

Sacred Heart School Thornlie



From the Heart Newsletter - 13 October 2023



Lord, we raise Israel and Gaza to you, and pray for those suffering. We ask that you provide peace in this crisis, and protection and comfort for all those who have been impacted. We lift our prayer to you, Lord, hear us.

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 the Willetton Uniform Concepts Store at 30 Kembla Way, Willetton.

A final Term Planner can be found on the website <https://shthorn.wa.edu.au/calendar/> or a hard copy can be obtained from the office. Please diarise any important dates as I'm sure the weeks will fly by heading towards Christmas. Please note our **Christmas Concert** has now changed to **Friday 1 December 2023**. The **Graduation Mass on Tuesday 5 December** is **compulsory** for both **Year 6 and Year 5 students**. 2024 student leaders will be announced at this Mass and badges will be presented. Choir students will also attend the Graduation Mass and Mrs Vinci will communicate more about this closer to the event.

We recently advertised for teaching staff and will be holding interviews later this term to fill any vacancies. All staffing placements for 2024 will be announced at our ACM later this term.

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 27 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 6 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 2024. These groups are great ways to become involved and support your school. Attached below are nomination forms. If you are interested, please complete them and return to the school by Friday 3 November. Our ACM will take place on Wednesday 22 November at 6.30pm.

Lastly, I would like to thank our wonderful P&F for organising the upcoming Bogan Bingo and Referendum Sausage Sizzle.

This week's Happy Families article is a guide of how you might talk to your children about the upcoming referendum. I hope you find it helpful.

God Bless

Steve Gibbs

Principal

Happy Families

How to talk to your kids about the Referendum by Dr Justin Coulson

On the 14th of October, Australians will have the opportunity to decide if an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament should be enshrined in the Australian constitution.

Given the extensive media coverage as the voting day draws ever closer, our kids are likely to hear about the referendum and want to understand what is going on.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to have values based discussions with our children about culture, community, democracy, and history. Here are some tips on how to frame those conversations in a positive way, whichever way you plan on voting.

1. Lean in to what you don't understand

Getting our heads around politics can be difficult at the best of times, let alone working out how to explain political processes to children! And then add to that discomfort the fact that many of us grew up without a solid understanding (or even a complete misunderstanding!) of First Nations history and culture.

Start by acknowledging the gaps in your own knowledge. It's great for our kids to hear us admit that we don't have all of the answers. Demonstrate for them the process you're going to take to find answers to questions or concerns you might have.

2. Get clear on the basics

What is a referendum?

For younger children

Imagine the Australian Constitution is like a big rule book for the whole country. It tells the people who run the country, called the government, what they're allowed to do and what they're not allowed to do. It's super important because it helps keep everything fair and organized. Sometimes the government wants to change the rules in this big book. But they can't just change it all by themselves. They have to ask the regular people, like your mum and dad and other grown-ups, if they agree with the change. And that's where a referendum comes in.

A referendum is like a special vote where all the grown-ups in Australia get to say 'yes' or 'no' to the government's idea for changing the rules in the big book. If most of the grown-ups say 'yes,' then the change can happen. But if most of them say 'no,' then the rules stay the same.

So, it's like a big decision that all the grown-ups make together to decide if they want to change the important rules in the country's rule book or not. It's a way to make sure everyone's voice is heard.

What is this referendum about?

Right now, in our big set of rules called the Constitution, it doesn't say anything special about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. But some people think it should.

They have an idea called 'The Voice.' The Voice would make a group that speaks for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This group would tell the government what they think about things that affect these people.

Now, there's going to be a big vote, like when we vote for our favorite things, but this time it's about changing the rules. People will say 'yes' or 'no' to this idea of making The Voice part of our important rules, the Constitution. If more people say 'yes,' then it will happen. If more people say 'no,' then it won't change.

So, on a special day, people will decide if we should have The Voice in our rules or not. It's like a big decision we all make together."

Why might someone vote "yes"?

The Voice would mean that the First Nations people get to talk about things that are important to them.

People who vote "yes" think that the Voice will help First Nations people and the government make better rules. They also think it will bring all Australians closer together.

If we put the Voice in our important rules (the Constitution), it can't be taken away or stopped by a different government. It stays there but can change a little bit.

Lots of First Nations people like the "yes" vote idea, and it came from a special message made by Indigenous Australians called the Uluru Statement of the Heart.

