# Sacred Heart School Thornlie

## From the Heart Newsletter - 19 June 2026

***Sacred Heart Primary acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land, including the Whadjuk people of Noongar Boodjar in Perth, and pay respect to Elders past and present, extending that respect to all First Nations people present.***

Lord, In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce

remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth,

when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak,

reach out to us with the power of your resurrection

so that we may feel the warmth of your love

and see your light that alone can take away the darkness.

Amen.

## This week's Feature Focus…

Our **Talk for Writing** program continues to be highly successful from Kindy to Year 6. This week's feature article highlights our delightful Kindy classes as they explore, learn and grow their vocabulary, oral language and pre-writing skills through the program.

At the moment, the children are focusing on learning the story of *The Rainbow Fish*—a classic tale that all students should have the joy of experiencing at some point in their school journey. Rehearsing and exploring the storyline, expanding vocabulary, and building fluency are all part of learning through this wonderful picture book.

Featured in the photos are our wonderful Kindy students actively engaged in learning, along with Mrs Maguire, one of our Lead Teachers in Talk for Writing, who donned a sparkly, scaly jumper to add fun and engagement to the learning process.

We are very proud of the dedicated staff who teach this program so effectively, and we are equally proud of our wonderful students, who engage so diligently in the writing process through the use of this program.

Talk for Writing

Talk for Writing

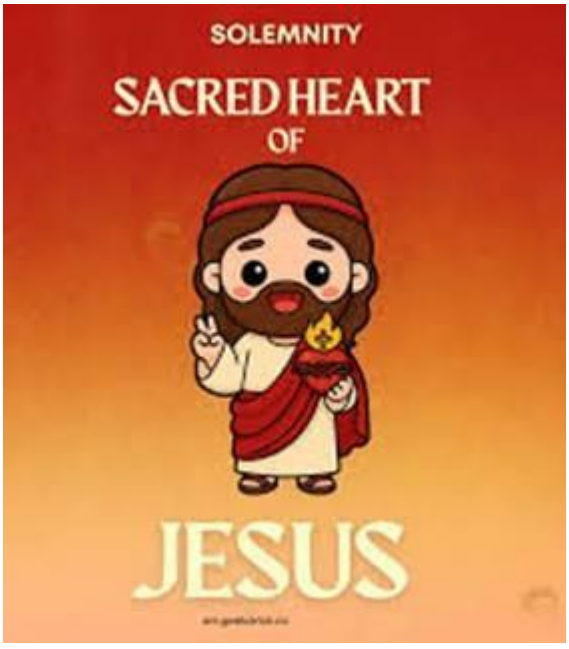
## A message from the Principal

Dear Parents and community members,

Our Sacred Heart Day community celebration was a joyful occasion that truly brought us together as one. It was a visible sign of our unity and collaboration, and celebrating this special day filled our students and staff with great happiness, reminding us how fortunate we are to belong to such a supportive and connected community. The day began with a beautiful community Thanksgiving Mass, followed by a delightful morning tea shared with parents and parish representatives. Students then enjoyed the vibrant market day stalls, before coming together for a sausage sizzle and finishing with fun and energetic tabloid sports. We extend our sincere thanks to our wonderful P&F for their organisation and generous contributions, as well as to all our staff for their dedication and hard work in preparing such a meaningful event. The significant effort and commitment shown before, during and after the event were truly appreciated. It was a memorable celebration for all involved, and one we look forward to year after year.

**What does it mean to celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day?**

Celebrating the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was a special time for Catholics to remember how much Jesus loves everyone. The Sacred Heart is a symbol of Jesus' kindness, compassion and deep love for people. On this day each year, we give thanks for God's love and are reminded to show the same care and kindness to others in our daily lives. It is a chance for our school and parish community to come together in prayer, gratitude and joy, and to reflect on how we can live out our faith through love and service.



**Staff Changes**

At the end of this term, we will farewell Miss Bailey from 1B, Mrs Berardi from 2W, Mrs O'Sullivan, Head of Inclusion Support and Miss Henderson from the Mary Ward Centre. We wish all these staff members all the best in their future endeavours.

