Message from Mrs Staines

God’s Mercy is Infinite
With age old love I have loved you; so I have kept my mercy towards you
Jeremiah 31:3

An age-old love endures no matter what the situation. The Hebrew word for this kind of love is hesed. This word translates as either “mercy, compassion, or kindness.” What the translations do not include is the fuller meaning, that hesed actually implies excessive mercy, compassion, and kindness, far beyond what the human mind can grasp, or believes is possible. Hesed is love that overflows with acceptance and kindheartedness.

We humans do not fully realise the vastness of God’s mercy. We are too easily swept away with our judgements of both self and others, too quick to condemn and want retribution for those who deliberately hurt us or others. We want to be assured that they’ve paid the price for their harmful actions and have proven their willingness to change before we approach them with anything other than disdain or contempt.

Not so with God’s mercy. Here the message is “Come. You always have a welcome with me. I forgive you. I believe in your goodness. I will wait for you to grow and change and, while I do, I accept you with all my heart.”

God of excessive mercy, I want to be filled with this same kind of mercy. I want to offer your kind of welcome and forgiveness.

God’s Enduring Presence Joyce Rupp p 94
STAGE 2 3/4 BIRRAGAI CAMP
The students from Stage 2 who attended camp at Birragai last week had a wonderful time and the weather was beautiful for this time of year.

A huge thank you to the staff who attended last week’s camp and provided a hands on learning experience for the students in their care.

We were very appreciative of the many parents and students who took time to express their personal thanks.

♥ REMINDER—COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING—9th AUGUST 2016
An invitation is extended to all our parents and carers to attend our Community Council Meeting next Tuesday evening (9th August ) from 7.00 to 8.30pm in 3/4 Navy classroom. At this CC meeting we will be discussing:

- The playground
- The Netball Carnival
- Building progress

We would love to see you all there.

♥ INVITATION TO ATTEND GRANDPARENTS DAY AND PRAYER CELEBRATIONS
12th August 2016 from 12.30pm

The school is holding its annual Grandparents Day and Prayer Celebration on Friday 12th August 2016. This celebration is being hosted by Year 1/2N. The program of events will be:

- 12.30pm — Class room visits
- 1.00pm — Prayer Celebration in church
- 1.45pm — Afternoon Tea in school hall (scones, tea & coffee)
- 2.20pm — Whole School Assembly

We look forward to seeing all the grandparents at our celebrations.

♥ THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL
Thank you for all the families who supported our St Vinnies Winter Appeal by donating lots of warm blankets and winter clothing that was well received by St Vincent de Paul. We have been assured that these items will go to a lot of needy people at the moment.

A big thank you to Mrs Lisa Binutti-Wilson for her coordination of the appeal.
MATHEMATICS AT SACRED HEART
This year teachers at Sacred Heart are taking part in a journey to help their students become better mathematicians. We have had several visits from a support person from the Catholic Education Office working with teachers to help them with programming and inquiry based units of work. Teachers are using investigations to support inquiry in the multi-age classroom. Through these investigations students learn to think mathematically and gain confidence in their own ability. Good mathematicians are able to understand how to do mathematics (how to do a procedure and why it worked), be fluent (use different mathematical techniques), problem solve (investigate problems and communicate solutions) and reason (prove or explain an answer).

When solving problems at home parents can help by:

- Clarifying the mathematical problem with their child and making sure they understand the task
- Offering strategic help and ask questions such as ‘What have you tried?’ and ‘What are you trying to find out?’ Parents may be tempted to help their child by giving hints to the solution. Children will like this, but will learn to be dependent on you.

"Maths is the process of hunting for solutions, not the process of spitting out answers.”
(Doug Williams, Mathematics Centre)

LIBRARY NEWS

- **22—26th August 2016 Book Week display at Westfield Woden**

- **BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE Thursday 25th August 2016 at Westfield Woden**

Students are encouraged to dress up as a favourite book character on this day to celebrate Book Week. Please note that the costume does not need to be elaborate.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to our Nichola and Jason Leitao on the safe arrival of their first born child, Hunter Brandon on the Monday, 1st August 2016. Mother and baby are doing well, and we hope to have them visit us soon, once the weather gets a little warmer.

Born 1st August 2016
Weight: 3.99k
Length: 53cms
**SWIM AND SURVIVE ROYAL LIFE SAVING REGISTRATION**

A reminder to all Kindergarten to Year 2 parents in regard to registering their children in the Swim and Survive Royal Life Saving program. Instructions on how to register were provided in the note that was sent out last week. If parents did not receive this information, please see the front office. The program is running in Week 10, Monday 19th September to Thursday 22nd September.

