



To Learn, To Care, To Give

Newsletter | Term 4 | Week 9 | 7 December 2023

*God bless you with the peace and joy  
as we celebrate Jesus' birth.  
May the Spirit of Christmas  
be with you and throughout the new year.*



## From the Principal



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to all those involved in the Thanksgiving Mass and celebrations yesterday evening. It was a very meaningful way for me to finish my time in Catholic Schools. The children's singing is always very special and reminded me of the reason why I became a teacher.

Thank you to Katie Fielding and Meegan Mirco for their very kind words as representatives of the parent body. Thank you to Father John and Adriana Coniglio for their words and wishes. Special thank you to Aiden Boyd and Mariah Gauci who spoke of shared memories they had of when they first commenced at the school; their words were very special.

Thank you to all for the gifts that I received. I will always have fond memories of my time at Sacred Heart. I am looking forward to having the time to plant the roses and to fill the raised garden beds.

Thank you to the staff who did much of the organisation for the evening without me knowing ... quite a feat! A special thank you to Tony Fyfe, Cassandra Underwood and Nicole Bardwell who coordinated the event. It was a lovely evening for myself and my family.

Finally, due to a minor hiccup on the night, you may have missed the final verse of the Year Five poem so it has been printed on the last page for you.



## LEAVING CLASS OF 2023

On behalf of the school community I wish our Year 6 leaving class all the very best as they head off to various high schools. I am sure with family support they will achieve well and be able to live out their dreams.

The Year 6 students entertained us with song and dance. It was incredible to hear that they had choreographed the dances and put it all together. The ceremony was a lovely reflection of their school journey.

Thank you to Mrs Emma Duncan and all involved in the ceremony. The power point slide show was a wonderful reminder of the growth the children have made in their time at Sacred Heart.

I thank the Year 6 leavers for their gift of a Bird Bath to be put in the Tucker Bush garden that they were part of establishing. I am sure that the local birds will enjoy having a place to get a drink and cool off.

I would like to congratulate the award winners and all of the Year 6 class for their leadership at Sacred Heart. I wish each of them well as they journey to secondary schooling.

Thank you to the Mundaring Shire for their continued support of the Citizenship Award and to Shire President Paige McNeil for her attendance at the celebration. Thank you to ITALO for providing the Italian award.

They have their celebration this evening at the Mundaring Cricket Club and I am sure that they will have a great time.



**Congratulations to the following award winners!**



**Award for Religious Education** – Patrick Burrows

**Academic Award** – Finn Murray

**Endeavour Award** – Chloe Currey

**Citizen Award** – Austin Lee

**Arts Award** – Jacob Watkins

**Sports Award** – Isobel Wood

**Italian Award** – Isobel Wood and Isla James

## ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Thank you once again for your generosity and support of the St Vinnies Christmas Appeal this year. We received an email from the coordinator, Bernadette Waugh, on Monday as follows:

“I just wanted to say a very big thank you to your school for the very generous donations to the St Vincent de Paul’s Christmas Appeal. We are so very grateful for your kindness and generosity. It is only with your support that we have been able to provide food and gifts to over fifty families in need this year. Thanks to your gifts, more than 150 children could have missed out on a visit from Santa, not to mention a Christmas dinner. A special thanks to Deena Pruyn for being our contact person and helping collect the donations. My very best wishes for a Happy Christmas to all the staff, parents and children”.

### 2024 STAFFING

As mentioned at the ACM we farewell Amanda King and thank her for her years of service to the school. I wish her all the best for whatever she now turns her hand to.

The most asked question in any school throughout Term Four is "Who will be teaching which classes next year?". It is important that all contracts are signed before any class placement are finalised and must be noted that change can occur over the holiday break. **The staffing allocations for 2024 are as follows:**

<p><b>Principal:</b> Mark Tenney</p> <p><b>Assistant Principal:</b> Tony Fyfe</p> <p><b>Administration Officer:</b> Nikki Bardwell</p> <p><b>Finance Officer:</b> Cassandra Underwood</p> <p><b>Science, Physical Education &amp; Literacy Support:</b> Dennis Ralph</p> <p><b>Art and Music:</b> Juliette Alcock</p> <p><b>Italian:</b> TBC</p> <p><b>Year 1 - 6: Education Assistant:</b> TBC</p>	<p><b>Pre-Kindergarten:</b> Chanelle De Mol <b>Education Assistant:</b> Neisha Parsons</p> <p><b>Kindergarten:</b> Chanelle De Mol <b>Education Assistants:</b> Neisha Parsons and Madeleine Scott</p> <p><b>Pre-Primary:</b> Lousie Elmore <b>Education Assistant:</b> Deena Pruyn</p> <p><b>Year 1:</b> Marsha Longo</p> <p><b>Year 2:</b> Lisa Palmieri</p> <p><b>Year 3:</b> Kathryn Buller (Mon - Wed) Leree Gauci (Thu &amp; Fri)</p> <p><b>Year 4:</b> Anne Tran</p> <p><b>Year 5:</b> Jackie Mason</p> <p><b>Year 6:</b> Emma Duncan</p>
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### KEEPING OUR SCHOOL SAFE

During the holidays if you are driving by, please keep an eye on our school.

