Dear Parents

Welcome to our new school year. How wonderful it was to welcome the students and their families on Friday morning. A special welcome to the new families of Sacred Heart School: Peralta, O’Donovan, Brown, Wallace, Khuzwayo, Press, Nankervis, Nicholls, Candy, Brazulaitis, Aichinger, Crockatt, Langfield, McQueen, Tarce, Jones, Bradbrook, Gleeson, Pollard, Miller, Howard, Hartwig, Doggett, Murray, Hale, Talipan, Yates, Jones, Cotterill, Aldana, Hodgins, Nightingale, Sheargold and Scott-Young Families.

The students arrived with big smiles looking very happy to be back with friends ready to commence their year of teaching and learning. The students and teachers all look very settled in their classrooms.

What a beautiful school we have here. As the new person on staff it feels like a warm caring family where each staff member wants what is best for the students in their care. As I begin there is so much for me to learn about each member of our community so that I can support them in their growth in faith and learning. I look forward very much to the journey that will be mine with you at Sacred Heart.

The foyer of our school provides a strong visual message re our focuses for growing in faith and life – the Sacred Heart reminding us of the love and mercy of Jesus. This year has been proclaimed a Year of Mercy by Pope Francis. It was the focus of our staff development day last week led by Mr King and Mrs O’Connell.

Prayer for the Beginning of a New School Year

May we explore together the territory of knowledge;
May we learn together the mysteries of truth;
May we share together the joy of friendship;
May we release in each other the spark of creativity;
May we inspire others to follow Your call;
May we always remember that You,
The author of all knowledge, all goodness,
All truth and all beauty, delight to share all experience with us.
Guide us on our 2016 journey.
Amen
As part of that day we created our school 'Door of Mercy' to remind us and all who pass through the door what our call to service in this school community means. Coming newsletters will include information on the year of mercy. Stanley and Susie, the star students in the foyer, remind all that STAR students stop, think, apply mindfulness and respond. We are also reminded by the posters of the importance of inquiry and collaboration both of which are important aspects of learning in this community.

We welcome Mrs Sarah Pembleton back to our school after her year at Holy Trinity and Mrs Denise Pleming who will be teaching our Kitchen Garden Program and Kindergarten on Fridays.

The swimming carnival was a great success on Monday inspite of the cold beginning to the day. A big thank you to Mr King and the staff for their organization of the day and to all of the parents who assisted in any way.

Our Kinder students have been coming in for the Best Start Assessment which provides valuable information to assist teachers to ensure student learning is focused on the needs of the individual from day one. We look forward to welcoming our Kindergarten classes on Thursday.

I look forward to meeting you and working with all in this community. Please feel free to contact me to discuss any matter that is of importance to you and your children.

May God’s blessing be on you and your family as we commence this new year together.

Yours sincerely
Carolyn Matthews

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**Praying Lent This Year**

The season of Lent commences on Wednesday 10th February. It begins our time of preparation to celebrate Easter. At Sacred Heart School the students and teachers will celebrate with a special liturgy in their classrooms. Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we’ve done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

As Lent begins, take time as a family to consider opportunities that enable prayer, service and forgiveness.

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Welcome back to all our existing families and a big welcome to our new families.

The canteen menu can be found on the skoolbag app and also on the school website. Any changes to the menu will be sent out as a notification via skoolbag so please install this method of communication on your mobile devices.

Volunteers are an integral part of the canteen's operation and success. Please fill in and return the volunteer form which was sent home Friday as soon as possible.

Allergies? Please come and see me from 8.30am on canteen days to discuss individual requirements.

Did you know that you can order bulk supplies from Ferndale and receive Sacred Heart pricing? Gravy, sauce, muffin mix, nuggets, burgers etc.

Reusable lunch wallets are strongly encouraged and are available from the canteen or uniform shop at a cost of $5.00 each. Colour coded class and name tags have been prepared for all students.

