Sacred Heart School Thornlie

From the Heart Newsletter - 3 July 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.

Loving God, Thank You for the strength and guidance You provided throughout this term. As we look forward to the holidays, help us to unwind and recharge. Please bless our families and help us to be kind and supportive at home. Help us to come back ready to learn and grow. Amen.

This week's Feature Focus…Mini Vinnies Excursion

On Tuesday, fifteen of our Mini Vinnies students from Year 5 were fortunate to visit the Vinnies warehouse and offices located at Ozanam House in Canning Vale. The students left with a new understanding of the importance of the work that the staff and volunteers do. We are so pleased to be able to donate 40 blankets we have collected in our Winter Appeal to Vinnies here in our Thornlie Conference. Here are two recounts of the events of the day.

By Danielle:

On Tuesday, our Mini Vinnies Team went to the Saint Vincent De Paul Society in Canning Vale W.A. The tour guide, Hannah was so nice to us! The first thing we did was a tour of the warehouse. There were so many stored donations inside! The staff there were sorting out all the donations. After we did that we had our recess. When we finished that we sorted out two cases of clothing donations. Then we had lunch. After lunch we listened to some Vinnies staff explain their roles at the organisation. Did you know that last year, Vinnies received an average of 250 calls per day! Their emergency call centre is only open from 9am until 12.30pm Finally we designed our own food hampers.

By Banjo:

On Tuesday the Mini Vinnies went on an excursion to Ozanam House in Canning Vale. We walked around a cool warehouse, and we learnt that they reuse 93% of all donations. Also, we sorted out two cages of clothes. Vinnies receive an average of 250 calls per day. The phoneline opens at 9am and closes at 12.30 and people can call if they need money, food or other support. We also had a hands-on activity with three of the staff.

A message from the Principal

Dear Sacred Heart Community,

There is so much to celebrate as we come to the end of a long, rewarding and joy-filled Term 2. It is hard to believe how much has been accomplished and enjoyed by our students, staff and families over the past three months.

Together, we have shared in a wonderful variety of faith, learning, sporting and community events, including:

- ANZAC Day Liturgy
- Cricket Carnival
- Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop
- Muffins with Mum
- Homework Club
- Sacrament of Confirmation
- Year 6 Camp
- National Sorry Day

- Parent Interviews
- Cross Country Carnival
- Sacred Heart Day Mass
- Sacred Heart Day Morning Tea
- Sacred Heart Day Stalls
- Sacred Heart Day Tabloid Afternoon
- After-School Rugby Clinic
- Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal
- Eagles Cup Carnival
- Speech Screening for Kindy Students
- Talk for Writing Open Day for Teachers Across WA
- World Cup Soccer Day
- Year 3 Assembly
- Year 4 Assembly
- Dance Concert (B Classes)
- Dance Concert (W Classes)
- P&F Morning Tea

Each of these opportunities enriches the life of our school and strengthens the bonds within our community. They are moments where faith is nurtured, talents are celebrated, friendships are formed, and the joy of being together is experienced.

None of these events could happen without the generosity, dedication and tireless efforts of our staff, P&F, volunteers and families. We are truly blessed to belong to a community that so willingly gives its time and talents in service of our children.

On behalf of the school, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to the organisation and success of these events. Your support helps create the vibrant, welcoming and faith-filled community that makes Sacred Heart such a special place. May we take great pride in all that we have shared this term and give thanks for the many blessings we continue to receive together.

Wishing all our students, staff and families a well-deserved holiday break!

God Bless.

Mrs Darlene Min

Principal

Farewells and Welcome

Thank you and farewell!

It is with a heavy heart that we farewell 4 very appreciated staff members this term.

Farewell and Congratulations to Mrs Liz O'Sullivan

At the conclusion of this term, we will be farewelling Mrs Liz O'Sullivan, our Head of Inclusion Support, as she begins an exciting new role with Catholic Education Western Australia as a School Support Consultant.

Over the past four and a half years, Liz has made an outstanding contribution to Sacred Heart through her dedication, expertise and unwavering commitment to supporting students, families and staff. Her leadership of the Mary Ward Centre has been marked by compassion, professionalism and a deep understanding of the diverse needs of our students. Through her

work, she has helped create an environment where every child is known, supported and given the opportunity to flourish.

