip cake for us to raffle. We raised $64 from this raffle and our congratulations goes to Mrs Shanna-Lee Falconer for winning this beautiful cake.
Another highlight of the evening was the attendance of so many of our wonderful staff and their family. Please know that the children LOVE having you at our social events and your presence was appreciated by everyone. We look forward to the continued support of our staff throughout the year. The most rewarding aspect of being a part of the P&F team is when all of you partake in the fruits of our hard work. Our sincere thank you to everyone who attended and made the evening such a fantastic success.

What’s next? I hear you ask...
We have many new and exciting events and activities coming up throughout the year, along with some good old favourites.
The planning process will begin at our next meeting to be held **7.00pm Monday 29 February** in the staff room. ALL parents are most welcome to attend any of our meetings and we do hope that you will avail yourself of the opportunity to join in.

We are seeking a new P&F Secretary whose role is to:
(a) co-ordinate the correspondence of the Association
(b) keep full and correct minutes of the proceedings of the Committee and Association
(c) have custody of all books, documents, records and registers of the Association
If you can see yourself in this very important role, please contact **Ros Carroll on 0424 177 945** or by email at: pnf.shthorn@gmail.com
Throughout the year, your P&F team will be striving to provide our school and the wider community with the very best service. As such, any constructive feedback and suggestions you have for us, will be welcome and appreciated.
Welcome to the first of Sacred Heart’s fortnightly Curriculum Newsletters. The newsletter predominantly provides parents and carers with literacy and numeracy information which will be helpful in assisting parents with ways to assist your child at home

Numeracy News

Much of a child’s success in Numeracy is their ability to calculate mentally. Here at Sacred Heart, Teachers continue to teach mental maths strategies from the early years. These strategies may seem simple but a child requires automaticity in these strategies in order to solve increasingly difficult maths problems.

DOUBLES

TEST YOUR CHILD… DOES S/HE KNOW ALL THE DOUBLES – ACCURATELY AND QUICKLY

1+1, 2+2, 3+3, 4+4, 5+5, 6+6, 7+7, 8+8, 9+9, 10+10

USE SOME DOMINOS TO HELP – THEY ARE A GREAT VISUAL TOOL WHEN STARTING DOUBLES

Try these two sites for fun doubling games

https://nrich.maths.org/10654 or http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

Got a numeracy/literacy question?? Email to fragapane.welly@shthorn.wa.edu.au and we will try to answer one question /week in the newsletter
As we begin our Lenten journey, we often hear the story of the ‘Temptation in the Desert’ at Mass on the First Sunday in Lent. The message from this reading is applicable to today’s world, just as it was all those thousands of years ago. The message is simple, we face temptation every day in our lives but it is how we respond to these temptations that will bring about ‘change’ in our lives.

In this reading, Jesus is tempted three times

**First temptation:** Jesus was asked to change the rocks into bread as Jesus would have been really hungry in the desert. Jesus replied ‘No one lives on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God’. This is a message to all of us who put other things before God—Sport, Work, Computer Games, playing at a friend’s house. As mentioned last week, these things are not bad in itself as long as it doesn’t stop you from finding time for God each day.

**Second temptation:** Jesus is offered a mountain of cash, wealth and power. This message asks us to be humble and not to think about being better than everyone else or being a show off. Everyone is talented in some way or another but we shouldn’t be doing things to get recognised or for personal gain. Rather, we should be doing things to help others because this is the right thing to do.

In the **third temptation**, Jesus was tempted to jump of a cliff as He was told that God would send his angels to carry him up. Jesus replied ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the Test’. This is a reminder that God’s love for us is unconditional but we should never ask God in prayer to prove his love for us by doing something for us in exchange. Eg, If you love me God, you will help me win lotto. This is not the kind of relationship God wants to have with us. Our love for God should be unconditional also.

**Question**

Q: Lent is a time for change. What are some things we can do to help others—Our parents, teachers, friends, those without money etc?

**Sustainability...food for thought**

This picture has been circulating on social media over the last few weeks, visually representing how long different items take to decompose in landfill. At Sacred Heart, we are committed to reducing the amount we send to landfill by encouraging waste-free lunches. Just think... plastic food packaging lined with foil commonly seen in lunch boxes takes **200 years** to decompose!!! Is there a better way to package your child’s lunch?

*Photo credit: Allison Shirley, Kanu Hawaii*
TERM DATES 2016—STUDENTS

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ABSENTEES/SICKNESS
In order for the school to reconcile attendance it is a requirement that a message is left on the Absentee Line
9251 3005
as emails to teachers are often not opened at the start of the day. Your co-operation in this regard is appreciated.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
TERM TIME ONLY

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If you are unable to come at these times please complete a uniform order form available from the Office, pay for it and your orders will be filled and delivered to your child’s class.

PARISH TIMETABLE
WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.00am and 10.00am
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8.45am
Wednesday 8.45am Parish or School Mass
Saturday—8.45am
RECONCILIATION
Sat 5.00–5.30pm before Mass or anytime by Appointment.
PH: 9459 4459
Website: www.thornlie.perthcatholic.org.au

CANTEEN ROSTER
22-26 FEBRUARY 2016

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COMM BANKING
SCHOOL BANKING
EVERY TUESDAY BUT
BOOKS MUST BE IN ON
MONDAY

RECYCLE YOUR USED BATTERIES INTO
THE BATTERY RECYCLING BIN IN THE
LIBRARY MONDAY—FRIDAY

GOING HOME THIS WEEK

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Liddelow Scout Group
Scouts offers a variety of fun, challenging, adventurous activities for youth from 6 to 26 years of age. Liddelow Scout Group has Joeys, Cubs and Scouts with links to the older Venturers and Rovers. We offer a 6 week free trial. Meeting times during school terms are:
Joeys 6 to 8 yrs  Monday 5.30 – 6.30pm
Cubs 7.5 to 11 yrs  Tuesday 7.00 – 8.30pm
Scouts 10.5 to 15 yrs  Monday 7.00 – 9.00pm
We also participate in weekend camps and activities. Kidsport funding is available for eligible members and offers up to $200 towards fees. Contact: Michelle Rainsforth (Dolphin)  Group Leader  gl.liddelow@scoutswa.com.au
0409 207 710