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SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
29 January 2016

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Lord Jesus,
we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.
Allow us to experience Your presence
in the many blessings You put before us.
Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities
that this new school year brings.
Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.
Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic
with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities.
Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience
Your presence in our new friends.
Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!
Amen

Welcome back

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our Sacred Heart Community. We especially welcome our new Foundation children and new families to our school community. The foundation morning tea this morning as well as the before school drop off and pick up have been a wonderful opportunity to renew our connections with others as we begin our 2016 journey together. We welcome Jenny Lefebvre as Year 3/4 Teacher, Religious Education and Student Wellbeing Leader. We also welcome the following teacher aides: Kimberlea Flynn to Foundation, Laura Larosa to Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 and Marie Valentine to Year 5/6 and Loretta Ballas as the School Bursar.

The Yr 3/4 are now located back on the first floor and Yr 5/6 have moved up to the second floor. The primary reason for this change was to enable the Yr 3/4 children and teachers last year to work as a level without having to move floors during learning time. After school children in Yr 3/4 will exit the building via the Davey St exit, Yr 1/2 via external classroom doors and Yr 5/6 via the double glass doors by the library. Foundation to be picked up from under the trees near the hall.

Parent Teacher Information Sharing Meetings will be on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 February and will allow parents to meet with all teachers, one to one, and for parents to have an opportunity to begin discussions on how we can focus on the learning for your child. A proforma is attached to this newsletter for you to fill in that will facilitate in you sharing key information about your child that will help with your child’s learning. Your responses on this proforma will also guide the adult learning that the school will provide to parents and carers this year. Last year these nights included literacy, numeracy activity nights and a wellbeing information session.

I would like to welcome you and your family to each of the year level picnics in February. The picnics create an opportunity for you to make connections and have conversations with staff, parents and children in your child’s year level. This night is all about nurturing our community and building connections between all of its members in a fun and informal setting. The four Picnic Nights begin at 6pm on the following evenings:
Yr 5/6 on Thursday 4 February  
Yr 1/2 on Thursday 18 February  
Yr 3/4 on Friday 19 February  
Foundation on Friday 5 February

There are many other events that have been planned for the children over the term. In this newsletter is an overview of the dates for the term. These are also on the school website and the school app. Support is needed in running many of the PA events.

The PA is a very strong community building group within our school. Parents and students have benefitted from the many events planned and run by the PA. The children have immensely benefitted from the provision of events and meals provided. Some key events include Father’s day and Mother’s day stalls and breakfasts, Sausage sizzles, Disco, Subway, Movie night, Transition cuppa etc.

To run an effective PA there needs to be 5 key positions filled. These positions include President, Vice President, Class Liaison coordinator, secretary and treasurer. Thank you to the two parents who have filled the secretary and treasurer roles. The following positions are currently vacant: president, vice president, class liaison coordinator. These roles are not to run events, but rather to oversee / liaise with other parents who coordinate these events.

Anyone who was not at the AGM and would like to nominate for any of the three positions or find out more about one of the roles is invited to have a discussion with Jan Morice or myself. The time and day for PA meetings will be negotiated between the new President and the Principal. It would be such a shame to see our very strong community affected by cancelling events. Please consider taking on one of these roles

The staff and I look forward to working with you to support your child’s learning. May 2016 be a year of growth and mercy for all in the Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Community.

Regards
Brian Martin
Principal

**Pancake Day**

Please complete the Shrove Tuesday rsvp (letter sent home 28/01/16) or via the Skoolbag app by Friday, 5th February. We cannot serve your child a pancake without a form.

**School Calendar**

The 2016 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

**School Newsletter**

Email addresses for new families have been entered onto the school system. Hard copies of the newsletter will be printed for new families in the short term. Please provide an email address to the school to receive newsletters, if you have not already done so on your enrolment form. The school office email address is office@shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au

**Parents of Year Six Students**

Please be advised that enrolments for **Year 7 students for 2016 will close for all Catholic Colleges on Friday 26 February**. If you have not already enrolled your child in a secondary school it is very important that you do so immediately. It is advisable to apply to a school of second choice as all applicants are not assured of a place and success is dependent on the number of places on offer and the number of applicants.
Parents of Year Five students should start visiting schools soon and consider the options for secondary school for your child. Open day dates for secondary colleges will be published in the newsletter as they become available. Alternatively please contact secondary colleges directly - Sacred Heart Secondary College 9568 5488; Salesian College 9831 9550.

CareMonkey
As a parent you will have received an email from the CareMonkey system inviting you to enter the details for your child / or an update reminder in an electronic medical form. To ensure your privacy the information provided will only be accessible by the relevant staff for your child. There is only one primary carer’s email address associated with each child. You will automatically be sent additional reminders on a regular basis until the care profiles are complete. Once the care profile is complete, the emails will stop. Please feel free to contact the school office, Jan Morice or Brian Martin if you have any questions. You can also visit the CareMonkey website for more information: www.caremonkey.com

Second Hand Uniform Shop
Will be open on Friday 5 February from 2.30pm to 3.30pm – it is located in the Junior School Portable.

