Strengthen us with your gifts
so that we may confidently show
through word and action and example
the truth that comes from You.
May we all find within our community
support and encouragement
that will help us all to sow the seeds of learning
in each other and our students.

Sowing the Seeds

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to our Sacred Heart Community. We especially welcome our new Foundation children and our new families to our school community. The foundation morning tea this morning as well as the before school drop off and pick up have been a wonderful opportunity to renew our connections with others as we begin our 2015 journey together. We also welcome the following teachers into our community: Jill Fisher in Foundation, Emma Buckingham in Yr 1/2 and 3/4 and Lucy Righetti in Yr 5/6.

As principal this year I am using the theme: sowing the seeds. For a plant to germinate from a seed it takes nutrients, water and sunlight. With many changes this year there are essential elements that are required so that we can promote growth within our school community. We all have the opportunity to support and encourage the seeds of learning in our school this year.

Some of the changes this year are as follows. The Yr 3/4 are now located on the 2nd floor and Yr 5/6 have moved down to the 1st floor. The primary reason for this change is to enable the Yr 3/4 children and teachers to work as a level without having to move floors during learning time. A number of teachers have moved to teach at different year levels and have formed new teams. There has been a leadership reshuffle with a new team structure devised to suit our school needs. The teams include leadership, e-learning, wellbeing, learning and teaching, OHS / first aid and community. The team structure 2015 can be viewed later in this newsletter. As our school prepares for ICON (Integrated Catholic Online Network) there will be many exciting changes in the information technology domain that will affect all staff, students and parents. I will advise of these changes and their affects throughout the year.

As Catholics we share the faith stories from the Bible that speak to us of the opportunity for growth. In Luke’s Gospel we are reminded of the parable of the sower. The sower went out to sow seeds. Some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground with shallow soil, they sprang up quickly and they withered away. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Parent Teacher Information Sharing Meetings in week 3 and 4 will allow parents to meet with all teachers, one to one, and for parents to have an opportunity to begin discussions on how we can encourage the seeds of learning for your child. A proforma is attached to the last 2 pages of this newsletter for you to fill in and bring with you to the meeting. This will facilitate you sharing key information about your child that will help your child’s growth and development. Your responses on this proforma will also guide the adult learning that the school will provide to parents and carers this year. Last year these nights included literacy and numeracy activity nights and a wellbeing session focussing on building resilience and alleviating anxiety.

I would like to welcome you to our school Welcome Bush Dance & BYO Dinner on Friday 13 February. This is an opportunity for you to make connections and have conversations with staff, parents and children from Foundation to Yr 6. This night is all about nurturing our community and building connections between all of its members in a fun and informal setting.

The staff and I look forward to working with you to help nourish the seeds of learning for your child. May 2015 be a year of growth for all in the Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Community.
### COMING EVENTS

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### School Calendar

The 2015 School calendar may be downloaded by following this link [http://www.shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au/calendar.html](http://www.shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au/calendar.html)

### Parent Handbook

The Parent Handbook may be accessed ONLY by following this link [http://www.shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au/private.html](http://www.shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au/private.html). There is no link on the website.

### School Newsletter

Email addresses for new families are currently being entered onto the school system. Hard copies of the newsletter will be printed for new families in the short term. Please provide an email address to the school to receive newsletters, if you have not already done so on your enrolment form. The school office email address is office@shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au

### Parent Teacher Information Sharing Meetings

Parent Teacher Information Sharing Meetings will be held on Wednesday 11 February from 2.00pm to 8.00pm and Monday 16 February from 3.40pm to 6.00pm. Bookings will be open on Wednesday 4 February by accessing [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and entering the login event code KKHXH. Please complete the attached form and return to your child’s class teacher by Monday 9 February. Children will be supervised in the hall from 2.00pm until 3.20pm on Information Sharing Meetings.

### Parents of Year Six Students

Please be advised that enrolments for Year 7 students for 2016 will close for all Catholic Colleges on Friday 27 February. If you have not already enrolled your child in a secondary school it is very important that you do so immediately. It is advisable to apply to a school of second choice as all applicants are not assured of a place and success is dependent on the number of places on offer and the number of applicants.

### Parents of Year Five

Students should start visiting schools soon and consider the options for secondary school for your child. Open day dates for secondary colleges will be published in the newsletter as they become available. Alternatively please contact secondary colleges directly on: Sacred Heart Secondary College 9568 5488; Salesian College 9831 9550.
HEALTHY EATING
It is important for their development and concentration that children have a healthy breakfast and an appropriate, nutritious diet during the school day.

