

Sacred Heart School Thornlie



From the Heart Newsletter - 28 March 2024



An Easter Prayer

May the glory and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear.
And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour,

always be there by your side
to bless you most abundantly
and be your loving guide.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Welcome to the last week of term. We had a wonderful Easter Hat parade on Wednesday. It was fantastic to see all of the wonderful creations from the students and the hard work of families who no doubt helped the children. Congratulations to the winners of best hat and winners of the raffle. A big thanks to our P&F for organising the raffle and the hat prizes.

Today we have our Stations of the Cross. It is an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made for us all and to gain an understanding of the true meaning of Easter. As much as children enjoy the chocolate eggs and holiday season, we should take the time to talk about what Easter means to us as people of faith.

Recently our new playgrounds were installed. The next step is for mulch and soft fall to be installed and the playgrounds will then be ready for use. Down the track a shade sail structure will be placed over the Ninja playground. Our playgrounds will be officially opened at the beginning of next term.

Lastly, I will be on System Leaders Renewal Leave (SLRL) for the first two and a half weeks of Term Two. During this time Mrs Darlene Min will be Acting Principal. I will be visiting significant historical Catholic sites throughout Portugal, Spain and France including Fatima, Lourdes and Santiago de Compostela. I will be joining six other Principals for this experience and am looking forward to some time for reflection.

I wish you all a safe, happy and holy Easter and I hope you and your children enjoy the holiday period.

Dios los bendiga (God Bless)

Steve Gibbs

Principal

Term Two Key Dates for your diary

The link to the Term 2 calendar is attached and is posted on the school website. A hard copy of the Term 2 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/>

Key Dates:

- Thursday 28 March - Stations of the Cross 1.30pm and last day of Term 1
- Monday 15 April - Term Two - First day back to school

- Thursday 25 April - Public Holiday Anzac Day
- Friday 26 April - Pupil Free Day
- Monday 13 May - Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 May - School Photos
- Monday 3 June - Public Holiday - WA Day
- Friday 28 June - last day of Term Two

Holy Week Masses at Sacred Heart Church



Holy Thursday: 28th March

- No morning Mass
- Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm (please wear white)

Good Friday: 29th March

- No morning Mass
- Stations of the Cross 10am (please wear red)
- Passion of the Lord 3pm (please wear red)

Holy Saturday: 30th March

- No morning Mass
- Easter Vigil Mass 7pm (please wear white)

Easter Sunday: 31st March

- Masses 8am and 10am (please wear white)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Aska and her sister Alice who were recently baptised here in our Sacred Heart Parish. Wishing you a faith-filled life with Jesus by your side.



Stations of the Cross

To commemorate Jesus' crucifixion in the lead up to Good Friday, our Year 6 students will lead the school in a dramatic production of The Stations of the Cross which marks the last 14 stages before Jesus died on the cross. All parents, parishioners and family members are invited to attend this heartfelt commemoration on **Thursday 28 March at 1.30pm** in the church. We thank Mrs Vinci, Miss Bronwen Herholdt and the Year 6 Faithful Faces Team for leading us in this commemoration.

Sacramental Dates for 2024

Sacrament of Confirmation

- Sacrament of Confirmation Commitment Mass: Saturday 16 March, 6pm Mass
- Sacrament of Confirmation Retreat (daytime) for all year 6 students: Thursday 2nd May
- Parent/Candidate Meeting (evening): Thursday 2nd May 6pm
- Sacrament of Confirmation Mass: Friday 17 May 6pm

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

- Sacrament of First Reconciliation Commitment Mass: Saturday 15 June 6pm
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation Parent/Student Meeting 6pm Thursday 1 August
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation Retreat Day (all year 3 students) 8 August
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation 13 August 6pm

First Holy Communion

- First Holy Communion Commitment Mass: Saturday 27 July 6pm Mass
- First Holy Communion Retreat Day (all year 4 students) 29 August

- Parent/Student Meeting 6pm: 29 August
- First Holy Communion 8 September 12 pm



Finance News - 2024 School Fees

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees for 2024 were **emailed** home to all families in February.

Thank you to those parents who have completed the payment options form on Page 2 and returned this to school.

We have already had a number of families who have either paid the first instalment or the full account which is greatly appreciated by the school.

Reminders will be sent home to families that have not let us know how their children's school fee account will be settled.

Payment arrangements i.e., weekly/fortnightly/monthly by Direct Debit or BPAY must be approved by the school. Please contact Lindy Munnings on accounts@shthorn.wa.edu.au¹ for a confidential

¹<mailto:accounts@shthorn.wa.edu.au>

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

Winter Uniform for Yr 1 to 6 - Term two and three

Term two marks the start of winter uniform for students in Years 1 to 6.

