We all have different gifts, but each gift comes from God.  
If you have the gift of serving, you should serve.  
If you have the gift of teaching, you should teach.  
If you have the gift of encouraging, you should encourage.  
If you have the gift of giving, you should give freely.  
If you have the gift of leadership, you should try hard when you lead.  
If you have the gift of showing kindness, you should do so with joy.  
1 Corinthians 12:4-8

The Spirit at Work

Dear Parents

Confirmation is the completion of the initiation into the Christian life that was begun at Baptism. In the ancient Church Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist were one continuous rite and were celebrated as one. As Catholics we believe the Holy Spirit is received at Baptism, Confirmation is seen as the sealing or completion of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation accentuates our response to the Spirit within. It also allows for acceptance, gratitude and commitment to the life within the community.

The Holy Spirit is God’s presence among us in the world today. We speak of the Holy Spirit as the third person in the Trinity. Words cannot describe the Holy Spirit so analogies, metaphors and images are the best we can do to interpret the understanding of God. The common images of the Spirit in the bible are wind, fire and water. The wind blowing through the house where the disciples were gathered at Pentecost. Tongues of fire appeared on the heads of the disciples at Pentecost. Jesus promises the Samaritan woman the gift of the Spirit through living water.

Confirmation is a sacramental time where a special grace is received. This grace strengthens and deepens the faith as the child grows. With the onset of adolescence a child begins to assume more and more the responsibilities of adulthood. The child begins to see a place in the total family picture and in the community at large. The confirmed Christian begins to see more clearly the responsibility to Christ and for his neighbour. It is in this sense that Confirmation is a spiritual growing up by seeing the responsibilities of Christian adulthood.

The Year 6 children are in final stages of their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classroom work has revolved around the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The children from both Holy Redeemer and Sacred Heart travelled to Lysterfield to focus on the Mission of the Church with guest speakers from both Caritas and Catholic Mission. Bishop Elliot will visit the children on Monday in the final stages for the children’s preparation for the sacrament next week.

A theme that ran through the reflection day was if we believe Christ is in everyone we meet, what are the implications? It is worth all of us considering the implications of this question. I invite you to ponder the following:

- What is required to be a fully initiated member of the Christian community?
- Who are the people who will help live this out?
On the Confirmation night the confirmation candidates will be guided through four steps in their commitment. The candidates will be presented to the community and the Bishop where a renewal of Baptismal Promises follows. The Bishop lays his hands on each candidate as a symbol of the power and strength that will come to them through the Holy Spirit. The Bishop anoints with chrism and says the candidate’s Confirmation name. The candidates are welcomed as completing the three Sacraments of Initiation.

Please pray for the children in the final stages of preparation. Confirmation will be celebrated at Sacred Heart on Wednesday and Holy Redeemer on Friday next week.

Regards
Brian

SACRED HEART COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Mon Aug 31, 2015**
Oakleigh District Athletics
PA Fathers’ Day Stall
2:30pm - 3pm 1/2EP Assembly
2:30pm - 3:30pm DATE CHANGE- Confirmation Assembly

**Tue Sep 1, 2015**
PA Fathers’ Day Stall- Recess
School banking

**Thu Sep 3, 2015**
1:30pm - 2:30pm Hall booked for PA

**Fri Sep 4, 2015**
PA Fathers’ Day Breakfast

**Sun Sep 6, 2015**
Fathers’ Day

**Mon Sep 7, 2015**
2:30pm - 3:30pm Assembly 3/4BD 2:30pm (3/4SR now Term 4- W3)

**Tue Sep 8, 2015**
School banking

**Fri Sep 11, 2015**
Newsletter out
2:30pm - 3:20pm 2nd Hand Uniform Shop Open

**Mon Sep 14, 2015**
Red assessment folder out with term overview
2:30pm - 3:30pm Assembly F/JF

**Tue Sep 15, 2015**
School banking

**Wed Sep 16, 2015**
7pm - 8pm Parish Council

**Fri Sep 18, 2015**
Footy Day
11am - 12pm PA BBQ
End Term 3 - Students finish 1:00pm
Parent Handbook
The Parent Handbook may be accessed ONLY by following this link
http://www.shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au/private.html. There is no link on the website.

Skoolbag App
Don’t forget to download the Skoolbag Communication App for Apple and Android phones - instructions attached.

School Calendar
The 2015 School calendar may be accessed by following this link
http://www.shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au/calendar.html

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**We extend our sincere sympathy to these families on the recent loss of a loved one -**

_Peg Riley and family on the loss of Peg’s mother,_

_Anne Marie & John Gallo and family on the loss of John’s father,_

_The Dirckze family on the loss of Jean’s father,_

_May Christ’s love continue to support and comfort them._

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Maths News

On 29th July 22 students from our school competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition. This is the first time our school has been involved in this Australia wide competition. Students were supervised here at school as they completed the 1 hour paper. They were challenged by a range of questions with a focus on solving problems.

