Sacred Heart School Thornlie



From the Heart - 24 February 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Parents

A big thankyou to all our families that have viewed our Parent Information session videos. If you have been unable to view them as yet I encourage you to watch them as soon as possible as they outline the teaching programs and class expectations for 2022.

Each year the school conducts a survey with parents, staff and students that helps to guide school improvement. **Tell Them From Me (TTFM)** can be completed online please follow this link http://tellthemfromme.com/shps2022. I encourage you to complete the survey as it guides our future focus for school improvement.

We have a long weekend coming up as well as a staff professional development day so effectively the children will be away from school for Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th March. I trust they will enjoy the extended break.

Employment Opportunity

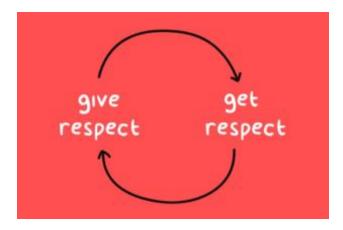
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This week's Parenting Ideas article is about building strong relationships with teachers. It builds on the message I delivered in the recent Administration presentation. It outlines ways you can, as a parent or care giver, build strong connections with your child's teacher. I hope the article is of some use.

God Bless

Steve Gibbs

Principal



This Term we are focusing as a school on our core value of **RESPECT**.

Parenting Ideas

Building strong working relationships with teachers

Studies show that healthy parent—teacher relationships are a more significant factor in student success than parent income levels or social status. Parent—teacher relationships require effort and energy from both parties if they are going to really benefit children and young people. These key strategies will help you build a healthy working relationship with teachers in the year ahead.

Get to know them

For your partnership to be meaningful and successful, you need to meet with your children's teacher(s) with the goal of forming a respectful professional relationship. Be willing to share your aspirations for your child and be willing to build the teacher's knowledge about your family. For balanced perspective, also gain an understanding of the teacher's approach and what focus areas they have for their particular year group. This can be done formally by attending start of the year information evenings and informally through conversations, reading newsletters and staying in touch in digitally and in real-time.

Trust their professionalism

Children need to know that their parents are fully behind what their teachers are trying to achieve if they are going to commit fully to learning. The best way to support your child's teacher is to trust their knowledge, professionalism and experience. Avoid the temptation to question the expertise of teachers in front of students, particularly when the teachers use methods that you are unfamiliar with. Initiate

[&]quot;Respect is how to treat everyone' - Richard Branson

[&]quot;There is no respect for others without humility in one's self' - Henri Frederic Amiel

conversations with teachers around methodology to give them the chance to explain the approach they are taking.

Go through the right channels

Despite the best teaching practices things do go wrong at school. Kids experience learning difficulties. Conflict and peer rejection happen. Kids will often come home from school with grievances and call on you for assistance. Resist the urge to react emotionally. If you need to contact teachers do so respectfully, calmly and through the correct channels. A measured response will generally achieve the best result for your child.

Stay solution-focused

When problems arise at school, particularly pertaining to a child's learning or wellbeing avoid taking a fixed position to your child's teacher. Gather the facts as best you can and present your concerns but remain flexible to gain an outcome that's both obtainable and in the best interests of your child. Parent-teacher relationships can easily falter when one or both parties take a firm position about a problem and are unwilling to give ground.

Utilise their resources

Teachers and schools often put a lot of work into sourcing and sharing credible resources that they think will help parents. Take the time to read, utilise and enjoy the information provided to you. It's intended to make your parenting journey easier, which will also benefit your child not just at school, but at home. If your school doesn't yet have a clearly defined source in place, consider suggesting one to the teacher, such as the Parenting Ideas memberships for schools.

Build links to student learning

There's a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent engagement in student learning and their educational success. If you want your child to improve their learning, take an interest in what they are doing. Follow school and teacher guidelines about helping at home and attend as many conferences, meetings and events involving your child as possible. This strategy has a significant, long-term impact on your child's attitude to learning.

Stay in touch

Life's not always smooth sailing for kids of any age. Family circumstances change. Friends move away. Illness happens. Mental health challenges can hit anyone at any time. These changes affect learning. Make sure that you keep teachers up to date with significant changes or difficulties that your child or young person experiences so they can accommodate your child's emotional and learning needs at school.

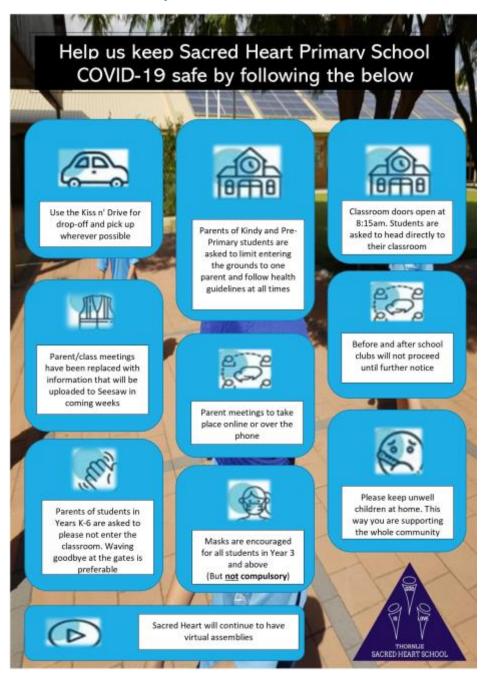
Be loyal

Show your loyalty to your child's teachers by being an advocate. Talk positively about your child's teacher and school, rather than being negative about them when speaking in the wider community. Teachers hold very public positions and generally work hard to build good reputations both within their school and their wider education community. Consider a teacher's reputation among the community and with children when you discuss educational matters with others.

In closing

Building healthy relationships with your child's teacher doesn't just happen. It takes goodwill from both sides, a commitment to setting aside the time necessary to support the home-based learning tasks that are expected, and a willingness to communicate concerns and commendations through the correct channels.

COVID-19 information for parents



Key Dates for Term 1

Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 2 March 2022	
Public Holiday – Labour Day	Monday 7 March 2022	
Pupil Free Day	Tuesday 8 March 2022	
House Swimming Carnival	Tuesday 15 March 2022	
Harmony Day	Monday 21 March 2022	
National Ride 2 School Day	Friday 25 March 2022	
Interschool Swimming Carnival	Thursday 31 March 2022	
Term Ends for Students and Staff	Friday 8 April 2022	
ANZAC Day Public Holiday	Monday 25 April 2022	
Staff and Students commence for Term 2	Tuesday 26 April 2022	

Please note, these dates are subject to change due to circumstances outside of our control. Link to website to view Term Dates for the year https://shthorn.wa.edu.au/calendar/

Religious Education



Next week we celebrate a very special time during the Church. On Tuesday, we celebrate Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Tuesday. On this day, traditionally, families used up all their non-perishable ingredients to make food in preparation for Lent and the season of fasting. In today's society, we often see people making pancakes as a representation of the day's history. Our Year 6 students will be celebrating a virtual Project Compassion Launch on Shrove Tuesday, in which they will meet online with other Catholic Schools and discover ways that our school community can contribute during the season of Lent to others around the world that are less fortunate. The students will meet online and be involved in activity sessions and discussions related to Project Compassion.

On Wednesday, each class will participate in a class Liturgy of the Word to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Fr Minh-Thuy will be visiting classes to distribute ashes to the staff and students throughout the day. Ash Wednesday begins our forty-day season of Lent that leads to Easter. We come together like the people of the Old Testament to remind ourselves that we do not always follow God's ways and that we need to ask for God's mercy and forgiveness. Like God's people in the time of the prophets, the ashes show that we want to turn away from whatever keeps us from God, and to have a change of heart, so that we can live in peace and in joy with God and with each other.

Prayer for the month https://www.pray.com.au/monthly intentions/popes-monthly-intention-february-2022/

Thank you, Lord! We come to thank you for the lives of many generous and courageous religious and consecrated women, who have chosen to follow you and serve your mission of compassion. We pray for them that you will help them to live in the joy of the Holy Spirit, faithful to your love. Help us, Father, to pay attention to this mission indispensable for the Church, and thank them for their commitment to education and healthcare, and advocacy for the poorest and most vulnerable. May Mary, our Mother, place them with your Son Jesus close to his heart, and may they never lack the appreciation and fraternal affection of all. Amen

Think of the Sisters who have worked in Catholic schools in Western Australia.

Sacrament Dates for 2022

Confirmation

Mass: Friday 3 June at 6pm

First Reconciliation

Mass: Thursday 4 August at 6pm

First Holy Communion

Mass: Sunday 11 September at 12pm Please note, these dates may be subject to change due to circumstances outside of our control.

News from the Finance Officer

2022 Annual School Fee Statements were emailed out to all families on Tuesday.

Every family is required to complete and submit a new Payment Option form each year as payment plans must be up to date and approved by the school.

Please complete and return the Payment Option Form via email to **accounts@shthorn.wa.edu.au**¹ or direct to the office **before 4 March 2022.**

Payment arrangements carried over from last year (Direct Debit Authorities) *are not automatically adjusted* to allow for any increase / decrease in fees. Parents are asked to please notify the school office if any change is required to their Direct Debit Authority.

Health Care Card Fee Discount Scheme – To access the Health Care Card Assistance Scheme, an eligible means tested Centrelink card must be presented to our Administration Office and an HCC Fee Discount Scheme form completed. The card must be in the name of the parent /guardian who is responsible for payment of fees.

If you have any queries regarding your fees please contact the school office.

¹mailto:accounts@shthorn.wa.edu.au

Luna's Corner



Luna is so excited in the mornings to come to school and is always happy to see everyone. Please make sure you stop and say hi to her in the mornings when you see her. She loves a pat from everyone.

Luna is always working hard to become a great school dog. Currently she has been learning to wait in the office for longer lengths of time, we are so proud of her progress.

A big thank you to all the Year 6's who are playing ball with Luna in the mornings. It is wonderful to see how caring and kind you are towards her.







Medical



Medical condition forms are available from the office if your child requires medication or has a medical condition that the school needs to be aware of. It our duty of care to have these forms updated annually.

A reminder if your child is feeling unwellor has any symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose, temperature or coughing please ensure that you keep your child at home until they are better.

Health - Kindness



During these sometimes anxious times we decided that we all needed some more kindness in our lives this week. Therefore during Health we have been lighting up the library with 'KINDNESS'. We have talked about kindness being the superpower we all have to change the world! The children have been practicing saying kind things to each other and how by doing this it can make other people happy and change another person's whole day. We have also talked about how sharing kindness around makes us feel happier too. Some examples the children have written are:

"Dear Leyla, thank you for being a great friend you make me happy when I am sad."

"To Mrs Denholm, Thankyou for being my teacher you make me feel better."

"Dear My Class, thanks for having my back since I moved. It's been really hard for me, but you guys helped soooo much! Thanks."

"Dear Lincoln, I'm so glad you are my friend because you give me support and care for me. Thank you so much, I will be there for you always."

"Dear Chelsea, you shine so bright, you are the best! You are sweet and kind."

"To Geonhee, everyone says you're smart, but you're more than that. You are kind and a good man."

There are hundreds more beautiful examples of kind words the children have written this week, but I can only share a few. The children have pledged to spread kindness at school, home and in the community this week. Remember if you can be anything in this world always aim to be kind!

Sustainability



This term in the Early Years (Kindy to Year Two) we have introduced a zero free rubbish zone. This means only packing items in your lunch box that can be composted or recycled and that won't end up in the rubbish bin. It was very pleasing to see such a great response and cooperation by all families to make this project a success so far this term. Thank you to the Early Years families!

In **Years Three to Six** we will be continuing with **'Waste Free Wednesdays'** and encourage parents to work together with our school to decrease the amount of waste we are bringing into our school each day.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

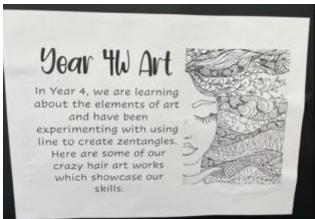
The Sacred Heart Sustainability Team



Office Display - 4W

Year 4 are learning about the different elements of art and have been experimenting with using lines to create zentangles. Check out some of their crazy hair art works, they are amazing!





Kindergarten Enrolments for 2023



If your child was born between **1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019** they will start 4 Year Old Kindergarten at the beginning of 2023. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school office or via our website https://shthorn.wa.edu.au/enrolment-process/ and should be lodged with us as soon as possible.

Formal interviews will commence May/June 2022.

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Canteen Menu - Term 1



Canteen Opening Hours:

8.30-1pm Monday, Thursday and Friday only.

Phone: 92513007

Canteen Roster - Term 1

DATE	MONDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MON 31 JAN FRI 4 FEB		J. ALBANESE	J.GARVEY
MON 7 FEB FRI 11 FEB	W. HAMILTON	A. FOSTER	N. ROWE
MON 14 FEB FRI 18 FEB		P. ELDER	J.GARVEY
MON 21 FEB FRI 25 FEB	J. GARVEY	J. ALBANESE	R. DEKENS
MON 28 FEB FRI 4 MAR	W. HAMILTON	A. FOSTER	L. CUNNANE
MON 7 MAR FRI 11 MAR	LABOUR DAY (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)	L. VOGELS	J. GARVEY
MON 14 MAR FRI 18 MAR	J. GARVEY	J. ALBANESE	N. ROWE
MON 21 MAR FRI 25 MAR	J. GARVEY	A. FOSTER	R. DEKENS
MON 28 MAR FRI 1 APR		P. ELDER	J. GARVEY
MON 4 APR FRI 8 APR	W. HAMILTON	J. ALBANESE	J. GARVEY

11am start# 11am finish*

If you are unable to come in on your rostered day, please contact Abi 92513007 (8AM-1PM) or A/H 0421 831 343

²http://www.guickclig.com.au/



Parents and Friends (P&F)

Easter Raffle

We will be running the annual Easter raffle again this year. Tickets will be sent home in the coming weeks, with further information as to when the raffle will be held. There will be a first, second and third prize for each class.

My School Rules Competition

Our school is one of eight schools participating in The My School Rules Competition. We ask you to please remember to place any of the shopping dockets from Forest Lakes Forum in the Sacred Heart School box located outside Red Dot at Forest Lakes Forum.