The Voice would make sure the First Nations people are remembered in the Constitution.

It shows that Australians want to keep being friends and making things better together.

Why might someone vote "no"?

Some people are saying "no" because they don't think the Voice will be good enough to help Indigenous people. They think the government might not listen to the Voice, and there might be better ways to help.

Other people are voting "no" because they worry that the Voice might make people feel different because of their race. They want everyone to be treated the same.

Some people say "no" because they think the Voice will cost a lot of money and make it harder to make new rules.

Finally, some people think a Voice isn't needed because there are already Indigenous people in the government who are supposed to speak for everyone, including First Nations people.

"Yes" or "No", not "Right" or "Wrong"

It's highly unlikely that all the adults in your child's life will vote the same way on the referendum. Emphasize to your children that people on both sides of the argument care very much about First Nations people.

Consequently, it's important to frame the discussion so that there are no "goodies" and "baddies". (Even First Nations people are not unanimous on how to vote in the referendum, so clearly there is no right answer.)

3. Give context

Many First Nations people in Australia don't have as good a life as others. They face challenges in their health, happiness, and how long they live.

This happens because of things that happened a long time ago, like when people from Europe came to Australia and didn't treat Indigenous people fairly.

The government makes a report called 'Closing the Gap' each year to show how they're trying to make things better for Indigenous people. But some people say the government isn't doing it quickly enough.

The Voice is an idea that some people think could make the government work harder to help Indigenous people and close this gap faster.

4. Model Values Based Voting

The referendum will be a big lesson for Australians. It's a chance to learn about Australia's history, how our government works, and how we make important decisions together. But the most important thing to learn is that it's okay to have different opinions, even if we care a lot about something. Everyone thinks differently based on their own feelings and ideas, and it's ok to be different.

Term Four Key Dates for your diary

- Friday 20 October - Soctober and Crazy Hair Day
- Friday 27 October - Grandparents Mass and Morning Tea
- Thursday 2 November - Music Concert for our students that are taught by Lumen music tutors
- Wednesday 22 November - ACM
- Friday 1 December - Music Concert
- Tuesday 5 December - Graduation Mass
- Friday 8 December - Last day of school for students for 2023

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 be obtained from the school office.

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

Finance News

School Fee Reminder

Thank you to all families who have fully paid their school fee accounts, however we still have some families who are not up to date with payments. Reminder emails will be sent out to those families by the end of next week. Prompt payment on these overdue accounts would be appreciated.

Please contact me on accounts@shthorn.wa.edu.au¹ or call 9251 3000 and chose Option # 5 if you would like an updated statement or would like to have a confidential discussion about payment options.

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)

¹<mailto:accounts@shthorn.wa.edu.au>

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

Not returning to Sacred Heart in 2024?

If your child/ren won't be returning to Sacred Heart Primary School in 2024, please ensure that you notify the school admin office by **Friday 27 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 or you can obtain a hard copy from the office.

Music lessons at Sacred Heart

Please contact Lumen Christi College if you would like your child (from Years 3 to 6) to have music lessons. We have music tutors come out once a week for keyboard, guitar and drums. All of the music tutoring is managed via the Music Department at Lumen. <https://www.lumen.wa.edu.au/opportunities/arts/music/primary-instrumental-program>

Please contact the Lumen Music Administration on 9394 9300 or by email via lumenmusic@cewa.edu.au² to confirm availability for Term 4, 2023 or 2024.

School Advisory Council (SAC) and P&F Nominations

Dear Parents,

Please be advised the Sacred Heart School Advisory Council (SAC) and P&F Annual Community Meeting (ACM) will be held on **Wednesday 22 November 2023**.

In anticipation of the SAC and P&F Annual General Meeting, we invite persons who are interested for nominating for a SAC position (or nominating on the behalf of someone else) and who possess the following criteria, to complete the nomination form attached and return it to the Principal by Friday 3 November.

SAC members are elected for a two-year term.

Criteria for membership of the SAC shall be:

- Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the school
- A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
- A desire to give service to the Catholic School Community

²<mailto:lumenmusic@cewa.edu.au>

- An enthusiasm to positively promote Catholic schooling and Sacred Heart School
- An ability to work co-operatively and constructively with all other members of the SAC.
- A sufficiency of time to devote to SAC duties, and
- An understanding of the need for strict confidentiality in all matters.

Thank you for your consideration of these roles.

