PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

FEBRUARY  
Tuesday 17th  Shrove Tuesday
Friday 20th  Uniform Shop

MARCH  
Friday 6th  Uniform Shop
Sun 8th or Mon 9th  Annual Golf Day
Saturday 14th  Mother/Daughter Camp
Monday 16th  PA meeting 7pm (Green Room School Hall)
Friday 20th  Uniform Shop
Tuesday 24th  Subway Lunch
Wednesday 25th  COHR Combined Parish Day
Fri 27th  last day of term 1 PA BBQ for all children

Message from your PA

Hello and welcome to 2015! Your new committee welcomes you back to our school – or for our foundation and new families to the school we welcome you to our community.

Your committee for 2015 is myself (Josie) as President, Nicky Predl as our vice-president (and editor of the newsletter), Allison Thaddeus as our secretary and Bianca Taylor as our Treasurer. We are all looking forward to the coming year and bringing to you some wonderful events to share with your children and our school families.

Thank you to all the parents who turned up to the first meeting of the year. It’s great to know we have your support. If you are a parent/carer of a child at Sacred Heart you are automatically a member of the Parent’s Association. The next meeting is on Monday 16th March at 7pm in the Green Room in the school hall, all are welcome.

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I have to say we have hit the ground running! We started on the first Friday of the term with a morning tea to welcome our foundation families on their child’s first day. It was a lovely opportunity to meet some new faces, and I certainly enjoyed talking to you all. Thanks to Tania Little and Tess Milner for assisting me. I hope over the course of the term our junior school families take the opportunity to welcome the foundation families and assist them to settle in as we move forward in our school year.

As you can see further on in the newsletter we have a range of activities coming up, our annual Ted Teal/Sacred Heart Golf Day followed by Mother Daughter camp, Subway Lunch and our joint parish day with COHR. We also have our footy tipping competition on the horizon, I believe round 1 is April 2nd (ask your boys, they will confirm dates) so keep an eye out for information on that coming soon. And that is just term one!

We are also looking for volunteers to be classroom coordinators, please see the end of the newsletter for a description of the role and return the slip to the office if you would like to take on this important role. We like to have more than one coordinator so don’t be shy, or think that someone else will do it! Sharing is a great way to meet new people!

Very soon we will be sending out information for our cake raffle. If any of you can help us with the banking of the cake raffle money, please contact us and we will have a chat with you about what is required (very easy!)

New families, I know this is all a little overwhelming with the information overload in the first few weeks of school, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding anything in our newsletter that you are unsure of! The PA is here to provide a link between the school and the families and promote our community. I look forward to our journey ahead in 2015.

Josie
President

∞ Upcoming events ∞

Mother Daughter Camp

This event is getting closer. This year the Mother Daughter Camp will be held in Mt Eliza from 14-15th March. Please get your forms in by 20th February to the office. This is a lovely event and a great bonding experience with your girls and other families in the school. If you are new to our school and have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our organisers. All ages are catered for and the program for the senior and junior school girls is tailored to suit different age groups. The staff at YMCA are on hand at all times to ensure a safe and fun environment is maintained for all. All meals are provided as well, and from experience it is always yummy! It would be lovely to see some new faces and foundation families too!

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**Golf Day**
This has been run for the last few years by Jim (and Joylene) Donovan. We now need a new volunteer to help us keep our our Sacred Heart cup running (formerly Ted Teal Cup) We would love to see someone with a knowledge of how a golf game runs to help us out (we’ll help with the social stuff so all one of you dads needs to do is play golf and encourage some others to do so with you....) Let us know on pa@shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au if you are able to help out! Thanks

**Bakers Delight**
Please mention our school number: 200 when buying from any of these locations 5% of all sales are donated back to the school.

**Aussie Farmers Direct**
When you shop with Aussie Farmers Direct we’ll give a healthy 2% of your annual total spend back to a registered school/sporting club/community group of your choice.
What this means...if 25 families join Aussie Farmers Direct your school/club/group could earn $750* per year.
(*Based on an average spend of $30 weekly).
If you are already shopping with AFD you can link to Sacred Heart Primary School and help us raise money towards pastoral care in our community.

**Pastoral Care**
Pastoral Care is offered to all families attending Sacred Heart Primary School. If you know of a family who need the support of our school for example a new baby in the family, loss of a loved one, illness, please let me know or email Jan Morice, Deputy Principal: jmorice@shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au or Brian Martin principal@shoakleigh.catholic.edu.au

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CLASSROOM COORDINATORS

We are looking for classroom coordinators for all classes. We require two for each class, (one for each level – i.e., Grade 1/2, One Grade 1 parent and One Grade 2 parent).

Prep Parents – we need you for PMP, Literacy, Excursions, so it would be fabulous if we could get two parents as coordinators for each class.

If you are interested, please complete the tear off slip and return with your child to school ASAP. Details of the role are on the next page.

Thanks. Josie

Yes, I’m interested in becoming a classroom coordinator in Grade

(insert level and classroom)

Name:

Contact details: Phone:

Email:

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Classroom Coordinators

REASON/RATIONALE:
- To provide a link between class teacher and parents of that class, particularly for the organisation and co-ordination of class and school social activities as well as class activities
- To provide a more personal means of welcoming new families and teachers to our school
- To bring to the attention of the class teacher and principal any families who need extra support and care
- To build community by increasing channels of communication between class teacher and parents and between parents and families of children in the class and across the class year level.

TASKS:
Communication:
- Circulate and disseminate information regarding special and social activities.
- Encourage parents to participate in classroom support rosters so the responsibilities are shared.
- Direct parent’s queries to the appropriate personnel when there is cause for concern over an issue. This should be first discussed with the teacher. If need be, the principal should be approached.
- Distribute list of names of all children in class and their parents with contact details who have given permission

Parent/Teacher Input
- Maintain regular contact with the class teachers about matters that would improve school life for all concerned – teachers, parents, children

Pastoral Care
- Pastoral care for families and teachers is a large role in conjunction with the School Pastoral Care Co-ordinators
- A family experiencing illness, birth of a new baby or death in the family may receive a meal, transport of children to and from school, short term childcare, or simply a visit or a card.
- If you are aware of a family in need, or experiencing any difficulty, it is important to let the teacher/Pastoral Care Co-ordinators know

Welcoming
- Promote functions organised by the school and on these occasions to welcome people especially those less known to our community
- Organise class gatherings for parents and sometimes families to promote a stronger and supportive class and school community

Meetings:
- Meetings will be held once per term with the PA executive or representative to outline the role and discuss tasks that have been done and further tasks required

Discretion and Confidentiality
- These are a must for all co-ordinators both inside and outside of meetings

APPOINTMENT:
- A notice will go out first week of term for parents to register an interest. After week 4, if no offers of interest are received, the classroom teacher my approach or recommend parents regarding the position.
- The appointment is best shared, and is usually for the term of the year. If you are unable to complete the year, a replacement should be sought.

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