We are in the process of organising replacement staff and announcements about the new staff members will be in the next newsletter. We do welcome Mrs Lani Denholm who will work in 2W on Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of the year.

God Bless

Mrs Darlene Min

Principal

## Happy Families

**Happy Families by Dr Justin Coulson**

This idea of being sensitive and responsive is sometimes called being "emotionally available". So how's that looking at your place right now as you juggle emails, cost-of-living stress, increased workload, relationships, washing, cooking, buying a birthday gift for the kid you don't know who has invited your child to a party this weekend, and *everything else*?

Parents who are emotionally available make a conscious decision to be mindful. They are aware of their children's needs and respond attentively. When a child comes to them with a request, or with a need, an emotionally available parent listens to her children's request. The parent does not necessarily indulge her child, give in, or be at the child's beck and call. Instead, the parent attempts to comprehend their children's emotional state, and respond in a deliberate and careful manner.

What Emotionally Available Parenting Looks Like to a Child

Children who experience emotionally available parents agree to statements like these:

- *My parents support me*
- *My parents console me when I am upset*
- *My parents show they care about me*
- *My parents show a genuine interest in me*

- *My parents remember things that are important to me*
- *My parents are available to talk at any time*
- *My parents ask questions in a caring manner*
- *My parents spend extra time with me just because they want to*
- *My parents are willing to talk about my troubles*
- *My parents talk with me about my interests*
- *My parents value my input*
- *My parents make me feel wanted*

Take a moment and pretend that you are your child. Would *you* agree with those statements about you? Would your children agree with those statements? (Maybe you can ask them… but be ready. The answers might challenge you.)

Now think of a time when you were able to respond in such a way for your child. How do you know your child sensed your availability? What words did you use? What body language made your child feel safe and heard? How did it make your child feel about the thing that was troubling him or her? How did your child respond to you?

Being emotionally available is not a new problem. In the 1800sMark Twain said:

*"We are always too busy for children; we never give them the time or interest they deserve. We lavish gifts upon them; but the most precious gift – our personal association, which means so much to them – we give grudgingly"*

What's actually happened is we've found more sophisticated ways to be distracted.

The principle of emotional availability is arguably one of the simplest things we can do for our children. We don't need a course, a technique, or a perfect response. We just need to be there — fully, unhurriedly, genuinely there.

Your child isn't asking you to be perfect. They're asking you to show up. And on the nights when dinner burns and the phone rings and everything is loud and demanding, the small voice cutting through the noise is worth stopping for.

"Mummy, I need you."

They do. And you're enough.

## Term 2 Calendar

Please refer to the website and Facebook to check key events.  A hard copy of the term two calendar can also be obtained from the school office.

## Religious Education

**Sacramental Dates 2026**

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation - Year 3**

Sacrament of First Reconciliation Commitment Mass: Saturday 25 July 6pm

Sacrament of First Reconciliation Parent/Student Meeting: Thursday 30 July 6pm

Sacrament of First Reconciliation Retreat Day: Thursday 20 August

Sacrament of First Reconciliation: Tuesday 25 August 6pm

**First Holy Communion - Year 4**

First Holy Communion Commitment Mass: Saturday 1 August 6pm Mass

First Holy Communion Parent/Student Meeting: Thursday 6 August 6pm

First Holy Communion Retreat Day: Thursday 3 September TBC

First Holy Communion: Sunday 13 September 12pm

**Baptism**

Thinking of having your child Baptised? Baptism inquiry forms are available in our school office.

## Finance News

**SCHOOL FEES**

School fee accounts for 2026 have been **emailed** home to all families. Accounts must be kept up to date with the payment option you selected at the start of the year, reminders are being sent out regularly.

The due date for the second instalment is coming up:

- payment in 3 instalments: due 20/3/2026, **26/6/2026** and 18/9/2026

Other payment arrangements ie; weekly/fortnightly/monthly by Direct Debit or BPAY must be approved by the school. Please contact Lindy Munnings on accounts@shthorn.wa.edu.au[1] for a confidential discussion regarding payment plans or if you are experiencing difficulties in meeting your school fee commitments.

