ADVENT – WE BEGIN OUR PREPARATION TO REMEMBER THE BIRTH OF JESUS AT CHRISTMAS

During Advent, Pope Francis said, “we are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to be surprised by the life that is presented each day with its newness. In order to do this we need to learn to not depend on our own securities, our own established plans, because the Lord comes in the hour which we don’t imagine.”

A simple and meaningful preparation for families is the making of an advent wreath and then each week lighting the relevant candle and saying a simple prayer. This Sunday marks the beginning of the second Sunday of Advent.

Second Week – Sunday 3rd December
God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Third Week – Sunday 10th December
Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Dear Parents and Carers,

Who can believe that we are at this end of the term already. The students are busy here at school and also have full lives in the many end of year functions that they may be involved in. We are conscience that they maybe tired but at Sacred Heart our teaching and learning program continues in earnest through until the very last day of term.

Following interviews I am very pleased to advise some staff appointments for 2017. The following will be joining our teaching staff - Mr Scott Lucas full time class teacher and Mrs Gabrielle Bolton, a part time teacher will be joining our teaching staff and Mrs Cathie Koetz as Reading Recovery and Language Support teacher. More details regarding class teacher allocation for 2017 will be communicated in the final newsletter of the year.

Thank you to those parents who are not sending their children to school prior to 8.30am. Remember there is no supervision before 8.30am.

Student reports will be sent home on Friday 9th December. Hopefully you will be able to take time to sit with your son or daughter and talk through the grades, effort and comments provided in the reports. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child’s report with their teacher please contact the school to make an interview time. Remember a “C” means your child is achieving the outcomes for their stage of learning.

The a3 Music Concert, at which our Stage 2 and 3 students will be performing will be held at Henschke Hall on Wednesday 7th December commencing at 12.30pm. All parents are invited.

Kindergarten is leading our Mass this Friday at 12.30pm. All are invited to join with us.

Mrs O’Connell and Mrs Haggar led a valuable meeting with Early Stage 1 2016 families on Monday evening to discuss the transition to Stage One. It was wonderful to hear the open conversation about successes and challenges in Kinder, information on reports and an outline of the structure of Stage One.

Students will have the opportunity to visit their 2017 classes for the afternoon session on Tuesday 13th December. They will meet their 2017 teachers and have time with their 2017 class group.

May God’s blessing be on you and your families during this season of advent.

Carolyn Matthews
Principal

Farewell
Yesterday we farewelled Brooklyn, Coomara and Lilah Munro who are moving to Canberra to live. They will be greatly missed by all of us at Sacred heart.

Welcome
We welcome Hannah Te Pohe and her parents Richard and Natalie to our school community. They have recently moved to Wagga Wagga from Cunarurra.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Sacred Heart is going to participate in the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal again this year. Below please find the items we have designated to each year level. If you would also like to donate a toy please feel free to do so. Please send your donation to your child’s classroom.

A representative from St Vincent de Paul will collect our donations at StP’s Mass on Friday the 2nd of December.

Thank you for your support as we continue to live our school motto: To Love is To Serve

Kindergarten - candy canes, bon bons
Year 1 - Puddings, Christmas cake, pavlova nests/base
Year 2 - savoury biscuits, kids snacks (LCMs, muesli bars etc)
Year 3 - lollies, chips
Year 4 - long life custard and milk, cereal
Year 5 - sweet biscuits, shortbread
Year 6 - soft drink, cordial
MERIT AWARDS

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News from the Artroom....
Mrs Puckeridge
To view the students artwork on Instagram go to Sacred_Heart_Art.

2017 School Year
27th January – Staff return for professional development
30th January – Staff only
31st January – Year One to Year Six commence
31 Jan-3 Feb – Best Start Assessment for 2017 Kinder families
6th February – Kindergartens commence

Canteen News
There will be no lunch orders on the last day of school (16/12/16).
Ice blocks, chips, lollies, slushys etc will be available to purchase after the Christmas concert.

All Fees are now due
All fees are now due, 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.

Sports News
Tom Munn will try out for the Diocesan Cricket Team this Friday at Bolton Park. Goodluck Tom!
Extend OOSH at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Early-bird closes:
Friday 2 December for December bookings
Monday 19 December for January bookings

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend!
Have fun with science experiments, participate in a bunch of craft activities with access to a plethora of art media, and get active with a variety of outdoor sports and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend’s Summer Holiday Program.

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

Weekly Recap

This week has been a busy one at Extend, we have started our Christmas Baking and craft. We made some tasty gingerbread, shortbread and Christmas tree sugar cookies, made some beautiful christmas wreaths, baubles and Angels and played heaps of fun outdoor games. Resources such as the pokemon cards, UNO cards, and blocks have been increasingly popular this week along with the army men and bounce off game.

Extend Superstars

The Extend superstars this week are Marcus Talipan and Jack Sheargold for always listening and following instructions and being great friends to everyone at Extend. Keep up the great work guys!

What’s on Next Week?

Monday: White Christmas Pops
Tuesday: Paper Plate Christmas Trees
Wednesday: Holly Cookies
Thursday: Christmas Snow Flakes
Friday: Christmas Count Down Calendar

Low chemical products
$10 discount for first colour service for Sacred Heart mums

DISCO
Primary School Aged Disco
$5 Entry Fee
Thursday 15th December  6pm-9pm
Wagga PCYC, 228 Gurwood Street
Canteen Available
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY

Weekly, Weekends and Public Holidays
To Book Please call 13CURE (2873) or book online

Jim’s Cleaning Koorangal - now operating in your area
Call Larry & Liz Rankin on 0419 359 154
to claim your $50 introductory clean

ENROL NOW FOR TERM 1, 2017
Learn to Swim, Mums & Bubs, Stroke Correction, Squad Training, Hydrotherapy, Birthday Parties, Aqua Aerobics, Sporting Groups
Warm, friendly, family orientated environment with an enclosed children’s play area.

10 DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM
Monday 9th Jan. 2017 to Friday 20th Jan. 2017
GROUP & PRIVATE LESSONS AVAILABLE
DON’T MISS OUT - FOR ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL 6971 7750 OR DROP IN AND SEE US TODAY!
Wagga Swim School – 83 Copland Street, Wagga Wagga
Email - info@waggaswimschool.com.au
FRIDAY - 9th DECEMBER
- Reports sent home on this day

TUESDAY - 13th DECEMBER
- Students meet their class and teacher for 2017
  2.30pm in their classrooms

WEDNESDAY - 14th DECEMBER
- Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
  12.30pm in the hall

THURSDAY - 15th DECEMBER
- Year 6 Pool Day at Coolamon Pool

FRIDAY - 16th DECEMBER

Whole School Christmas Mass
9.30am in the Parish Centre
  Shared recess
  10.30am on the oval
  Christmas Concert
  11.30am in the hall

- Parents and friends of our school are invited to gather with us for our end of year gathering. It commences with whole school Mass at 9.30am followed by shared recess at 10.30am and our Christmas Concert in the hall at 11.30am. We hope that you will be able to join with us to celebrate and give thanks for the great learning in faith and life during 2016.
  - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2016