Christ with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Excerpt from St Patrick’s breastplate

2014 Retrospective and a Big Thank You

Dear Parent’s / Guardians

Last Wednesday night was the Sacred Heart Education Board AGM. This meeting was an opportunity to acknowledge the work of many from our community who have served on the Board, as well as welcome the new members onto the board for 2015. Thank you also to the outgoing Board members Lisa O’Driscoll, Joylene Donovan and Tina Pascuzzi. Your efforts over the time are much appreciated. I would like to welcome our new board members Russell James, Nicky Predl, Saritha Lobo and Kathy Papakirikou. Other current board members are Fr John, Kate Borg, Jan Morice, David Cochrane, Josie Broad, Shaila Pereira, Renea Johnston and Michele Gardiner. Thank you for your time, wisdom and support throughout the year.

The Board has been a valuable source of information and support throughout the year as it has looked at various matters of importance, policy review and other procedures. Some of these items included:

- Induction of New Board Members committee
- School Communications
- Homework Policy and Procedures
- Policy Review procedures and policy format
- Consultation of the monashlink medical centre

Some directions for the Board in 2015 have been set:

- School Communications
- Homework Policy and Procedures (final stages)
- Traffic Management (together with Monash Council)
- School Beautification
- Policy review

I am currently in the compilation stage of the annual report to our school community. A summary of the achievement and values added initiative for Sacred Heart School were reported at the SEB meeting and are as follows:
Learning and Teaching (L&T)
- L & T team structure was changed to have a focus on learning and teaching rather than leadership and management
- AusVels and the Australian Curriculum, continue to inform our teaching
- Sacred Heart L & T Plan was initiated with a focus on content and skill development F-6
- e learning team – introduced GAFE (Google Apps For Education), and are developing an e learning plan for the school
- Use of Student Performance Analyser (SPA) data and the use of this data to inform teaching
- Staff ICT skills development with coach to support teacher learning
- Establishment of parent nights focussed on Literacy/Maths

School Community
- Digital focus by the establishment of a digital newsletter and CareMonkey medical database
- Parent Forums introduced parent voice to decision making process in the school
- Interschool sport for (Year 5/6)
- Combined parish school day introduced
- Welcome night for the start of the school year
- Establishment of parent nights based on parent needs

Leadership and Management
- Annual Action Plan (AAP) reviewed with staff ownership and refocused for the remainder of the school improvement plan cycle
- New principal appointment focussed on distributed leadership
- Establishment of new teams included e-learning, community and student wellbeing
- Policy review schedule created and trialled
- Policy audit occurred to minimise unnecessary policies
- Budget changes supported new teams as well as a streamlined process around level budgets
- Year 6 student leadership structure reviewed
- Policies were introduced for sunsmart, anaphylaxis, OH&S and alcohol consumption
- OH&S awareness increased through more frequent drills in emergency situations
- School education board – reviewed structure and operations
- The art teacher to co-ordinate art project e.g. murals

Student Wellbeing
- Kidsmatter framework commitment and focussed on staff professional learning
- Positive behaviour management procedures were reviewed
- Student wellbeing core team established
- Parent nights and staff day focussed on resilience and mindfulness

Education in Faith
- Altar servers introduced in masses
- Combined parish school day introduced
- Religious Education Leader focus now on learning in addition to coordination of prayer, events and liturgies

A full version of the report to the community will be available in May. As you can see it has been a jam packed year. Happy St Patrick’s Day for next week.

Regards

Brian Martin
COMING EVENTS

13 March    17 March    21 March
House Cross Country    St Patricks Day    Eucharist Commitment Mass 5:30pm

14-15 March    18 March
Mother Daughter Camp    Eucharist Walkthrough 7pm

16 March    20 March
School Tours    5/6 Gala Day

School Calendar
The 2015 School calendar may be downloaded by following this link
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. There is no link on the website

ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
Enrolments are now open for 2016. Applications close at the end of June. Enrolment forms and information packs will be available on these days.

School Tours for New Families
Monday 16 March    9.15am
Tuesday 21 April    9.15am
Friday 15 May    2.10pm
Wednesday 27 May    9.15am
Tuesday 16 June    9.15am

Current Families Enrolment of Siblings in Sacred Heart School
Please collect an enrolment application form from the school office or download from our website. Please return it to the school office by the end of Term 2.