**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

[1] mailto:accounts@shthorn.wa.edu.au

Finance Officer

## End of term 2 Dance Concerts - Costume requirements

All classes will perform next week in week 10 in the school Brennan Hall.

All **B** classes will perform on **TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2026, 1:30pm – 2:30pm**

All **W** classes will perform on **WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2026 1:30pm – 2:30pm**

**Costume requirements are attached.**

| Year | Theme | Costume requirements | Footwear requirements |
|---|---|---|---|
| PPB & PPW | **TOY STORY**<br><br>Song: 'You've Got a Friend in Me' | BOYS & GIRLS<br>- Plain yellow t-shirt<br>**Girls:** denim shorts<br>**Boys:** denim jeans<br>**Girls:** to have hair in two low plaits.<br>**red bandana's, vest & cowboy hat (provided by the teacher) | - school sports sneakers - white socks. |
| 1B & 1W | **NEON**<br><br>Song: 'Like it Like That' | BOYS & GIRLS<br>-Plain bright/Fluro coloured t-shirt.<br>-Plain black leggings/ pants/shorts or bike shorts.<br>-**Girls:** wear something colourful in their hair. | - school sports sneakers - white school socks. |
| 2B & 2W | **ABC**<br><br>Song: 'Easy Love' | BOYS & GIRLS<br>-Plain white t-shirt -Plain black leggings/ pants/shorts or bike shorts. -**Girls**: to wear something white in their hair. | - school sports sneakers - white school socks. |
| 3B & 3W | **CAT IN THE HAT**<br><br>Song: 'Bom Bom Bom' | BOYS & GIRLS<br>- Plain black t-shirt<br>- Plain black pants or black leggings<br>*Hat, vest & red bow (provided by the teacher) | - school sports sneakers - white school socks. |
| 4B & 4W | **FIRE**<br><br>Song: 'Heatwave' | BOYS & GIRLS<br>- Plain black t-shirt. - Plain black shorts or bike shorts.<br>-**Girls:** red, orange or blue coloured tutu to go over their bike shorts. Parents to supply. | - school sports sneakers - white school socks. |
| 5B & 5W | **DISCO**<br><br>Song: 'Better When I'm Dancing' | BOYS & GIRLS<br>- Plain bright coloured tshirt<br>- Black shorts or bike shorts - Bright coloured sweat bands for wrists and bright coloured high leg socks. | - school sports sneakers |
| 6B & 6W | **Army/Cameo**<br><br>Song: 'Hair Up' | BOYS & GIRLS<br>- Plain black sleeveless tshirt (Tank top)<br>-Plain black pants or black, leggings **army cap (provided by the teacher) | - white school sports sneakers<br>- plain black socks. |

Reminder - dance concerts next week,

The running order for the concerts are as follows:

TUESDAY 23 June 2026 - 1B - 3B - PPB - 5B - 2B - 4B - 6B

WEDNESDAY 24 June 2026 - 1W - 3W - PPW - 5W - 2W - 4W - 6W

## Luna's 6th Birthday Art Competition

🎨 **Luna's 6th Birthday Art Competition** 🎉

To celebrate Luna turning **6**, we are holding a special **Art Competition** for all students!

🖌️ **What to do:**

Create a beautiful artwork of Luna

- Please keep artwork to **around A4 size**
- Use any materials you like (drawing, painting, collage, sculpture, etc.)
- Don't forget to **write your name clearly** on your artwork

🗓️ **Important Date:**

Luna's Birthday Artwork pieces must be submitted by : **Monday 27 July 2026**

🖼️ **Art Gallery Display:**

On the day of the celebration, our **library will be transformed into a special art gallery** showcasing all student entries.

Parents and students are warmly invited to visit, admire the artworks, and celebrate together!

