Dear Parents and Friends,

As I write the last newsletter after 13 years as Principal I would like to leave you with my thoughts on Sacred Heart Catholic School.

The staff and I have worked for many years to transform the school to one in which we aim to enlighten children. We know from research that we cannot teach the way we have done in the past, expecting children to acquire knowledge only. We aim instead to feed off our students’ curiosity and desire to try new things.

Sacred Heart has developed many new practices over the past 10 years—in our team-teaching, open learning spaces, explicit focus in Literacy and Numeracy and more importantly the development of the human person.

Through our religious teachings and the Habits of Mind philosophy we focus on the ‘person’ as a critical factor in learning. Student well-being is critical to success in the classroom and in life. Learning and teaching is not or should not be restricted to test scores. Neuroscience shows that learning takes place when students feel happy, connected, safe and listened to. Emotional and social well-being is critical for children to reach their full potential.

Our children’s world is complicated, with cyber-safety, shooting massacres, drugs, alcohol, domestic violence, racism. We MUST educate our children to THINK AND PROBLEM SOLVE, to respond to all problems in an ethical, principled and human way.

I know Sacred Heart will continue to flourish so that:

Our students develop an appreciation of diversity
Co-curricula is a high priority
Creative and critical thinking is number 1 on the learning agenda
Imaginative thinking is celebrated and encouraged
Individual progress and growth is our focus
Our children become independent, interdependent, self-responsible, well-balanced and confident to ask questions, take risks and make mistakes.

Sacred Heart is already catering for this so well—it’s diversity in learning is shown in the arts, garden, cooking, dance, community involvement, technology—an area that is being updated for 2016 with amazing resources. The school continues to TRANSFORM learning and thus the engagement of our students. This continues to challenge everyone’s thinking and look through a creative lens.

This school is an exemplary example of teaching practice and professional development. It is such a mindful school in every aspect. Congratulation to all involved in its story and thank you for allowing me the privilege of working with and for you over the past 25 years.

Sacred Heart school has inspired, energised and engaged me with care, friendship, joy, faith, challenge, acceptance, support and collegiality. The community lives its mottos ‘Serving through Love’ and ‘Nurturing the Harmony of the Heart and Mind’.

The spirit of the Sacred Heart Community will remain with me always. I wish you all continued success and happiness and God’s blessings in the future.

Serving through love,

Helen Bowyer
Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to Peta Anderson for her work on Sacred Heart School Council. Peta leaves her position as parent representative. If anyone is interested in joining the School Council, please ring Wayne Murphy on 0428 103 326. Council meets every third Monday of the month; a wonderful way of participating in the schools’ life.
Christmas cupcakes for sale $1.50 each

NO NACHOS AVAILABLE TOMORROW.

NEXT WEDNESDAY (last day of school) the Canteen will be selling iceblocks/creams only. NOTHING ELSE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY.

FAMILIES LEAVING SACRED HEART SCHOOL

If you would like to join our “Wall of Fame” please fill in the order form below to purchase a plaque. These plaques are mounted on the front wall of the school and your family remains a visible reminder to all in the future.

BRASS PLAQUES

FAMILY NAME: ............................................................
Family Members/Student names:
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Years at Sacred Heart School: (eg 1972—1999) ............................................

Cost $20 per plaque.
Payment:
Cheque—please make payable to Sacred Heart Catholic School.
Credit card—Visa or Mastercard  Card Number: ______ ______ ______ ______
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### COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**SACRED HEART PRIMARY P&F**

**Present:** Glen White, Lisa Corcoran, Elizabeth Ellison, Helen Bowyer, Annette Figgis, Jacki Jenkins, Alison Golden, Patrick Stephen, Jodie Oliver, Kerrie Rudd, Desiree Stephen, Caroline Matthews.

