A Prayer for Drivers

Lord, give me firm hands, attentive eyes, prudence and perfect control so that I may make a good journey and arrive happily at my destination.

Do not let me suffer any accident, hurt anyone or be the cause of anyone’s death.

Make me calm and patient in difficult traffic.

Together with me, protect my passengers.

Teach me to respect the signs, to use my car for good purposes and to moderate my speed.

May Your grace always accompany me on my journeys.

(Prayers4reparation’s Blog)

Traffic Management at Sacred Heart

Parking and traffic congestion remains at the forefront of concern within our school community. The majority of parents drive their child/ren to and from school each day. Congestion occurs at these key times and often children are put in dangerous positions. There have been many conversations around how to keep children safe at pick up and drop off time. Traffic management around the school is a very complex issue involving hundreds of people and as such solutions take time to be worked out.

At the school’s request in June last year, Monash Council was approached about the traffic around the school. Monash Council proposed changing parking conditions in Davey Ave. These changes included removing the 2 minute drop off zone. After receiving many responses from our parent community and local residents, this option was rejected. Council has advised us that they will monitor the impact before determining if parking restrictions or traffic management are necessary.

Last year in term 3 a parent forum was held with a focus on traffic management. A number of issues and potential solutions were identified. The main ones were:

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<td>Two minute drop off zone in Davey Ave - cars are parked in it</td>
<td>Needs to be policed more frequently. Education for those parking in two minute zone.</td>
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<td>Congestion caused by right hand turn into Warrigal Rd from Davey St</td>
<td>Left turn only into Warrigal Rd during school hours</td>
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<td>Congestion / double parking</td>
<td>Create one-way in Mora Ave / Davey Ave or both during drop off and pick up times</td>
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<td>Unclear signage in Mora Ave</td>
<td>Reinstate no standing sign in Mora Ave and paint white line over driveway on corner of Mora Ave and Johnston St</td>
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It was decided to take these suggestions to the School Education Board and Monash Council as potential ways to resolve some of the parking issues around the school. Parking was identified as an issue with Monash council at the community forum in November last year and contacts identified. Council has been
monitoring the surrounding streets and at this stage no decisions have been made for improvement. Parking officers patrol the streets around the school and parking restrictions have been enforced.

One of the 2015 foci for the School Education Board (SEB) focus groups this year is to seek potential solutions and liaison with appropriate personnel in order to improve traffic management. SEB members have been observing parking behaviours and using this information to validate the issues presented. The SEB focus group is currently liaising with Monash Council to discuss the potential solutions to this issue. The focus group is also observing behaviours of drivers and collecting data to add to our discussion with council. The focus group will also meet with other key stakeholders including parents, neighbours and the parish to seek collaborative solutions. The intention then is to present these results to the school and local residents for endorsement and future implementation.

Your help is needed. If you believe there are other significant traffic management issues than those listed in this editorial then the SEB needs to know. Please provide your succinct suggestions in the format below. For example:

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Email your suggestions to principal@shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au or hand into the school office. This information will help validate our proposal to council. A summary of the issues and potential solutions will be provided to Monash Council at a meeting proposed to take place in June. I look forward to hearing your responses.

Regards
Brian Martin

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.

Skoolbag App
Don’t forget to download the Skoolbag Communication App for Apple and Android phones. Please read page 5 of this newsletter for instructions. It is a free, direct way of communicating key events and activities to our families in our school community.

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 school tour days.

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.

Reminder to Year 6 parents to return the Application for Year 7 Placement to the school office. It is a requirement that we have on record confirmation of where your children are attending school in Year 7. Please return by 22 May 2015.
Sacred Heart Community Calendar

Fri May 15, 2015
Newsletter
2:10pm - 3:10pm School Tours

Tue May 19, 2015
School banking

Thu May 21, 2015
District cross country

Fri May 22, 2015
Mass - Level 3/4
2:30pm - 3:20pm 2nd Hand Uniform Shop Open

Mon May 25, 2015
9am - 3pm SH FHC Refl Day
Assembly 5/6VS 2:30pm

Tue May 26, 2015
School banking

Wed May 27, 2015
9:15am - 10:15am School Tours
7pm - 8pm School Ed Board

Fri May 29, 2015
Newsletter

Sun May 31, 2015
11am - 12:30pm FHC SH

Mon June 1, 2015
Division cross country
2:30pm - 3:30pm First Communion Assembly
7pm - 8pm PA Meeting
Foundation Zoo Excursion

Tue June 2, 2015
School banking

Thu June 4, 2015
7pm - 8pm Parent Seminar - Supporting your Child

Fri June 5, 2015
Closure Day  Staff PL

Mon June 8, 2015
Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Tue June 9, 2015
School banking

Fri June 12, 2015
9am - 10am Sacred Heart Mass
Newsletter
PA Movie night
2:30pm - 3:20pm 2nd Hand Uniform Shop Open

Sat June 13, 2015
FHC Cert All Masses SH HR

Sun June 14, 2015
FHC Cert All Masses SH HR

Tue June 16, 2015
9:15am - 10:15am School Tours
PA Subway lunch
School banking

Wed June 17, 2015
7pm - 8pm Parish Council

Thu June 18, 2015
7pm - 8pm Conf Parent Night at Sacred Heart for both schools

Sat June 20, 2015
5:30pm - 6:30pm Conf Comm SH

Mon June 22, 2015
Assembly 3/4ML 2:30pm
Red assessment folder out with term overview

Tue June 23, 2015
School banking

Wed June 24, 2015
Reports out

Fri June 26, 2015
Enrolments close for 2016
Newsletter
11am – 12pm PA BBQ
End Term 2 Students finish at 1.00pm

MULTICULTURAL DAY 2015 - Friday, August 7th

On this day, the children of Sacred Heart will be able to celebrate their family’s culture. We will require some helpers throughout the day to assist with activities. Parents/grandparents/carers are invited to bring along a picnic lunch, then stay and enjoy a Multicultural Day Assembly which will commence at 2:30p.m. As the day draws closer, a special newsletter and reminders will be sent out.
Parent Forum Summary - Forum 2 2015
This is a summary of the topics discussed at the forums held on Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 May.

Thank you to all who were present at these forums. The next forum will be on Tuesday July 28 2:20pm – 3:20pm and repeated on Wed July 29 7:00pm – 8:00pm

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<td><strong>Skoolbag:</strong> Positive feedback to allow for greater communication</td>
<td>Promote in future newsletters to get more parents onto the app.</td>
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<td><strong>Personalised learning:</strong> Explanation of assessment and groupings of children discussed. Allowing for teaching at the point of need for children.</td>
<td>No action required</td>
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<td><strong>Class structure:</strong> Concerns were discussed over class sizes in some levels and any impact that might occur from larger classes.</td>
<td>Consideration to be given on how parents can make recommendations to the school structure for 2016. Potential working party including parents to explore options considered.</td>
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<td><strong>Classroom Teacher Primary and Leadership Roles:</strong> Discussion around any impact with teacher’s having a dual role in the school.</td>
<td>Continue with existing plans to minimise disruption to student learning. Maintain teacher dialogue between teachers. Continue to support the lead teachers in their leadership roles.</td>
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<td><strong>Homework Policy Implementation:</strong> Positive feedback received around student motivation, related to learning, student confidence and optional components allow flexibility for families.</td>
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<td><strong>Communication of previous Parent Forums summary</strong> Some results and follow up from past forums perceived to not be communicated to parents.</td>
<td>Summary to be produced and added into the newsletter soon after the forum.</td>
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**Please see attached:**
- Skoolbag App
- Parent Seminar – Understanding Anxiety in Children
- Men Alive in the City Seminar
- Piano for Beginners
- Chess Kids
- Emmanuel Kindergarten 2016 vacancies
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.
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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".
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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.

Regards

Brian Martin
Please complete reply slip below or email office@shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au to register your attendance for Thursday 4 June at 7.00pm – Wellbeing Seminar at Sacred Heart.

‘Understanding anxiety in children’

7pm Thursday 4th June
Sacred Heart
Don’t miss this important wellbeing seminar

Anxiety is a normal part of everyone’s life - including children. It is vital that we teach children at a young age how to cope with anxiety and how to use effective strategies when faced with difficulties. Anxiety can be more serious for some children and can affect their quality of life. There are a variety of simple and practical strategies that parents can use to support children to deal with their anxiety.