Let your creativity shine — we can't wait to see your amazing creations! 🌈✨

## Uniform

Students proudly wear the uniform, as a symbol of belonging in the Sacred Heart Community. The Uniform is designed to allow students to maximise their participation in learning and is appropriate to seasonal weather.

**GIRLS' UNIFORM**

- Blue school short sleeve shirt
- Navy school skirt / shorts / trousers
- Navy school jumper
- Navy school socks
- Navy tights
- Navy school hat
- Black leather school shoes / black leather Mary Janes

**BOYS' UNIFORM**

- Blue school short sleeve shirt
- Navy school shorts / trousers
- Navy school jumper
- Navy school socks
- Navy school hat
- Black leather school shoes

**SPORT**

- Navy sports shorts (Unisex)
- House coloured Polo shirt
- School Polo shirt (class sport, interschool team and excursions if required)
- Navy school tracksuit – jacket and track pants
- Navy school hat
- White socks

**Predominantly white** sports shoes with **white** laces

Sacred Heart requires students to wear a school hat all year during break times and sport lessons.

For further information, please refer to our Full Uniform Policy[2]

Download the Uniform Pricelist[3]

School uniform can be purchased from the offsite location of:

*Uniform Concepts* Willetton Super Store

30 Kembla Way

Willetton WA 6155

Tel: 9270 4669

Email: willetton@uc.nellgray.com.au[4]

[2] http://shthorn.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies_uniform.pdf
[3] http://shthorn.wa.edu.au/pdf/uniform_pricelist.pdf

Website: nellgray.com.au[5]

[4]mailto:willetton@uc.nellgray.com.au
[5]http://nellgray.com.au/

## Enrolments are open for Kindergarten 2027

If your child was born between **1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023** they will start 4 Year Old Kindergarten in **2027**.

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school office or via our website https://shthorn.wa.edu.au/enrolment-process/ Enrolment interviews commence in May 2026. We have had a wonderful response for kindy 2027, don't forget to submit your application as soon as possible to ensure a position. Enrolment interviews are well underway and places are filling fast.

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

**Sacred Heart Day**

The P&F stall for Sacred Heart was another great success! We had so many goodies on the stall, plus lucky dips, show bags, popcorn and of course the slushies. It was a busy morning but so much fun for all involved. We thank everyone who got involved and hope the students all had a good day and enjoyed what we had to offer on our stall.

**Our Fundraising Goal**

We have an exciting fundraising goal this year which is an upgrade of the school Amphitheatre. We are in planning stages now, but it will be complete with new or improved steps and lighting. You may have noticed a few more fundraising events, and we encourage you all to support us in any way you can with this so we can create something amazing for the students to utilize.

Once we have the plans finalised, we will post them for you all to see what we will be working towards. So, watch this space!

**P&F Morning Tea – Friday 26 June 8.30 – 9.30AM**

We will be hosting a morning tea in the Library on Friday 26th June 8.30-9.30am for parents to come and meet us and see what we do. If you have ever thought about joining the P&F this is a perfect opportunity to see what it's all about. Everyone should have received an email about this with an RSVP link for catering purposes. We look forward to meeting you there. Please RSVP at P&F Information Session - Morning Tea – Fill out form[6]

**ADULTS ONLY EVENT – watch this space!!!**

The P&F will be holding an adults only event early in term 3. We have some exciting ideas. More information will be released very soon so you can get babysitters booked and outfits organised…think OP Shop Chic, Funky Finds…watch this space!!

**Next Meeting is Tuesday 18 August, 6pm**

If you have been thinking about joining the P&F why not come along to our next meeting and see what it's all about.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th August at 6:00pm in the staff room. Entry is through the school office. We hope to see you there.

**'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.

[6] https://forms.office.com/r/d8DQjjgDDu

Search for **Sacred Heart Thornlie P&F**

## Canteen

**Winter Menu for Term 2 and 3, 2026**

Canteen is open  Monday, Thursday & Friday

RECESS & LUNCH orders available online via www.quickcliq.com.au or via the class lunch order box.

