God of hope
Be with us in our Advent journey
To the stable and beyond
Be with us in our meeting,
And in our travelling together,
Be with us in our worship
And our praying together,
Be with us in our Advent journey
To the stable and beyond
Amen.

We live in a fast paced, somewhat instant world. We turn on our TVs and watch the movies we want – on demand. We expect service and want what we want, when we want it. Waiting, especially patient waiting, is not something we do well as a society. In this fast paced, somewhat instant world, Advent is extremely radical and different. These weeks call on us to focus on waiting – patiently – for the Lord. Instead of instant results and rapid fulfilment, we are called to yearn and have a pregnant expectation for the Lord.

As Christmas approaches there is a need to prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus. In Advent, giving the family time to talk about why Jesus’ coming is important. Advent is a time to see how ready we are to receive the Lord Jesus in our lives. Jesus’ coming at Christmas is an invitation to accept his love, his peace and his joy. During these weeks we prepare ourselves to accept this invitation.

Our end of year Paraliturgy is on Wednesday 16 December at 11:45am. This is another special tradition that we look forward to here at Sacred Heart. It is a time to come together, reflect, pray and say farewell to those who are moving on and leaving our community. Particularly at this time of the year, we become so busy with preparing ourselves physically for Christmas; getting the food, arranging the tree, buying presents that we forget to prepare ourselves mentally and spiritually for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Paraliturgy is one way to give us this time. I look forward to seeing you there!

Earlier this year there was consultation on class sizes and the need for additional support. I have now appointed three teacher aides to work across the school, particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy. We welcome Kimberlea Flynn to Foundation, Laura Larosa to Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 and Marie Valentine to Year 5/6. These appointments are in addition to the existing three teacher / integration aides already in our school.

Have a Merry Christmas. God bless you and your family and I look forward to working with you again in 2016.

Thank you
A special thank you to Josie and Steve Hill and Russell James for responding to the urgent call for help in moving the Year 3-6 classrooms in preparation for 2016. Your help was very much appreciated.

Regards
Brian Martin
Principal
Calendar 2015-2016

Wed 16 Dec 2015
10am - 12pm PA: sausage sizzle

Students Finish 1:00pm
11:45am - 1pm Christmas Paraliturgy and Year 6 Farewell
7pm - 8pm Parish Christmas Mass and party

Thu 17 Dec 2015
School Holidays

Fri 18 Dec 2015
End of Term 4
Staff Finish

Wed 27 Jan 2016
Staff Return

Thu 28 Jan 2016
Year 1 - 6 Students Return

Fri 29 Jan 2016
Foundation Students Start
Term overviews all out today

Mon 1 Feb 2016
2:30pm - 3pm Assembly Welcome

Tue 2 Feb 2016
School Banking

Wed 3 Feb 2016
9am – 3pm Foundation Testing
7pm - 8pm School Education Board

Thu 4 Feb 2016
6pm - 8pm Yr 5/6 Picnic Night

Fri 5 Feb 2016
9:15am - 10:15am Beginning Year Mass
6pm - 8pm Foundation Picnic Night

Tue 9 Feb 2016
School Banking
Shrove Tuesday PA pancakes

Wed 10 Feb 2016
9am - 10am Ash Wednesday Mass
10am - 3pm Foundation Testing
2pm - 8pm Parent Teacher Sharing Information

Thu 11 Feb 2016
3:40pm - 6pm Parent Teacher Sharing Information

Mon 15 Feb 2016
Reconciliation Catechist 3
Enrolments for 2017 open

Tue 16 Feb 2016
School Banking

Wed 17 Feb 2016
Foundation Testing
7pm - 8pm Parish Council

Thu 18 Feb 2016
6pm - 8pm Yr 1/2 Picnic Night

Fri 19 Feb 2016
6pm - 8pm Yr 3/4 Picnic Night

Mon 22 Feb 2016
2:30pm - 3pm Assembly Yr 6 Investiture

Tue 23 Feb 2016
School Banking
7pm Foundation Information Curriculum Night

Wed 24 Feb 2016
9am – 3pm Foundation Testing

Thu 25 Feb 2016
7pm - 8:30pm Reconciliation Family Night SH

Sat 27 Feb 2016
5:30pm - 6:30pm Reconciliation commitment Mass SH

Tue 1 Mar 2016
School Banking

Mon 7 Mar 2016
2:30pm - 3pm Assembly

Tue 8 Mar 2016
School Banking
School photos - confirmed

Wed 9 Mar 2016
7pm School Education Board AGM

Fri 11 Mar 2016
CLOSURE Day

Mon 14 Mar 2016
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
Labour Day (Victoria) Public Holiday

Tue 15 Mar 2016
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
PA Subway lunch
School Banking

Wed 16 Mar 2016
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Thu 17 Mar 2016
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
Mass St Patrick's Cathedral
St Patrick's Day
7pm - 8pm Literacy Family Night F-6

Fri 18 Mar 2016
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Sat 19 Mar 2016
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
PA Mother – Daughter Camp

Sun 20 Mar 2016
PA Mother – Daughter Camp
Palm Sunday
Mon 21 Mar 2016
2:30pm - 3pm Assembly
Tue 22 Mar 2016
School Banking
Combined Schools Day - Easter Focus
Assessment folder out
Term overviews out
Thu 24 Mar 2016
10am - 11am PA BBQ
11:45am - 12:15pm Easter Story Assembly
1pm - End Term1 Students finish
Fri 25 Mar 2016
Good Friday
Holidays
Sat 26 Mar 2016
Holidays
Holy Saturday
Sun 27 Mar 2016
Easter Sunday
Mon 11 April 2016
Term 2 commences

Literacy News

Thank you!
Our Literacy program has been greatly enriched by people from our community who have assisted. I would like to thank all the parent helpers who have helped with our English program. Your help is crucial to our English Program and has been greatly appreciated! We have also had five parishioners who have helped us on a regular basis by listening to children read, and we are also very grateful to them!

