Message from Mrs Staines

Congratulations and thank you to all members of the community who took the opportunity to participate in the first “Walk and Ride” to school event for 2016. It was a perfect day for joining friends in this community event.

We thank the staff and parents who met the children at various points and offered their time.

Thank you to Mr O’Dwyer for facilitating and coordinating the event. We are truly blessed with the generous spirit of these individuals.

We look forward to seeing you on our next early morning walk/ride to school.

Diary Dates...
★★26 February
Swimming Carnival
★★29 February
Parent Helpers
Workshop 9.15am
★★1 March
Scholastic Book Fair
8.30—9.00am,
3.15—4.00pm
★★8 March
Netball committee meeting
★★11 March
Sacred Heart Cross
Country Carnival
**TECHNOLOGY**

This week we started using iPads in Stage 2 & 3. We really value and appreciate the learning opportunities that iPads provide. They are also a powerful tool for communication with easy access to emailing facilities. We have emphasised to all students in Stage 2 and 3 during our school boot camps that emailing, I-messages and Face-Time should not be used without the permission or instruction of their classroom teacher. We will be doing random checks and any messaging during school hours by or to the children from their iPad may be read for safety reasons.

We have also noticed an increase in mobile phones in the school and wish to re-emphasise that they will be turned off during school hours and on the school premises.

We have had to speak to some of the older students about the danger of texting while crossing the road or indeed crossing driveways. We have also revisited the dangers of taking selfies to post through social media.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS**

A special welcome to the 2016 school year at Sacred Heart Primary School from your Community Council.

The main functions of the Community Council involve assisting the Principal in the maintenance of the Catholic ethos of the school, management of school finances and the development of school policies. The Community Council is also responsible for overseeing various committees including: Finance, Class Parent Network, Canteen, Clothing Pool, Fundraising, Special projects.

Our first meeting for the year was held on Tuesday evening and we welcomed in our 2016 Executive members—Chair: Mark Sparshott, Deputy Chair: Marc Warwick, Treasurer: Stephen Kelly, Secretary: Sally Harding, Principal: Anne Staines, Teacher rep: TBA.

We had 8 other members of the community present at last night’s meeting as it was full membership meeting.

At this meeting, our items for discussion included:

- Finance
- 2016 Netball Carnival (our school’s MAJOR fundraiser for 2016 – we need everyone to assist)
- School Improvement Plan (student wellbeing project, inquiry pedagogy for multi-aged classes, coaching and mentoring initiative for teaching staff)
- School Building Refurbishment Plan
- Playground improvements

As all students across the school share in what is provided by the Community Council, all parents at Sacred Heart are encouraged to help in some way and are all welcome to attend Council Meetings.

Our scheduled meetings for 2016 have been set each term for Week 4 Tuesday evenings at 7pm on:

- Tuesday 17 May
- Tuesday 9 August
- Tuesday 1 November

We are always interested to hear your thoughts and ideas that can contribute to continuing to move Sacred Heart Primary School forward. Please make contact with the Council Executive through the Front Office.

We’d love to hear from you and see you at our meetings.

Kind regards **Community Council Executive Committee 2016**
**SWIMMING CARNIVAL** - Please Note

The schedule for the Swimming Carnival events is a GUIDE ONLY. There is no way of giving exact times because of the nature carnivals they may move forward quickly or have delays.

The 25 metre events are a participation opportunity and therefore children who choose to compete in them cannot enter in a 50m or 100m event of the same stroke.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair next week. It will be open in the school library from Tuesday, 1st March - Thursday, 3rd March: 8:30am - 9am and 3:15pm - 4pm.

**SCHOOLS CHESS CHALLENGE**

The Canberra Academy of Chess are holding the Schools Chess Challenge at Woden Westfield on Sunday, 13th March, 2016.

Entries are due by Friday 11th March. For more information on the chess tournament, please visit our website:


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**CSNC Sacred Heart Major Fundraiser 2016**

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

On Sunday 30th October 2016, Sacred Heart is hosting the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival.

We would like to encourage those parents and carers who are on Facebook to kindly go and ‘Like’ our Facebook page. This page will have all the information about sponsorship, events, activities and draws on the day.

The page can be found by searching “2016 Catholic Schools Netball Carnival”. Please refer to the picture of the face book page for guidance. You can also invite friends to like the page.

Thankyou to those that have already liked the page and passed this onto friends and family that may have children in other Catholic Schools around Canberra.

For further information or if you would like to volunteer in any capacity (netball, food & drinks, showbags, raffle etc) we would love to hear from you.

Sacred Heart CSNC Committee - shpsnetball2016@gmail.com
THE ROYAL NATIONAL CAPITAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY – Art Section

Congratulations to Maddie McCoy on being awarded third place in the Young Images Category (under 12 years) for the 2016 Royal Canberra Show - Art Section. Maddie received a Prize Pack sponsored by Officeworks, a Ribbon and Prize Card at the Art Section Presentation Evening and Pre-sales tonight.

If you wish to view Maddie’s other artwork, you can visit a Facebook page managed by Mr and Mrs McCoy - Facebook/richspongecake. Maddie chose this name as it is the Noun for Madeleine. Below is Maddie’s artwork entry.

CLOTHIING POOL

The Clothing Pool will be open Friday 26 February from 2.45 - 3.30pm. New and quality second hand school clothing are available. This week’s helpers are: 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 5, Term 1

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WASTE WISE WEDNESDAY

Sacred Heart would like to see all our students, parents and teachers support this great environmental initiative.

As the Environmental Leaders for 2016 we would like to encourage all students to become waste wise. We are asking that each Wednesday children bring their food in plastic containers or reusable zip lock bags. We hope by doing this we will reduce the amount of waste in our school bins.
Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday this week:


KW    Joe R, Kathryn W, Julian M
KR    Martina C, Jay M, Leila W
1/2R    Jack B, Laine JB, Cameron M
1/2S    To be announced next Monday
1/2W    Mitchell W, Michah L, Sam L
1/2N    Oliva B, Sascha K, Aidan H
1/2M    Ava A, Bradley N, Hannah W
3/4S    Martin S, Clare D, Lucinda Y
3/4W    Mary W, Lachlan S, Christina H, Jake R
3/4N    Liam B, Anthony T
3/4R    Jack V, Leila G, Lucas A
5/6W    Scarlett E, Lydia A, Zoe A, Anna-Jane, R, Hannah S
5/6N    Alyssia B, Piper E, Alice Weber
5/6R    Helena A, Lilla E, Quinn D

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday this week: