From the Principal:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Sacred Heart School in this very special year of our Centenary! A very warm welcome to our new Prep students and their families – I’m sure you will always remember the special Centenary year that you began your school journey! Our first six months will hold two very important events to commemorate our Centenary – our **Centenary Fair on Sunday, 22\(^{nd}\) March** and our **Centenary Mass and School Opening on Sunday, 14\(^{th}\) June**. Please make a note of these very important dates!

Yes…… it’s happening again – our very popular **Fruit Drive**, organized by the Nevrous family. They go on a yearly trek to collect fruit from their relatives in Shepparton and then sell the wonderful, fresh produce of apples, pears and peaches to our school community as a fund raiser for our school. Please refer to the attached order form and place your order quickly, as this will all be happening in the next couple of weeks!! Thank you, again, to Sue, Leon, Adam and Rick Nevrous who work so hard to make this happen.

In order to maintain **student safety**, I am including some reminders in this newsletter that will help to improve student safety, as well as assisting every child to feel comfortable at school and ready to engage in their learning.

- Please make sure your child is at school by 8.45 to begin the day with their classmates and be organized for the day ahead;
- The yard is supervised from 8.30am – please be aware of this and try not to drop your child off before this time;
- After school, the students are encouraged to wait in the under-cover area near the office to be collected. Ball games are not to be played at this time, as it is quite busy and staff are trying to ensure that each child leaves the school safely
- We are very fortunate to have a lovely playground area and any parent who arrives early to collect their child is welcome to accompany their toddlers to the play areas. I ask that everyone moves off the playground when the bell rings, as some students become confused about whether they can play there. The teacher on supervision can have a very difficult time trying to find students who are playing at the other end of the yard.
- On a final note, I have noticed some parents have started parking in the Church drive-way again while waiting to collect their children. This area provides access for emergency vehicles and parents are NOT ALLOWED to park there. Please arrange a place to collect your child further down Clifton Grove – thank you for your consideration!

As I mentioned in the final newsletter last year, we have very few changes of staff this year, but there are changes of teaching levels throughout the school. I am re-printing the Staff List, with any updates included.
Sacred Heart Staff - 2015

Year P/1B: Belinda Lucchesi (Learning and Teaching Leader)
Year P/1M Marie Petrie (Visual Arts Co-ordinator)
Year 2VM: Violet Holcombe/Ann O’Brien (Friday)
Year 3/4D: Denise Esposito (ICT Coordinator/OHS Staff Representative)
Year 3/4T: Tanya Borg
Year 5/6JA: Jenny Del Prete and Amanda Mastroianni
Year 5/6: Marty Fitzpatrick

Library/Special Needs/Student Learning Support: Liz Yandell
Reading Recovery: Claudia Raiola
Italian (LOTE): Luisa Lana (Wednesday/Thursday)
Music: Kate Harris (Wednesday)
Learning Support Officers: Francesca Greco-Maccarone/Gabby Agosta
Admin Officers: Maria Rontani/Gerry Mitchell
Deputy Principal/Literacy Leader/ Numeracy Leader/OHS Officer: Maria Barnes
Principal: Pamela Hallett

In the next newsletter, I will outline the programs and extra responsibilities that some of the staff will be involved in.

Wishing everyone a wonderful term ahead.

Pamela Hallett
(Principal)

Anaphylaxis Management at Sacred Heart School

Ministerial Order 706 states that all Victorian schools must have individual Management Plans for students who at risk of suffering anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. The most common allergens in school aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts (e.g. cashews), cow’s milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings and medication.

The key to prevention of anaphylaxis in schools is knowledge of those students who have been diagnosed at risk, awareness of triggers (allergens), and prevention of exposure to these triggers. Partnerships between schools and parents are important in ensuring that certain foods or items are kept away from the student while at school.

If your child has been diagnosed at risk of anaphylactic reactions, it is important that a 2015 Individual Management Plan is completed as soon as possible. Please contact Maria Barnes to discuss your child’s Individual Management Plan.

FEES & LEVIES 2015

ONE CHILD

Curriculum Fee x 1 $ 285.00
Tuition Fee $ 1140.00
School Development Fee $ 100.00

TWO CHILDREN

Curriculum Fee x 2 $ 570.00
Tuition Fees $ 1510.00
School Development Fee $ 100.00

Prep Testing

Notes will be given out this afternoon for times for the testing on one of the next four Wednesdays – please check your child’s bag for this letter.
Yuk Yum

The Yuk Yum initiative is a successful program that has been running for 3 years at Sacred Heart. The initiative is designed to change our student’s perception about food, as well as provide an opportunity to try something new and exciting.

The cooking sessions are held every week on Tuesday at 1:15pm and I will be there to assist you every step of the way. I encourage recipes that are quick and child friendly to encourage maximum student participation. After the cooking session, I will discuss with you the process of reimbursement for the ingredients. With your help, every student will have the opportunity to participate in the program twice within the year.

If you are willing to share your time with 14 students and teach them how to create a quick and healthy meal or snack, please provide your details below.

Thank you and happy cooking

Tanya Borg
3/4 Teacher

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**Yuk Yum Club**

Tuesday 1:15pm

Name:______________________________________________

Contact number:_____________________________________

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**Thinking about working in education?**

The Certificate III in Education Support will give you skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and students in a range of educational settings. This includes early childhood education as well as primary, secondary and special schools.

Our next Ed Support course is starting on February 9th (Mondays & Wednesdays 9:15-3:15pm, Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir). There is still time to enrol.

For more details ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: [www.prace.vic.edu.au](http://www.prace.vic.edu.au)

We have had some great employment outcomes with this course. Six students from our term 4 course are starting work at schools this term.

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**February Dates**

- **Friday, 31st January**: Year 1-6 students begin school
- **Monday, 2nd February**: Year Prep students begin school
- **Wednesday, 11th February**: School Board
- **Tuesday, 17th February**: Welcome Barbecue (Year Prep – Year 6 Families invited)
- **Wednesday, 18th February**: Ash Wednesday
- **Friday, 21st February**: Year 3/4 Sleepover at school
- **Tuesday, 24th February**: Parent/Teacher Information Exchange Meeting

**March Dates**

- **Monday, 9th March**: Labour Day Holiday (No school)
- **Tuesday, 10th March**: School Board
- **Friday, 13th March**: Year 6 Leaders Day
- **Sunday, 22nd March**: Sacred Heart Centenary Fair
- **Friday, 27th March**: Last day of term – school dismissal at 1pm
Extend OSHC at Sacred Heart Primary School

Here we go again with another year! I am excited to work with this beautiful group of children again. I also welcome new families and children to OSHC. Wishing everyone a great year ahead. Thanks. **Sadia**

**Remember- NO HAT-NO OUTDOOR PLAY AT OSHC**

**This week’s Activity**
**Monday 2nd February:**
Discussion & free play
**Tuesday 3rd February:**
Basketball & Pipe cleaner craft
**Wednesday 4th February**
Origami & Down ball
**Thursday 5th February:**
Paper craft & choice of outdoor game
**Friday 6th February:**
Cup Rocket

**New Families – Enrol in After School Care**

Enrol online – allow 24 hours
Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website.

Enrol now, pay later
The annual enrolment fee per family of $20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn't matter if you don't end up using the service, because you won’t be charged.

*Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!* 

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au