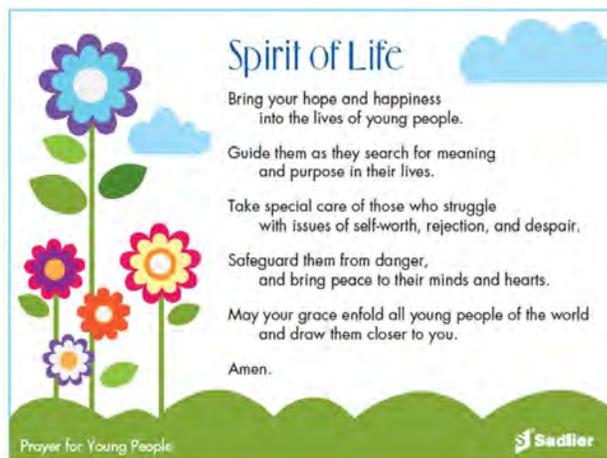
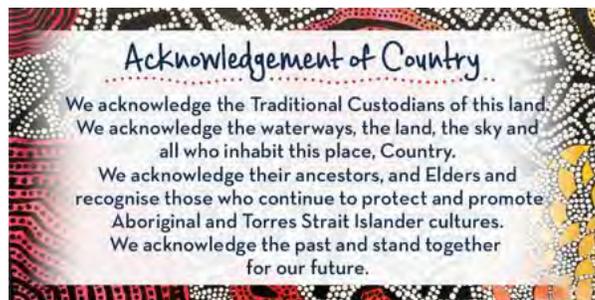


# Sacred Heart School Thornlie



## From the Heart Newsletter - 11 October 2024



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new term and the last for the year. I hope you managed to have some quality family time together and that your children are well rested for the busy term ahead. We are now in summer uniform and the children will have until the end of week two to have made the transition to the summer uniform. All uniform items can be purchased through Uniform Concepts at 30 Kembla Way, Willetton.

A final Term Four Planner is attached to this newsletter. Please diarise any important dates as I'm sure the weeks will fly by heading towards Christmas. Please note the Graduation Mass is on Wednesday 4th December and will be compulsory for Year 6 students and Year 5 students. 2025 student leaders will be announced at this Mass and badges will be presented. Choir students will likely be required to attend as well and Mrs Vinci will communicate more regarding this.

We are currently finalising budgets and staffing for 2025. All staffing placements for 2025 will be announced at our ACM later this term on Wednesday 27 November.

We are very close to appointing a builder for the renovation of the senior toilets and the upgrade to the Inclusion Support Centre. Once this happens work will be scheduled and commence quickly. At this stage the proposed completion date is 30 June 2025.

Around about this time each year decisions are made regarding student class placements for the following year. Factors which are taken into account when balancing classes include academic ability, gender, social and emotional needs and religious affiliation. In addition, children with behavioural and/or special learning needs are also accommodated.

Parental requests become an additional factor and I would like to make clear our policy on this issue. **Letters to, or lobbying of, class teachers will not be considered.** Because of the many other factors involved in balancing classes, parental requests can only be met in exceptional circumstances.

If you believe that such circumstances apply to your child, **a request must be made in writing by Friday 25th October.** No requests can be met after this date. When writing your request, please indicate the reason for the request. This is your opportunity to explain in writing your exceptional circumstance. I will not be conducting interviews with parents regarding class placement, nor will I be replying to any letters of request. If I feel more information is required I will contact you to discuss the matter further. **Please note that a request for a particular teacher is not deemed exceptional unless there are exceptional circumstances surrounding the request.**

Finalised class lists will be posted on classroom windows after transition on Wednesday 4th December. Teachers and Leadership put a great deal of preparation and thought into the new class lists and I ask you to trust that the environment your child is going to next year is one in which they will thrive.

This term we are focusing closely on our core school value of Resilience. Please discuss this with your children at home when opportunities arise.

Our school ACM is coming up this term and now is the time that we call for nominations for the School Advisory Council and P&F for 2025. These groups are great ways to become involved and support your school. Attached are nomination forms. If you are interested please complete them and return to the school by the 1st November. Our ACM will take place on Wednesday 27th November.

Lastly, I would like to thank our wonderful P&F for organising the upcoming Colour Fun Day for our students next Friday 18 October. I look forward to seeing the kids having a great time.

This week's Happy Families article is about siblings and the disagreements they often have. It proposes some ways you may like to deal with their conflicts. I hope you find it useful.

God Bless

Steve Gibbs

Principal

## Happy Families

### Getting Along with Siblings by Dr Justin Coulson

If the sounds of "He hit me!" or "She's hogging the TV!" are echoing through your home, you're not alone. Sibling rivalry is as common as vegemite sandwiches in households with multiple kids. Sure, having an only child might guarantee peace and quiet, but most of us are raising a whole crew, navigating the inevitable clashes that come with it.

But here's the thing: some squabbling is perfectly normal. It's how kids learn to share, compromise, and stand up for themselves. However, it's crucial to know when those playful tugs-of-war cross the line into something more hurtful.

So, how do you tell the difference between everyday bickering and behaviour that needs parental intervention? Here are some questions to consider:

Is it one-sided? If one child consistently hurts, manipulates, or excludes the other, it might be a sign of bullying. Look for patterns of aggression, teasing, or control, especially if the targeted child isn't instigating the conflict.

What's the motive? Are the children fighting over typical kid stuff like toys or attention, or is one sibling intentionally trying to hurt or humiliate the other? If the motive is malicious, it's crucial to address the behaviour promptly.

How old are they? Young children are still developing conflict resolution skills, so some immature behaviour is expected. However, as they grow, you can teach them healthier ways to express their emotions and resolve disputes.

If you suspect your child is bullying a sibling, here are some steps you can take:

Model respectful behaviour. Children learn by watching their parents. Demonstrate calm and respectful communication, even when dealing with conflict.

Spend quality time with each child. Unmet needs for attention and connection can fuel misbehaviour. Dedicate individual time to each child to strengthen your bond and make them feel secure.

Encourage perspective-taking. Perspective is the root of empathy (and empathy is the key to conflict resolution!). Ask questions like, "How do you think your sister felt when you said that?" or "What could

you have done differently?” As they see the impact they have on others (and vice versa), they feel empathy and make changes that are much longer lasting than changes that are forced upon them by powerful parents.

Teach conflict resolution skills. Equip your children with tools to resolve disagreements peacefully. This could involve teaching them to take turns, compromise, or use “I” statements to express their feelings.

Seek professional help if needed. If the bullying persists or escalates, don’t hesitate to seek guidance from a therapist or counsellor who specialises in children’s behaviour.

Remember, some sibling conflict is normal and even healthy. It provides opportunities for children to learn important social and emotional skills. However, by addressing bullying behaviour early on and teaching healthy conflict resolution strategies, you can create a more peaceful and supportive environment for your children to thrive.

## Term Four Key Dates for your diary

**The link to the Term 4 calendar is attached and is posted on the school website. A hard copy of the Term 4 planner can also be obtained from the school office.**

Link to website to view Term Dates for the year - <https://shthorn.wa.edu.au/calendar/>

|        | Monday  | Tuesday                            | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Sat/Sun                                       |
|--------|---|------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Week 1 | 7-Oct<br>Hut Five Day                         | 8-Oct                              | 9-Oct  | 10-Oct   | 11-Oct<br>Grandparent's Day/Morning Tea                            | 12-Oct/13-Oct<br>School Stage –<br>Box Office |
| Week 2 | 14-Oct  | 15-Oct<br>School Fair Open Morning | 16-Oct   | 17-Oct<br>Virtual Assembly<br>2W Excursion                               | 18-Oct<br>Colour Fun Day<br>Spelling Bee - at Aquinas              | 19-Oct/20-Oct                                 |
| Week 3 | 21-Oct<br>P&F Meeting<br>Intrschool Athletics | 22-Oct<br>Intrschool Athletics     | 23-Oct   | 24-Oct<br>Taste of Europe/Carroll Moving<br>2B Excursion<br>PP Excursion | 25-Oct<br>Crazy Hair/Soapbox                                       | 26-Oct/27-Oct                                 |
| Week 4 | 28-Oct  | 29-Oct                             | 30-Oct SAC<br>Yr 3 Excursion   | 31-Oct   | 1-Nov<br>Traction<br>All Saints Day Mass Item                      | 2-Nov/3-Nov                                   |
| Week 5 | 4-Nov   | 5-Nov                              | 6-Nov T-<br>Ball   | 7-Nov  | 8-Nov<br>Virtual Assembly Yr<br>3 Excursion                        | 9-Nov/10-Nov                                  |
| Week 6 | 11-Nov<br>Remembrance Day Service<br>10.45 am | 12-Nov<br>1A Excursion             | 13-Nov<br>Kodj Kodj 2023 Orientation<br>Yr 5 Student Leadership/Speakers &<br>Voting | 14-Nov<br>PP Park Excursion  | 15-Nov<br>PP Assembly 2pm  | 16-Nov/17-Nov                                 |
| Week 7 | 18-Nov<br>P&F Meeting                         | 19-Nov                             | 20-Nov<br>Kodj Kodj 2023 Orientation   | 21-Nov   | 22-Nov<br>Virtual Assembly   | 23-Nov/24-Nov                                 |
| Week 8 | 25-Nov  | 26-Nov                             | 27-Nov<br>Thanksgiving Mass 9am<br>ADM   | 28-Nov<br>Tennis   | 29-Nov<br>Virtual Assembly<br>Christmas Eve 6pm                    | 30-Nov/1-Dec                                  |
| Week 9 | 2-Dec<br>1B Excursion                         | 3-Dec<br>1W Excursion              | 4-Dec<br>Christmas's edit day<br>Graduation Mass 8.00am<br>Fractious Day 10.00am     | 5-Dec<br>Yr 6 Graduation Luncheon<br>Recess and Home                     | 6-Dec<br>Last day for students<br>Yr 6 Assembly<br>Yr 6 Wig Day In | 7-Dec/8-Dec                                   |

## Grand Parents Mass and Morning Tea

HAPPY  
GRANDPARENTS  
DAY

Thank you to all Grandparents who joined us for this special event. This week WA celebrates Senior Week, so it was very fitting to celebrate our grandparents and the wisdom and joy they bring to our families.









## Recent Baptisms

Congratulations to Matteo from KW. Matteo was recently Baptised in his parish of Queens Park. Welcome to God's family Matteo! We look forward to supporting you on your faith journey.

If you are interested in Baptising your child, Baptism enquiry forms are available in the school office or the parish office.

If your child has recently been baptised, please remember to send a copy of their Baptism certificate to the school office so we can support your child on their faith journey.



## Staff Faith PD

On Monday 7 October, Sacred Heart Staff engaged in a Faith Professional Development Day with the focus of our School Values and our school's charism. This very enlightening PD is very timely as we begin to prepare for the Sacred Heart School 60th Celebrations in 2025. A special thank you to Melissa Trolio who presented this amazing PD opportunity for our staff.



## Upcoming events

### School 2 Stage

This Sunday 13 October our Dance Troupe and Liturgical Dance Troupe will participate in the School 2 Stage dance extravaganza. We wish our dance teams all the best of luck and thank them for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

### Interschool Spelling Bee

Next Friday 18 October we have selected students in Year 4-6 who will represent our school in the Interschool Spelling Bee at Aquinas College. All the best to our representatives. We are very proud of you!

### Save the Date

Calling all European families! We will be hosting a European Morning Tea on 24 October 8.00 – 8.30 am. Students and parents/grandparents from a European background are invited to meet one another and join in conversation to share your cultural stories in a casual way. Coffee, tea, milo and biscuits will be provided. RSVP via Seesaw to Mrs Min.

## School Tour - Tuesday 15 October

Please pass on to friends, family or neighbours that may be interested in enrolling into Sacred Heart for 2025. We have a **School Tour** next **Tuesday 15 October** from **9am to 10am**.

It is a great opportunity to come and visit our beautiful school, meet our Principal and Leadership team, take a first-hand look at our learning environment, meet our school wellness dog Luna and ask any questions.

RSVP - <https://forms.office.com/r/CpZK11DKpi> or use the attached QR Code

Sacred Heart Thornlie - RSVP for  
School Tour



### **Walk to School with Luna is back for Term 4!**

Walk to School with Luna the Therapy Dog is back for Term Four!

