Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 - I hope everyone has enjoyed a good break and we’re all ready for our final term of the year. As we have a very happy Bulldogs supporter on staff, Luisa Lana, I felt I had to include an acknowledgment of their fantastic victory last Saturday - congratulations to the Bulldogs and to all their supporters!! Not only a wonderful game, but some moments during and after the match that we can all learn from and take into our own daily lives.

Our last term always seems to be busy and I suggest you place the term dates somewhere handy so that you are aware of all the important events occurring in the next few weeks.

There are a couple of items I wish to mention that occurred in the last week of Term 3. The first of these is the celebration of the First Eucharist by 9 of our Year 4 students. It was a beautiful ceremony and I’m sure all families felt very proud of their children as they took the next step in their Sacramental journey. It is always a special ceremony when each child is able to play a special part in the liturgy and I thank again all those who also played a special part in preparing the children for their important day.

The Year 3/4 students are also to be congratulated for their amazing fund-raising efforts for the Australian Paralympians. Many families baked an assortment of “goodies” that were sold as part of the Year 3/4 Learning Showcase. The students raised $911.00 which has been sent to the Paralympic Society. Well-done to these students (and their families). Thank you, as well, to the generosity of all the Sacred Heart students who donated and purchased items.

Our last week of term was certainly a busy one and on Tuesday afternoon, we were very fortunate to have had John Burland perform a special concert for our school. This was held in the church and was a great success. John performed many of the songs our students know, plus a few new ones that were very well received. We will be able to use some of this new material in future liturgies. John visits many schools all over Australia, of all different sizes, but said our students sang so well and were so enthusiastic for the whole hour and a quarter! Well-done, everyone, and I hope we can continue this great singing at all our upcoming celebrations!

This term all the Sacred Heart staff will be participating in two day of Professional Learning on 17th and 18th October. These will be Pupil Free days and I advised all families of these dates early last term to assist with the early arrangement of child-care. The first day will be facilitated by Fr Elio Capra who will be working with us on “Catholic Identity”, as recommended as part of our Religious Education Goals in the recent School Review. The second day will be lead by Tom Brunzell from Berry Street Childhood Institute. Tom will be focussing on staff and student wellbeing and the application of positive psychology, which fits in well with the work the staff has already begun on Growth Mindsets. These Professional Learning days will be held at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne.
As Year 3/4 Parents are already aware, Belinda Cheong will be taking a period of Leave for the next two weeks and I wish her a wonderful holiday break. Ann O’Brien and Jenny del Prete will be teaching Year 3/4 during this time.

Towards the end of Term 3, the first Prep 2017 Orientation was held and we welcomed 18 new Preps to Sacred Heart. It was a successful session and we look forward to meeting our new Preps again on 28th October from 9.15 till 11am. The parents will also be invited to attend an Information session at this time.

On Friday, Law Architects will be working with our school community - parents and students, to collect information about our school to inform the School Master Planning for the future. They will also be using a similar approach when they work with the staff next week. This process will also inform the first stage of our building in 2017.

Looking forward to a wonderful final term.

Pam Hallett
(Principal)

Term 4 Dates:

October
Monday, 3rd October
Monday, 17th & Tuesday, 18th October
Friday, 28th October
Monday, 31st October

Term 3 commences
Staff PD - Pupil Free Days
Second Prep Orientation 9.15-11am
Report Writing Day for Staff

November
Tuesday, 1st November
Friday, 4th November
Tuesday, 8th November
Friday, 11th November

Melbourne Cup Holiday
Arts Show
School Board AGM - all parents welcome
Family Dinner Dance

December
Thursday, 1st December
Monday, 5th December
Wednesday, 7th December
Friday, 9th December
Wednesday, 14th December
Thursday, 15th December
Friday, 16th December

Carols Night
Prep 2017 Information Night
Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Prep-Year 6 Orientation Morning 9.15-11am
Year 6 Graduation
Year 6 Fun Day
Final Day - 1pm Dismissal for students
Religious Education News
Congratulations to the Year 4 students who received the Sacrament of First Communion on September 11th. It was a special mass in which all students were involved. A special thank you to Belinda, Alexandra and Bethany who helped make the day such a success. It was also lovely to see the students also receive special cards from their fellow classmates. If parents wish to have a copy of the school photos please bring a USB and we will save your child's photos for you.

John Burland in Concert
Wow what a performance!

Footy Day
A special day was had by all on the last day of Term 3. We had an entertaining footy colours parade followed by a whole school team challenge. It was great to see everyone working together to cross over the 'lava' to safety. The Year 5/6 students showed true leadership and teamwork to help everyone across to reach the end.
Extend OSHC at Sacred Heart

Our pre-cap
Welcome back to Term 4. This term, we are launching RED25 WEEK in Week 1 & 2. Red25 Week will be themed with craft, science, cooking and sport activities based around health and well-being.

Thank you.

Sadia Zahan
Extend OSHC

Parents please note: This year, Extend is coming together as a community with a goal to raise 100 blood donations by the end of October. To encourage everyone to participate, Extend Director Darren Stevenson will complete one of three possible derses when we reach 100 blood donations! We invite all Extend families, school communities, friends and family to participate. EVERYONE can donate blood under Extend’s Red25group, ‘Extend After School Care.’ Visit darrensdare.com to watch our launch video.

This week’s Activities

**Monday 3rd October:**
**Craft:** Blood transportation vans /Ball Tigli

**Tuesday 4th October:**
**Pearler bead /Relays and Races**

**Wednesday 5th October:**
**Science:** Blood types and compatibility /Basketball

**Science:** Check your pulse/ Skipping games

**Thursday 6th October:**
**Science:**

**Cooking:** World’s Greatest Biscuit /Tug of war

**Friday 7th October:**