**Apologies:** Wayne Murphy, Jo Kohlhagen, Bill Hardman, Kylie Barac, Amanda Hardman.

**Date:** 1st December 2015  
**Time:** 6:39pm

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| 1.1        | Reading and confirmation of previous minutes  
Resolved to accept the Minutes of the August 2015 meeting  
Moved: Lisa Corcoran  
Seconded: Elizabeth Ellison |  |  |
| 1.2        | Business arising from previous minutes  
Calendar of events to be added to the Newsletter and the App calendar. Email to be sent to the school requesting this. | LC | 09/12/15 |
| 1.3        | Glen White wishes to thank the P&F for all the effort put in this year. It has been a very successful year. |  |  |
| 2.0        | Treasurer’s Report |  |  |
| 2.1        | Treasurer suggests opening a new account for P&F with better interest rate. This will be discussed at the Feb 2016 meeting.  
Currently a portion of the P&F account balance has been transferred to the Canteen account to gain a higher interest rate.  
$5,500 uniform shop account still to be paid. This will fall due in Feb 2016. |  |  |
| 2.2        | P&F Account  
No report presented. |  |  |
| 2.3        | Canteen Account  
No report presented. |  |  |
| 3.0        | Principal’s Report |  |  |
|  | Helen provided news what has been happening throughout the school and upcoming events including:  
• Thank you to the P&F for all your friendship, hard work and community spirit.  
• The students have written persuasive text to the P&F requesting;  
  A swirlly slippery dip for the infants play area  
  New laptops for Stage 2 ($10k contribution from P&F)  
• Numbers for next year are looking good with approx. 254 enrolled.  
For a full report on the current progress of the school and upcoming events please see the newsletter. |  |  |
| 4.0        | Canteen Report |  |  |
|  | Nothing to report |  |  |
5.0 Uniform Shop Report
Kinder orientation went really well. Thank you to the parents who stepped in to help
Uniform samples are coming in ready for presentation to the P&F in 2016.

6.0 School Council Representative Report
The school council have agreed that for 2016 only that the P&F contribution be reduced to
$15k with a wish list to be provided to the P&F for technology etc as additional payments if
approved. This will then be reviewed for future years.
The council will look at marketing the P&F, i.e. what are funds spent on?

7.0 General Business
Thank You:
Wayne Murphy for all the years of dedication to the P&F.
Amanda Hardman for taking on and running the Uniform Shop this year.
Jacki Jenkins for many years of P&F contributions. We wish you and your family well for the
future.
Helen was presented with framed photos of her “Dunking” at the fete in appreciation for her
support of the P&F.

8.0 New Actions

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<td>Decision to be made on where P&amp;F funds are to be spent. Either new laptops for Stage 2 or an electronic notification board for the front of the school.</td>
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<td>Decision to be made on P&amp;F bank account</td>
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Meeting Closed: 7:28pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February, 6.30pm

Drinks and Nibbles provided. New faces are always welcome.
Bella
I went to Adelaide for 9 days to represent NSW in swimming. I came back with five medals. Two gold, two silver and one bronze. My family drove for ten hours to get there. All up I went in nine races and was up against fifteen different countries. The New South Wales swim team had 380 kids in it. I was nervous for the first race but after that I had settled right in. Once the 9 days was over we travelled home and it was a long trip but it was fun.

Wani
I drove ten hours to Adelaide to represent NSW at the PSG. We went well and were undefeated until we came up against Victoria. We lost to them in the finals and then came up against them again in the Grand Final the next day. Victoria were off to a great start but we didn’t give up and fought our way back into the game and it was a very close match but unfortunately lost. We still received a silver medal so came second in the whole of Australia beating every other state and India. It was a great experience and I would love to do it again.
Congratulations to Keteh Conteh and Ibrahim on the arrival of Thomas on 4/12/15. A little brother for Abdul (S1R).

**DIARY DATES 2015**

**TERM 4**

**December**
- 10th  School Concert 2pm
- 11th  End of Year Mass @ 12.30pm
- 14th  Year 6 Graduation @ 12.30pm
- 16th  Last Day of School

**DIARY DATES 2016**

**TERM 1**

**January**
- 27th  Pupil Free Day
- 28th  Pupil Free Day
- 29th  Years 1-6 First Day of School

**February**
- 4th  Kindergarten First Day of School

**CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4**

December 9th, 10th & 11th
- Wed - Peta Anderson
- Thu - Jacki Jenkins
- Fri - Leanne Farrell & Cass Kennedy

**Happy Birthday**

Ruben Evans
Rajdeep Khatri
Laykan Reid
Noah de Jong
Ashton Hull
Amy Kohlhagen
Olivia Rava
Mackaylee King
Alier Kuai

**It's A Boy!**

Claiming the Date

Riverina Conservatorium of Music

Parent and Student Information Night

Tuesday 9th February
6:30 - 7:30 pm @ RCM

www.rivconmusic.org.au
Wagga Live New Year’s Eve Community Event
Date: Thursday 31st December 2015 - New Year’s Eve
Venue: Victory memorial gardens and Civic centre precinct, Wagga Wagga
Time: Gates open at 5pm with activities and entertainment beginning at 6pm. Fireworks will be at 9:00 and Midnight, the event will finish at 12:30 am (1st Jan 2016)
Cost $5 adults, $2 child and a family ticket of $15. Children under 2 free.

