Hello to all families and friends of Sacred Heart,

Dear Lord,

I know you receive what is in my heart. Let me be inspired by your words and by the actions of your son, Jesus. Guide me to make sacrifices this Lent in the spirit of self-denial and with greater attention to you and to those around me. Help me to believe that you will grant me this because of the sacrifice Jesus made for me.

Lent
Lent began on Ash Wednesday last week, with classes participating in Ash Wednesday liturgies, and Stage 3 being part of the parish mass. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter and all classes will be working hard in preparation for Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Year of Mercy
This year is the Year of Mercy in the Church. You would have noticed the entrance doors to the hall proclaiming this, as well as around your child’s class. Our students are learning what real mercy is and how they can apply it in their everyday lives.

Miss Matthews
We keep Miss Matthews and her family in our prayers as her father makes a slow recovery from a recent fall. She will be back at school next week.

Evacuation
Last Thursday Sacred Heart was unfortunate enough to be targeted by a random hoax threat. Our teachers followed emergency evacuation procedures and the students were safely removed from the premises until the police gave the all-clear to return. While it was a stressful situation for all involved, we appreciate the support from families who called, emailed and came in to check on the situation and to thank the school.
**Communication/Skoolbag Set Up**

The emergency evacuation demonstrated to us that the Skoolbag App is the most effective way to receive alerts and messages from us quickly, so if you don’t have the app, it is definitely a worthwhile way of keeping up to date with events. Simply search ‘Kooringal’ in the app store of both iPhone and Android stores to download. DON’T FORGET to change your settings to suit which notifications you wish to receive eg if your child is in Stage 1, you may only want to receive “news” for Stage 1 but you still receive all alerts. The way to personalize your settings is to go into the MORE button on the bottom right hand corner of the skoolbag app and then “setup push notifications” and select the options that you require.

Another way to keep up to date with happenings at our school is through our Twitter account. It is a great way to view photos of what is happening at Sacred Heart in real time. Search for @info_shk to keep up to date with what is happening.

While this technology makes things easier to keep up to date, nothing beats a personal conversation with your child's class teacher. Our teachers are always willing to meet with you if you have questions.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Next Monday and Tuesday will be Parent/Teacher interviews after school. While this is not compulsory, it is a great way for you to make contact with your child’s teacher and to discuss with them the particular needs of your child. Notes will be sent home in the next day or two confirming your interview time.

**Opening School Mass**

Our new Parish Priest Fr. John Baptiste has been unavoidably delayed in coming to the Kooringal parish. We were waiting for him to arrive to have our opening school mass, but with news of this delay, our opening school mass will now be on Wednesday 24th February at 6pm. We thank Fr. Bernie for his willingness to assist us. All families are invited to attend. After the mass there will be a free sausage sizzle provided by our hardworking P & F. The canteen will also be selling softdrinks for $2. Our Year 6 students will receive their leadership badges at the mass, and we ask that all students attend.

**Car Park**

This is a timely reminder about the car park, and in particular, picking your child up from school. When school is finished for the day, please get out of your car, wait for your child on the grassed area or at the front of stage 1 on the wooden benches, collect your child and walk them safely back to your vehicle. Under no circumstances will we allow your child to walk through the car park unassisted, as it is extremely dangerous. If you are unsure of the proceedings, please see your class teacher or ask at the office.
Uniform
I have been very impressed by all those students who are wearing the correct summer uniform. Please be aware that we have a 'no hat, no play' policy in Terms 1 and 4, and that sports uniform is only to be worn on your child's designated day. All information about our uniforms can be found on our Sacred Heart website, under 'Information/Uniforms'.