There is a grace period of two weeks where students can still wear summer uniform. However, from Week 3 of Term 2 all students must wear winter uniform. The winter uniform can be purchased from the Uniform Shop at Uniform Concepts in Willetton.

Appointments do **NOT** have to be made. The **Uniform Shop sometimes closes during the school holidays. Please phone them before you go to the shop to ensure they are open.**

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 our website

<http://shthorn.wa.edu.au/uniform/>

or on the Uniform Concepts website <https://www.nellgray.com.au/Schools/Sacred-Heart-School-Thornlie>

Winter Uniform Comprises:

Boys:

- Button up blue school shirt short sleeved
- Grey school trousers or grey shorts
- Blue woollen school pullover jumper
- Grey school socks with blue and white stripes
- Black leather lace-up shoes

Girls:

- Blue button up school blouse
- Navy winter skort

- Blue woollen school pullover jumper
- Short blue school socks or navy tights
- Black leather lace-up shoes

Sports Uniform:

- Sports jacket
- Track pants
- House coloured polo or class (royal blue) polo
- White socks
- White trainers
- School Hat

Noongar Seasons Task



Kaya parents

Students have recently been given an activity during their Auslan lessons relating to the six Noongar seasons.

Each year group has been assigned one of the six Noongar seasons. They have been tasked to create a poster that visually represents their season. The poster contains pictures only, except for the name of their season. All posters are to be drawn on A4 paper in portrait orientation.

Here are some details about each of the seasons that will help with this project. I have included, main colours and pictures to include in each season.

Bunuru (Year 6)

Bunuru is the hottest part of the year, with little to no rain

Life was traditionally lived by the coast

The hot easterly winds continue until the sea breeze in the afternoon

Mainly a freshwater and seafood diet including fish

There are lots of white flowering gums including Jarrah, Marri and Ghost Gums.

The Zamia cones start to turn from green to red

COLOURS – WHITE

PICTURES – HOT SUN, COAST (BEACH), FISH, WHITE FLOWERS, ZAMIA PLANT WITH CONES.

Djeran (Year 4)

There is finally a break in the really hot weather

Cool nights with dewy mornings

There are many flying ants cruising in the light winds

This is the season for red flowers, especially the red flowering gums and also the more petite flowers of the Summer Flame

A red rusty colour appears through the bark of the Sheoaks and seed cones also appear.

Banksias start to flower – this is a great food source for birds and small animals

Traditionally food sources would be seeds and bulbs and freshwater animals like fish, frogs and turtles.

Towards the end of Djeran, there may be some cool rainy days

COLOURS – RED

PICTURES – FLYING ANTS, LIGHT WIND, RED FLOWERING GUMS, BANKSIA FLOWERS, FISH, FROGS AND TURTLES

Makuru (Pre-Primary and Year 1)

Makuru is the coldest, wettest time of the year.

Karla (fire) is the centre of the home

Waterways and catchments fill up and so moving around Noongar Country is easier

Food source changes to land grazing animals like Kangaroos

Animals start pairing up – Wardong (crow), Maali (Black Swan)

Blue and Purple flowers are more visible (Blueberry Lilly and Purple Flags)

Towards the end of Makuru, the white flowers of the Weeping Peppermint start to appear.

COLOURS – BLUE AND PURPLE

PICTURES – CROWS (PAIR), BLACK SWAN (PAIR), PURPLE AND BLUE FLOWERS, KANGAROO, RAIN AND FIRE

Djilba (Year 3)

Yellow and cream flowers start exploding across Noongar Country

Food source is still Yongka (kangaroo), Weitj (emu) and Koomal (possum)

Some cold, clear days mixed with warmer, rainy days

As days warm up we start to hear new borns foraging with parents.

Woodland birds are still nest bound, Koolbardi (Magpie), djidi djidi (Willy wagtail), Chuck-a-luck (Wattle birds) start to swoop.

As the temperature rises, we start to see the stalk of the Balga (Grass Tree)

COLOURS – YELLOW AND CREAM

PICTURES – LOTS AND LOTS OF YELLOW FLOWERS, CLOUDS AND SUN, BIRDS IN A NEST, BALGA.

Kambarang (Year 2)

Weather starts to get warmer

The yellow flowers continue and many other more delicate flowers appear such as the Kangaroo paw and Orchid.