The reason for the ‘Healthy Food’ rule is that many children have allergies and it is very difficult for teachers to monitor that children are eating what has been sent from home. Lunches are eaten in class to assist teachers to monitor what children are eating. Children will often swap food, particularly if “treats” are allowed. With this policy parents are assured that their child/ren are eating healthy food. All foods containing nuts are to be avoided being sent to school. Water bottles are encouraged.

PARISH PARKING
A reminder there is no school parking available in the parish car park. The few car parks there are reserved for parish business only. Please respect these limited spaces. Car parking can be found on both Mora Ave, Johnston St and Davey Ave.

Family Welcome Bush Dance and Picnic
This evening is a social event where parents, children and staff come together to share good company. The Blackberry Jam Bush Band will hold workshops for the children during the day. You are welcome to come at 6:00pm to have a picnic tea, ready for the bush dance at 6:30pm – 8:30pm. You are welcome to bring along a rug and sit on the grass or at the tables and chairs in the playground.
As this is a family night please refrain from bringing alcohol to this event. Your co-operation would be much appreciated.

Questionnaire preparing for the 2015 Synod on the family HURRY!
An Ordinary Synod on the Family will take place in Rome in October 2015, extending the work of the 2014 Extraordinary Synod on the Family. In preparation for this larger 2015 Synod, Pope Francis and the Bishops are once again seeking responses to a series of questions. It is not intended that the 2015 Synod will revisit what has already been discussed, so the questionnaire seeks to discover ‘ways the Church can better listen, look to Christ, and act to support marriage and family life’. A simplified online questionnaire has been developed for the Archdiocese of Melbourne to enable everyone to respond. You do not have to answer every question. A list of the survey questions is available on the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne website. You may wish to read the Relatio Synodi, the final summary of the Extraordinary Synod on October 2014, though this is not essential. The online survey will close at midnight on Tuesday 10 February 2015. Those preferring to send hard-copy responses must do so by Friday 6 February. They should be sent to the Life, Marriage and Family Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, PO Box 146, East Melbourne VIC 8002. For more information contact the Life, Marriage and Family Office at 9287 5576 or lmf@cam.org.au. The survey can be found at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/Synod2015. A simple guide with the questions is available from the Life, Marriage and Family Office at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

Second Hand Uniform Shop
(Located in portable classroom – near the Foundation (Prep) rooms) The second hand uniform shop will be open on Friday 6th February from 2:30 -3:30pm. Future dates will be advised. Please check the website and posters around the school for more dates.

Commonwealth Bank School Banking – 1 Volunteer needed - If you can spare an hour or so each week it would be much appreciated by the school community. This year we will introduce student banking with the Commonwealth Bank so we are looking for two volunteers (one place already filled) to help co-ordinate its operation. Deb from the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Team will advise of the benefits and assist the co-ordinators in its initial operation. It would be greatly appreciated if you could offer your time.
**Classroom Coordinators – we need you!!!.** Please speak to your child’s class teacher if you are able to assist with activities and events.

**Classroom Cuisine - please access link via school website to order healthy lunches on Mondays and Thursdays each week.**

Classroom Cuisine is an ‘online tuckshop’ service available on Mondays and Thursdays only and is ordered online. Orders will be taken up until 8:30am on the morning. The lunches are then delivered to the school by 10:45am. For all the information you will need to access this service, how it all works and how to order, the web address is [www.classroomcuisine.com.au](http://www.classroomcuisine.com.au)

Classroom Cuisine -

“Even though people can order on our site on 'the morning of the day' it is lovely if we can 'encourage' people to be organised and not leave it to a 'last minute panic' - especially on the first day! Our service is On-line, our Cut Off really is 8.30am! and to make sure we don't make mistakes - we don't take 'manual/phone/email orders for those who 'would've, if they could've, but couldn't because....!! This may sound harsh for the disorganized minority, but it means we can provide a great service, where we'll be known as the lunch order people who do it really well and get it right!” -- Classroom Cuisine

The school office will not be able to help with any queries/issues with the service, if you have a problem please email Classroom Cuisine direct and they will reply promptly.
De La Salle College Malvern

27 February 2015 Applications for Year 7, 2016 CLOSE

24 April 2015 Offers of places to prospective Year 7 students are posted

For convenience of communicating these dates to the Year 6 families enrolled at your primary school, please refer to the attached flyer, which can be provided to families, as required.

In addition, for your reference, I have included below the 2015 De La Salle College tour details for this year.

