



**True happiness...depends on ourselves,
not on those around us.** *Mary McKillop 1907*

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

This morning we started the day with an assembly by our Year 3 class. They showed the school what they have been doing in art, their collages made from paper which they had made, looked amazing. In Religion they have been learning about values and they shared with us where they could be seen.

They finished their assembly with a song about Listening and how important it was to listen carefully to others and to what God is telling us.

The stage area was decorated using lots of colour and displaying pictures the students had created. Well done and thank you Year 3 and Mrs Buller.



T20 INTERSCHOOL CRICKET CARNIVAL

Our Year 6 class will be representing the school at the annual Interschool Cricket Carnival this Friday. The event will be held at Harold Rossiter Reserve, Kent Street, Victoria Park. There will be a team of boys and a team of girls who will compete against seven other schools.

I wish them all the best for the day. Thank you to Mr Dennis Ralph for organising our Year 6 children to be involved in this annual sporting event.

NAPLAN

This year the NAPLAN assessment takes place much earlier. Our Year 3 and 5 students will complete the assessments next week. The assessment provides data that is used in schools to ascertain future directions. The information provides a snapshot of a child's progress over time and the opportunity to look for trends in the school. Good luck to all our students.

LENT

We are in to the third week of Lent and I was reading some of the material that came related to Project Compassion. Our school made a tremendous start to the launch of Project Compassion with Pancake Day.

Each week there is a reflection that is related to the Gospel and readings for the Sunday. I thought that I would share the reflection with you. The Gospel is about the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan women at the well.

Every summer seems to get a little longer and a little hotter. We have all become conscious of issues surrounding water. Either there seems to be too much, as during last year's summer floods or when the sea levels rise in the Pacific. Other times, there seems to be too little water as when the rivers in our country run low or members of God's family around the world experience drought.

Caritas Australia, through Project Compassion, has been responding to the dire needs of places such as Ethiopia and Somalia where a cruel drought, compounded by a shortage of grain from Ukraine, has led to dire consequences. Today's readings may well cause us to reflect on the current state of God's creation.

In the book of Exodus, we hear that people are complaining to Moses because they are dying of thirst. In the Gospel, Jesus meets a woman in a Samaritan town. She has come to draw water from the well in the hottest part of the day. In both cases, access to water is precarious. Yet God responds not only to a thirst for water but to a deeper thirst as well. Moses' people are thirsty for direction, leadership and hope. The woman in John's Gospel has a thirst for love and acceptance which, Jesus tells her, will come from within if she is able to accept him and his message of life. As the story unfolds, we learn of her loneliness and see her reconnecting with her community.

This week, Caritas Australia shares with us an account of its response to a water shortage in Zimbabwe. Thanks to our support for Project Compassion, Caritas is involved in providing access to water in many places. It seems such a basic thing. One we mostly take for granted. But once a community has access to water, it grows in every possible way. People have more time for healthcare and education. People find energy to build their future. This week's scripture readings have a strong sense of a hope-filled future. May we too, in our time, be sources of hope for all future generations.

by Michael McGirr



Priscilla waters her vegetables at a community nutrition garden near her home in Hwange district, north- western Zimbabwe. Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

CANTEEN

Mrs Kristy Scott has offered to take on the coordination of the school Canteen. A big thank you to Kristy for giving up her time to take on this role. **Canteen will now operate on a Wednesday commencing in Week 8, 22 March 2023.** The canteen cannot operate without parent helpers. Please see under Canteen important information to volunteer on the Canteen Roster.

2023 STUDENT DATA COLLECTION

Sacred Heart School along with all Catholic, Independent and Government schools in Australia, collects Student Background Data (SBD) on behalf of the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority (ACARA). Data collected is for the calculating of the Socio Education Advantage (SEA) model that determines schools that qualify for special assistance.

We ask all families to complete the form by clicking on the link below. Please complete by Monday 20 March 2023.

[Student Data Collection Form](#) We appreciate your support and cooperation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feast of St Joseph – Whole School Mass

The Feast of St Joseph is celebrated on 19 March. Our school has its traditions linked closely to St Joseph. With both orders of nuns who had been in the school being Sisters of St Joseph and O'Connor faction is under the protection of St Joseph, a school mass will be held on Monday 20 March 2023 at 9.00am. All parents and caregivers are welcome to come along.

Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming Faction Carnival will be held at Bilgoman Pool, Darlington, on Tuesday 21 March 2023. Events are scheduled to start at 9:45am. Students will travel on the bus to and from school. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help on the day.



Expressions of Interest – 3-Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten Program for 2024

We are excited about the possibility of continuing our 3-Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten Program in 2024 at Sacred Heart School. To be eligible to attend our program children will need to have reached 3 years of age. A minimum of 10 students is required to run the 2024 program.

Further information will be sent out shortly to register Expression of Interest.

P&F Sundowner

The P&F have scheduled this Friday 10 March from 4.30pm to 6.30pm on the school oval as a time that families can catch up and meet new families to the school. Please see more information below.



P&F 2023

The first P&F Meeting of 2023 took place on Tuesday 28 February in the Staffroom. Meeting dates are now on a Tuesday and will take place twice a term. The next meeting is Tuesday 28 March at 9:00am. All parents are welcome and encouraged to come along to the meetings.

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS

School Fee accounts have been emailed out for 2023. If you have not received your account, please contact Cassandra in the office to confirm your billing email address details.

The first payment towards your school fees was due on Friday 24 February 2023.

Payment Option Advice Form

Thank you to all our families who have returned their Payment Option Advice Form. **It is important to return your Payment Option Advice Forms to the school ASAP as they are now overdue.** Emailed advice of your payment plan to finance@sacredheartps.wa.edu.au is also accepted.

Health Care Card Tuition Scheme Discount

Families with a means tested Centrelink Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card and (Blue) Department of Veterans Affairs Pensioner Concession Cards are eligible for a discount on school fees. ([Health Care Card Tuition Scheme Discount](#)) . To enable the discount to be applied to your school fee account, please ensure you bring your card to the office and fill out the appropriate paperwork as soon as possible. **This is a process that is required at the start of each year for concession card holders.**

PRINCIPAL LEAVE

I will be on leave from Monday 20 March 2023 until the end of the term. In my absence Mr Tony Fyfe will be in the role of Principal.

God bless

George Firns

Important Dates

Friday 10 March	Interschool Cricket Carnival, (Year 6) – Harold Rossiter Reserve, Vic Park P&F Sundowner - on the School Oval 4.30pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 15 March	NAPLAN testing commences
Sunday 19 March	St Joseph's Feast Day
Monday 20 March	SCHOOL MASS - St Joseph's Feast Day, 9am in the Church
Tuesday 21 March	Faction Swimming Carnival – (Years 1 to 6), Bilgoman Pool
Wednesday 29 March	Assembly – (Year 2), 9am in the Undercover Area

Birthday Celebrations



Congratulations to the following students who have celebrated their birthday since the last newsletter;

Stevie Squire
Satria Mosen

Harley Thompson
Kaya Biddle

Kiara Prior

Merit Award & Values Award Recipients



CHRISTIANITY AND MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Tane Biddle
Aiden Symcox
Lucas Tyson

Tyler Dols
Tahlee Willmott
Saoirse Burrows

Liam Schelfhout
Autumn Felstead
Jacob Horsfall

Ivy Studd
Kaya Biddle

A Message from Our School Social Worker – Hilary Campos

Join me on Wednesday 22 March from 9.00am to 10.00am in the Staffroom.

Find out more about Circle of Security Parenting Workshops to enhance safe secure parent/child relationship and the Keeping Safe Curriculum.

Canteen

Canteen Back from Wednesday 22 March 2023

Thank you to Kristy Scott for volunteering her time to coordinate the canteen for this year. For the canteen to be open we also require volunteers for each Wednesday to help.

A roster will be published in our fortnightly newsletter. We are looking forward to having our Canteen back up and running for 2023!



You are invited to join our Canteen Community!

Apply now!

Hours: Wednesday's – 9am to 1.30pm (Even if you can only spare an hour or two. This makes such a difference!)

Experience: No experience required. All training supplied!

Salary: 'A la carte' lunch and drink and best of all meeting other members of our school community – friendship.