**PERMISSION NOTES REQUIRED FOR SOUTH WESTON ATHLETICS REGIONAL CARNIVAL**

The South Weston Regional Athletics carnival is fast approaching and we still have a number of students who are competing that have not returned their permission note. We ask that these notes be returned ASAP and if your child is withdrawing from their events can you please email matthew.odwyer@cg.catholic.edu.au, so he can inform the organisers of the carnival.

**FINAL CALL FOR TOUCH FOOTBALL ACT GALA DAYS FOR YEARS 3/4 AND YEARS 5/6 PERMISSION NOTES AND PAYMENT**

A reminder to all parents that all permission forms and payment for this event were to be returned to school by Tuesday 2nd August 2016. If you have any questions about the Touch Gala Days, please contact Trish Iles or Laura Stumbles.

**HATS ON AGAIN REMINDER**

The beginning of August till the end of the year is Hats ON Again for all of us!

**DON’T FORGET OUT WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

Don’t let the winter weather stop you being active on the way to school! Rug up and get involved in the Winter Walk to School Day which is on the 12th August 2016. Please refer to the Sacred Heart Primary School Route Map for part way drop off points and the different routes that are recommended for when your child walks or rides to school. On the Winter Walk to School Day a teacher will be at each of the part way drop off points at 8:30am and will accompany the children to school.
FRONT OFFICE CHATTER

❤️ REMINDER SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE BY FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 2016
Just a reminder that Term 3 school fees are due this Friday 5th August. As advised last week, the fees can now also be paid by QKR. Families should refer to their fee statements for amounts to be paid.

❤️ SICK BAY NEWS
We are still seeing a few children each day in our sick bay with the normal winter symptoms of flu and viral infections, and the never ending stomach bug. The children are loving our new multi-purpose chair in the sick bay which has a head rest, and can also be turned into a bed when required.

❤️ MEDICATIONS AND CONSENT FORMS
We have carried out a review of all student’s medications kept at school, and have found a few to be out of date, or close to empty. Students requiring medications to be dispensed during school hours also require a consent / request to dispense medication form completed and signed by parents or carers. These will be kept in the medical records folder.

❤️ CHECKLIST INFORMATION DUE BACK THIS FRIDAY 5th AUGUST 2016
A Reminder to all families that the student information checklist received via your children two weeks ago are due for return to the Front Office by this Friday 5 August 2016.

The 2016 Catholic Schools Netball Carnival is fast approaching with the big day less than 3 short months away on Sunday 30 October 2016.

We are seeking 12 volunteers (6 teams of 2) to assist with coordinating and organising:
- Bake stall
- Raffle tickets
- Show bags
- Lollies
- Ice blocks
- Cold Drinks

We would love for you to be a part of the big day! If you are interested in assisting with these coordinating roles (feel free to find a buddy and pair up if you wish) please email shpsnetball2016@gmail.com.au

Volunteers are the most important part of a successful carnival, and many hands make light work. Thank you again for offering your assistance – the carnival would not happen without your time.

These roles need to be filled promptly, so please contact us as soon as possible.

2016 Catholic Schools Netball Carnival Committee

shpsnetball2016@gmail.com.au
2016 NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

Catholic schools along with government and Independent schools across Australia will again be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with a Disability (NCCD). Our involvement in this process is crucial as it will provide valuable information about support required for a broad group of students in our schools. The NCCD will enable National and State governments to better target support and resources in schools, this in turn will help Catholic Schools access the support for all students with additional needs.

The NCCD is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which includes a range of health issues and learning difficulties where schools implement strategies to support students in participating effectively in their learning.

The Data Collection will take place in August. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the NCCD, you are asked to contact your child’s Principal to discuss your concerns. If you are still concerned you should request and complete an opt-out form and return to the Principal.

More information about the NCCD is available at: http://www.schooldisabilitydata.edu.au/

CLOTHING POOL

The Clothing Pool will BE OPEN Friday 5 August 2016 from 2.45 to 3.30pm. New and quality second hand school clothing are available. Uniform orders can be placed using the Qkr app and orders will be delivered to your child’s class. Hats can be purchased from the Canteen. Thanks to all the helpers, your work is very much appreciated.

Any queries please contact me on 0407 008 148. Tracey Kane, Clothing Pool Coordinator

Canteen Roster - Week 4, Term 4

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Religious Education News

Live Jesus in your Hearts, FOREVER

The whole school value for Term 3 is ‘Integrity’. Integrity can be defined as the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. The children at Sacred Heart will need to think about what they know is truly the right thing to do, their gut instinct. Even if it means that they may have to make a choice between being true to themselves or following the crowd. The spirituality awards this term will also be based on this value of integrity. Some of the actions that the teachers will be looking out for are; stands up for others, persisting when faced with challenges, making positive choices, except people for who they are and include them, treat people fairly and take responsibility for their actions. To help in explaining this to the students 3/4 White will be presenting this Value at their Values Assembly this Friday 5th August at 2.30pm

GRANDPARENTS DAY AND PRAYER CELEBRATION

Next Friday, 12 August is Grandparents Day. Our Grandparents Day Prayer Celebration will be hosted by 1/2 Navy. The day will begin at 12:30 where grandparents are invited to visit their grandchild’s classroom and if they choose to, take them up to the Church for our Whole School Prayer Celebration.

We do ask however, that when the children go to church with their special friends that they follow the instructions given by the teachers and that even though they are sitting in different seats with visitors that they still demonstrate appropriate and respectful manners in the church. The prayer celebration will begin at 1.00pm. The children from 1/2 Navy will need to sit in their class group during this celebration.

At the conclusion of our prayer celebration grandparents are invited to have afternoon tea of scones, tea and coffee in the school hall. Afternoon tea will be in the hall to prevent the students being involved in hot drink accidents with the children not allowed in the hall at this time. If grandparents would like to take their grandchildren home with them for some extra family time then they are asked to sign them out at the front office.

Alternatively, grandparents are invited to attend our Whole School Assembly which will begin at the earlier time of 2:20 PM and watch the short class presentation and handing out of school awards.

We look forward to seeing all of you at Sacred Heart and taking part in this special fun filled day for the students.

Central Deanery Assembly,
Mercy in Marriage and Family Life.
12-13 August, 2016
St Clare’s College
Flyers are available at the Church.

Aaron Fox A/Religious Education Coordinator
Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday this week:


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We would like to thank the support of the following sponsors who have kindly offered to support our carnival.
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

DOES YOUR BUSINESS WANT TO BE PART OF THE 2016 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL?

THERE ARE OVER **1500 PARTICIPANTS** AND MORE THAN **5000 SPECTATORS**.

**FM 104.7 HAS DONATED AIRTIME TO PROMOTE BUSINESSES SPONSORING THE CARNIVAL**

WE ARE SEEKING SPONSORSHIP IN THE FORM OF:

* **CASH CONTRIBUTIONS** TO PUT TOWARDS THE CARNIVAL
* **FRUIT SUPPLIERS**
* **BAKERY SUPPLIERS**

THE MONEY RAISED FROM THE CARNIVAL WILL BE USED TO UPGRADE THE OUTDOOR AREAS AT SACRED HEART.

**IF YOU CAN HELP OR KNOW ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE PLEASE EMAIL:**

shspnetball2016@gmail.com
Could you be the next **Disco Queen (or King)***??

The school Discos are so much fun for the kids and raise significant funds for the school canteen. But it needs someone (or a group of someones) to make it all happen.

There are only 2 per year, and you get to pick the products!

My daughter has gained so much from helping me order the products, coordinate the volunteers and count the money!!

The kids at school can help with the coupons and lolly bags.

I will be moving on to other schools next year, so I really need someone to pass the disco ball onto.

Preparations will need to start in the next couple of weeks to be ready in time, so please contact me so we can work through this one together.

Boogey on!

Rach Dawes
0439 194 648
SPORTING AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

SPORTS CAMPS AUSTRALIA

SKATEBOARDING
SERIOUS. FUN.

Sports Camps Australia will be hosting a Skateboarding Camp in the September school holidays within your local area.

For further information please contact:
Sports Camps Australia
Building A
1 Herb Elliott Avenue, Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127
Australia 612 8065 9495
Email: admin@sportscampsaustralia.com.au
OR

ELEMENTZ RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS FIFTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

This Saturday Elementz Rhythmic Gymnastics are organising an Open Day to celebrate their 5th Birthday. It will be at Erindale Active Leisure Centre from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday 6th August 2016.

There will be plenty of activities for the whole families: free classes, games, performances, sausage sizzle, raffles and a big hula hoop contest! Everyone one is invited.
For further information:
Phone: 0479 113 138

CHESS

Learn how to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Sacred Heart Primary School (Pearce) is held on Thursdays from 11:00am – 11:45am and it’s not too late to join in.

Chess is the world’s most loved board game. Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment! Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games, with personal feedback from the coach.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, solving puzzles, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.