Final Dates for 2015
Friday 16th December – End of year sausage sizzle

Early Reminders for 2016
Tues 9th Feb (Shrove Tuesday) – Pancakes
Friday, 29th January – New Foundation parents morning tea
19th/20th March – Mother Daughter Camp
Wed 23rd March - BBQ and combined parish day with COHR

PA Update
The PA AGM was held on Monday 30th November. In this meeting, we said a fond farewell to our president Josie Broad, who will be leaving the school as her youngest is starting high school. Allison Thaddeus has also stepped down from her position as Secretary, and we thank her for her efforts in this role that she has held for the last 2 years. Bianca Taylor has agreed to stay on as Treasurer, and Maria Raucci was elected unanimously as Secretary. We thank both Maria and Bianca for their contribution.

We say a fond farewell to many of our grade six families, and special mention was made to Joylene Donovan who has taken on numerous roles and run so many events over the last 9 years at Sacred Heart. We thank her for her hard work and commitment to our wonderful school.

The role of President and Vice President remain vacant, along with a new role of Classroom Co-Ordinator Liaison. This role is designed to reduce the workload of the president by carving out some of the work of liaising with the class co-ordinators. All three vacant roles are provided with significant support from the school (in particular Mrs Morice), and we are excited and hopeful that we will have some new parents (particularly from the outgoing foundation/year 1 families) to bring some fresh ideas to our new team in 2016.

It has been said that the PA at our school is one of the strongest and most community-focused seen, and we need to work together to ensure that it continues!
There have been so many people who have worked so hard for our children to have an extra special experience at school – with Mother/Daughter and Father/Son Camps, Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls and raffles, Movie Nights, Subway, Cake Raffles, Uniform Shop and the list goes on. You are very much appreciated.

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As a prep mum myself in 2015, I will be asking my fellow foundation parents to assist with hosting a morning tea on Friday, 29th January the 2016 foundation parents. This is a “pay it back” moment for current foundation parents. Many of you will remember the emotions of your child’s first day of school this year. I need some helpers to be around, serve tea and coffee, and make some treats. Please contact me on 0413 994 788 if you can assist.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and happy New Year in 2016.

Nicky Predl
Current Vice President

Message From Your Outgoing President
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you in our broader school community for your support and assistance over the last two years. While I am leaving as we are finishing at SHPS, it is also time for a new person to take over, having a fresh perspective every two years is good for our Parents Association and vital to help it to continue to grow and meet the needs of our ever changing school community. I would like to say a huge thankyou to the efforts of the whole PA Executive team, Allison, Nicky and Bianca over the last two years, we are after all a team, and we achieve so much more when working collaboratively in a team. I also have a huge thanks to the staff at the school, without the unfailing back up from Mr Martin, Mrs Morice, Carmel, Marion and the rest of the staff we would not achieve any of our objectives. As for everyone else who has helped out over the last two years, I thank you all!

I urge you all to have a think and chat with a friend about the future of the PA. It is not a job you need to do on your own, working with a co-president is certainly just as rewarding, and not without precedent, we have done it before. It would be a shame to see more events cancelled next year due to a lack of volunteers.
I wish you all the very best for the coming Christmas Season, cherish the time with your families and friends and may the peace and love of God be with you all,

Josie

Subway Lunches
Kate Borg has run the Subway lunches throughout 2015 and we thank her for her efforts. In 2016, these will be run by Bianca Taylor and Maria Raucci.

Shrove Tuesday – help please!
Shrove Tuesday falls during the second full week of Term 1. It is therefore imperative that we get the message out early to families. We usually have plenty of pancake helper parents on the day, however we need a co-ordinator of this event. Mrs Morice will liaise with the new co-ordinator in regards to set up and organizing the students on the day. This is a very easy task, just to ensure that the morning runs smoothly, helpers know what they need to do, and that the kitchen is left clean and tidy. Without a co-ordinator, we will not be able run this event.

Mother/Daughter Camp
Stav Katavolos has kindly volunteered to organise this event. This year we will be going somewhere different – Lake Dewar Lodge in Myrniong (just past Werribee Gorge State Park) on the weekend of 19th – 20th March. More details will follow next year. If you are interested in attending, please email an expression of interest to stavroula.katavolos@hotmail.com

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