Learning at Sacred Heart
All classes have been spending a great deal of time in developing relationships, as well as setting the class norms and expectations that will be in operation during this year. At Sacred Heart we are very fortunate to have fantastic learning spaces and furniture to assist with authentic learning that engages each child. Research states that students learn best when they have a good relationship with their teacher and they feel comfortable, both physically and emotionally. The recent purchase of furniture will assist us in ensuring that learning is exciting, engaging and lasting.
As always, if there is anything that we can assist you with, please don’t hesitate to contact your class teacher or make an appointment through the office to discuss any issues with Miss Matthews or myself.

All the best

Sam King
(Acting Principal)

ART ROOM NEWS

Last year our indigenous students participated in an Indigenous Reading Challenge. They had to read as many books as possible on a tablet given to them by The Indigenous Reading Project team. The incentive was to win and keep the tablet at the end of the competition. I am excited to announce that all four of our Sacred Heart students who participated have been able to keep their tablets. These students are Emily Harris, Roland Bailey, Aaliyah Kennedy and Sophie McDonald. Well done!!

Mrs. Puckeridge
Present: Glen White, Lisa Corcoran, Elizabeth Ellison, Carolyn Matthews, Annette Figgis, Jody Oliver, Kerrie Rudd, Rachel McQueen, Sam King

Apologies: Jo Kohlhagen, Wayne Murphy, Kylie Barac.

Date: 02/02/2015    Time: 6:34pm

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Sacred Heart Community
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
- Very busy start to the year.
- Liaising with MDPS Uniform shop regarding setting up a full uniform shop. Doesn’t look like this will be viable at this stage.
- Discussions regarding changing the school uniform. Will look more into changing the boy’s summer uniform and the school jumper. Options will be presented to the P&F next meeting and then will be communicated to the school community for consultation and vote.

6.0 School Council Representative Report
Last meeting was held on the 8th December 2015. Discussions were held around:
- School budget
- Student numbers
- No increase in fees for 2016
- Refugees being welcomed as part of the school community
- New plumber to carry out larger works
- Underground tanks do have a pump
- Link between P&F annual commitment and resources purchased for the school
- Plaques – alternate supplier

7.0 General Business
- Father Bernie called in to thank the P&F for all their hard work over the years
- Welcome Mass and will be held once the new Parish priest arrives later in February.
- 39 kinder enrolments, 22 new students in years 1-6. Total of 251 students.
- Discussions around Extend and notifications of opening times for Vacation care and Pupil free days.

8.0 New Actions

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Meeting Closed: 8.18pm

NEXT MEETING
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 6PM

Followed by Ordinary Meeting at 6.30pm

DRINKS AND NIBBLES PROVIDED. NEW FACES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.
Connor Brazulaitis
William Aichinger
Beau Barac
Paige Plum
Jack Nightingale
Madi Russell
Chelsea Burgman
Mitchell White
Tamsin Davis

**DIARY DATES 2016**

**TERM 1**

**February**
23rd  Stage 1 Wonga Wetlands

**March**
1st     P & F meeting 6.30pm
24th    Holy Thursday
25th    Good Friday
28th    Easter Monday

**April**
8th     Last Day of Term 1
26th    Pupil Free
27th    Pupil Free

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**FEE STATEMENTS SENT HOME YESTERDAY**

All fees due on 16/3/16, unless you are currently using another method of payment eg. Direct Debit, Credit Card deduction or have made Alternative arrangements with the Principal for fee payment. If you wish to pay on-line, our account details are:

**Commonwealth Bank BSB:** 062-614
**Account Number:** 10017636

Please remember to put in your account number as a reference so we can identify you.

