Prayer for Wisdom

Dear God,

You have given each one of us many gifts.

Please help us use them wisely
For the benefit of others
Send us Your Spirit
To help guide our decisions

Student Placement for 2017

Dear Parents,

Each year the School Consultative Committee, after consideration of all factors, sets about the task of determining what it believes to be the most appropriate structure for the following year given our enrolments, staffing, educational philosophy & work practices and most importantly the needs of the children.

Enrolments are anticipated to remain constant with approximately around 313 students for 2017.

Anticipated Student numbers for 2017

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Decisions regarding Class Placement of Students will soon be underway for next year. Please note that the school is well aware of the individual needs of each child and will consider these accordingly in class placement. Classes are re-grouped each year and students are mixed carefully taking into account a fair distribution of gender, academic ability, individual, social, emotional and behavioural needs and students who would benefit by being kept together or separated.

If parents have any concerns regarding the class placement of their child for next year these should be made in writing prior to Friday 28 October and addressed to the
Principal. It is not appropriate to approach teachers or any other staff member regarding these matters.

Concerns should only be made in exceptional circumstances and not on an annual basis. Parents must provide sound educational reasons to support their concerns. While concerns will be seriously considered, they may not be able to be granted. **Personal requests for specific teachers will not be considered.**

There is a long, arduous, professional, non-emotive process to make this selection so as to ensure the best learning environment for each child. Your child will be placed in the class that the teachers determine is the best for your child’s academic and social emotional learning. Ultimately the final decision for placement of students rests with the principal.

If you are not intending for your child to return to the school next year, please advise the school as soon as possible as this will have an impact on classes and grouping of students for next year.

Parents will be advised of classes for next year with their child's report, which will be available on Monday 12 December. An orientation morning for next year's classes will also be held on Tuesday 13 December from 9:00am to 11:00am. Once announced, classes for next year are final.

Regards,
Brian Martin
*Principal*

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**Congratulations to Peg Riley (Bursar at Sacred Heart for 13 years) on her Retirement**

*We wish to acknowledge and express our appreciation to Peg for her long-term service to our school community and to Catholic Education overall – 23 years in financial administration. We pray that the future is filled with many great times to cherish with her family and friends.*

*Our very best wishes and good luck to Peg from Sacred Heart Staff, Parents and Students*

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Please see following pages:
Sacred Heart Calendar
Parent Teacher Meetings
Math News
It’s not ok to be away nor to be late to school – Michael Grose
Chess Kids,
Playgroup, Heart Coffee Shop,
Creative Music Lessons
Parenting Adolescents – City of Monash
Clayton Piranhas Swimming Club, Milo Cricket, Football Star Academy
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. 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

School Closure Day
Closure day 4 will be on Monday 31 October (Melbourne Cup Eve)
Please register your interest with Camp Australia if care is required (this service will be offered depending on numbers).

Sacred Heart Community Calendar
Fri 7 Oct 2016
Swimming 1/2
Newsletter Released
PA Disco
7:15pm - 8:45pm PA Google Training time
Mon 10 Oct 2016
Swimming 1/2
Tue 11 Oct 2016
Swimming 1/2
School Banking
Wed 12 Oct 2016
Swimming 1/2
2pm - 8pm Parent Teacher Meeting
Thu 13 Oct 2016
Swimming 1/2
3:45pm - 6pm Parent Teacher Meeting
7:15pm - PA Meeting
Fri 14 Oct 2016
Swimming 1/2
Mon 17 Oct 2016
2:30pm - 3pm Assembly - 1/2LR
Tue 18 Oct 2016
School Banking
Wed 19 Oct 2016
7pm - Parish Council
Fri 21 Oct 2016
Newsletter Released
Sat 22 Oct 2016
PA Father Son Camp
Sun 23 Oct 2016
PA Father Son Camp
Tue 25 Oct 2016
School Banking
Fri 28 Oct 2016
Day for Daniel
World Teachers’ Day
Mon 31 Oct 2016
School Closure Day
Tue 1 Nov 2016
Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Wed 2 Nov 2016
Foundation Parent Night 2017
Fri 4 Nov 2016
Newsletter Released
Tue 8 Nov 2016
9am - 11am Foundation Orientation 1/5
School Banking
11:30am - 1:30pm Foundation Orientation 2/5
Wed 9 Nov 2016
Dental Van At School
Thu 10 Nov 2016
Dental Van At School
Fri 11 Nov 2016
Dental Van At School
Remembrance Day
2:30pm - Sacred Heart’s Got Talent Grand Final
Mon 14 Nov 2016
2:30pm - 3pm Assembly - Prep / JF
Tue 15 Nov 2016
School Banking
Thu 17 Nov 2016
9am - 11am Foundation Orientation 3/5
11:30am - 1:30pm Foundation Orientation 4/5
Fri 18 Nov 2016
Newsletter Released
Sun 20 Nov 2016
Foundation Mass
Tue 22 Nov 2016
PA Subway lunch
School Banking
Thu 24 Nov 2016
7:15pm - PA meeting
Fri 25 Nov 2016
Red assessment folders out
Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 12th October 2.00pm to 8.00pm
Thursday 13th October 3.45pm to 6.00pm