CAKE RAFFLES
Information has been sent home regarding the roster for class cake raffles each Friday to assist in pastoral care for our school community.

SUBWAY 24 MARCH
Subway orders will be delivered to the school on Tuesday 24 March.

Second Hand Uniform Shop Opening Dates for Term 1 (located in the portable in Junior School)
Friday 20 March    2.30pm to 3.30pm

Thank you to the many parents who have donated school uniforms to us this year. We appreciate donations of clean uniform items in good condition.

Dropping Off/Picking Up
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE Look carefully before reversing your car after picking up or dropping your child off. Please ensure there is adequate vision for your child to cross the road safely and that you are not double parked or blocking other traffic.

Congratulations to our newly appointed year 6 student leaders

The five leadership positions for 2015 will be the following:

- **Environment Leaders**
- **Community Leaders**
- **Social Justice Leaders**
- **Sport Leaders**
- **The Arts Leaders**
Footy Tipping 2016

Firstly thanks very much to Alison Holmes for all her past efforts in running the footy tipping. From my experience it certainly adds a bit of interest to the football season!

This year it will be an online competition, through Footytips.com.au

The basics of it are -

- You can submit your tips online
- If for some reason you miss putting in your tips before the first game, you still have the opportunity to tip the rest of the week's games
- Automatic updates on the leader board / email advice of how you went each week

Each week there is an option to tip a margin. For the purposes of this competition we will not use this option to split placings.

$46 entry fee. Payment can be made directly to BSB 013006 ACCT 538323055, to my wife Kate Whitwell (Aisha Whitwell - Grade 3/4D) if you see her in the schoolyard, or at the school office.

The preference would be to have your entry fee prior to the commencement of round 3 - Friday 17 April. If you have any issues paying by this date please let me know.

Prizes are split as follows -
** 1st 65% of the total pool
** 2nd 25%
** 3rd 10%

$20 total per week will be allocated to the person(s) who tip all 9 winners (with the exception of split rounds where it will not apply), and will jackpot until collected. Any funds left over at the end of the season will go back into the pool.

A link to the competition is below.

I hope to see you all back this year.

Should you have any questions or any problems with the competition link please either email me or give me a call on 0412 847969. Regards Shane Whitwell

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Worlds Greatest Shave

Many of you may have had family members or friends who have suffered with cancer and wish you could do something to help them. My son James Mikhael from 1/2JD has decided to take part in the Worlds greatest shave this year to help raise money for the Leukaemia foundation after learning his grandfather passed away from cancer. If you would like to donate to this cause James has a donation box in the office or you can donate directly at the link below. I also have a tax deductible receipt book for donations above $2.

http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/Jamesmikhael

Thank you for your generosity
Sally Mikhael
SACRED HEART CHESS CLUB 2015

Chess club is up and running for Grades 4-6 on Friday’s during lunch time. This year the numbers attending have increased considerably, helped by the very enthusiastic Grade 4 students.

Hopefully the grade 4 enthusiasm will be maintained after all Grade 4 students attend a Chess session with a qualified coach. The lessons will be held on Wednesday the 11TH March between 11.30 and 1.30. The session will involve instruction and playing a game. (no cost to families)

Chess Club will continue again in term 2. Then in term 3 there will be the opportunity for students in years 4-6 to be involved in 6 sessions with a qualified coach from Chess Kids. There will be a cost involved. More details will be given closer at a later date. Term 4 will see the return of weekly Friday chess where children can show and share their improved skills.

Thank you to all involved in motivating the children to take such an interest in Chess.

Colleen OGrady

Student Services Coordinator

Chess Kids® has been Building Mental Muscles™ since 1997
www.chesskids.com.au
Australian Mathematics Competition

I am investigating the possibility of students taking part in the Australian Mathematics Competition in July. This competition for students in Years 3 to 6 has run for over 30 years. The cost is $6 per student. At this time I want to know the number of students who are interested in being involved. If there is sufficient interest I will register our school then organise entries. If you would like your child/children to be involved please complete the form below and return to school by the end of term, Friday 27th March.


Moira Luzan

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