Yours sincerely

Steve Gibbs

Principal

Student Advisory Council (SAC) or P&F Nomination Form

Please see the school office if you would like a hard copy of this form

I have read the criteria for nomination to Sacred Heart School Advisory Council or P&F and wish to offer myself, or the person nominated, as a candidate for election to the SAC or P&F. The person whom I have elected is happy to be nominated and will accept the position if elected.

Candidate's Name _____

Address & Phone Number _____

SAC or P&F Nomination _____

Skills and / or interests that may contribute to SAC or P&F membership:

Signature _____

Date _____

Walk to School with Luna - Term 4



WALK TO SCHOOL WITH LUNA - commencing in Term 4 every Friday will be walk to school with Luna. We will leave from The Castle, Discovery Drive, Thornlie at 8.00am every FRIDAY. Please note that the Interschool Athletics team will be able to join us in Week 3 after the morning training is completed.

Thank you to everyone that walked to school with Luna today. We had 60 students walk today!

LUNA'S LUNCHTIME UNO COMPETITION - will commence in Week 3, more details to come.



Scholastic Book Club catalogues have arrived and will come home this week.

Please be reminded we have **ONLINE ordering ONLY** via the LOOP app - please do not send money or orders into school. Details for ordering are one the back of the catalogue.

Orders close 25 October 2023.

If you have any library questions at all please feel free to contact me via email
laura.stilwell@cewa.edu.au³

Happy reading!

Laura Stilwell

Library

Enrolments open for Kindergarten 2024 and 2025



If your child was born between **1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020** they will start 4 Year Old Kindergarten at the beginning of **2024**. 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**.

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

Term 4 Canteen Menu

The Canteen is open 8.30am to 1pm Monday, Thursday & Friday. Abi can be contacted on 92513007.

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

³<mailto:laura.stilwell@cewa.edu.au>

MENU ITEMS		MONDAY	THURSDAY		
RECESS Crunch & Sip (Salad sticks) 50c Fruit cup (seasonal fruit) 50c Custard Crowns \$1.50 Dinobite 50c Party Pie 60c Hash brown \$1.30 Cheezie \$1.00 Vegemite cheezie \$1.00 Cheezie sub \$1.20 Pizza cheezie sub \$1.50 Warm Milo & Mini Muffin \$2.00 Berry Voghurt Drink \$2.00	SANDWICHES & WRAPS White or wholemeal Vegemite \$2.50 Ham \$3.00 Cheese \$2.50 Ham/salad \$4.30 Tuna \$3.00 Salad \$3.30 Tuna/salad \$4.30 Egg \$3.00 Chicken \$3.00 Curried Egg \$3.50 Chick/salad \$4.30 (Salad : carrot, cucumber, lettuce & tomato) EXTRAS Beetroot 50c Onion 30c Cheese 50c Mustard mild 50c Mayo 50c Sauce sachet 50c Wrap 50c Toasted 50c LUNCHBAGS 10 FOR 50c PASTA Lasagne \$5.50 Macaroni Cheese (V) \$5.50 Twista Pasta Bolognese \$5.50	Beef Burger \$5.00 (Beef patty, cheese & tom sauce) Chicken Burger \$5.00 (Crumbed chicken, cheese & tom sauce) add extras options e.g lettuce 50c, tomato 50c, onion 30c, mayo 50c mustard 50c, pineapple 50c Nugget Box \$6.00 (Hashbrowns, Chicken Nuggets + juice box) Bento Box \$6.00 Mini muffin, fruit, cheese & crackers, chick wing & a cheese or ham or vegemite s/w Salad Box \$5.50 Cheese, cucumber, carrot, lettuce, tomato & egg ADD chicken, ham or tuna \$1.00	Hot dog & tomato sauce \$4.50 add extras options mustard 50c, cheese 50c Nachos \$4.00 (Corn chips, salsa & cheese) TOASTED POCKETS (Chicken or Ham or Veggie [carrot & spinach] with cheese) \$4.50 Add Salsa 50c, Mayo 50c Bento Box \$6.00 Mini muffin, fruit, cheese & crackers, chick wing & a cheese or ham or vegemite s/w Salad Box \$5.50 Cheese, cucumber, carrot, lettuce, tomato & egg ADD chicken, ham or tuna \$1.00		
		DRINKS WATER \$1.60 99% JUICE BOX \$2.00 Apple or Tropical JUICE BOMBS \$2.80 Apple & Raspberry, Apple Blackcurrant, Watermelon, Apple Cola FLAVOURED MILK \$2.80 Chocolate splash, Strawberry smash, Banana Milk		FRIDAY Pizza & Juice Box Combo \$5.00 (Margarita or Ham & Cheese) add pineapple 50c Sausage Roll \$4.00 Beef Pie \$4.50 Add squeeze on tomato sauce 50c	