Some of the students’ responses:

‘It was fun.’

‘The questions got hard towards the end.’

‘I think I’ll do it again next year.”

We wish all those who took part ‘Good Luck’ as we await the results.

Moira Luzan
MULTICULTURAL DAY

THANK YOU
Last Friday was a wonderful celebration of the cultures present within our school community.
I cannot let it go by without thanking everybody who helped make it such a special day.

I begin by thanking all the staff at Sacred Heart for their constant support throughout the planning process and the enthusiasm displayed in delivering the activities to the children. I could not have achieved all that needed to be done without the assistance of each and every staff member.

I thank the parents who gave up their time to help out with the various activities on the day.
Your assistance on the day was much appreciated and invaluable.

I thank the family members who prepared the children for the day and who came along to support the children.
They looked amazing!
They were very excited to have a special lunch with you, show you their work and perform an assembly item.

Last, but not least, I thank the children. You were super stars!
I thank you for embracing the day with great enthusiasm.
Keep an eye out for photos outside the Office windows in the next couple of weeks.

Ciao for now, Anne Marie Gallo

New Eating Outside Area Trial
A trial on an outside eating area will occur later this term. Assemblies are being organised at levels to explain the newly written guidelines to all children. The children will be allowed to eat in a designated outside eating area if they have not finished eating in their food in the classroom. In the event the trial fails, the current eating inside only procedure will reapply.
The trial will conclude in the second week of next term.
This is a summary of the topics discussed at the forums held on Tue Jul 28 and Wed Jul 29.
Thank you to all who were present at these forums.
The next forum will be on Wed Oct 28 7:00pm – 8:00pm and repeated Friday Oct 30 2:20pm – 3:20pm in the Heart Coffee Shop (Hall)

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**My Awesome Playground**

**Win a family movie pass!**

We would like to remind families that the School Education Board (SEB) is currently seeking feedback, as part of its school beautification project, *My Awesome Playground*, on how to best develop old and unused structures and spaces within the school grounds.

**How to give your feedback?**

1. Families can tell us in an email what their awesome playground looks like. We want to know your big ideas on how to make the school greener or more engaging for our students. Email principal@shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au
2. Families can also provide feedback via a questionnaire which will be sent home with students shortly. This is an opportunity for parents to talk with students about their vision for their school grounds. Questionnaires can be returned to the classroom teachers.

**We value your feedback!**

The SEB is giving away a family movie pass! To be in the running, send us your ideas on how we can best utilise a space that you believe needs beautification. SEB values all feedback from families!

**Can you assist?**

Would you like to be part of our awesome beautification committee? No outrageous commitments, just as much time as you can give to help us to plan and consult thoroughly with our key community groups.

There will be lots of opportunity to participate in the coordination of feedback, investigate what other schools are doing, as well as research other beautification opportunities.

If you have special talents of the tradesperson kind that you’re able to offer later this year, we’d also love to hear from you! If you can help, email us at principal@shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au

**Donations**

The grade 6 art leaders are looking for donations of resources from the school community to run craft workshops at lunchtimes.

Items include:

- Old CDs
- Bells (or anything that rings)
- Milk bottle caps
- Feathers
- Ribbons
- Old plastic jewellery/gems
- Fishing line

Donations can be handed into the office donation box.

*Thanks,*

*Grade 6 Art Leaders*
St Kilda Mums “Coats for Kids” Drive

We have received a note of thanks and certificate of appreciation from Jessica Macpherson, CEO of St Kilda Mums for the efforts of our school community.

We collected 40 great quality coats, which have been taken to the St Kilda Mums warehouse and distributed via case workers to children in need across Melbourne.

Please note that the school has been involved in this as a one-off coat drive, and we are no longer accepting donations through the school. If you have any donations of cot blankets, cot linen or children/baby clothing, which must be clean and in good condition, please contact Nicky Predl on 0413 994 788, who runs the Oakleigh staging post for St Kilda Mums.

Thank you to all families who supported this fantastic assistance within the community.

Nicolle Predl

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Thank you to you and all the students at Sacred Heart Primary School Oakleigh for supporting our Coats for Kids campaign. Thank you for caring and for believing as we do that every child deserves to be warm and dry.

The need is great, but our willingness to help is greater. Together we can make a big difference in the lives of families across Melbourne. On behalf of the children who will benefit from your kindness, thank you.

Warm regards,
Jessie

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Salesian Family Day

We are inviting all different group-members of the Salesian Family as well as other various groups and bodies associated with the Salesian Mission to this significant gathering.

**Date:** On Sunday 16 August 2015
**Time:** From 10:00am till 4:00pm.
**Location:** Salesian College – 10 Bosco St. Chadstone VIC 3148

Register via: By visiting the [link](http://www.trybooking.com/148770) or typing [http://www.trybooking.com/148770](http://www.trybooking.com/148770) into your web browser

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50s, 60s, 70s Reunion

We are assembling the memories and connecting with our Past Students from the 50s, 60s and 70s Spread the word and let them know!