Bonus: Your children are happy to see you in their favourite place – school. You'll meet new people and make good friends within our school community.

Applications Close: Never!

Please follow the link below to apply . . . or visit the office for a paper copy of the application! [Canteen Volunteer Form](#)

Only 2 days to the annual P&F SUNDOWNER!

Join us this Friday 10 March on the school oval from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

The Sundowner is a great opportunity for the school community to get together in a relaxed atmosphere and welcome new families as well as catch up with familiar faces!

There will be face painting and other fun activities for the children. Bring along your spare change for the P&F Stall.



Little Hearts Playgroup



Playgroup is up and running for 2023!

Families are welcome to come along this Friday from 9am to 11am.

Playgroup meets in the Kindergarten classroom in the Early Childhood Centre opposite the Church each Friday during school term. It is a wonderful way to meet and socialise with other families in the community. Come along and join in the fun!

Sacred Heart Sporting Group

Summer Hockey

This Thursday will be our last hockey game for the season, we had four teams in the competition this year and it was a lot of fun.

We received a quick grant from the shire of Mundaring which allowed the Sacred Heart Sports Group to purchase new manager and coaches t-shirts for hockey and netball to make them more visible at games. It is great to be able to use the grants for the different sports played through the Sacred heart Sports Group. Thank you to the Shire of Mundaring for helping us make this possible.



Our two youngest hockey teams Little Hearts and Bravehearts.

Summer Basketball

The summer season finishes this week and we are heading into finals with 4 of our 5 Sacred Heart teams making finals. This is one of the club's best results yet. Goodluck to all teams taking part!

Winter Basketball

Registrations are opening soon for the upcoming winter season. This season will run from 2 May to 8 September. All current players will automatically be emailed the link. We would love to welcome new players. If you are interested, please email the Sacred Heart Sporting Group on sacredheartssportsgroup@gmail.com.

Parish News



Mass Times:

Saturday 8:30am & 6:00pm (*Vigil*) | **Sunday** 9:30am

Tuesday 8.30am | **Wednesday** 9.00am | **Friday** 8.30am

Parish Priest: Fr John Daly

Telephone: 9295 1059

Email: sacredheartmundaring@westnet.com.au

Pastoral Care Co-ordinator: Deacon Paul Reid 0455 818 718

Sacred Heart Care Co-ordinator: Please contact Father.

St Brigids College Lesmurdie – Scholarships for 2024

Applications are invited from students entering Years 7 and 10 in 2024 to sit the St Brigid’s College Scholarship Examinations. For further information and to download an Application Form, please visit the College website:

<https://sbcl.wa.edu.au/enrol/scholarships/>

Applications close at 4.00pm on Friday 10 March 2023. The Examination date is Saturday 25 March 2023. Please return the completed Application Form to the Principal’s Assistant via email to Guerinoni.pauline@stbrigids.wa.edu.au.



NAB AFL Auskick is the best way to introduce kids to the great game of Aussie Rules Football! It’s all about fun, getting hands on the ball and constantly being involved in exciting activities.

No AFL experience? No worries! Auskick offers an inclusive environment for everyone aged 5 – 8 at any skill level to play.

- Super fun game-based activities that kids absolutely love
- Non-contact activities in a welcoming and inclusive environment so all kids can play safely
- Games are tailored to different ages and skill levels, which means less lining up and more playing footy
- Come along and play footy, have fun and make friends, sign up today



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THIS IS US THIS IS FOOTY



SACRED HEART P&F
PRESENTS
Family Sundowner
BRING YOUR DINNER AND
CHAIRS AND JOIN US ON THE
OVAL TO WELCOME THE NEW
SCHOOL YEAR.
FRIDAY MARCH 10TH
4:30-6:30PM
THE P&F WILL HAVE A STALL
SET UP TO PURCHASE YUMMY
TREATS AND GOODIES, BRING
YOUR SPARE CHANGE!

Drop in for a Cuppa...
With Hilary our school Social Worker
WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH
9.00AM - 10.00AM
IN THE STAFF ROOM
Find out more about
Circle of Security Parenting
Workshops
and
Keeping Safe Curriculum