Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the two day Professional Learning next week, the newsletter is being sent home today. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the staff will be participating in Professional Learning consisting of Religious Education - Catholic Identity with Fr Elio Capra and Student Wellbeing with Tom Bruznell (Berry Street). We are also pleased that our Parish Priest, Fr Mike Knight, will be able to join us in our work on Catholic Identity. I know that parents are aware of the importance of their children's teachers being informed and knowledgeable about all aspects of education and also appreciate the extra arrangements that parents need to make to support the school at this time - thank you!

Next week we welcome Belinda back from her Leave - thank you to Ann and Jenny for teaching Year 3 /4B during this time. I was teaching the class yesterday afternoon and it was good to see that the students' learning had been both interesting and consistent. Several of the students also spoke about their latest Maths topic at the Year 3-6 Gathering yesterday.

The P&F have been working very hard to organize the upcoming Family Dinner Dance on 11th November from 6.30 onwards. This night was a great success last year, with the children (and some adults as well) being entertained by the Disco and everyone enjoying a lovely meal. It is not a fundraising function - it is simply an opportunity for the families in our school community to come together to enjoy a fun family night. The board is already displayed in the school foyer - please add your names to it and follow the ticket information on the flyer that we are re-sending today. It will be a great night and we would love every family to attend!

Just a reminder for families with a child beginning Prep in 2017 that our next Orientation Morning will be on Friday, 28th October from 9.15 - 11am. The parents will be expected to attend a meeting during this time that will be providing some great information to you regarding transition to school. Patrice Wiseman from Catholic Education melbourne will be our guest speaker.

I would like to start a section in the newsletter where we can share news about our families. Often I hear about special events or important news much later, after the event and I'm sure that some of you are in the same position. If you have something you would like to be shared with the community, please let us know - A new baby? A special celebration eg family arriving from overseas? A death in the family? A wedding? If you would like the school community to be made aware of your news, please let us know.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week ahead with lots more sunshine!

Pam Hallett
(Principal)
### Term 4 Dates

#### October
- **Monday, 17th & Tuesday, 18th October**
  - Staff PD - Pupil Free Days
- **Friday, 28th October**
  - Second Prep Orientation 9.15-11am
- **Monday, 31st October**
  - Report Writing Day for Staff

#### November
- **Tuesday, 1st November**
  - Melbourne Cup Holiday
- **Friday, 4th November**
  - Arts Show
- **Tuesday, 8th November**
  - School Board AGM - all parents welcome
- **Friday, 11th November**
  - Family Dinner Dance

#### December
- **Thursday, 1st December**
  - Carols Night
- **Monday, 5th December**
  - Prep 2017 Information Night
- **Wednesday, 7th December**
  - Parent Helpers Morning Tea
- **Friday, 9th December**
  - Prep-Year 6 Orientation Morning 9.15-11am
- **Wednesday, 14th December**
  - Year 6 Graduation
- **Thursday, 15th December**
  - Year 6 Fun Day
- **Friday, 16th December**
  - Final Day - 1pm Dismissal for students

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### Sacred Heart Family News

*Please keep the following members of our school community in your thoughts and prayers:*

- **Maria Rontani’s mother-in-law, Andreina, passed away peacefully on 19th September. I’m sure Maria’s husband, Roi and their family, would appreciate your prayers.**

- **Ben De Leo’s father passed away last week. Ben, Sandra, Ben’s wife and Elliana, his daughter, would also appreciate your support at this difficult time.**

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### Well Done!

A big congratulations go to Alysie Luong in Year 6 who, last week, participated in the Regional Finals in Athletics. She ran in the 100 metres after qualifying fastest runner through the District Athletics competition. Alysie enjoyed the experience of competing against other girls. Her mantra “Always keep a smile on your face, even in a bad situation” will obviously put her in good stead in the years ahead. Well done, Alysie, we are all very proud of you!

### eSmart Committee

In 2017, Sacred Heart PS will be starting up our eSmart Committee. This committee will include 2 parent representatives, students and Sacred Heart Staff. So if you are a parent who is interested in this area and willing to give up one hour, once a term, on a Friday morning, to meet with students and staff to discuss cybersafety initiatives for the school, then give me a call or send me an email. We are keen to have some parents involved in this important area of the students learning. ([desposito@shpreston.catholic.edu.au](mailto:desposito@shpreston.catholic.edu.au))
Year 2 Writing
The students in Year 2 have been learning to write persuasive texts. Here are a couple of examples of their writing. Their topic was “TV is better than Books”. Great work Year 2. Denise Esposito

I believe books are better than TV because they are better for your brain. Books teach you new words. Books are longer than TV and you don’t have to wait for it. Books let you read it over and over. Also books are fun to read. You can read anytime and you can also read it on the train. By Frederick.

In my opinion books are better than TV. Books are better because books give you more facts and you can have a picture in your head. On the TV you can’t go back but in a book you can reread it, if you don’t understand something. I believe that you should read lots of books. By Minh Khoi.

I believe that TV is better because we can watch our favourite shows.
TV is better as there are many channels that help you learn things such as cooking and you can watch your favourite channels like 99Go. TV is better because there are some channels that are movies. By Mandy

ICT News - Cybersafety
The Year 1s have been using an online program called ‘Hector’s World’ to learn how to be safe online, focusing on ‘Trusted Adults’ and ‘Keeping your personal details private’. As part of their learning the students have made posters about who are trusted adults. These posters will be displayed in the library, the Prep/One classrooms, as well as in the corridors on the ground floor. If you are in the school have a look at some of the posters that are displayed.

Reword It
Another tool the school is implementing to help prevent bullying/cyberbullying is a tool that is used with social media called ‘Reword It’. Reword It is a download that you can put on your computer or mobile device and should you type in, inappropriate words a red line will appear across the words, making you stop and think, are these words okay to send to someone. The Year 5/6 students will be learning how this tool works. Parents if you are interested in helping to stamp out bullying or want to learn more about it, then head to the website (link below) and download the tool.

www.reword.it/

Denise Esposito
ICT Co-ordinator
**PARKING AT PARADE COLLEGE**

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: be aware that parking at Parade College has now been individually allocated to STAFF ONLY from Sacred Heart Primary. **Parents are not permitted** to park in the Parade College car park at anytime. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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**INTERESTED IN WORKING IN CHILDCARE?**

Early Childhood Education and Care Courses begin in November.

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

Our Recap

We had a wonderful week making lots of crafts and doing science experiments. Children learned how to check their pulse, what blood cells do to our body and had more discussion as part of the Red 25 week. We also made the “WORLDS GREATEST BISCUITS” and they tasted extraordinary!!

Thank you.

Sadia Zahan
Extend OSCH

Dear parents & community,

LET'S RAISE 100 BLOOD DONATIONS!

Extend is coming together as a community with a goal to raise 100 blood donations by the end of October this year. To encourage everyone to get on board, Extend Director Mr Stevenson will complete one of three possible dares if we reach 100 blood donations! Visit darrendsare.com to watch our launch video and see further information.

We encourage all families to make an appointment TODAY!

Visit darrendsare.com for further info

Next week's Activities

Monday 17th October       PFD
Tuesday 18th October       PFD
Wednesday 19th October    Science: Magnetic force/
                           Basketball
Thursday 20th October      Gilbert the GECKO Visit/Crazy
                           Caterpillar  Catastrophe
Friday 21st October        Halloween Craft
                           Paper roll Bat & Mummies/
                           Tag game