From the Principal:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the families who ordered fruit from the Fruit Drive – today has been a big day of bagging and selling. Thank you to all those who assisted with this and a VERY big “thank you” to the Nevrous Family for travelling to Shepparton to help pick the fruit from the orchard – we appreciate all your hard work on the school’s behalf.

Our Welcome Barbecue is on tomorrow (Tuesday) night and we would love as many families as possible to join us on the night. If you can bring a salad or dessert, that would be appreciated. Sausages will be provided for each family.

This week is a busy one and another special day, when we actually begin our Lenten Season, is Ash Wednesday. I thought I would include some thoughts on this important Lenten Season from our Director, Stephen Elder, “…….an important time when we are called to reflect on our lives and how we can be more like Christ. Lent is a time for a stronger focus on prayer, a commitment to fasting, whatever form that takes, and a time for giving to others. It is a time for deeper reflection on how we can support and enrich the lives of the people around us and the strangers we meet.”

The Years 1-6 students will be celebrating Mass on Ash Wednesday with the students from Parade at the 9.10am Parish Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Everyone is welcome to join us for this Liturgy.

Last week, several notes were sent home from P&F regarding the Raffle and the Centenary Fair. These are our two major fundraisers for this year and we would encourage all of our families to try to sell their book of raffle tickets (there are more available if you need them). The profits from the raffle go directly into resources for the students at Sacred Heart, so any tickets you sell are helping your children to be learning in well-resourced classrooms. At the moment, the Centenary Fair Committee is working hard to build up a list of all parents who are available to help on the day – a letter was sent home on Friday about this. Remember that the success of the Fair depends on many helping out!

The Staff In Service Day for Term 1 will be held on Monday, 23rd March (the day after the Fair – a “sleep-in” for all the families who will be working at the fete). The teachers will be attending a Spirituality Day that will be focussing on the topic of what it means to be a Catholic today. Fr Elio Capra will be leading the staff through the day. As well as giving us time to reflect on this important topic in our Centenary year, this day will also set in place some discussion about the “Enhancing Catholic School Identity” that our school will be part of later in the year.
Another important note that was sent home last week was regarding the Parent/Teacher Information Exchange sessions in the afternoon and evening of next Tuesday, 24th February. As indicated in the note, if you have a child in Years Prep-Year 2, you will need to send back a time to meet with your child’s teacher. These sessions are important, as they provide an opportunity for you to meet the teacher and also discuss any issues that will assist with supporting your child at school. The Year 3-6 classes will be offering Information sessions (one in the afternoon which will then be repeated in the evening). These sessions will provide parents with an opportunity to see how the middle and senior areas of the school organize their learning. I look forward to seeing all the parents on this evening.

I wish all the Year 3/4s (and their teachers) a wonderful sleep-over next Friday. This is a great experience for the students and also helps them prepare for their Year 5/6 camps in the future. I thank the teachers in advance for all their preparation, as well as for giving up their Friday night to spend with their students!

On a final note, the P&F have asked if the students can have a special “Fancy Dress” Day next Friday, 27th February. The students can wear either casual clothes or dress up in a costume if they would like to. The only “cost” will be to bring a Family Size block of chocolate to school to donate to one of the Centenary Fair activities. So mums and dads, start looking for all those fairy/princess/spider man/superman outfits you have tucked away at home – this will be the day your child can once again become that special character!

Wising everyone a wonderful week ahead,

Pamela Hallett
(Principal)

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**Emailed Newsletters**

If families would like a copy of this school newsletter sent to them via email, please return the slip below with your details.

Thank you.

Gabby Agosta

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Please email the Sacred Heart School Newsletter to the email address below:-

**Family Name:**

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**Email Address:**

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Anaphylaxis Management at Sacred Heart School

Ministerial Order 706 states that all Victorian schools must have individual Management Plans for students who are 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.

Extend OSHC at Sacred Heart Primary School

Last week we mostly spent time inside & made some beautiful craft items. We also had a great finger puppet show presented by Dalton S, Jake C. & Andre K. Well done!

We have some great news - “Gilbert the Gecko” will be making an appearance at our after care on Monday 2nd March at 4pm. The Gecko will sing & dance with us. Thanks Sadia

Remember - NO HAT - NO OUTDOOR PLAY AT OSHC

This week’s Activity
Monday 16th February:
Mosaic art & Tennis
Tuesday 17th February:
Sculpture painting & badminton
Wednesday 18th February
Perler bead & Soccer at outdoor
Thursday 19th February:
Science experiment - Baking Soda & vinegar volcano
Friday 20th February:
Background painting

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