Starting this Friday 11 October. Students to meet Luna at the Castle on Discovery Drive at 8am sharp and will then walk to school. Kindy and PP students must have a parent walk with them. Remember your hat and sunscreen!



## Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) - Vacancies

Our OSHC Vacancies has vacancies in both before and after school care. OSHC for PP to Year 6 students open from 6.30am and close at 6pm. OSHC also run a Vacation Program during school holidays.

If you are interested in enrolling or require before or after school care or Vacation Care for your children, please contact our OSHC Director Claire Siaus on 9251 3015 or [oshc@shthorn.wa.edu.au](mailto:oshc@shthorn.wa.edu.au)<sup>1</sup>

## First Holy Communion Photos

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Thank you for allowing us to photograph your child's First Holy Communion on 08/09/2024. Please note the photographer still hasn't made the link active. They will hopefully do this within the next week.**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE DO NOT OFFER REFUNDS FOR EVENT PHOTOS -**

The images are previewed before you purchase them, this is your proof of what the image will look like. By adding the image to your cart, you are saying that you are happy with the image and that you wish to

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<sup>1</sup><mailto:oshc@shthorn.wa.edu.au>

purchase it. All editing is done prior to uploading the photos, the only editing done after purchase is cropping, which depends on the size you have ordered.

Please note that our Ordering System is **ONLINE** only. Below are some features we offer.

All Photos taken at the event will be available on our ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM within 10 working days.<sup>1</sup>

To place your order online, simply visit **[mspphotography.shootproof.com](https://mspphotography.shootproof.com)**

- Locate your school album, then select the album titled **Sacred Heart Primary School - Thornlie Communion 08.09.2024**
- Enter the password to view the album (it is Caps Lock Sensitive).
- The password for this event is: **YK49r6z**

All the images taken for the event will be shown in the album. Click on the image to view and click **BUY PHOTO** to view the available print sizes, digital downloads, and discount packages. Once you have chosen all the images you'd like to purchase, click on **ADD TO CART**. Photos will be delivered directly to your address. Postage is additional and calculated at checkout. Please keep in mind that this is a **LIVE** event. The photographer will endeavor to capture every image possible. At times, the photographers view may be blocked, and unfortunately some images may be missed.

**If you have any queries, please contact our office on:**

**08 9240 8000 | [events.perth@msp.com.au](mailto:events.perth@msp.com.au) | Monday – Friday 8:30am -4:30pm**

## Finance News

Please ensure all school fees for 2024 are paid.

School fees contribute to the ongoing operation of the school and we thank all families whose accounts are up to date.

If you have any questions regarding your school fees, please contact the Administration Office on 9251 3000, chose Option # 5 to speak to our Finance Officer Lindy Munnings or email [accounts@shthorn.wa.edu.au](mailto:accounts@shthorn.wa.edu.au)<sup>2</sup>

### HEALTHCARE CARDS

It is the responsibility of the parents to present their new card at the school office (so a copy can be taken) to ensure that discounts are not cancelled because the card has expired. If you have received an updated Health Care Card recently, please bring it in to complete the forms as soon as possible.

Lindy Munnings

Finance Officer

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## Not returning to Sacred Heart in 2025?

If your child/ren won't be returning to Sacred Heart Primary School in 2025, please ensure that you notify the school admin office by **Friday 25 October** as **at least one term's notice must be provided**. A withdrawal form needs to be completed, this can be found on our website [http://shthorn.wa.edu.au/pdf/enrolment\\_withdrawal.pdf](http://shthorn.wa.edu.au/pdf/enrolment_withdrawal.pdf) or you can obtain a hard copy from the office.

## Term 4 - Summer Uniform

Term 4 marks the start of summer uniform.

There is a grace period of two weeks where students can still wear winter uniform. However, from **Week 3 of Term 4** all students must wear summer uniform. The summer uniform can be purchased from the Uniform Shop at Uniform Concepts in Willetton.

Or you can check out the second hand uniform page on Facebook - Sacred Heart Thornlie 2nd Hand Uniform Buy and Sell Page.

