Looking Back to Plan for the Future

What makes an effective school?
School effectiveness literature highlights a number of characteristics that contribute to effective schools. These characteristics can be summarised as leadership, school climate, relationships, and teaching and learning. When defining an effective school it is important to focus on students in academic and socio-emotional outcomes. Teacher relationships with students and the faith based behaviours that students display and experience should also be taken into consideration.

All Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Melbourne go through a School Improvement Process over a four year period. An external review of the school to validate the school direction on improvement and compliance against government regulations occurs in this period. Sacred Heart will be reviewed in 2016 and preparation has already begun for this process. Last term, parents, year 5/6 students and staff were surveyed through the Catholic Education Office Melbourne School Improvement Surveys. These surveys assess the strengths, challenges and opportunities for improvement in the organisational and teaching climates, student outcomes, and parent engagement in Catholic schools. Collection of many other data types including academic and wellbeing results have also been gathered in preparation of our school improvement plan.

The purpose of the school improvement plan is to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the school, so that greater numbers of students achieve these outcomes. The school improvement plan provides a framework for analysing problems, identifying underlying causes, and addressing issues. The plan sets out a direction forwards in the key areas of Education in Faith, Learning and Teaching, School Community, Student Wellbeing and Leadership and Management.

Earlier this term parents were invited to forums to analyse the school improvement data and were asked to look for opportunities for our school. A summary of these forums is in this newsletter. Last Wednesday, all staff were involved in the review of the surveys as well as academic and other data. Students will have this opportunity in the coming weeks. This consolation process ensures all stake holders have the opportunity to have their voice heard in the forward planning for the school. Staff will also look at Enhancing Catholic Schools Data (from parent, student and staff surveys) in the coming months.

Over the remainder of the term, the leadership team will be collating the results from the analysis from the parents, staff and students. This will be in the form of a School Self Reflection Report. This document will be one of the key sources of information for the school review in term 2 next year. An external reviewer will work with the school to validate and challenge the data and help set the school improvement directions for the following four years. Post-Review meetings will be organised to share the External Reviewer’s feedback on the greatest strengths and areas for improvement in order to inform our school’s improvement plans for the following four years

Regards
Brian Martin
Sacred Heart Community Calendar

Fri 6 Nov 2015
Newsletter out

Sat 7 Nov 2015
4:30pm - 5:30pm Reconciliation SH then Mass

Wed 11 Nov 2015
Remembrance Day

Fri 13 Nov 2015
9am - 11am Foundation Orientation
11:30am - 1:30pm Foundation Orientation

Sat 14 Nov 2015
4:30pm - 5:30pm Reconciliation SH then Mass

Mon 16 Nov 2015
2:30pm - 3:30pm Reconciliation Assembly

Wed 18 Nov 2015
9am - 11am Foundation Orientation
11:30am - 1:30pm Foundation Orientation

Fri 20 Nov 2015
Basketball Gala Day - Grade 6
Newsletter out
PA Uniform Shop

Sun 22 Nov 2015
9:45am 2015 / 2016 Foundation
Welcome Mass & PA BBQ

Tue 24 Nov 2015
PA Subway

Wed 25 Nov 2015
7pm - 8pm SchoolEd Board

Thu 26 Nov 2015
Film Festival: Access All Areas
Nude Food Day

Sat 28 Nov 2015
Reconciliation Certificates Both Schools All Masses

Sun 29 Nov 2015
Reconciliation Certificates Both Schools All Masses

Mon 30 Nov 2015
PA AGM
3:05pm - 3:20pm Advent Prayer

Thu 3 Dec 2015
9am – 12noon Foundation Orientation

Fri 4 Dec 2015
AFL Gala Day - Grade 4
Carols in the Park: SH is on at 7:55pm
Newsletter out

Mon 7 Dec 2015
Red Assessment folder due back

Wed 9 Dec 2015
6pm - 10:30pm Graduation SH Mass and Dinner

Fri 11 Dec 2015
9am - 10am Thanksgiving Mass SH

Mon 14 Dec 2015
Reports out with term overview
3:05pm - 3:20pm Advent Prayer

Tue 15 Dec 2015
9am - 10:45am Yr 1-6 Orientation

Wed 16 Dec 2015
10am – 12noon PA: sausage sizzle
11:30am - 12:30pm Christmas Paraliturgy
Students Finish 1:00pm
7pm - 8pm Parish Christmas Mass and party

Thu 17 Dec 2015
Staff Curriculum Day: Transition

Fri 18 Dec 2015
Staff finish
Parent Forum Summary Forum 4 2015

This is a summary of the topics discussed at the forums held on Friday October 23.

Thank you to all who were present at these forums. The next forum will be in 2016 in Term 1 in the Heart Coffee Shop (Hall)

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<td><strong>Class structure:</strong> Consultation over class structure across the school. Discussion included other models such as 5 x F-2 Classes for 2016</td>
<td>Majority recommendation to the principal to maintain class structure for 2016 i.e. F x 2 Yr. 1/2 x3 Yr. 3/4 x3 Yr. 5/6 x3</td>
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<td><strong>Class size:</strong> Consultation over class sizes in some levels and any impact that might occur from larger classes.</td>
<td>Majority recommendation to the principal to support the larger classes in the following priority order in 2016. 1st Yr. 1/2 2nd Yr. 3/4 3rd Yr. 5/6 Recommendation for support to be in learning literacy and numeracy not administrative duties in the classroom</td>
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<td><strong>Support in the School:</strong> Discussion around supporting large classes</td>
<td>Recommendation to encourage parents to assist in the classes by targeting parents on their skill ability, perhaps through email</td>
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Parent Forum Summary – School Review Input Session

This is a summary of the topics discussed at the forums held on Wed Oct 28 and Fri Oct 30.