Book Club
Book Club has been attended by approximately 20 students each Friday. It has been great to see some children’s enthusiasm for stories and it has also been wonderful to see some of the older students coming along to read their own books or browse. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a relaxing break and look forward to further support in 2016!
Kathy Brick
Literacy Leader

FREE TENNIS!
ALL SUMMER!

Try Tennis for FREE at Oakleigh Tennis Club. FREE racquet & ball hire are also available.
REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL.
For details (and to register) go to...
2015 Sport Report

In 2015 Sacred Heart we were once again involved in a number of sports as a member of the Oakleigh District group of schools. It has been wonderful to watch our students interact with students from other schools in our local community.

Weekly sport:
All Grade 5 /6 students were involved in weekly sport in terms one and two. This involved some training weeks and three matches in their chosen sport against Oakleigh Primary, Amsleigh Park Primary and Christ Our Holy Redeemer. Each season then culminated with a Gala day. The sports played were volleyball, rounders, softball, basketball, cricket, netball, soccer, AFL and AFL9’s.

Our Boys Softball and Girls Netball teams progressed to represent Oakleigh District at the Monash Waverley Division Finals. Our Boys Football team were also winners in the AFL 9’s competition on Gala day. We were runners-up in Girls Softball, Boys and Girls Cricket, Boys Basketball,

Swimming: 8 students attended the District trials which were held in February at Oakleigh Recreation Centre. Brooke C and Madeline B progressed to the Monash Waverley Division carnival.

Tennis: Three students participated in trials held over two weeks in February. Joel B progressed to the Monash Waverley Division tournament.

Cross Country: After our House carnival and a few weeks training we took a team of 60 students from grades three to six to Norton’s Park in Wantirna for the District cross country. All of our team showed amazing spirit and sportsmanship. 9 students finished in the top ten in their age group and progressed to Division level. James L and Andrew G then progressed to the Eastern Metropolitan Region carnival.

Athletics: In term three our team of 60 athletes took part in the Oakleigh District carnival. After four years of finishing fourth we managed to come second. A testament to the hard work of all the team. Consequently we had 27 students qualify for the Monash Waverley Division carnival. Eva G then qualified to compete at the Eastern Metropolitan Region carnival.

AFL9: Our Grade 4 students participated in an AFL9’s gala day conducted by the Oakleigh Chargers. The emphasis was on participation and sportsmanship, so there was no overall winner but instead a sportsmanship medal was awarded to one player from each team. Our winners were Joice Y, Angelene M, Ishi G and Anthony F.

Grade 6 Basketb: All the Grade 6 students attended a basketball gala day with students from Christ Our Holy Redeemer, Amsleigh Park and Holy Family. It was a fun day and although we didn’t win, three teams played off in the Grand Final for their section. These were the Mixed Boys, Mixed Girls and the Boys teams.

The program delivered would not be possible without the support of our parents. I would like to express my great appreciation to those parents who have accompanied the students to all their events and supported me in my role. Especially those who have helped on multiple occasions.

Kate N
Rosemary P
Tania L
Irene G
Marg B
Roshan J
Bianca T
Priya N
Damian E
Renea W
Connie F
Joylene D
Russell J
Jakub Z
Kathy P
Tina P
Fred F
Lisa K
Coral C
Sue C
Cecilia C
Romila G
Kate W
Jenny D
Lisa M
Thejini K
Kaye L
Steve H
Josie H
Barbara T
Zach H
Sally M
Maria T
Vanessa P
Simon C
Jeff F
Larry S
Andrew P
Nicolle P
Jaya B
Carole S
Corrine B
Diego D
Saritha L
Olga M
Francoise N
Josie F
Veronique M
Mel T
Christina C

I would also like to acknowledge past parent Jackie P who came back to coach the Softball for their weekly sport fixtures and then in the Monash Waverley division finals.

This program will continue in 2016 and we need enthusiastic parents to help out. Please think about volunteering your time and being part of our dynamic program. Now is the time to get your Working with Children check if you don’t already have one.

Congratulations to all our athletes for all your efforts and congratulations for the fine manner in which you represent our school. Farewell to our grade 6 students and your parents and best of luck in your future sporting endeavours.

Tess Milner
2 BIG HOLIDAY CLINICS!
Run by Basketball Victoria Accredited VJBL Representative Coaches

BEGINNER CLINIC
Introduce and master the fundamentals of the game including dribbling, passing, shooting and defense

11th & 12th January
10am - 3pm
$55 per day per participant
Oakleigh Recreational Centre, Park Road, Oakleigh
All ages and skills are invited to attend

ADVANCED CLINIC
Refine your skills to take your game to the next level!

14th & 15th January

FREE BASKETBALL for every participant!

Register ONLINE to book your spot
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