We have been truly blessed by Liz's knowledge, generosity and tireless advocacy for inclusive education. Her positive influence has touched the lives of many within our school community, and her contribution will be felt for years to come.

While we will greatly miss Liz, we are delighted that she has been given this wonderful opportunity and know that she will bring the same passion and expertise to schools across CEWA.

On behalf of the Sacred Heart community, we sincerely thank Liz for her dedicated service and wish her every blessing and success in this next chapter of her professional journey. She will always remain a valued part of the Sacred Heart family.

Farewell to Miss Sabrina Bailey

At the end of this term, we will be farewelling Miss Sabrina Bailey as she leaves Sacred Heart to pursue further studies and follow a long-held ambition.

Over the past year and a half, Sabrina has been a devoted and valued member of our teaching staff. Her dedication, care and commitment to the students of Year 1B have been greatly appreciated, and she has worked tirelessly to ensure each child was supported and encouraged to achieve their best.

We sincerely thank Sabrina for her contribution to our school community and wish her every success and happiness as she embarks on this exciting new chapter. She leaves with our gratitude and best wishes.

Farewell to Miss Mackenzie Henderson

At the end of this term, we will be farewelling Miss Mackenzie Henderson after three and a half years of dedicated service to Sacred Heart.

Mackenzie began her journey with us as a Special Needs Education Assistant while completing her teaching studies. This year, she has worked as a teacher in the Mary Ward Centre and also supported our school as a relief teacher. Throughout her time at Sacred Heart, Mackenzie has shown great kindness, commitment and care for the students she has supported.

We sincerely thank Mackenzie for her valued contribution to our school community and congratulate her on securing her first full-time teaching position at Pioneer Village School. We have no doubt she will be an outstanding Pre-Primary teacher and a wonderful addition to their community.

We wish Mackenzie every blessing and success as she begins this exciting new chapter.

Farewell to Mrs Courtney Berardi

As we conclude the term, we also farewell Mrs Courtney Berardi, who has taught in our 2W class two days a week this year.

Courtney has been a valued member of our staff, bringing dedication, positivity and care to her teaching. We are grateful for the wonderful contribution she has made to the students and our school community during her time at Sacred Heart.

We congratulate Courtney on the opportunity to return to her permanent position at Mater Christi Primary School and wish her every blessing and success for the future. We sincerely thank her for her time, commitment and service to Sacred Heart.

Welcome to our new Staff

We warmly welcome the following staff members who will begin next term:

Ms Peta Nicolaou – Head of Inclusion Support, Peta comes to Sacred Heart from St John Bosco College where she held a similar role. Peta has spent the day in the Mary Ward Centre on Wednesday getting to know the students and completing a handover with Mrs O'Sullivan. She is delighted to be part of the Sacred Heart Community.

Miss Stella Passmore comes to us from St Joseph's Moora where she was the kindy teacher. Stella will commence as our year 1B teacher in week 3 when she returns from Europe. Stell spent 3 days last week working alongside Miss Bailey to ensure a smooth transition and to get to know the students.

Mrs Lani Denholm will commence as our new Year 2W teacher (Thursday/Friday). She returns to us in a part-time role while she also enjoys time being a mum to her beautiful daughter. We look forward to welcoming Lani back to Sacred Heart.

Mrs Julie McMahon will be working in our Mary Ward Centre as a Teacher on Thursdays. Julie was Head of Inclusion Support in St Brigid's prior to her role as relief teacher at Sacred Heart. She will bring much care, support and expertise to her role as Mary Ward Centre Teacher.

Happy Families

Friendship is a Skill

By [redacted]

Ranks as any school leader, psychologist, teacher, or person involved with children in a kindergarten or school and ask them what the most common challenge they confront is when working with students – and the answer will almost always be the same:

Friendships.

Friendships are at the very heart of our wellbeing – or our distress. The quality of our relationships is core to our happiness. Researchers have found that "school belonging" is a predictor of everything from grades to life satisfaction. In [redacted] Academic achievement, self-concept, behaviour, and thinking all improve when kids feel they "belong" – and they're less likely to drop out of school or make wise choices. Friendships are core to that sense of belonging.

If friendship and belonging matter so much, why are they such ongoing sources of challenge for children and the adults who try to support them?

During the 1960s, influential British social psychologist Michael Argyle, and his colleague, Monika Henderson, conducted a [redacted] on what makes a friendship flourish in fact. They identified six rules essential for maintaining a stable relationship. These were:

1. Standing up for the friend in their absence

Loyalty is a powerful relationship builder. We teach this to very young children by explaining that it means not laughing along when someone makes fun of your mates, and not staying silent when gossip is spreading.

A child who says "Actually, that's not fair, she wasn't even there" is being a friend – and the courage and loyalty it requires is what builds a strong friendship. Teach kids that real friendship happens when the person isn't in the room.

2. Sharing important news with the friend

Friends keep each other in the loop. If your child hears that the whole group is going to the movies and someone is being left out, they'll stand up for their friend, encourage others to include them, and make sure they include them in things.

Good friends share. They don't share everything, but they do share the things that matter. And they also know what not to share. (Like: "everyone was talking about you at lunch today and said you have stinky breath.") Encourage your child to think: *Would I want to know this if the roles were reversed?*

3. Providing emotional support when it's needed

This doesn't require a twelve-year-old to become a therapist. It mostly just means showing up. Providing emotional support isn't knowing how to "emotion coach" it's sitting with a friend who's had a rough day, texting to check in after something hard happened, and not brushing it off with "you'll be fine" or changing the subject to talk about "me".

Kids who learn to notice when someone's not okay – and know how to say something caring and kind – are building friendships that last.

4. Trusting and confiding in each other

Friendship deepens when people share something real about themselves. That feels risky, and for a lot of kids it is. Vulnerability leaves you open to being hurt, but it's also the way that unlocks deeper connection and relationship.

If your child tells you a friend shared something personal, help them understand that holding that confidence is one of the most important things a friend can do. Breaking it is one of the fastest ways to destroy a friendship.

5. Volunteering help when it's required

The key word here is volunteering rather than waiting to be asked. A good friend notices when someone is struggling and offers before being prompted. A child who sees a classmate trying to carry too many things and just picks some up, or who asks "do you want help with that?" without being told to, is practising one of friendship's core skills.

6. Making an effort to make the other person happy

This is about small, intentional kindness. Remembering a friend's birthday. Saving them a seat. Saying "I thought of you when I saw this." Children who grow up understanding that friendships require active maintenance are far better equipped to keep them.

None of this is complicated, but none of it is automatic either. Children don't arrive knowing how to be good friends. They learn it, mostly by watching the adults around them, and occasionally by being taught directly.

The good news is that the rules Argyle and Henderson identified forty years ago are still the right ones. They haven't been disrupted by social media or complicated by AI or made obsolete by any generational shift. Loyalty, support, trust, and kindness are still what friendship runs on.

If your child is struggling socially, ask which of these six they're finding hardest and start there. Friendship is a skill. And like every other skill, it improves with practice and a little guidance from someone who cares.

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Term 3 Calendar

Please refer to the website and Facebook to check key events. A hard copy of the term three 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 third and final instalment is coming up term three:

- 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

Finance Officer

Luna's 6th Birthday Art Competition

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

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

We made it to the last day of term!! A huge thank you to all our amazing students, teachers and families for all your help and support throughout the term. We hope everyone enjoys the

holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back next term for more fun, community events and exciting things ahead.

Next term is going to be a busy one. We will have all hands-on deck as we will be running the sports carnival merchandise fundraiser again, plus the VIP Tent Raffle for Sports carnival day, Sports carnival day, our Op Shop Ball, Father's Day events, and a student event. We can't wait!!

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 29th August – OP Shop Ball (Adults only)

We have a date locked in for our OP Shop Ball! Dress to impress in your opshop best. This is going to be a great night. More information will be released regarding tickets, but for now get op shopping. We hope you can all make it.

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.

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[6]

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

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.

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[7] to apply online or by telephoning our 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[8] Sacred Heart Thornlie Parish[9]

[7] 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|639055986989221211|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D|0|||&sdata=6wOnXFVrW9h2LvCODs9YF2sD7gjc7AG8hhFL6LJkrfc%3D&reserved=0

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

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