Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of our families and teaching staff at our recent “Welcome Barbecue” and a special “thank you” to everyone who helped on the night with setting up and cooking. It would be great to see as many people at our upcoming fete!! The Centenary Fair Committee is working very hard in the last couple of weeks leading up to the fete – please give them your support, whether it’s in helping on the day or sending along items for the fete. Please refer to the information included in this newsletter to find out how you can help this great celebration of our centenary. Thank you to those families who have been contributing both time and goods already to the fete – we appreciate every effort and know that we have been asking a lot of families lately, but please remember that all of your efforts will provide extra resources for your children’s education.

All families who are able to attend our “Welcome Mass” will need to join us at Sacred Heart Church at 9.10am this Friday, 6th March. The Prep to Year 6 classes will be attending this special Mass to celebrate the beginning of our Centenary Year.

Another exciting event was our recent Year 3/4 sleepover that was held at school – camping in tents in the school yard! The children enjoyed a great day of activities and I would like to thank Denise, Tanya, Marty and Evonne for all their preparation and the great care provided by them to ensure the students had both a safe and enjoyable sleepover! Read more about the sleepover later in the newsletter.

It was good to see so many families taking the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher or attend an information session at the Parent/Teacher Information Exchange last week. Again, I thank the teachers for being available to meet with all the parents at this time – it is a valuable sharing of information that will assist in informing both parents and teachers of your child’s educational and social-emotional needs.

Last Thursday and Friday saw some very unusual characters at our school – on Thursday the teachers were dressed as many different characters ranging from school girls to giraffes to Batman chasing an elusive thief! And all this to encourage our students to become involved in our “Dress-Up Day” on Friday. Many blocks of chocolate were donated to the Fair and the students had lots of fun dressing as their favourite characters. A very big “thank you” to everyone for really getting into the spirit of things!

On a more serious note, a few families received parking tickets last week, which is unfortunate and an unnecessary expense that families don’t need at any time. Clifton St is becoming more congested at the end of the school day and it is difficult to park close to the school, but our children’s safety must be the first priority at all times. Parking in restricted areas and also, double parking outside of school can restrict the viewing of traffic by both children and their parents. Please make an effort to arrive earlier and park further away – this will help alleviate some of the congestion in Clifton Grove in the afternoons. Thank you.
Tomorrow (Tuesday, 3rd March) there will be a whole school Assembly in the Multi-Purpose Room at 2.30pm. Everyone is invited and, if you are able to attend, you will see each class level discussing some aspect of their recent learning, as well as receive information about upcoming events.

Our 2015 staffing funding was recently confirmed and we are pleased to be able to offer Amanda Mastroianni another day teaching at Sacred Heart. Amanda is currently working in Year 5/6 each Thursday and will now be releasing Denise for her ICT role each Friday morning and also providing release for 2 teachers to co-ordinate Visual Arts and extra-curricular Sports Programs. I am very pleased that we will have Amanda here with us for two days this year – she has settled in well to our school and is a welcome addition to our community!

Congratulations to all the families involved with the recent Fruit Drive, particularly the Nevrous Family, and to all who bought the fruit. The P&F made a profit for the school of $2,400.00 which is fantastic and a wonderful, healthy way to raise money for our school! Sometimes parents may wonder what the fund-raising goes towards and one great example of how the P&F are supporting our students is an event they are sponsoring eleven of our Year 6 student leaders to attend on Friday, 13th March. It is a National Young Leaders’ Day run by the Halogen Foundation and held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. The speakers this year include Bindi Irwin (Wildlife and Conservation Advocate), Andy Griffiths (children’s author) and Jess Gallagher (Paralympian). We know the students will gain a lot of great ideas from the day and be motivated to both share and act on the knowledge and skills they will be learning about with other students in our school community.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable week ahead and only THREE weeks to go until our Centenary Fair!!

Pamela Hallett
(Principal)

**March Dates**

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Sacred Heart Centenary Fair News

**Book Stall:**

Rob needs books for the Book Stall at the Fair – any new or second hand books (not magazines) can be left on the trolley in the school office area. Thank you!

**Chinese Dumplings:**

We need another family or two to help make Chinese Dumplings on the day for one of the Food Stalls – contact Sue if you can help! Further information is below.

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**Call out to our Chinese Families at Sacred Heart - Request for Assistance on the Chinese Dumpling Stall at the Centenary Fair**

Sacred Heart School is proud to announce that there will be a Chinese Dumpling Stall at the Centenary Fair on Sunday 22nd March. Cassandra and Daniel Liu, one of our Prep families has offered to make dumplings and coordinate this stall at the fete. However, we are currently looking for one or two more Chinese families in our school community that could also make Chinese Dumplings (meat or vegetarian) and assist on this stall on the day. If you are able to assist, please contact Sue Nevrous, on sacredheartpandf@hotmail.com or call 0418 286 619.

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募集 Sacred Heart 校區的華人家庭 — 誠邀在一百周年校慶紀念集會中幫忙運營餃子攤位

Sacred Heart School 非常榮幸地宣佈在三月二十二日星期日的百年校慶集會中將會設立一個餃子攤位。Cassandra 和 Daniel Liu 是本校小學預備班學生的家長，他們願在這次遊樂會中做餃子和協調餃子攤位，但是我們目前仍需要另外一兩個家庭屆時來幫忙做（肉餡或菜陷）餃子和經營攤位。如果您願意幫忙，請與家長及朋友委員會 (Parents and Friends Committee) 的 Sue Nevrous 聯絡，您可發電子郵件至 sacredheartpandf@hotmail.com 或致電 0418 286 619。

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**Centenary Fair Flyers:**

All students will be arriving home today with a Centenary Fair flyer. We ask families to display these flyers on their front fence in a prominent position, to assist in promoting the fete. We are still looking for parents to help out on March 22nd at our Centenary Fair ~ remember ‘many hands make light work.’ Working together at the Fair is a wonderful way to build strong connections with our school community whilst raising money to support our children. Please contact Sue Nevrous or Ann Marie Beckett (Sacred Heart P & F) if you are able to assist at the Centenary Fair.