Mrs Pogany ONLY Wednesday 19th October 3:45 – 8:00pm
Thursday 20th October 3:45 - 6:00pm

Parent Teacher 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

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

A link is available on the school website

Bookings for these meetings will open at 5:00pm on Friday 7th October. 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 12th October.

Please read the instructions to access the school interviews website.

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter this school event code.

Then follow the steps.

Parents...

Event code
2hnzb

Enter your details
Choose date/time
Click Go
Click Finish

If you encounter any problems using www.schoolinterviews.com.au please notify the school office, 8574 4500 or email: office@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 at any time, and change your meeting - until bookings close.
Congratulations to all of the students who took part in the Australian Mathematics Competition on 28th July, we now have the results. Students will be presented with their certificates at the next assembly.

The following ten students achieved a Distinction. This means that they were among the top 10% of students in their year level who took part in the competition.

Leon Zang
Daniel Jiang
Isuru Vidyananda
Isabelle Mikhael
Xavier Pretti
Diya Anoop
Clara Jang
James Mikhael
Lukas Avila-Escobar
Annie Zang

Five students were awarded Credit certificates:
Grace Thomas, Annabel Pereira, Francesca Poi, Rahul Surendran, Aaradyha Pruthi

The following students were awarded Proficiency or Participation certificates:
Amelie Gunawardana, Aisha Whitwell, Akeesha Fernando, Elaria Atluri, Kristina Randall.

Well done to each and every one of these students for having a go at this national competition.

How well did you go with the AMC problems that were in Newsletter No 16?

Moira Luzan
When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time. It sounds simple, but it’s true. The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success. Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment. When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it’s often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned. It’s hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children. That adds up to a year’s lost schooling over the school-life of a child. In today’s highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That’s not a reason to be away! It’s now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling’s birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event. This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don’t really value learning or their children’s school experiences. Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either - missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It takes strong parenting ... As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as “It’s not fair that I have to go school today because Aunty is coming to visit!” Nice try. But the answer should be “No!” As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day. Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm. It’s reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

AS A PARENT:
✔ Commit to sending kids to school every day.
✔ Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time.
✔ Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence.
✔ Consider catching-up on missed work.
✔ Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom – that is where ill kids should be.
On Friday the 28th of October Sacred Heart will be celebrating Day for Daniel. Day for Daniel is an initiative from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. The focus of this day is to educate students about keeping safe through child safety and protection activities and lessons targeted to each year level. It aims to help empower the children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right. We encourage students to wear a splash of red on this day.
For further information regarding this day: http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/

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Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.
There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.
2016 Melbourne weekend dates : 11-13 Nov
Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.
Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website:www.wwme.org.au

DE LA SALLE COLLEGE

YEAR 7, 2018 INFORMATION NIGHT

De La Salle College provides a Catholic education in the Lasallian tradition for boys in Years 4-12. Join us for our Year 7, 2018 Information Night:
WHEN: Wednesday 12 October 2016, from 7:30pm
WHERE: College Gymnasium – Tiverton Campus, 1318 High Street Malvern

Whether you are considering applying at De La Salle or have already submitted an application, this session will provide you with important details about the enrolment process and what your son/s can expect in Year 7, 2018 at our College. You will also learn more about our personalised learning pathways, ICT program and transition process.

De La Salle is a non-zoned school.
Bookings are essential. Students are encouraged to attend.
Book your place at www.trybooking.com/230219
Dear Parents,

Playing chess in school helps students achieve many learning outcomes faster and more effectively. Put simply, chess makes kids smarter.

Not only is chess fun and exciting it develops skills such as; solving, forward planning, lateral, logical and sequential thinking as memory, visualization and verbalization. These cognitive skills are developed in a highly engaging environment. Learning while playing! Chess also provides an opportunity for all children to develop self-confidence, decision making skills, resilience and a sense of responsibility for their own destiny.

