



# Sacred Heart School

## Weekly Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8

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## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

This Sunday marks the beginning of a new liturgical year in the Church calendar and the commencement of the Season of Advent. Advent is a period of four weeks in which we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Messiah at Christmas. The Kindergarten students have reflected on this time of waiting. The students have been reflecting on the signs, symbols and rituals associated with the Advent Season. They explored the meaning and significance of the Advent wreath and what each of the 4 candles represents:

1. **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** - we can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us.
2. **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or CANDLE OF PREPARATION** - God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready" to welcome God.
3. **THE SHEPHERDS CANDLE or CANDLE OF JOY** - The shepherds heard of the birth of Jesus and went to Bethlehem to see the promised Saviour. They then shared the Good News with others.
4. **THE ANGELS CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** - The angles announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us!



## Honour Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received an Honour Award for Excellence

Kindergarten: Marita Ishak & Maya Farquarson

Year 1: Jeremiah Joseph

Year 2: Joshua Sassine

Year 3: Vivien Wong

Year 4: Arya Chavan

Year 5: Suzana Menassa

Year 6: Shanice Seaib

This week the children will focus on the value of Confidence.

### CONGRATULATIONS MISS HARB

Yesterday Miss Harb was appointed Principal of Sacred Heart 2015. Miss Harb is an outstanding teacher and leader with a clear vision for continuing to improve student learning and build a strong Catholic community.

My sincere congratulations to Miss Harb



### CONGRATULATIONS MRS YANZ

Yesterday Mrs Yanz was appointed Acting Assistant Principal for 2015. Mrs Yanz has held many leadership roles at Sacred Heart. Mrs Yanz is an outstanding teacher and leader and will continue to work with our students, teachers and families to ensure Sacred Heart continues to grow in excellence.

Congratulations to Mrs Yanz!



### Kindergarten Transition Program 2015

Yesterday was our last transition session for our soon to be Kindergarten children. While the children were enjoying fun activities in the classroom, our parents were enjoying a cuppa and a chat in the hall. During the hour parents were also invited to participate in workshops focusing on guided reading, writing and maths. The children left with big smiles and excitement for when they return next year to big school.

### Sacred Heart Parents Dinner

A note went out today from the P & F inviting our families to a Christmas Dinner. This is a wonderful initiative for parents to get together for a social. Please complete the form and return it to the school office. We will be happy to pass the information to our P & F executive.

### Christmas Concert & Disco

Our Christmas concert will be held next Wednesday 3rd December. A note will be sent home outlining suggestions for what children may like to wear for their item. Following the Carols, the children are invited to stay and celebrate a fantastic year of learning with an end of school disco. The disco will conclude at 8:00pm. We ask parents to stay during this event as parents will be responsible for their children on the night.

### Lost Property Explosion

Parents please check that your child has their jumper or jacket. We have an overflowing basket of lost property in the office. If jumpers are not claimed by the end of term they will be donated to the second hand shop.

### School Fees

As an institution built of gospel values, the school is here to assist all families with many different issues. If you are experiencing difficulty with your school fees, please contact the office and speak with either Mrs Ward, our Senior Finance Officer or myself. All matters relating to school fees are very private and are handled with respect and compassion.

### Canteen Roster

#### Week 9

Monday	1st December	Irene Kaleda
Tuesday	2nd December	-
Wednesday	3rd December	Layla Frim Dianne Bejjani
Thursday	4th December	Kathy Elia Shobha Jambagi
Friday	5th December	Rita Frim

## Leaving Sacred Heart?

If you intend to leave Sacred Heart at the end of the year, we ask you to inform the school in writing as soon as possible. Please include in your letter, the school you have enrolled your child in. This is only for children leaving from K-5. For your information, parents are required to give the school at least a term's notice in agreement with the policy signed when the child was initially enrolled.

We thank parents for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

## Spell-a-thon

An enormous thank you to the families who have supported our Spellathon fundraiser. As always the spirit of working together as a faith community is alive at Sacred Heart.

Many families have already sent in their pledges to the office. I ask that the all pledges be returned to the office by the end of next week. Once all monies are returned we will organise raffle tickets for all children who raised \$50 or more who are eligible for entry into our bonus prize raffle. I sincerely wish to thank the children for the effort and energy that has gone into learning their words and finding sponsorship. Well done to all.

## Visiting Cabrini Nursing home to Spread the Christmas Message

Our Stage 3 students will visit Cabrini Nursing Home on Tuesday 2nd December as part of our outreach program to spread the Christmas message of love and hope to our community. Our children will perform many Christmas hymns and songs while they visit and have an opportunity to talk to the residents.



## Major Work Happening at Sacred Heart

Last week we had several trees removed and pruning of all trees around the school and church.

This week we have commenced major plumbing changes at the back of the school. As you are aware, during severe storms and heavy rain, the Stage 2 and staff areas have flooded. Work in the past has been completed to try and solve the problem with great success, however in extreme weather the buildings still experiences water damage. I wish to thank the Catholic Education Office for persevering with our issues and continuing to find the solution to ensure we all stay dry.

## Dates for your Diary

### Week 9

3rd December	Wednesday	Christmas Concert - 6.00pm-8.00pm
5th December	Friday	Kindergarten Assembly
5th December	Friday	Pursuit of Excellence Presentation

### Week 10

10th December	Wednesday	Graduation Mass - 7.00pm
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### Week 11

16th December	Tuesday	End of Year Mass Morning tea for parents
17th December	Wednesday	Year 6 Fun Day
<b>17th December</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Last Day of term for Students</b>
<b>18th December</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
<b>19th December</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>





On Friday the 21st of November Year 6 created fun activities for the other students in the school, to participate in. We did this to raise money for the end of year gift from Year 6 to the school.

Overall the Year 6 raised \$1043.40.

We thank all the Year 6 parents helping us to make the Fundraiser Day successful. We also thank the teachers for helping us organise the day, and the Year 5 students for supporting and lending a hand with the activities.