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**Pick a Box Stall:**

Bring a box of something to school (eg. Bandaids/tea-bags/chocolates/cards/pencils etc) so we can wrap it for the “Pick a Box” Stall. See the flyer.
Extend OSHC at Sacred Heart Primary School

At aftercare the children enjoyed painting and pearler beads mostly. They made some beautiful craft work with these iron on beads. At end of the week we also did some mask tape painting. The prep children seemed to like the idea and explored I further. Our vinegar & baking soda science experiment was also successful. Our younger group was fascinated by the reaction of the chemical. Please don’t forget that **“Gilbert the Gecko” will be making an appearance at our aftercare on**

Monday 2nd March at 4pm. Thanks Sadia

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

This week’s Activity

**Monday 2nd March:** Singing & Dancing with Gilbert the gecko
**Tuesday 3rd March:** Pearler bead & Tennis outdoors
**Wednesday 4th March:** 3D paper craft
**Thursday 5th March:** Masking Tape Painting & down ball
**Friday 6th March:** Making funny faces with fruits & fruit peel

**AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM COMING SOON**

Our team have been working hard on the Autumn Holiday Program and bookings will soon be open. We have heaps of fun activities planned that you won’t want to miss out on! Be sure to check our website for updates and watch this space...

**PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au**

**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 Education Support course is starting 24th April (Mondays & Wednesdays 9:15-3:15pm, Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir).

We have had some great employment outcomes with this course. Six students from our 2014 term 4 course have started work at schools this term.

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

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**VOLUNTEERS**

Dear Parents,

There are many ways to be involved in the school life of your child.

One way is volunteering time to assist in classrooms. I am keen to run some information sessions on helping out in the classrooms. There will be two sessions offered and these dates will be confirmed soon.

If you would like to help out in a classroom and are willing to attend this please complete the slip below and return to school. Please note, if you have already attended the Parent Helpers information sessions, you do not need to attend again.

Please complete the forms below indicating how you would like to help out.

**Thank You**  
**Maria Barnes**

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**VOLUNTEERS FOR helping in CLASSROOMS**

Name__________________________________________

Contact Phone Number_________________________

☐Yes I am able to help in a classroom ☐

☐No I am unable to help in a classroom ☐

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The Year 3/4s had another successful sleepover a couple of weekends ago. There was lots of cooking, thanks to Tanya and the students for cooking and preparing our afternoon tea and evening meal. Lots of talking, students working together to create clothing out of drinking straws, newspapers and sticky tape; Dreamtime stories by Colin Hunter, an elder from the Wurundjeri clan, who also showed us some aboriginal artifacts; as well as the late night stories in the tents. Another activity was the treasure hunt using compasses in our Orienteering Incursion. Toasting marshmallows over the open fire was also a highlight. A special thanks to Evonne and Marty for staying with us overnight and to Pam and Ann for helping on the day. Thank you to the families who loaned us their tents (Keogh family, Bueno family, De Leo Family) and to Mary Gellel and Natalie Baran for helping with breakfast. A great time was had by all.

Denise Esposito

At our 3\4 sleepover we had an orienteering session which was good fun. We played a game using cones, one for west another for south and so on. The teacher had to call out one of the directions and you had to run to the cone and whoever gets to the cone last goes out. The main part of our Orienteering session was the treasure hunt, it was great fun. We went into groups and we had a clip board with clues on them such as “stop sitting on the fence make up your mind” so you would probably go to the coloured fence in the sand pit. If you were right you would see a card with an item on it like a hot air balloon and you have to write down hot air balloon. You would go back to the white cone in the middle of the netball court and see what direction it was. I know the grade 3\4s had a great time.

By Emily B. 3/4D

At dinner time the Year 3/4 students ate lasagna, salad and garlic bread. We also had apple juice for breakfast with toast and butter. Other students had weetbix or rice bubbles.

By Andreas 3/4T

We had Colin Hunter come to our sleepover and teach us about Aboriginaels. He showed us boomerangs and weapons to catch food. He told us his connections to our school; his sister came to our school a long time ago. My favourite part was when he told us Dreamtime stories. He also gave us some gum leaves. We had lots of fun. Thanks Colin Hunter!

By Alexandra 3/4T

At the 3/4 sleepover the 3/4s watched a movie called Flubber. Flubber is about a scientist that creates epic inventions and one of his inventions was flubber. Flubber is a substance that is bouncy and is cool. But I don't want to tell you anything else because I do not want to spoil it for you. So you should watch it soon, it is great.

By Beulah 3/4T

This year the 3/4’s had the best sleepover. Last year we slept in the library, but this year we slept in tents. We roasted marshmallows and Marty burnt them charcoal black! When it was time to go to sleep the boys were chatting so loud we couldn’t fall asleep! We probably wouldn’t have fallen asleep if Marty had not told the boys to be quiet! While we were sleeping we had glow sticks, but some of the glow sticks started to leak all over the tents.

By Elliana 3/4T