Blagas start to flower

Moodjar (West Australian Christmas Tree) appears with yellowy orange flowers

Snakes and reptiles awaken from hibernation

Koolbardies are still protecting their nests

COLOURS – YELLOWS AND BLUES

PICTURES – SWOOPING KOOLBARDIES, SNAKES AND REPTILES, MOODJAR, KANGAROO PAW, FLOWERING BLAGAS

Birak (Year 5)

Warm weather starts and the afternoons are cooled with the sea breeze

Traditionally this was the time for mosaic burning, easterly winds in the morning and sea breeze in the afternoon

Moodjar is in full flower with deep orange flowers

Fledglings (baby birds) start to venture out of the nest

Reptiles start to shed their skin

Rising temperatures with decreasing rainfall, frogs complete transformation to adulthood

COLOURS – ORANGE

PICTURES – MOODJAR WITH DEEP ORANGE FLOWERS, BABY BIRDS OUT OF NEST WITH PARENT, REPTILES SHEDDING SKIN, SEA BREEZE, MOSAIC FIRE

The students will be given a small amount of time next term to finish these posters. The final due date will be Friday May 3 (Term 2 Week 3). This may be a great, quiet activity for them to spend time on over the holidays. All posters will be displayed during our NAIDOC celebrations this year.

One poster from each year group will be selected and re-printed on metal to form part of our yarnning circle Six Seasons signage.

All students have started their posters. I look forward to seeing some fantastic creations when we return next term!

Boorda

Mrs Cushen and the Aboriginal Perspectives Team

We've been busy in Year 2!

Year Two has been so busy!

We have been on our first bus trip together, learned so much at the wonderful Perth Zoo, dressed up in our national dress to celebrate Harmony Day, attended church, danced up a storm, learned how to make papier mache, drank green milkshakes, AND, for our T4W Hook we had a very strange visit from an unknown creature! Phew!! We can't wait for next term!

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 will commence in April 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**. 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/>

Term 2 Canteen Volunteer Roster

If you are able to help out at the Canteen in Term Two please complete this form

<https://forms.office.com/r/sF1fTm8vyP2>

Parents and Friends (P&F)

Please keep your eye on our Facebook page, the newsletter, term calendar and text messages and emails sent by the school for information on upcoming events.

The Sacred Heart P&F meetings offer the opportunity to be a part of discussing ideas for our community events & fundraising. It is a safe space for everyone's voice to be heard and your valuable input can be made to help us achieve our goals for our school community. Attending a meeting also provides you with the opportunity to meet other Sacred Heart families. As a valued member of the P&F we are grateful for as much time as you have to offer us as many people working together towards the common goal makes the work easier.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 29 April 2024** at 6:30pm in the Staff Room, we would love 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.

Containers for Change

Our containers for change bins are now back and located in the carpark near the exit to Ovens Road please support the P&F by donating your containers.

²<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2F%2Fr%2FsF1fTm8vyP&data=05|02|Chloe.OLeary%40cewa.edu.au|3978fe65b7fb4eccf46508dc428f734e|c5852f2336334f29b38651da53e35e23|0|0|638458431074087590|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D|0||&sdata=RBD4%2BNa5U6ulubAc%2BBRQ9axRIOcpgri7NzEUO1GGm5U%3D&reserved=0>



Catholic School Parents WA - End of Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of our Schoolzine eNewsletter!

Visit the link below to view your newsletter: <https://cspwa.schoolzineplus.com/news?nid=51>³

CSPWA 70th anniversary celebration

This year Catholic School Parents WA (CSPWA) celebrates 70 years of representing and advocating on behalf of parents who choose a Catholic Education for their children in Western Australia. To celebrate the occasion, we are hosting a 70th Anniversary conference on the 8th June, and pre-conference dinner, incorporating the Awards of Excellence on 7th June. Nomination forms for the Awards of Excellence are now available via our website: <https://www.csp.wa.edu.au/CSPWA-awards-of-excellence>⁴.

Regards, Siobhan Allen, **Executive Director**

South Thornlie Dental Therapy Centre

South Thornlie Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from the 3 April to 15 April and reopens Tuesday 16 April 2024.