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**Congratulations to Colin and Michelle on the arrival of Lucas. A little brother for Layla Nankervis (S2F).**

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**Congratulations to Luke and Rhiannon on the arrival of Connor. A little brother for Jack Sheargold (ES1O'C).**

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

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**Sport Days - Term 1**
**Early Stage 1 - Friday**
**Stage 1 - Thursday**
**Stage 2 - Friday**
**Stage 3 - Wednesday**
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 focusses 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

EWK JUNIORS REGISTRATION DAY—AUSKICK AND NETBALL, Sunday 28th February 2016, McDonald’s Kooringal 9am—10.30am email: ewkjfc@gmail.com

TURVEY PARK GIRL GUIDES ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS, Junior aged 5-10 meet on Tuesday nights 6-7.30pm, Guides aged 10-14 meet on Wednesday nights 7-8.30pm. Please contact Ros Steel for more information on 0411 430 404

Catholic Inter-Primary Schools Band
Rehearsals for the Catholic Inter-Primary Schools (CIPS) Band commenced on Wednesday 10th February at 8am in the Kildare Catholic College music room. The CIPS band is a collective of children from four Catholic primary schools: Henschke, Holy Trinity, Sacred Heart and St. Josephs. Students may play violin, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, bass guitar, keyboard and percussion. No experience is necessary as lessons on an instrument can be arranged. At the conclusion of each rehearsal, students return to their schools on Kildare Catholic College’s bus. This is a fantastic opportunity to take advantage of the terrific music tuition offered by Kildare. For more information, contact Robert Thompson or Amanda Hilton on 6925 3388.
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If you would like your child/ren to participate in any of the above please send name/s of those participating and the correct money to the school office by the CLOSING DATES ABOVE.

I would like my child/ren

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To participate in the following competition/s

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Please find enclosed $ .....................
The DPF would like to welcome students and families to the 2016 school year.

Would you like to win a prize this term?
All you need to do is be the DPF STAR SAVER for the term. The student who deposits the most times for the term is the winner. So now’s the time to start.
Savings can be deposited EVERY Thursday through the school office

**PARENTS/CARERS**

Encouraging your children to save is one of life’s most important lessons. Getting them started and continuing on throughout their school life could mean the difference between being able to afford to send them off to university or being able to afford a decent car or travel when your child completes his or her studies.
Saving money teaches our children how to manage their finances, teaches them how to budget for things they would like, such as a new skate board, bicycle or later on their first mobile phone or iPad.
They can save their pocket money and birthday money or any other funds they may collect.

If your child does not already have a DPF Student Saver account please call 02 69370099 and we will send out a Student Saver package to you.
Guess who’s having a Big Fat Greek Wedding!

Join us to find out...
Thursday 24th March,
Forum 6 Cinema Wagga Wagga
Champagne and canapes served 6pm
Ceremony 7pm
All funds raised go to Aspect Riverina
(School for children with Autism) 10 years’ celebrations.
Tickets $25

Available:
242 Baylis St Wagga
Contact Sheila Buntin 0402807014

Aspect Riverina is located in our school grounds and support us in a variety of ways including our fundraisers. So we encourage all Sacred Heart families to support this great fundraiser.
# Merit Awards Week 2  Term 1

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| Stage One       | Clarissa Shaw, Marquez Morell, Jarm Arcadio, Olivia Rava, Renata Mangahis, Thomas Joyce |
|-----------------| Thomas Smyth, Evie Joselin, Xanthe McQueen |

| Stage Two       | Rajdeep Khatri, Hamish Ellison, Jessica Langfield, Zach Bland, Ebonie Sheales, Jett Gustowski, Gus Lyons |
|-----------------| Angelina Morell, Abdul Conteh, Alier Kuai |

| Stage Three     | Ryan Wales, Mitchell White, Lilly Walsh, Nathan O’Connor |
|-----------------| Lauren Golden, Nsiki Khuzwayo |

Sacred Heart has purchased some fantastic new furniture for classrooms and the hall area. Students are pictured here utilising some of these pieces.
A BIG thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came in to help cook pancakes on Tuesday last week. Attached are just some photos of the fun we had.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Welcome to 2016

Please join us to celebrate the beginning of the school year with a Mass at 6.00pm WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

Yr 6 students will be inducted as leaders during the Mass.

Free barbeque provided by the P&F after mass for all families.

We look forward to seeing all parents and children.