Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3 - I hope you have all had an enjoyable break. It's nice to have those “sleep-ins” on cold winter mornings, but a busy term is ahead of us and the teachers have been planning some great learning experiences for their students.

Just a reminder that this term we have some staffing changes - we welcome Alexandra Butera in a full-time capacity, to Year 3/4, replacing Tanya who will be teaching Years 3-6 PE each Wednesday (Thursday for the first two weeks of this term). We also welcome Nicole Bisas who will be extending her time working in Year 5/6 to 4 days per week - Tuesday-Friday. Jenny will be teaching each Monday in Year 5/6 and Tuesday in Year 3/4B. Finally, we welcome back Gerry to her Admin role in the office. Gerry has been away for the first two terms on sick leave and we specially welcome her back to Sacred Heart - she has been missed. I thank Gabby and Maria for their extra work in the office during Gerry’s absence.

You would all be well aware of the Federal election that occurred in the middle weekend of the holidays. I would like to thank Marty, the Men's Group and the mothers and students who volunteered their services to help with the Sausage Sizzle on the day. As well as raising funds for the school, it was a good social activity, with many old, new and current families stopping by to say hello. Well-done, everyone!

Prior to and during the holidays, Jenny and I have been meeting with a range of heating companies and an electrical engineer to arrange advice and quotes for heating/cooling for three classrooms where the heating has not been working effectively. As the new work is extensive and plans have had to be put in place to ensure that other classrooms will be part of an ongoing replacement program, the work will be occurring over the next couple of weeks. The students may be moved to other areas while this is being completed, but we will ensure they are warm and that their learning isn’t compromised during this time.

Over the next few weeks, the staff will be working on the new Child Safety Standards that have been set by the State Government to ensure the care, safety and welfare of students in all registered schools. Sacred Heart already has many strategies and programs in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students, but the new standards provide us with an opportunity to review what we have already in place and ensure that we also develop appropriate strategies and policies to achieve a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. Attached to this newsletter is the CECV statement of commitment to Child Safety which Sacred Heart School will be following.
During the holiday break, Jenny and I again met with the Construction Manager and Site Foreman of the Apartment block currently being constructed next to the school. We discussed the safety measures that have been put in place which are that a shade-cloth “net” has been installed across the face of the building on the school side, as well as an extra “debris net” that will collect any materials before any potential falls. The builders have been working each Saturday as well, to ensure that these measures are in place. Any work on the school side will need the approval of the school and they are aiming to complete this work on Saturdays. If you notice builders on the school side of the building, they will be completing indoor jobs, such as painting etc. If any parent has any further concerns regarding the building works, please get in touch with me to discuss them. As I mentioned in the letter last term, the aim for both the school and the building company is to keep all members of our school community safe at all times.

Congratulations to Tanya for another successful grant application from the Federal Government’s Australian Government Sporting Schools Program. Our children have benefitted this year through the provision of a gymnastics program, swimming and a hockey program occurring for Years Prep-6 this term. Sports equipment for the school has also been purchased with these funds. Thanks to Tanya for her enthusiasm in ensuring the students at Sacred Heart are being provided with such great sporting experiences.

Thank you to the parents and staff who were able to attend the “Biggest Morning Tea” held on the last day of Term 2. We all enjoyed lots of “goodies”, as well as raising $235.00 for the Cancer Council Foundation. Thank you to Belinda for organizing the event.

Just a reminder that our Trivia Night is not too far away - Friday, 5th August. We would love to see lots of parents (and friends/relatives) attending - it promises to be a great fun night! The P&F will be sending more information home this week about tickets and tables for the night. Each class is making a different hamper with good quality items. Thank you to the families who have already contributed. The hamper “theme” for each class is:

- Gardening - P/1M
- Toys - P/1V
- Office - 2
- Beauty - 3/4B
- Art and Craft - 3/4T
- Gourmet Food - 5/6JN
- Sports - 5/6M

These hampers will be displayed in the school reception area in the week leading up to the Trivia Night for families to bid on. The next meeting of the P&F is this coming Friday in the staffroom at 9am - everyone is welcome!

Wishing everyone a wonderful term ahead,

Pamela Hallett
(Principal)

Some important future dates to make a note of are:

- Staff Professional Development 2 Day Conference - Monday, 17th and Tuesday, 18th October. These days will be pupil-free days.

- Final School Day for the year will be Friday, 16th December at 1pm
Term 3 Dates

**July**
- Monday, 11th July: School resumes at 8.45am
- Friday, 15th July: P&F Meeting - 9am in Staffroom
- Tuesday, 26th July: School Board Meeting - 7.30pm

**August**
- Friday, 5th August: P&F Trivia Night
- Monday, 8th August: Passion Projects begin
- Wednesday, 17th August: Year 2 Excursion
- Friday, 19th August: Year 5/6 Hoop time
- Monday, 22nd August: Book Week
- Wednesday, 24th August: Whole School Assembly
- Tuesday, 30th August: School Board Meeting 7.30pm
- Wednesday, 31st August: Year 5/6 Excursion

**September**
- Sunday, 4th September: Father's Day
- Thursday, 8th September: 1st Prep Orientation 9.15-11am
- Sunday, 11th September: First Communion 10.30 am
- Thursday, 15th September: John Burland Concert 9.10am
- Friday, 16th September: Final Day of term - 1pm Dismissal

**Election Day BBQ**
A big thank you to all mums and dads for giving up their time at the Election Day BBQ, designed to raise funds for our school. Approximately $800 was made as part of the day, with the money going towards our children's education. Thanks to the following people who made the day happen ~ Emmanuel Gellel, Chris Kaszubski, Jodie Foster, Rob and Tania O'Dwyer, Stephanie Ricardo, Antonio Daniele, Suzie Daaboul, Ross and Maria Panuccio, Lisa Bueno and Nadine Maiolla. A big special thanks to Glenn Lyons for coordinating the event and making it all happen. A great team effort!!!

*Marty Fitzpatrick*