Dear Parents and Carers,

A very big “thank you” to the P&F for organizing a wonderful Trivia Night last Friday. It was great to see attendees from the parent group, staff and parish. I would like to acknowledge all the work that Anthony Ventura put into actually running the evening - we appreciate all his organization, as well as his ability to keep things interesting and “moving along”! This fundraiser was the major one for the year and I congratulate Sue, Danni, Amelia and Sandra, as well as all the hard-working members of the P&F for all the hours they have put into ensuring it was a great success - well-done to you all!

Last week three classrooms had new heating/air conditioning installed. This will be the first stage of replacement as the current units are approximately 10 years old and, as you can imagine, are used on a daily basis for many hours.

I have attached a flyer for a Movie Night Screening of “Absolutely Fabulous” at the Westgarth Cinema in High St, Northcote. The night is being organized by the school to support a Women’s Refuge in Preston. While we are mainly focussed on fund-raising for our own school community, it’s also important to reach out to others in the community who need our support and Sacred Heart Community has always had the excellent reputation of helping others in need. This is both a wonderful opportunity to do this and a great social way of catching up with friends. Booking is explained on the flyer attached to this newsletter and is very easy to do. On the evening, all in attendance will receive a snack pack, some liquid “refreshment” and the chance of winning the Lucky Door Prize. I really hope to see many of our parents on the evening. I’m also looking for some generous volunteers who can help with sandwich-making on that day (Wednesday, 24th August from 11.30-1pm). Sacred Heart will be putting the snack packs together for the event. Please contact me if you are able to assist - thank you!

Today is an exciting one for our students, as they will be beginning Passion Projects. I know a letter went home last week explaining a little more about it, as well as advising parents how to assist their children when choosing their two activities. Thank you to all the teachers for preparing some great activities for their group of students and to Belinda for organizing the projects. As you are aware, the activities all have a connection to the Rio Olympics and will also be providing opportunities for the students to be building their social skills, particularly with respect to team building. On Wednesday, 24th August, there will be a whole school Assembly at 2.30pm where each group will be discussing their Passion Projects. Please mark this in your calendar - we would love to see many parents in attendance.
At the Trivia Night on Friday, I had the great pleasure of announcing that we have been given “permission to build” the next stage of our Master Plan. This will consist of extensive renovations to the existing Year 5 /6 and Year 3 /4 Learning areas. We originally applied for a Capital Grant for these areas 4 years ago and have now received a Supplementary Grant for these spaces. In effect, the school will be taking out a loan, but the repayments will be subsidized by the Grant. It is a very good outcome for our school, with the building expected to take place early next year.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week ahead (hopefully not too many late nights of Olympic Games viewing!),

Pam Hallett  
(Principal)

Term 3 Dates
August
Monday, 8th August  Passion Projects begin
Wednesday, 17th August  Year 2 Excursion
Friday, 19th August  Year 5/6 Hooptime
Monday, 22nd August  Book Week
Wednesday, 24th August  Whole School Assembly
Tuesday, 30th August  School Board Meeting 7pm
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, 13th September  John Burland Concert 1.45pm
Friday, 16th September  Final Day of term - 1pm Dismissal

Passion Projects – Brazilian Street Food Fundraiser
As part of the Passion Projects, we are having a celebration of learning on Wednesday, 24th August. On that day, as part of our celebration, your child will be given an opportunity to purchase some Brazilian Street Food as part of a fundraiser for the Good Samaritan Inn. Look out for the fliers over the next couple of weeks! Obrigado!

Marty Fitzpatrick

Library News
Book Week 2016 will get off to a great start on Monday morning, 22nd August at 9am with our Book Week Characters Parade. Perhaps now would be a good time to start thinking about a costume. Your child could wear a ready-made costume related to a favourite book character if you have one available. But you could also get creative and make one using old clothes from home or clothes, hats, scarves and belts etc that you can purchase for a minimal price at op shops. You and your child could also have fun making one from art and craft supplies you have around the house. Remember, the costume doesn't have to be elaborate or ‘professional’. Sometimes, the simplest costumes can look great. In the past, some children have opted to carry a copy of the book their character appears in. If you need some assistance, please feel free to pop into the library to see us. Also check out the many ideas on Pinterest.

Liz and Ann
Physical Education

Hockey Clinic (week 3-6):
All students have enjoyed participating in a Hockey Clinic with Melbourne Sports Institute. The clinics will run for 3 more weeks due to the successful grant application with Sporting Schools. All students have walked away from the sessions with big smiles and skill development in Hockey. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Nicole who will be coaching the prep to two students on Tuesdays and Frankie who will be coaching the year three to six students on Wednesdays. Please ensure that your child wears their full P.E uniform on the day of their clinic.