For any emergency cover during the holidays:

- 3 April: please contact Bannister Creek Dental Therapy Centre 9451 1761

³https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcspwa.schoolzineplus.com%2F_r%2Fg5p33%2F65fa6f92195dc&data=05|02|8740svc_admin%40cewa.edu.au|ee84b86ca8ba4ad1a82908dc489bf621|c5852f2336334f29b38651da53e35e23|0|0|638465082771223115|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLjQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|60000||&sdata=dtTlzipkDxa%2BilI28Y4bQAK1JeluNoltR%2BlxD0wCvr4%3D&reserved=0

⁴https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcspwa.schoolzineplus.com%2F_r%2FWnPv4%2F65f92db2e9c05&data=05|02|8740svc_admin%40cewa.edu.au|d0b62505eaf14866785508dc47dc19e6|c5852f2336334f29b38651da53e35e23|0|0|638464257862018944|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLjQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|0||&sdata=5po%2B5nEx9p38mJ7Mbu6ImUG5Qzyo9ubV4jF3D71teUw%3D&reserved=0

- 4 to 15 April: please contact Excelsior Dental Therapy Centre 9256 4170

Please note in term two, South Thornlie Dental Therapy Centre will only be opened 4 days a week Tuesday to Friday.

Emergency cover on Monday's:

- Campbell DTC 9455 6322 or
- Excelsior DTC 9256 4170

St Brigid's College 2025 Scholarship Examinations



Applications are invited from students entering Years 7 and 10 in 2025 to sit the St Brigid's College Scholarship Examinations. For further information and to download an Application Package, please visit the College's website: <https://sbcl.wa.edu.au/scholarships/>⁵

Applications close at 4.00p.m. on Thursday, 28th March 2024. The Examination date is Monday, 15th April 2024. Please return the completed Application Form to the Principal's Assistant via email to Guerinoni.pauline@stbrigids.wa.edu.au⁶.

SCHOLARSHIPS for 2025

Examinations will be held at the College on Monday, 15th April 2024

A Catholic College established in 1929 by the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy, West Perth congregation. St Brigid's College is one of thirteen schools owned by Mercy Ministry Companions (MMC) and governed by Mercy Education. The College offers a quality education inspired by Jesus Christ, and the vision of Catherine McAuley with a commitment to living out the Mercy values of *Service, Justice, Compassion, Hospitality, Respect and Courage*. We strive to provide an environment that encourages growth of the total person, and the College is structured in such a way as to best cater for the individual needs of all students from primary through to secondary. Comprehensive academic and extra-curricular programmes are offered.

⁵https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsbcl.wa.edu.au%2Fscholarships%2F&data=05|02|8740svc_admin%40cewa.edu.au|337431a5bd944d39c92508dc419e1a33|c5852f2336334f29b38651da53e35e23|0|0|638457394555094001|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|0||&sdata=tRRK6LO6mo5n2srCQeaHhH6Q9MsAq4rDYQe71ERXJts%3D&reserved=0

⁶<mailto:Guerinoni.pauline@stbrigids.wa.edu.au>

St Brigid's College awards Scholarships for entry to Years 7 and 10 with the intention of assisting students to maximise their potential. The Scholarships are open to all students who are due to start Year 7 or Year 10 in 2025.

St Brigid's College also supports families who might not otherwise be able to afford a Catholic education for their child by providing scholarship monies to partially affray fees. In these instances, means testing will apply.

The College participates in the ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) Scholarship Selection Test (SST). Scholarships are awarded on academic merit and on an interview with the Scholarship Committee. Candidates must sit for the ACER exam. For entry into Year 7, 2025 and Year 10, 2025, the ACER exam will be held on **Monday, 15th April 2024**.

For more information about the ACER exam, or to purchase sample questions, please click on the following link: [7https://www.acer.org/scholarship](https://www.acer.org/scholarship) ⁸

Registrations will close on **Thursday, 28th March at 4.00p.m. and no late registrations will be accepted.**

The Registration Fee payable is \$105.

To apply for a scholarship to St Brigid's College:

- Complete a Year 7 or a Year 10 Entry Scholarship Application Form by hand and send the hard copy to St Brigid's College with copies of the required supporting documents outlined in the application form. To download a Year 7 or Year 10, 2025 Entry Scholarship Application Form, please proceed to the College's website: <https://sbcl.wa.edu.au/>^{9 10}

All Scholarship Application forms must be completed and sent to the College by **Thursday, 28th March 2024 addressing correspondence to:**

The Principal

St Brigid's College

Useful Links

Uniform Shop¹¹ Sacred Heart Thornlie Parish¹²

⁷<https://www.acer.org/scholarship>

⁸<https://www.acer.org/scholarship>

⁹<https://sbcl.wa.edu.au/>

¹⁰<https://sbcl.wa.edu.au/>

¹¹<https://www.nellgray.com.au/Uniform-Concepts/Willetton-Super-Store>

¹²<http://www.thornlie.perthcatholic.org.au/>