This presentation covers a range of issues including:

• How to recognise the signs of anxiety in children
• How anxiety affects children in different ways
• The foundations that help to prevent anxiety
• Practical strategies to support their child to deal with anxiety
• How to teach their child to stay calm and self-regulate
• How to teach children practical and effective coping strategies

Wellbeing For Kids

Parent Reply Slip – Please return to the office as soon as possible:

‘Understanding Anxiety in Children’

Parent Seminar 7pm Thursday 4th June

I would like to register my interest for this parent seminar

Name/s __________________________
When was the last time you felt fully alive?

menALIVE in the City is an opportunity for men to get together and explore the things that matter.

**May 28:** MANHOOD TODAY
Searching for meaning and authenticity

**Aug 13:** SEXUALITY AND INTIMACY
A frank look at the big issues

**Nov 12:** MEN AT WORK
Living your faith in the workplace

6 pm to 7.45
(Mass available in the St Augustine’s Church at 5.30)

St Joseph’s Hall
St Augustine’s Church
631 Bourke St, Melbourne

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**PIANO FOR BEGINNERS**

Interested in providing your child with the opportunity to learn how to play the piano? Well look no further!

My name is Amanda Liu (a previous SHPS student). I am an 18 year old, first year University student who has just completed Grade 8 piano AMEB exams and I would love to share my passion and love for music with those interested, showing that music is fun!

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0431 703 272.

Please note, home visits arranged.
An Open Letter From The CEO

Dear Chess Kids Family,

You may have noticed a number of changes starting to take place in and around Chess Kids as we transition to our new brand, Kids Unlimited. I wanted to share with you how this idea started and our vision for the future.

All great businesses solve problems. Chess Kids started in the early-1990's to solve my own problem ... I loved chess and there was nowhere for kids to play chess in those days! So, as a 15 year old I started running chess clubs and tournaments and quickly found there were thousands of other kids who loved chess.

Many years later I now face a different problem.

1. Life is very busy; 4 kids, a business (or two), my private consulting and I still need to find time to train for my second marathon (the first was last October)
2. I am passionate about kids and their education

Extra curricular activities seem to take a LOT of my time and honestly I'm not cut out to be a taxi-driver. We are creating a solution for my problem and hope to find many other parents who will be happy to eliminate the same frustrations.

Kids Unlimited is our transition from a single-subject centre (chess) to a multi-disciplinary extra-curricular service provider:

- Kids will soon be able to spend 2 or even 3 consecutive hours in the one location and enjoy a variety of subjects with minimal travel time
- Siblings, who seem to live in the back seat of a car, can take part in an activity at the same place and time, even if they aren't all that excited by the first subject
This saves me (the parent) hours of taxi-driving and I love that my kids are doing something really valuable, mentored by great role models, in a safe and engaging environment. We have a bit of work to do before our schedule of classes complement each other perfectly, but we also need to get the number of students enrolled in each class to work. It will come with time.

I have been involved in the creation and development of the curriculum for our current array of subjects and honestly, it's great! I hope my own kids will somehow take part in everything:

- **Electronics**
- **Computer Programming**
- **Physical Computing** (arduino and computer building)
- **Maths Problem Solving**
- **Cooking and Nutrition**
- **Arts and Design**
- **Performance and Communication**
- **Leadership Skills**
- **Chess** (of course!)

It doesn't end there - in the pipeline we already have plans for:

- **Media** (Photography, Video and Editing)
- **Hip Hop Dance**
- **Financial Literacy / Entrepreneurship**
- **Storytelling**
- **Hands on Science**
- **Philosophy**
- **Robotics**
- **Music and instrumental tuition**
- **and more... feel free to offer up suggestions or great teachers!**

Also I want to reassure you that when it comes to chess, nothing will change. We will continue to run the best chess lessons and tournaments in Australia and we still have the same great staff who are dedicated 100% to chess. We love chess and we always will, but it's time for our family to grow and these new subjects are like our new children.

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