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<td><strong>Parent Survey Data:</strong> Analysis of the annual parent survey data from the parent survey distributed to families in Term 2. Topics covered included: Student engagement in learning Staff engagement in their career Peer relationships between students Student behaviour – skilling of children Learning opportunities for students Community engagement</td>
<td>Results from these discussions are to be incorporated into the school self-reflection report leading to the school review in Term 2 2016. This report will help shape the direction of Sacred Heart’s four year plan.</td>
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PLEASE NOTE:

STAFF CURRICULUM DAY ON THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER.
STUDENTS FINISH ON WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER AT 1.00PM
STAFF FINISH ON FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER.
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.

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

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

School Calendar on the School Website / Skoolbag
We are aware of issues with these applications and are working to rectify as soon as possible.

SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM
Students are to wear Summer school uniform in Term 4 this year and term 1 in 2016. Please ensure that your children are wearing correct uniform on Sports Days as well as during the normal week. The list of appropriate school uniform is attached. It has been noticed that some students are wearing inappropriate hair ties and jewellery – stud earrings are the only jewellery that can be worn. Also, windcheaters should have the school approved logo on them. Runners should only be worn on Sports Day.

*Don’t forget to read next week’s Newsletter for a Christmas message from the Social Justice group.*

The St Vincent de Paul Society has been in operation for 160 years in Victoria. It continues to assist families and individuals across our region through a number of programs.
We require more volunteers for the local Conference (local group) in the Carnegie area with induction and training offered to all new members. Come along and see how you can reach out to your neighbour.
Come and See Information Evening: Monday 30th November @ 7.30pm at ‘The Glen’ Cnr Neerim and Grange Roads, Glen Huntly. (Entrance from school grounds off Grange Road)

Carols in the Park
Time again to prepare for this year’s Carols.
Band practice starts on Monday 9th of November 7:30pm at the Anglican Church, Cnr. Warrigal and Dandenong Roads, Oakleigh.
All Instruments welcome. Brass/String/Wind.
Choir practices start 7:30pm on Monday 16th November at above address.
Choir practice 7:30pm on Monday 23rd November at Mechanic's Institute, Downing Street, Oakleigh opposite the Park for practice with Brass Band.

All voices of all ages, male and female are welcome.”

Let’s send the message of Christmas to all the people of Oakleigh.

Thank-you - Carmel Maher
Carols in the Park Committee
SACRED HEART PRIMARY
is hosting:
ACCESS ALL AREAS FILM FESTIVAL
Increasing cinema access for people with a disability
THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2015

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL
2 MORA AVENUE OAKLEIGH

BBQ commencing 5:30PM
Short films commencing at 6:15PM
Feature film PAPER PLANES commencing at 7PM

The Access All Areas School Tour is a showcase of new Australian short films selected especially for primary-aged and high school aged children. It is designed to raise awareness about issues of ability and access in the community and is an opportunity to showcase access services such as captions and audio description.

Captions and Audio Description by Ericsson Broadcast and Media S www.aaaff.com.au
NIGHT MARKET

6.30PM-9.00PM
19 NOVEMBER
CHRIST OUR HOLY REDEEMER
SCHOOL HALL
43 FERNTREE GULLY ROAD
EAST OAKLEIGH

25+ STALLS
BBQ & DRINKS

ENQUIRES: 0431 813 944 OR COHRMARKET@GMAIL.COM

Support handmade
Support cancer research
Milo In2CRICKET Program at Oakleigh Cricket Club

Milo In2CRICKET is an introductory cricket program for children between 5 and 10 years of age. The aim of the program is to provide young boys and girls with a fun and enjoyable way of learning the fundamentals of cricket while, at the same time, promoting the values of the game – teamwork, friendship and fair play. Note that no experience with cricket is required!

Oakleigh Cricket Club – Warrawee Park, Warrigal Rd, Oakleigh

We will be running the program on Saturday mornings, see complete program details below.

Cost – $75 which includes a starter pack – backpack, bat, ball, hat and t-shirt and other goodies.

Who – boys and girls aged 5 to 10.

This year’s program will again run for eight (8) sessions of 90 minutes duration.

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How to sign up

1. Online. Go to the Milo In2Cricket website http://www.playcricket.com.au/learn/in2cricket and type in "Oakleigh" to the search function, follow the prompts and you will be able to fill out the registration form and pay online.

2. Registration in person If can’t sign up online, you can still join the program. Please contact me to arrange registration or alternatively registrations will be taken over the first few weeks of the program (please arrive by 9.15 am to complete the paper work).

Any queries please contact John Delaney (co-ordinator) by email (johndelaneytipping@hotmail.com).

Thank you very much.
John Delaney
Milo In2Cricket
Oakleigh Cricket Club
Dental Check-up
Keeping Kids Smiling Program

Link Health and Community’s Dental Van recently attended Sacred Heart Primary School and provided free dental check-ups to children who returned their consent forms. Dental show bags and check-up feedback forms were sent home with these children.

Parents are reminded to call Link Health and Community on 1300 552 509 to arrange an appointment if your child was identified as requiring further dental treatment or if you have any questions/concerns.

Our teeth are with us for a long time so it is important to have regular check-ups to keep teeth and gums healthy