HOSCA will be offering holiday care until early evening.

There shouldn't be anyone on the school grounds on weekends or late in the evenings.

If you are concerned, please contact the police on

[131 444](tel:131444) or Mundaring Police Station; [\(08\) 9290 1900](tel:0892901900)

**MAY THE BLESSINGS AND HAPPINESS OF THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON BE YOURS.  
WISHING YOU A VERY HOLY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.**

## Term Dates 2024

**Office Open:** Monday 22 January to Thursday 25 January (*Office Closed 26 January*)

**Uniform Shop Open:** Tuesday 23 January - 9.00am to 11.00am  
Thursday 25 January - 1.00pm to 3.00pm

**Office Open & Teachers Return:** Monday 29 January

**Students Commence:** Wednesday 31 January: Kindergarten - Year 6  
Monday 5 February: Pre-Kindergarten

### Term 1:

Wednesday 29 January: Kindy – Year 6 Students commence  
Monday 5 February: Pre Kindy Students commence  
Monday 4 March: Labour Day Public Holiday  
Thursday 28 March: End of Term 1

### Term 2:

Monday 15 April: Pre Kindy – Year 6 commence  
Thursday 25 April: Anzac Day Public Holiday  
Friday 26 April: Catholic Day (No School)  
Friday 31 May: Pupil Free Day  
Monday 3 June: WA Day Public Holiday  
Friday 28 June: End of Term 2

### Term 3:

Monday 15 July: Pupil Free Day  
Tuesday 16 July: KG - Year 6 Students commence  
Monday 22 July: Pre Kindy Students Commence  
Thursday 19 September: End of Term 2  
Friday 20 September: Pupil Free Day

### Term 4:

Monday 7 October: Pre Kindy - Year 6 Students commence  
Friday 6 December: End of Term 4

## Uniform Shop

Uniform orders can be placed through [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au) during the holiday period. If you have not yet registered, please visit the above link to set up your login details. To order uniforms simply login, click on the Uniform tab, choose your student and start ordering! Orders placed online and received by 9am Monday 22 January 2024 will be available for collection from the office or will be sent home with student/s once school returns.

Please note QuickCliq will be closed from Monday 11 December 2023 to 15 January 2024 for stocktake.

## Parish News



**Mass Times:** Saturday 8:30am & 6:00pm (*Vigil*) | Sunday 7.30am (*Chidlow*) 9:30am (*Mundaring*)  
Tuesday 8.30am | Wednesday 9.00am | Friday 8.30am

**Parish Priest:** Fr John Daly **Telephone:** 9295 1059

**Email:** [sacredheartmundaring@westnet.com.au](mailto:sacredheartmundaring@westnet.com.au)

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

**Sacred Heart Care Co-ordinator:** Please contact Father.

### Christmas Mass Times

#### Sacred Heart Parish, Mundaring

Christmas Eve: 24 December 6.00pm in the school Undercover Area

Christmas Day: 25 December 9.30am

#### Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow

Christmas Day: 25 December 7.30am

## THE PRINCIPAL IS MISSING!

*A parody of a Ken Nesbitt poem of the same name.*

Our principal is missing.  
Mr Firns is nowhere to be found.  
Admin have tried to text him.  
The teachers have hunted all around.

He isn't in the staff room  
Chatting, sipping coffee and eating.  
He isn't with the AP planning for the school.  
Perhaps he's preparing another P&F or Board meeting.

He isn't visiting classrooms and helping out us kids.  
Nor is he on the oval finding a faulty sprinkler head.  
Or alone in the bunker or inspecting the fire pump.  
Nor in the canteen stocking shelves with bread.

He isn't touring the school with a prospective family.  
Or teams meeting with members of CEWA.  
Nor looking for extra dollars with the bursar.  
Or dictating his newsletter for delivery this Wednesday.

If you do find Mr Firns,  
Our principal of eleven years,  
Tell him we're looking for him.  
And hope he hasn't left before we can give him three cheers!

Tell him we are going to miss him  
And all those class visits  
Checking up on how we're doin'  
Ready to give us time even for just a few minutes.

He is a strict but fair principal  
With values & code of conduct for our school.  
He is slow to anger and raise his voice  
Never getting mad even when we break a rule.

Always there with a smile  
A real nicely dressed individual,  
Ready with a compliment or word of praise  
We're really going to miss him – a really wonderful  
school principal!