District Athletics Carnival (Thursday 25th August):
The Sacred Heart Athletics Team has been announced and will be competing in the District Athletics Carnival on Thursday 25th August. Permission slips will be sent home shortly and need to be brought back to your child’s classroom teacher. Due to the large amount of students who are competing, we will be taking a bus to and from the venue. Please note that there will be an additional fee to cover the cost of the bus. Please send me an email if you are able to attend the event and assist with marshalling on the day. I wish all competitors the best of luck!

5/6 Hooptime (Friday 19th August):
I have had an overwhelming response from the year 5/6 students regarding Hooptime. Thank you to all students who expressed their interest in wanting to represent Sacred Heart in the upcoming Hooptime Competition. Congratulations to those who did make the team. Permission slips have been sent home and do need to be returned to your child’s classroom teacher. Due to the small amount of students who can participate, we will be taking private cars to transport the students to and from the venue. If your child was successful in joining the team and you are able to assist with transport on the day, please notify your child’s classroom teacher.

Tanya Borg
Physical Education Coordinator
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Religious Education News
Tuesday 9th August Year 3/4 students will be visiting our church to meet with Fr Mike to gain a deeper understanding of the signs and symbols used in celebrating the Eucharist.

As we prepare to watch the spectacle of the Olympic Games in Rio, Pope Francis' prayer intention for August speaks beautifully of the role sport may play in building solidarity among People of the Earth.
Pope Francis Prayer Intention
Sports make it possible to build a culture of encounter among everyone for a world of peace. I dream of sports as the practice of human dignity, turned into a vehicle of fraternity.

Do we exercise together this prayer of intention?

That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between people and may contribute to peace in the world.

The You Tube link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMfsnLsekQU

Change of date: John Burland will now be performing at our school on **Tuesday 13th September at 1:45pm** so keep this date free for a wonderful concert. For more information see the next newsletter.

Jenny Del Prete
Religious Education Leader

**Extend OSHC at Sacred Heart**

**Our Recap**
Last week we celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Children's Day by making boomerangs & aboriginal dot paintings. For craft, we made African masks, play dough, cut snowflakes and a lot more. Last but not least, we made crunchy noodle salad which the children loved.

Thank you.

Sadia Zahan
Extend OSHC

**This week's Activities**

- **Monday 8th August:** Introducing Spiro-graph
- **Tuesday 9th August:** Kinetic sand Garden
- **Wednesday 10th August:** Scented play dough
- **Thursday 11th August:** Minutes to Win
- **Friday 12th August:** Science: Make a crystal snowflake

**SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!**

Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!

VIC & QLD booking deadline: Friday 2 Sept
NSW/SA/WA booking deadline: Friday 16 Sept

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Have fun with science experiments, participate in a bunch of craft activities with access to a plethora of art media and get active with a variety of sports and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend's Spring Holiday Program.

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.
Pokémon Go Safety Tips
Pokémon Go is a popular game at the moment. Please take some time to read these safety tips from the ThinkUKnow e-Newsletter.

1. Depending on your child’s age, search for Pokémon with them, or ensure they have a friend with them at all times if you’re comfortable with them being outside without parental supervision.

2. Make sure usernames don’t contain any identifying information. While there is no built-in chat feature, usernames will appear if you are in a ‘gym’. As you need to be physically near a gym to battle, it’s best if those around you cannot identify you.

3. Talk to your child about the importance of always looking at what is around them before they start hunting Pokémon. Pokémon Go requires you to watch your avatar walking on a screen through GPS tracking. This can sometimes cause children to focus all their attention to that little screen in their hands.

4. Talk to your children about safe places to go while playing. Players can set off ‘lures’ which attract not only Pokémon, but people too. This can cause large numbers of people to flock to locations around town to stand at the lure which attracts Pokémon for 30 minutes. In these instances, it is important to be aware of who is around.

5. Be aware that apps may also have access to your personal information and other applications on your phone, including your location and camera.

6. There are in-app purchases, so don't forget to chat to your children about the consequences of buying items through the app.

Helpful hint: You can track your child’s activity on the app by clicking on the journal icon as it keeps a log of all activity.

Jenny Del Prete
Student Wellbeing Leader

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Day: Mondays & Wednesdays 9.15am to 3.15pm
Duration: 24 sessions, 2 workshops + 100 hour practical placement.
Cost: Concession: $180, Full: $900, Fee For Service—Conc.: $2,685 (limited places) + Service & Amenities Fee

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