We are pleased to be able to offer lunchtime chess club at Sacred Heart for students in Years 3-6 where we look forward to sharing the strategies, tactics and checkmates to all interested students.

Outcomes of a Chess Kids Program
- Build Mental Muscles™ !
- Improve current chess playing ability
- Tactical & Strategic thinking
- Imagine the chess board without seeing it (Visualisation)
- Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking

Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they have time to put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way.

FAQ’s
Q: What if I have more enquiries?  A: Phone Chess Kids at 1300 424 377

Expression of Interest
My child would like to be part of the Lunchtime Chess Club at Sacred Heart. The total cost is $40 for 6 sessions. Classes commence FRIDAY 21st October and the final session will be FRIDAY 25th November 2016

Child’s Name: __________________________ Grade: __________

Please return this form with money to the school office by FRIDAY 14th October Thank you. MISS C O’GRADY
Dear Parents,
I am pleased to announce playgroup is at 2pm on Friday afternoons in the school hall / the Heart. If you would like more information please contact Sherilyn Mangalino on qt_she@yahoo.com or 0411 137 509, or drop by on a Friday afternoon. At this stage playgroup is only available to siblings of children already in the school.

Regards
Brian
Yr 7 Enrolment for 2018 and 2019
Please find information below regarding enrolment at Catholic Secondary Colleges in our area. Timing of the Year 7 2019 enrolment process has changed in line with Catholic Education Melbourne guidelines. The new process will result in Catholic secondary colleges offering places for Year 7 enrolment in Terms 3 and 4 for Year 5 students. Some schools have changed their enrolment processes earlier, and you must apply for 2018 enrolment while your child is in Grade 5.

Most secondary schools now have information on their websites regarding open days and enrolments. Please check the website of your chosen secondary school.

Other secondary colleges may have different dates in this transition period. Please confirm directly with any other colleges for their dates.

The Parish of Sacred Heart School is a priority Parish to the following three Catholic Colleges

Salesian College
Bosco Campus
10 Bosco St
Chadstone 3148
Ph: 9807 2644
salesian.vic.edu.au

Sacred Heart Girls' College
113 Warrigal Road
Hughesdale Vic 3166
Ph: 9568 5488
www.shgc.vic.edu.au

Enrolments for Salesian and Sacred Heart Girls’ Colleges

Year 7 2018
Applications Close Friday 17 February 2017
Letters of offer Mailed 27 April 2017
Final Day to Accept Offer 11 May 2017

Year 7 2019
Applications Close Friday 25 August 2017
Letters of offer Mailed 13 October 2017
Final Day to Accept Offer 27 October 2017

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Bentleigh
111 Jasper Road
Bentleigh VIC 3204
Ph: 8520 9200
www.olsh.vic.edu.au

Enrolments for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Bentleigh

Year 7 2018
Applications Close Friday 16 September 2016
Letters of offer Mailed Friday 14 October 2016
Final Day to Accept Offer Friday 28 October 2016

Year 7 2019
Applications Close Friday 25 August 2017
Letters of offer Mailed 13 October 2017
Final Day to Accept Offer 27 October 2017
Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, violin, here at Sacred Heart Primary School, Oakleigh.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4, 2016.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333 or email samantha@creativemusic.com.au

Creative Music

www.creativemusic.com.au
PARENTING
ADOLESCENTS
10 - 15 YEARS

Parenting Adolescents is a program for parents of young people aged 10 - 15 years of age. Over 6 weeks the program will cover a number of topics including:
- Understanding adolescent development
- Setting boundaries & limits
- Consequences
- Strategies to deal with adolescent behaviours
- Respectful communication
- Problem solving
- Anger
- Self care

In addition to these topic areas, the program will give parents the opportunity to share their experiences and learn from each other.

When:
Starts 20th October and finishes 24th November 2016

Time:
Thursdays 7pm - 9.30pm

Where:
Clayton Community Centre
9 - 15 Cooke St
Clayton

There is no fee but bookings are essential as places are limited. To book call Libby or Emily at MYFS on 9518 3900

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Clayton Piranhas Swimming Club

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New Members welcome!!!

RACE NIGHT: Come & join us for a night of fun & fitness.
To participate, all you need to be able to swim is 25 metres freestyle.

Where: Clayton Aquatics & Health Club, Cooke St Clayton

When: Friday 11 November 2016.

Registration at 6.45pm. Races from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

For further information: Colin Maguire 0401 489 042
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