Light the Night
Christmas Village
Kids can meet and have their photo taken with Elsa, Anna, Cinderella, Minions, Batman, Spiderman, Snow White, Santa and MORE!!
Christmas light displays - live entertainment - market stalls
Kids rides - food - drink
Civic Precinct
- Over 2KM of Xmas lights -
Adults $3 - under $2 - family of $5
All proceeds supporting the Specialist Medical Resources Foundation

Summer Kids’ Camps
The Perfect Christmas Gift
✓ New friendships ✓ Fun
✓ Great value ✓ Safe

Summer is all about having FUN in the great outdoors. There is no better way for kids to jam-pack their school holidays with adventure and excitement than by attending a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp.

Choose from day programs and residential camps to Duke of Edinburgh’s Award journeys. Activities include raft building, mountain biking, flying fox, giant swing, cookouts and more. With so many programs on offer, you’ll be sure to find a camp your kids will love.

Kids’ day camps start from $50. Residential camps include 24-hour supervision, accommodation, meals and activities, and many offer supervised transport to and from Central Station, Sydney.

sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps | 13 13 02
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Extend OOSH at
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend!

To check out what’s on visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

Our recap
This fortnight at Extend has been an exciting one, we have decorated our room for Christmas. Working together we all helped put our Christmas tree up, and decorated it with the children’s our hand made creations. We have also had Movie Week where we made our own Hollywood stars, recreated our favourite Movie characters and wrote our own movie scripts. Our favourite games have been twister, What’s the time Mr Wolf and chess.

Upcoming Sacred Heart Extend will be hosting Extend’s Vacation Care program. We have planned two planned excursions to Temora Aviation Museum and to Forum movies in Wagga.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Extend Sacred Heart!
-Eliza and Sarah

Our Extend Superstar is Jorda Risby for being an active member of our service. Jorda helps support our younger students, promotes fun games and actively suggests activities for our programming.

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

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Christmas Cake Decorating Demonstrations
at EAT LOCAL THURSDAY farmers market

Have you ever wondered how to stick marzipan to your fruitcake or wrangle the wrinkles out of the fondant icing?

Do you ponder on how to create those artfully clever shapes to pop on top of the finished product and have friends and family exclaim in amazement ‘Did you do that...?’

From cup cakes to full-blown heavy rich fruit cakes, HD Cake Decorators from Wagga have all the ideas and solutions to help you with inspiration and practical information.

Every week from now until Christmas, Helen and David are providing their expertise to the customers at EAT LOCAL THURSDAY farmers market at the MTC from 2.30 until 6.30. They are very experienced at their art and both are recognised with many wins at the Sydney and Melbourne shows, plus being members of the NSW Cake Decorators Guild.

You can bring your own baked goods to decorate or purchase one from HD Cake Decorators. This is great fun for children and adults so let your creativity juices start flowing 😊

For more information, please call pennie scott on 0427 44 11 07, or visit the Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/EAT-LOCAL-Thursday-farmers-market-Wagga-247349235437263/ for up-to-the-minute details.
TOMORROW - 10th DECEMBER

- School Concert
  2pm in the hall

FRIDAY - 11th DECEMBER

Whole School Christmas Mass
12.30pm in the Parish Centre

Once again Sacred Heart will be participating in the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. We ask the children to bring in donations of food and new toys (unwrapped) to their classroom. They will be given to St Vincent de Paul at this Mass.

- Reports sent home on this day

MONDAY - 14th DECEMBER

- Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
  12.30pm in the hall
- Students meet their class and teacher for 2016
  2.30pm in their classrooms

TUESDAY - 15th DECEMBER

Final Assembly for 2015
2pm in the hall

WEDNESDAY - 16th DECEMBER

- Year 6 Pool Day at Coolamon Pool
- Last Day of School