Dear Parents and Carers,

We are one week away from our **Centenary Fair** and I must thank all the parents who have been working so hard to ensure we have a great day. If you haven’t volunteered to help on the day, you may be able to cook something for the cake stall (flyer was sent home on Friday) or even help with the setting up on Saturday. Please leave your name at the school office if you are able to assist in any way. We are looking forward to a great day – please read more information about the fete later in the newsletter.

Our **Welcome Mass** was held on 6\textsuperscript{th} March and it was pleasing to see so many parents able to attend. A special part of the Mass was when Fr Mike blessed the school captains’ badges and the Class Prayer candles that were then taken back to each class by their SRC rep. I believe we have a wonderful group of student leaders in our school this year and I look forward to seeing their involvement in the life of the school throughout the year. On Friday, our student leaders attended a **Young Leaders Day** at the Sports and Entertainment Centre and they have written about their experiences that are printed later in this newsletter.

On Tuesday, Jenny and I will be accompanying a group of Year 6 students to the annual **St Patrick’s Day Mass** at St Patrick’s Cathedral. This year, our school captains will be carrying our banner at the head of the procession and Olivia will be reading a special prayer. This is a special honour for our school due it being our Centenary. After the Mass, the students will be attending a special concert in the Treasury Gardens. We wish them a memorable day!

I have scanned a copy of the **Leader article** form last week about a current family who have had THREE generations of their family attend Sacred Heart since the 1960s. Andres Puteri is featured with his mother and grandmother – it is a lovely photo and article, so please read. Sacred Heart also advertised in the **Leader** last week – for our Centenary Fair, as well as the upcoming **School Tours for Prep 2016**. The first tour will take place in the last week of term, 9.30am on Tuesday, 24\textsuperscript{th} March and the second tour will be in early Term 2, Thursday, 23\textsuperscript{rd} April at 2.15. Please notify any family or friends who may be considering enrolling their child next year at Sacred Heart. They will need to contact the school office to book a time. If you currently have a child already enrolled at Sacred Heart and a child starting Prep next year, please contact the office so they can be included on the Prep list. Thank you.
As you are aware, the staff will be participating in a **Spirituality Day** next Monday (23rd March) and the school will be closed on that day.

As this is the last newsletter before the Term 1 holidays, I wish everyone a wonderful, safe break and a very happy and holy Easter.

See you at the Centenary Fair next Sunday!

Pamela Hallett  
(Principal)

**March Dates**

- **Friday, 20th March**  
  National Day of Action Against Bullying
- **Sunday, 22nd March**  
  Sacred Heart Centenary Fair
- **Monday, 23rd March**  
  In Service Day (Pupil-Free Day)
- **Friday, 27th March**  
  Last day of term – school dismissal at 1pm (Easter Prayer Service at 9am)

**April Dates**

- **Friday, 3rd April**  
  Good Friday
- **Sunday, 5th April**  
  Easter Sunday
- **Monday, 13th April**  
  Term 2 commences

**Fees and Levies**

Last week Fee Statements were sent home with the eldest child. All fees and charges have been included in your tax invoice for the 2015 year. However this does not mean that parents are required to pay the whole year up front.

There are a number of ways that these can be paid: - Monthly, or by the term either by direct debit (see office for a Direct Debit Request DDR) Eftpos, credit card, cheque or cash.

If you have any questions regarding payment of your account please see the office staff. Thank you.

**Parents & Friends News**

What a great response we’ve had in the lead-up to the Centenary Fair. This is a call for help for a donation of your time (e.g. 2 hour block) please.

We have the opportunity to sell raffle tickets outside Woolworths (in Murray Road, Preston) this Thursday and Friday (19th and 20th March), and I would like to fill the “roster” to ensure the table remains manned until pack up each day. It is a great opportunity to promote our Fete to shoppers and to sell many of the raffle tickets that unfortunately remain unsold (Raffle tickets are available from the school office).

We have some fantastic raffle prizes this year and it is vital that we maximize the sale of all 4000 tickets to at least cover the cost price of prizes.

If you are unavailable this Thursday or Friday but can sell tickets door-knocking etc. please collect extra books from the school office.

Please contact Sue from the Parents & Friends to let her know your availability. A cash float and tickets will be provided and I will help to make this great opportunity as easy for you as possible. You can also ask a friend to help you and keep you company to make it more fun.
Please complete the roster which follows and return to your child’s class teacher with your name.

Thursday 19th March 9-11 Name:__________________________

11-1 Name:__________________________________________

1-3 Name:___________________________________________

Friday 20th March 9-11 Name:__________________________

11-1 Name:__________________________________________

1-3 Name:___________________________________________

We also need your help to “man” some of the stalls at the Fete (more volunteers needed please) and to help pack up of ALL the shade marquees, tables, etc. which must be completed before dark – hire companies and other school require their equipment returned to them first thing the next day (Monday morning). Please consider either returning to school at 4pm or remaining at the close of the Fair to help out.

Sue Nevrous, Parents & Friends

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**Book Stall:**
Thank you to all those families who have been sending books to the school – have a look in those cupboards and bookshelves. More books would be appreciated! Please leave on the trolley in the office area.

**Wrist Bands:**
Good value at $20 prior to the Fair – some are still available at that price, but need to be purchased ASAP.

**Raffle Tickets:**
Please return all tickets to school (sold or unsold) before the end of the week. Raffle will be drawn on the day of the Fair. Sue has a message later in the newsletter regarding selling tickets at a local supermarket on Thursday and Friday this week.

**Volunteers:**
A very big “thank you” to all those parents who have volunteered to help, but more are needed – please contact the office or add your name to the rosters outside on the Parent Noticeboard

**Cakes:**
Cake donation information was sent home last Friday – don’t forget to send them to school on Friday or deliver straight to the Fair before 11am on Sunday.
Thank you!
Young Leaders Day – Melbourne Convention Centre – Friday, 13th March

Last Friday the student leaders of Sacred Heart attended the National Young Leaders day, held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Here’s a snapshot of what happened......

The first speaker was Bindi Irwin, who is the daughter of the famous crocodile hunter, Steve Irwin. She is really passionate about wildlife and caring for the world. She talked about her passion and being involved in helping planet earth. She said “Surrounding ourselves with the support of our family can really help in leadership.” She symbolised a great example of a humble and a great leader to follow because she is following her passion. She said that even though everybody doubts you, don’t give up and just stand up for what you believe is right.

Lance Haber and Joanne Roney

Another speaker was Andy Griffiths, a children’s author known to writing funny stories. He has sold over 2 million books. What inspired him to be an author was when he was a teacher his students hated reading, so he wrote stories for his students to encourage them to read. Emily and I were given the opportunity to thank him on stage in front of over 4 000 students and teachers! So there we were, standing right in front of Andy, thanking him which was such a honour. We got to shake his hand and give him a gift. We both loved how he said “Help people see things in a different way!” He was inspirational to all of us!

Monica Bogdanoski and Renee Lin

The next speaker was Jess Gallagher who lost 93% of her vision when she was 12 years old, leaving her with only 7% left. Yet this didn’t stop her from following her passion of sport. She decided to live her life by 3 things: courage, no regrets and take every opportunity that comes her way. Jess lived by those three things to later join the Paralympic team as a skier. With only 7% vision it would be impossible to ski by herself, so she had a guide to help her. Jess’s story is an inspiration to all and to stay that positive would be hard, but staying positive is very important and that’s how she got to be a Paralympian champion... she always stayed positive.

Olivia Bueno and Charlie Ball

The last speaker of the day was Coen Ashton. Coen was an inspiring 17yr old boy who had a rare disease called cystic fibrosis. He was inspiring because he had a disease that could kill him as he couldn't breathe properly. He jet skied 2000km down the Murray River to raise awareness about organ donation. He taught us that no matter what disease you have, you can still live a full life.

Anthony Gellel and Santosh Rajeswaran

Centenary Cook Book!

We are pleased to announce that the cook books have arrived and will be ready for collection at the Centenary Fair. The cook book will be displayed at the Fair for those who are interested in purchasing one.
Extend OSHC at Sacred Heart

Primary School

Last week we mostly did in house activities. Children enjoyed Lego building and Dominoes. We also did mask tape pattern painting, felt craft and perler beads (Iron on beads). When outdoors, we played ball tiggy and chilled under the shed while we had ice cream.

Parents- please feel free to offer ideas and suggestions throughout the year in our suggestion box located in the sign out area.

Remember- NO HAT-NO OUTDOOR PLAY AT OSHC

This week's Activity
Monday 16th March: 
Bracelet Making
Tuesday 17th March: 
St Patrick’s Day craft - “Pot of Gold pin”
Wednesday 18th March: 
Coloured Matchstick craft -" Star"
Thursday 19th March: 
Drama Game - “Slave”
Friday 20th March: 
Sand dough

HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!

Book by Friday 20 March to avoid a late fee.

Our holiday program bookings are open and there’s a local one near you – all extended holiday programs are open to primary school aged boys and girls. And the great news is, if you’re already enrolled with us for After School Care you won’t need to enrol again to access our Holiday Programs.

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and we can’t wait for you to attend! To check out what’s on and where your local program is, visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au
A big thanks to the Parents and Friends for funding the event and for providing our young leaders with this opportunity. It was inspirational to all who attended.

Dear parents

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they’ve told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, ‘That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.’ or ‘I’m so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that’s not fair at all’.

3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child’s safety.

6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

- **Don’t forget**, our school is taking part in the 2015 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday 20 March.
- **On this day** we will be having lunch with our buddies and each student will be given a wrist band to wear.
- **Students can also design a banner for the National Day of Action**