Shrove Tuesday
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SCHOOL TOURS FOR 2017 ENROLMENTS
Tue Mar 1
9:15am – 10:15am
School Tours
Wed Mar 16
9:15am – 10:15am
School Tours
Thu Apr 21
9:15am – 10:15am
School Tours
Mon May 16
9:15am – 10:15am
School Tours
Tue May 31
9:15am – 10:15am
School Tours
Thu Jun 16
2:30pm – 3:30pm
School Tour
Community Calendar 2016

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
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
Second Hand Uniform Shop 2.30pm

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

Fri 12 Feb 2016
Newsletter

Mon 15 Feb 2016
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
Second Hand Uniform Shop 2.30pm

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

Tue 23 Feb 2016
School Banking
7pm - 8:30pm Foundation Information Curriculum Night

Wed 24 Feb 2016
Foundation Testing

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

Fri 26 Feb 2016
Newsletter

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

Tue 1 Mar 2016
School Banking
School Tour 9.15am

Fri 4 Mar 2016
Second Hand Uniform Shop 2.30pm

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

Tue 8 Mar 2016
School Banking
School photos - confirmed

Wed 9 Mar 2016
7pm - 9pm School Education Board AGM

Fri 11 Mar 2016
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Parent Teacher Information Sharing Meetings

Wednesday 10 February 2.00pm to 8.00pm
Specialist Teachers Wednesday 10 February 2.00pm to 5.45pm
Thursday 11 February 3.40pm to 6.00pm

Parent Teacher Information Sharing Meetings (10 minutes) will be held for all year levels on the above dates. These meetings can be arranged on the internet through our online booking process at


A link is available on the school website

A sharing information form is in Newsletter 1 for you to complete and bring to the meeting.

**Bookings for these meetings will open at 10.00am on Monday 1st February.** They will be set in **10 minute blocks** and you may select the time most suitable for you. Students will be supervised in the hall from 2.00pm to 3.20pm on Wednesday 10 February.

**ALL PARENTS USE THE SAME ACCESS CODE**

Please read the instructions to access the school interviews website.


**Parents…**

Enter this school event code.

Then follow the steps.

1. Enter your details
2. Choose date/time
3. Click Go
4. Click Finish

If you encounter any problems using [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) please notify the school office,

8574 4500 or email: office@shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au or office2@shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au

When you click **finish**, your meeting time will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your meeting - until bookings close.
Child’s Name:

Dear Parents and Carers,
This form helps the school focus the learning for your child at the beginning of the year. It also assists us in the prioritising the supports we can offer families throughout the year e.g. parent information sessions. Please return this form by Monday 8 February to your child’s class teacher. The information on this form will guide the discussion with your child’s teacher at the Parent Teacher Information Sharing Meeting in the next few weeks. Thanks for taking the time to fill in this form.
Regards
Brian Martin
Principal

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<th>Write the names of the people who live in your house and the relationship to your child.</th>
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What are your goals for your child this year? | What is your child’s homework routine? |

What are your child’s strengths? | What are your child’s out of school hours activities? |
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<th><strong>Any suggested ways we can assist your child?</strong></th>
<th><strong>What rules do you have relating to your child’s use of technology? E.g. internet, tv, computers, iPads</strong></th>
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<th><strong>What parent information session would you like to attend? E.g. literacy, numeracy, cyber safety, social skills, building resilience, religious education</strong></th>
<th><strong>In what capacity are you able to assist the school in running programs? E.g. sport, library, parent association, class helper, reading with children?</strong></th>
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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.

Regards

*Brian Martin*
WHO’S IN CHARGE?

Does your child hurt, intimidate or abuse you?  
Do you feel you are losing control? 
Want to learn how to handle conflict?

Reclaim respect and calm in your family!

The Who’s in Charge? group is an 8 week program for parents or carers of young people (8 to 17 years) who are out of control, violent or defiant. Emily & Karen from MYFS will be facilitating this program. The group aims to:

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child’s behaviour
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being
- Help you feel more in control and less stressed

Next program runs from 10am-12.30pm and starts on Tuesday 2nd Feb and finishes on 22nd March 2016. 
The program runs from Monash Youth & Family Services (MYFS) 
Clayton Community Centre 
Corner of Cooke St & Centre Rd, Clayton 
This program is FREE.

For enquiries or bookings call Emily or Karen at MYFS on 9518 3900. 
Limited places, bookings essential. More info on the topic of violence to parents at www.eddiegallagher.id.au
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