To contact Abi please call 9251 3007

Term 3 volunteers needed, please complete this form if you are able to assist Canteen Volunteers Term 3, 2026  – Fill out form[7]

## Canteen Roster for Term 2

New Volunteers are always welcome. If you are unable to come in on your rostered day, please contact Abi 92513007 (8AM-1PM)

A/H 0421 831 343

[7] https://forms.office.com/r/MtbF6jUb18

| WEEK | MONDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|
| WEEK 1 | **Apr 20th** | **April 23rd**<br>J. PAYNE | **April 24th**<br>J. FARANDA |
| WEEK 2 | **April 27th**<br>**Public Holiday**<br>**ANZAC DAY** | **April 30th**<br>*(Confirmation Retreat)*<br>Y. JIA | **May 1st**<br>J. ALBANESE<br>Po Man Chow |
| WEEK 3 | **May 4th** J. PAYNE | **May 7th**<br>*(Cricket Carnival)*<br>R. CARROLL | **May 8th**<br>*(Mother's Day Mass)*<br>K. COPE |
| WEEK 4 | **May 11th**<br>*(Year 6 Camp)*<br>J. PAYNE | **May 14th**<br>S. ENGLISH | **May 15th**<br>L. VOGELS |
| WEEK 5 | **May 18th** J. PAYNE | **May 21st**<br>J. ALBANESE<br>J. OSTERBERG | **May 22nd**<br>*(Year 4 Assembly)*<br>D. MYAPE |
| WEEK 6 | **May 25th**<br>J. PAYNE | **May 28th**<br>*(Sorry Day)*<br>Y. JIA | **May 29th**<br>**Pupil Free Day** |
| WEEK 7 | **June 1st**<br>**Public Holiday**<br>**WA Day** | **June 4th**<br>S. ENGLISH | **June 5th**<br>*(Cross Country)*<br>V. WIWARSONO<br>Po Man Chow |
| WEEK 8 | **June 8th** J. PAYNE | **June 11th**<br>R. CARROLL | **June 12th**<br>*(Sacred Heart Day)*<br>D. MYAPE |
| WEEK 9 | **June 15th** J. PAYNE | **June 18th**<br>R. DEKENS | **June 19th**<br>*(Eagles Cup Carnival)*<br>V. WIWARSONO |
| WEEK 10 | **June 22nd** J. PAYNE | **June 25th**<br>Y. JIA<br>J. OSTERBERG | **June 26th**<br>*(Year 3 Assembly)*<br>J. ALBANESE |
| WEEK 11 | **June 29th** J. PAYNE | **July 2nd**<br>S. ENGLISH | **July 3rd**<br>D. MYAPE |

## Parish News

SACRED HEART THORNLIE

**Weekend Mass Times**

**Saturday**

Reconciliation 5.00 - 5.30pm

Mass 6pm

**Sunday**

Mass 8am and 10am

Children's Liturgy available for students aged 5-8 years old at 6pm and 10am Masses.

AD OMNIA PARATUS

St Norbert College

**Enrolments for Year 7**

We will commence our enrolments for 2028 in the next few weeks. Application forms may be obtained by visiting our website www.norbert.wa.edu[8] to apply online or by telephoning our

[8] https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.norbert.wa.edu%2F&data=05|02|8740svc_admin%40cewa.edu.au|5b5018a7c67d4d70477908de6208c48b|c5852f2336334f29b38651da53e35e23|0|0

Enrolment Officer, Mrs Alison Roberts on 9350 5433 to receive an Enrolment Package. Families who currently have a child/sibling in Year 4 (or below) are encouraged to submit an Enrolment Application as soon as possible. Students do not have automatic enrolment even though they are a sibling and/or attend a Catholic School. Enrolment Interviews for Year 7 entry are completed in Semester 1 when the student is in Year 5.

## Useful Links

Uniform Shop[9] Sacred Heart Thornlie Parish[10]

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[9] https://www.nellgray.com.au/Uniform-Concepts/Willetton-Super-Store

[10] http://www.thornlie.perthcatholic.org.au/