Look forward to seeing you all soon

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**UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEERS**
If you are able to spare an hour of your time (8.30am-9.30am) on a Wednesday morning one or two weeks a term to assist in the uniform shop it would be very much appreciated. Please phone Kerrie on 0407 964 627
Elvis Conteh
Adelaide Jones
Roseangela Zavaglia
Mayen Ateny
Isobel Kendall
Kobe Gustowski
Benjamin Murray
Achieu Ateny
Jesse Barac
Edward Clark
Bailey Figgis
Mia Phillips
Jasmine Kaur
Ella White
Mitchell Cubis
Ashleigh Anderson
Thomas Joyce
Clarissa Shaw
Isaac Hardman

DIARY DATES 2016

TERM 1
February
10th  Ash Wednesday
March
24th  Holy Thursday
25th  Good Friday
28th  Easter Monday
April
8th  Last Day of Term 1
26th  Pupil Free
27th  Pupil Free
28th  First Day of Term 2

Congratulations to Kade and Jaclyn Moore on the arrival of Max on 22/01/16. A little brother for Ashlee (S1P) and Sonny.

Library Days
Early Stage 1 - Friday
Stage 1 - Friday
Stage 2 - Wednesday
Stage 3 organised by class teachers

SPORT DAYS - TERM 1
Early Stage 1 - Friday
Stage 1 - Thursday
Stage 2 - Friday
Stage 3 - Wednesday
Music Lessons on Guitar and Keyboard. Also music therapy for 0-5 y.o. with delayed speech, movement, learning and development in Kooringal Road. Phone 69 264901

What's On?

- Our parish sponsored mainly music playgroup starts on Tuesday 9th February. It starts at 10:00am and finishes at 11:30am. This activity is for 0-5 year olds and their parents/carers. The cost is $5 per adult per weekly session. To register or for more information please ring Bernadette 69224551 / 0477887783.

- Wagga Brothers Juniors Registration Day 2016. Sunday 14th Feb, 11am-2pm, Parramore Park. Boys ages 6-15 years (Under 13's full). Girls Oz tag, 9's, 12's, 14's and 16's.

- The Office of Sport and Recreation, in conjunction with Sports Medicine Australia and HeadSafe, is conducting a FREE Community Concussion Information HeadSafe Workshop on Friday 26 February 2016 at Wagga Wagga. This workshop is free and focuses on concussion injuries. The workshop goes from 7pm to 8:30pm at Wagga Wagga Commercial Club. To enrol go to http://concussioninsportproject.com.au

- Wagga Takes Two presents Movies by moonlight - MOVIE: PIXELS. DATE: 27TH FEBRUARY 2016 WHERE: MATER DEI PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL. TIME: MOVIE STARTS AT SUNSET APPROX 8:15pm. BRING: CHAIRS, PICNIC RUGS PLEASE NO GLASS BOTTLES. COST: $5 A PERSON OR $15 FOR A FAMILY OF 4
Your child will be participating in the Healthy Harold program next week. The cost is $10 per child which will be charged through school fees.

Below are the programs your child will be participating in.

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The children are able to purchase merchandise from Healthy Harold. Please see over the page instructions on what to do and a price list of the products available.
HAROLD MERCHANDISE

Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not-for-profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on fundraising within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child’s name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

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NB Harold Products are subject to availability
Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.

☐ I would like to donate ________ to Life Education NSW.
Gifts of $2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: ________________________ Phone (optional): ________________________
Address: ________________________
Suburb: ________________________ Postcode: ________________________
Email (optional) ________________________ Child’s Class: ________________________

Visit Life Education at www.lifeeducation.org.au or www.healthyharold.org.au
On Monday Sacred Heart conducted its swimming carnival for 2016. While plenty of rain on Sunday and early Monday kept organisers nervous, we were able to complete all of our races, with swimmers competing well and each House showing great enthusiasm with their chants and cheering. It was great to see students trying hard in all events, with particular mention to the new students to our school who definitely brought a high level of skill to our meet. Besides the swimming, some highlights were the amount of parents and friends who were able to join us to either assist with the running of the day or by cheering their children on, as well as our Stage 1 students joining us for the first time to experience the excitement of the carnival.

After all the competition, Brennan were our runaway winner on the day. Our age champions were:

- **Junior Girl** - Zoe McQueen
- **Junior Boy** - Hamish Ellison
- **11 Years Girl** - Georgia Ellison
- **11 Years Boy** - Lachlan Press
- **Senior Girl** - Eloise Murphy
- **Senior Boy** - Josh Press