Term 4 Canteen Volunteer Roster

WEEK	MONDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Oct 9th Pupil Free Day	Oct 12th J. ALBANESE	Oct 13th J. GARVEY
WEEK 2	Oct 16th J. GARVEY	Oct 19th A. FOSTER R. CARROLL	Oct 20th (Crazy hair day) C. ELLIS J. FARANDA
WEEK 3	Oct 23rd (Interschool) J. GARVEY J. PAYNE	Oct 26th (2B & Yr1 Excursion) A. FOSTER	Oct 27th M. BENEDICT
WEEK 4	Oct 30th J. GARVEY	Nov 2nd P. ELDER	Nov 3rd C. ELLIS L. GRIGGS
WEEK 5	Nov 6th J. GARVEY J. PAYNE	Nov 9th (2W Excursion) J. ALBANESE	Nov 10th N. ROWE J. FARANDA
WEEK 6	Nov 13th J. GARVEY	Nov 16th P. ELDER	Nov 17th M. JOUBERT L. BARNES
WEEK 7	Nov 20th J. GARVEY	Nov 23rd R. CARROLL	Nov 24th C. ELLIS J. FARANDA
WEEK 8	Nov 27th J. GARVEY	Nov 30th A. FOSTER	Dec 1st M. BENEDICT T. DICHIERA
WEEK 9	Dec 4th J. GARVEY	Dec 7th (Yr 6 Grad Lunch) P. ELDER	Dec 8th (Yr 6 Big Day In) J. ALBANESE
WEEK 10	Dec 11th Pupil Free Day	Dec 14th Pupil Free Day	Dec 15th Pupil Free Day

Parents and Friends (P&F)

- Saturday 14 October**, we will be hosting the **Referendum Sausage Sizzle, Bacon & Egg Burger and Cake Stall**. The Polling Booth is at our school again this year in the Hall so please come along and grab yourself some breakfast while you vote. There will also be a Coffee Van on site. We are calling for volunteers for the day and are looking for donations for the Cake Stall, soft drinks,

cash donations or Coles or Woolworths vouchers to purchase all items. Items can be handed in to the office.

- **Friday 20 October, Crazy Sock & Hair Day** – students to come dressed in your craziest socks and/or with crazy hair. The craziest hair for each class will win a prize from the P&F. (NO gold coin required).
- **Saturday 28 October**, get your babysitters ready and prepare your inner bogan for **Bogan Bingo!** **This is an adults only event** held in the school Hall. Further details and tickets can be purchased from Try Booking <https://www.trybooking.com/CMIGN>⁴. Please don't delay in purchasing tickets, this is a sought-after event with limited tickets available and WE WILL SELL OUT. Tickets can be ordered as individual tickets (\$20 each) or as a table of 8 people (\$160). Thank you to all families for your continued support of our school and fundraising.

'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**



⁴<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.trybooking.com%2FCMIGN&data=05|01|Chloe.OLeary%40cewa.edu.au|c97b0a8788d14e713df808dbc93da844|c5852f2336334f29b38651da53e35e23|0|0|638325038882837451|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCjXVCI6Mn0%3D|3000||&sdata=06L3JQpSDVQSljRahpT3sAG4B49%2FkgOzJh7j5T5IPtA%3D&reserved=0>



WA Young Salesian - Summer Camp 8-12 January 2024

Are you between 11½-15 yrs or starting Year 7 in 2024? Come and join us for this 5 day fun filled camp at Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup. From only \$270 (\$54 a day) Contact your Parish Priest, visit the website or contact Graham Maher on 0418 979 600 for more info or to pick up a form. Early Bird Pricing closes Friday 17 November.

Register now at: www.wayoungsalesians.com⁵

Useful Links

Uniform Shop⁶ Sacred Heart Thornlie Parish⁷

⁵<http://www.wayoungsalesians.com/>

⁶<https://www.nellgray.com.au/Uniform-Concepts/Willetton-Super-Store>

⁷<http://www.thornlie.perthcatholic.org.au/>