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*commencement time to be confirmed in April 2015.

Tours run for approximately 90 minutes, and bookings are essential. Bookings can be made online via the College website [www.delasalle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/college-tours](http://www.delasalle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/college-tours).

Should you have any questions regarding this information, or any aspect of the enrolment process at De La Salle College, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Rachel Cicala College Registrar  **Phone (direct):** 03 9508 2186  **Email:** rcicala@delasalle.vic.edu.au
CYBERSAFETY
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

PUBLIC EVENT
6:45pm - 9:00pm
TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY

FEATURING EXPERTS FROM THE INDUSTRY,
THIS MUST SEE EVENT EXPLORES:

• THE CHANGING ONLINE ENVIRONMENT
• SIMON/PAM FUNCTIONALITY
• STUDENT FILTERING AND MONITORING OPTIONS

Register your interest via,

YOU’RE INVITED
PROSPECTIVE FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

Addressed by Principal Mr Robert Brennan, our
Prospective Family Information Night
shares key educational and transition material, as well as
the opportunity to ask those questions you would
prefer to speak about face-to-face.

Date: Thursday 12 February 2015
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Mannix Campus, cnr Kelly Street and Swanson
Crescent Chadstone, 3148
Parking: On site
RSVP: Go http://www.salesian.vic.edu.au/visit-our-college/
and click on ‘Book this tour’
MONASH OAKLEIGH COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND INFORMATION SERVICE TURNS 40

Come to our Open Day Celebration in 2015

WHEN Saturday 28 February 11 am – 3 pm
WHERE 25 Downing Street Oakleigh
(around the corner from Centrelink)
Come and discover our history and how we have served Oakleigh since 1975
On the day we will launch our book
Your House Our Stories 40 years of MOCSIS
Light refreshments will be served
RSVP BY 18 FEB 2015
Ph: 9568 4533  Email: monoakci@hotmail.com

Learn music
here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, violin, here at Sacred Heart Primary School, Oakleigh.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2015.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333

Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au
Please join us for a day of fun, happiness and adventure as we celebrate the significance of the Beaumaris Bay Fossil Site. This is a free community event but a gold coin donation would be appreciated. The event will be educational for all ages.

Date: 22 February 2015, Sunday
Venue: Beaumaris Lifesaving Club. Ricketts Point. Melway 86 C9
Time: 12-3pm

Our exciting speakers include Professor Tim Flannery and Dr Erich Fitzgerald of Museum Victoria. A wonderful array of fossils will be there for you to see and feel.

Families and children are invited to bring their own fossils to be examined and identified by our specialist team of palaeontologists.

The Beaumaris Bay Fossil Site is of particular historical and environmental interest to all children and young adults and we look forward to seeing you there!

No booking required. Just turn up on the day.

With kindness,
Vicki
Sandringham Foreshore Association
Sacred Heart Primary School  
Team Structure 2015

Leadership Team
- Wellbeing Leader (3-6 Teacher) - represents the Wellbeing Team
- Literacy Leader (F-2 Teacher) - represents the Learning and Teaching Team
- Religious Education Leader
- Deputy Principal
- Principal

Learning and Teaching Team
- Numeracy Leader
- Literacy Leaders
- Learning and Teaching Leader
- Principal

Wellbeing Team
- Wellbeing Leader
- Classroom Teacher
- Deputy Principal
- Principal

e-learning Team
- e-Learning Leaders (2)
- e-Learning Technician
- Learning and Teaching Leader
- Principal

OHS / First Aid Team
- OHS Leader
- Office Staff
- Learning Support Officer
- Deputy Principal
- Principal

Community Team
- Community Liaison Officer
- Classroom Teacher
- Deputy Principal
- Principal
- Parents (as required)
- Students (as required)
McNamara Tennis

ENROL NOW for TENNIS LESSONS
at Oakleigh Tennis Club

When: After School

Who: All age groups and standards
New groups for Beginners Available

Where: Oakleigh Tennis Club
Park Rd, Oakleigh

Phone: David McNamara (T.C.A.V Coach)
Home: 9803-5754
Mobile: 0413-058-876
Dear Parents and Carers,

This form helps the school focus the learning for your child at the beginning of the year. It also assists us in the prioritising the supports we can offer families throughout the year e.g. parent information sessions. Please return this form by Mon 9 Feb to your child’s class teacher. The information on this form will guide the discussion with your child’s teacher at the Parent Teacher Information Sharing Meeting in the next few weeks. Thanks for taking the time to fill in this form.

Regards
Brian Martin
Principal

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