Further information about the school uniform and pricing can be found on the school website <http://shthorn.wa.edu.au/uniform/>

### Summer Uniform

#### *Boys*

- Button up blue school shirt short-sleeved
- Grey shorts
- Grey school socks with blue and white stripes
- Black leather lace-up shoes or brown sandals

#### *Girls*

- Blue checked school dress
- Short blue school socks
- Black leather lace-up shoes or brown sandals

### Sports Uniform

#### *House*

- House coloured t-shirt (blue, gold, green or red)
- Dark blue school t-shirt
- Navy school sport shorts (unisex)
- Blue school sports jacket

- White socks
- Predominately white sport trainers
- Blue school hat

## Did you know we have a 3-Year-Old Kindy? Enrolments are now open for 4 Year old Kindergarten for 2025 and 2026



We are now accepting enrolments for kindy for 2025 and 2026. Make sure you get enrolment forms in as soon as possible as positions are limited and interviews for the 2025 intake have commenced.

If your child was born between **1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021** they will start 4 Year Old Kindergarten at the beginning of **2025**. If your child was born between **1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022** they will start 4 Year Old Kindergarten in **2026**.

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school office or via our website <https://shthorn.wa.edu.au/enrolment-process/>

Did you know we have a **3 Year Old Kindy** at Sacred Heart? It is run through our Early Learning Centre which means you are able to claim the childcare benefit. It is a great starting point in preparation for your child attending 4 year old kindy at Sacred Heart. Your child can attend once they turn 3 years old. For further information please contact Megan in our ELC on 9251 3014 or refer to our website <https://shthorn.wa.edu.au/three-year-old-programme/>

## Sacred Heart P&F

### Colour Explosion Festival Fundraiser

This year the P&F will be hosting a 'Colour Festival' next Friday 18 October 2024 exploding at 1:15pm on the oval. Parents feel free to come along and watch but please remain in the designated areas. There will be a live DJ, colour, water, foam, obstacles, dance area and a designated chill zone for students that need a break or would just like to watch.

Students are encouraged to wear white or light-coloured clothing. Enclosed footwear and eye protection must be worn to participate. Students who purchased sunglasses last term will have them delivered to their class on the day of the event.

As you know the P&F have provided some significant items for the students in recent years and there are no plans to stop providing such great amenities. As such this event is our biggest fundraiser for the year so please get onboard and support it. We have prizes for the 3 highest fundraising classes and all students who raise over \$10 will go into the draw to win an individual prize. You can set up your fundraising profile at <https://shpscolourfestival.goraiseit.com.au>

### **Crazy Sock & Hair Day**

Get those creative ideas flowing, Crazy Sock & Hair Day is back on Friday 25 October 2024. The P&F will be handing out Zooper Doopers to all students in the afternoon.

### **'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**

The P&F has been running the Containers for Change program for a few years now. This has proven to be a profitable scheme for the school, and we would like to encourage our existing and new families to please donate your eligible containers.

### **P&F Meeting**

Our remaining meetings for the year, will be held on **Monday 21 October** and **Monday 18 November** at **6:00pm** in the staff room. Entry is through the school office. We would love to see some new faces and encourage anyone wanting to know more about the P&F to come along.

## **School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI)**

The Australian Government has launched the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide free home internet for one year for up to 30,000 unconnected Australian families with school- aged students.

The program is available to all students who lack an active nbn connection at home. Families can register until **Dec 2024**.

To be eligible, families must:

- Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school.
- Not have an active National Broadband Network (nbn®) Internet service at home. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.

- Live in a home that can access the National Broadband Network via a standard connection – this will be checked for you.

Families can be directed to the following to register:

- Visit [www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications-arts/internet/national-broadband-network/school-student-broadband-initiative-ssbi](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications-arts/internet/national-broadband-network/school-student-broadband-initiative-ssbi)<sup>3</sup>
- Call 1800 954 610 (10am – 6pm AEDT Monday to Friday)

## Useful Links

Uniform Shop<sup>5</sup> Sacred Heart Thornlie Parish<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>3</sup><http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications-arts/internet/national-broadband-network/school-student-broadband-initiative-ssbi>

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<sup>5</sup><https://www.nellgray.com.au/Uniform-Concepts/Willetton-Super-Store>

<sup>6</sup><http://www.thornlie.perthcatholic.org.au/>