**Date:** Thursday 10 September
**Location:** Bosco Campus

RSVP: Friday 4 September, via pastpupils@salesian.vic.edu.au

Contact: Suzie McEvale on, 9807 2644

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Hello Parents/Guardians,

The Social Justice Team will be holding a snail trail of food items on the 11th of September. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food items like cans of food, rice and pasta which will be given to the Saint Vincent De Paul Society who will give the food to people in our community who need it most. Every Friday, the Social Justice Leaders will visit each class and collect the donations. There will be a surprise reward for the class that collects the most food and makes the longest snail trail.

Thank You,

The Social Justice Team

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Fundraising for Nepal

Two months ago the Social Justice Team held a monster cake raffle to raise money for Caritas Australia who are helping the people of Nepal who are suffering because of the earthquakes that occurred earlier this year. The 5/6 level also held market stalls as part of our financial literacy program where the money raised was also donated to Caritas Australia. These fundraising events combined, raised a total of $4854.25, which was an amazing effort from everyone involved. We would like to thank all families who bought items from the stalls and cake raffle tickets. Thank you so much for contributing to our fundraising efforts.
If you have not already done so, we ask parents to complete the form below and return it to the school, to inform us if your child/children require a place for 2016. This is necessary to allow us to plan effectively for the coming year. We need to be able to reply to those who have applied for a place in classes across the school, for 2016. **Current students are guaranteed a place in 2016 as long as this form is returned – please notify us as soon as possible.**

**STUDENTS RETURNING IN 2016**

Please complete and send to the office ASAP or email office@shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au

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**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Please support Woolworths Earn & Learn, when anyone from our school community - staff, parents, friends shop at Woolworths, we can collect stickers to place on sticker sheets. You’ll get one sticker for every $10 you spend*. Completed sticker sheets can be placed in the collection box, at either our school or Woolworths in Oakleigh. The more we collect the more great educational resources we can choose for our school.

**Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop dates for Term 3 are as follows:
2:30-3:20pm Fridays
14th & 28th August & 11th September

The uniform shop is located in the portable in the junior school.

**Whole School Photo**

The whole school photograph was taken on Tuesday 28 July. If you wish to purchase a photo please return the envelope with payment to the school office as soon as possible. You may collect an envelope from the school office if you did not receive it. Advanced Photos will be collecting these envelopes next week from the school.
Have you applied for your Government Rebate? Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. Payments will go directly to the school and be applied to the student levies for camps, sports and excursions from your school invoice.

Eligible families will not receive the money directly. Funds are deposited directly with the school, and are ONLY to be used for camps, sports and excursions. The money CAN NOT be used for fees, uniforms, books, stationery, Before or After School care, music lessons and so on. CSEF cannot be allocated to any camp or excursion arrears brought forward from 2014.

Applications to the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund are now open and further information can be downloaded from this website:


OR YOU MAY COLLECT AN APPLICATION FORM FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

IT IS ALSO ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

“The Heart”
Coffee Shop Open
Wednesday 8:30 – 9:30am
Friday 2:30 – 3:30pm
All
Welcome

Located in the Green Room in the Hall
The Skoolbag App is now live for our school community. This is for both Apple devices from the app store and android devices from the playstore. As outlined in the newsletter last week, the Skoolbag App provides you with an easy free way to let you know key information about school activities. It provides you with a convenient way to receive school notifications and it communicates directly with iPhone, iPad, Android, and Windows Phones devices. School newsletters, school notices and alerts will be communicated directly to your smartphone through the Skoolbag app.

The Skoolbag App can be downloaded from the following locations:

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type "sacred heart oakleigh" in the search.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in sacred heart oakleigh
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows Phone users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your Windows Phone
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app.
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows Phone App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones.
We believe Skoolbag will provide the missing link in the communication between home and school. I encourage you to install the Sacred Heart Skoolbag App on your personal devices.
CSEF Application Form

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname
First name
Address
Town/suburb __________________________ State ________ Postcode ________
Contact number _________________________

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ - ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ - ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ - ☐ OR
☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant ___________________________ Date ___ / ___ / ___
READING HOUR

Meet...
CAPTAIN COOK

Monash Public Library Service

The Reading Hour is a national initiative that reminds us of the importance of reading together with children. Join us at the library for a special Reading Hour program.

Primary school age children and their families can enjoy a special reading of *Meet...Captain Cook*.

Every child will receive a free raffle ticket and enter a draw to win a copy of *Meet...Captain Cook!*

OAKLEIGH LIBRARY
148 Drummond Street
Tuesday 18 August, 4pm

No bookings required
Enquiries: 9563 4138

www.monlib.vic.gov.au