Alternatively, you may place your shopping dockets in the P&F Box located in the Office, which will be collected and placed in the Sacred Heart School box at Forest Lakes Forum.

The totals of the shopping dockets are tallied during the school term and following school holidays. The school with the biggest improvement in points per enrolled student at the conclusion of the competition period compared to the same period the previous year wins the top prize of \$1,000 in shopping vouchers plus all schools win other minor prizes.

We really do value these shopping vouchers as they pay for many of the items we require during the year to carry out fundraising for our school and so we kindy ask you to please support this competition for the benefit of our school.

'Sacred Heart Thornlie P&F' Facebook Page

To keep up to date on all the exciting events that are happening at the school, 'Like' our Facebook Page. This is a great way to keep up to date on the latest events, when forms are due back and to ask any questions the P&F may be able to assist you with.

Search for Sacred Heart Thornlie P&F

Containers for Change-REMINDER

We have received a reminder letter from Scouts Recycling advising they can only process ELIGIBLE containers and to ensure there is no rubbish placed in the bins. The main culprits being:

- Wine Bottles
- Spirit Bottles

- Cordial Bottles
- Plain milk of any variety
- Other Recyclable items cardboard and rubbish of any kind
- Food Scraps If these items continue to be placed in the bins, they will start deducting the cost of removal from our refunds. They have also kindly requested that lids be removed from bottles. The P&F would like to thank all of our families who donate their containers to the school. It is very much appreciated. All refunds received are going towards the cost of the new playground.







CSPWATerm 1 2022 Newsletter

Dear Sacred Heart Primary School (Thornlie),

Welcome to the latest edition of our Schoolzine eNewsletter! Visit the link below to view your newsletter:

https://cspwa.schoolzineplus.com/news?nid=363

Regards, Siobhan Allen, Executive Director

Centre for Faith Enrichment



The Old Testament makes up a very significant part of the Bible. These books contain some of the most renowned stories of Sacred Scripture. Though relatively well-known among Christians and often depicted in popular culture, the deeper implications and understandings of these stories are often missed. This course will unpack some Old Testament stories and reveal how they lay down the foundation for the Christian faith. Together, we will discover that they are as important today as they have ever been. To enrol please refer to https://cfe.org.au/courses-events/

³http://cspwa.schoolzineplus.com/ r/YEM3n/6204adf52ffe3

Useful Links

Uniform Shop⁴ Sacred Heart Thornlie Parish⁵



Mercedes College Open Day Tuesday 15 March

Located in the heart of Perth's beautiful heritage precinct, Mercedes College are proud to be opening its gates for prospective families. The tour provides an opportunity for parents to hear from the Senior Leadership Team and enjoy a tour of College grounds and facilities led by some of our Student Representative Leaders.

There are two sessions on offer: 8:30am-10.30am or 11am-1pm. Both sessions conclude with some light refreshments and the opportunity to speak with some of our Teachers. Please register via the College website. Limited places available; www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/open-morning/6

Enrolment Interviews for Year 7 2025

Interviews for enrolments for Year 7 2025 students are being conducted this Semester for sisters of current and past Mercedes students. If you have not enrolled your daughter, please contact our Enrolments Officer, Nicole Kirk, on 9323 1340 or enrol online via the College website at www.mercedes.wa.edu.au⁷ as soon as possible.

St Brigid's College - A Ministry of Mercy Education Ltd

Applications are invited from students entering Years 7 in 2023 to sit the St Brigid's College Scholarship Examinations. For further information and to download an Application package, please visit the College website: https://sbcl.wa.edu.au/enrol/enrolments/

Applications close at 4:00pm on **Friday, 11th March 2022**. The Examination date is **Saturday, 26th March 2022**. Please return the completed Application Form to the Principal's Assistant via email - guerinoni.pauline@stbrigids.wa.edu.au⁸.

⁴https://www.nellgray.com.au/Uniform-Concepts/Willetton-Super-Store

⁵http://www.thornlie.perthcatholic.org.au/

⁶http://www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/open-morning/

⁷http://www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/

⁸mailto:guerinoni.pauline@stbrigids.wa.edu.au







The Thornlie Friendship Girl Guide Unit meeting in Thornlie is seeking girls aged 6 - 10 years who want to try new things, make friends and enjoy nature!

The Unit has planned an action-packed term that includes Art and Craft, Outdoor Activities, Cooking and loads more.

Girl Guides take an active role in planning their own program of activities. In Australia, our mission is to empower girls to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members. This means learning through fun, teamwork and community service.

Those parents interested in a two-week trial for their daughters should contact 9479 9800 or membersupport@girlguideswa.org.au, or complete the form at www.girlguideswa.org.au⁹.¹⁰

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