Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write we are making final preparations for the close of the 2016 school year. What a wonderful year it has been for all who are part of Sacred Heart community with so much to give thanks for. There is no doubt that every member of our community has grown in the understanding of who God is in their lives and in the ‘habits of mind’ which enable our students to be prepared for their future.

Today we celebrate the Graduation of our Year Six students who have been fine leaders modelling the qualities we uphold at Sacred Heart as they have worked to be independent learners who handle situations in a mindful manner. They will be missed from among us.

We welcome to our staff Mrs Vivienne Koschel, who will be working in Stage 3K relieving Mr King, Mrs Jenna Downey who will be leading our Dance/Music and Drama, Cathy Koetz who will be our Reading Recovery Teacher, Fiona Hillier will be our Targeting Mathematics teacher, Scott Lucas a classroom teacher in Stage 2 and Gab Bolton who will be our REC release teacher for Mrs O’Connell’s class. These teachers will contribute much to our Sacred Heart Learning community.

Thank you to the families who have actively supported and contributed in so many ways to the life of our school during 2016. Your interest, ideas and work is valued and appreciated by all of us at Sacred Heart.

At the end of the year it is fitting to recognise the tireless effort of our staff who each day work to develop and meet the spiritual, social and academic needs of each child in their care. At Sacred Heart this year we have truly observed children grow in their self worth because of the care shown. Our staff certainly ‘walk the extra mile’.

On Friday we have our end of year K-6 Mass in the church at 9.30am. We hope many of you can join us for this special celebration. And at 11.30am on Friday we will have our concert during which each stage will share an item enabling us to share in the music and dance work done this year.

Christmas is the time for us to pause and remember the birth of Jesus and the profound message that his life has for our world. Let us take time to reflect and celebrate.

May the holidays be a time of joy, rest and peace for you and your families and may all your travels be safe. With every good wish for the Christmas season.

Carolyn Matthews
Principal

HELP NEEDED
We have mulch for the front garden being delivered on Friday afternoon and would appreciate any assistance at 5.30pm to help spread it. We anticipate this will take approximately half an hour. If you are able to help please phone the school office.

LOST PROPERTY
Available on table at front of school at 3.00pm. Please check. All unclaimed property to our clothing pool at the end of the term.

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**MERIT AWARDS**

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform shop will be open 27 January 2017 9-10 am.

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**2017 School Year**

**CLASS TEACHERS**

Early Stage 1
Lindi O’Connell and Cathy Haggar

Stage 1
Danielle Patrick, Cate Munn, Cath Reynolds

Stage 2
Therese Cubis, Therese Feron, Scott Lucas

Stage 3
Sam King, Sarah White, Sarah Pemberton

**SCHOOL START DATES**

27th January 2017
Staff return for a professional development day

30th January 2017
Staff only

31st January 2017
Year One to Year Six commence

31 January - 3rd February 2017
Best Start Assessment for 2017 Kinder families

6th February 2017
Kindergartens commence
Wishing all the students celebrating their birthdays in the holiday a very happy day!

Tracy Creasy
0419 232 293

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

Thank you to all the families who donated to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

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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.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL “KITCHEN GARDEN HELPERS” IN 2016.

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Riley Davoren
Joslyne Goodrum
Matilda Mattingly
Nicola Cubis
Ella White
Amarlie McPherson
Jok Alier
Austine Smit
Ethan O’Halloran
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6.00pm
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Happy Birthday

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Extend OOSH at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

It’s been a great week this week at Extend. We made some beautiful Christmas Ornaments, made some magic reindeer food and had an end of term Christmas Party. Resources such as the Pokemon cards and dinosaurs were also very popular this week. On behalf of everyone here at Extend I’d like to say a big thank you to everyone within the Extend and School Community for making this such a great year, we really couldn’t have accomplished it without your constant support. I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and an amazing New Year. For those attending our Vacation Care program be prepared for lots of awesome fun such as our excursions to the movies and Noah’s Ark and we will also be making Teddy Bears, Candles and Soaps. We also have heaps of other activities planned, if you would like more information come on over to Extend and take a look at our upcoming Vacation Care Program. Once again thank you all for making this the best year ever and I look forward to seeing you all in 2017 for an even better year!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everybody!!

Extend Superstars

This week our Extend superstars are Marcus Talipan, Ruby Cotterill, Jorda Risby, Logan Davoren, Riley Davoren, Mia Phillips, Wyatt Doggett, Oliver Davidson and Jett Morris for always giving 100% in everything they do at After School Care. Keep up the great work guys!!
**EARLY STAGE 1 - JACK SHEARGOLD**

Our Habit of Mind focus for term 4 has been Questioning and Posing Problems. Jack Sheargold is a very mindful student. He always asks questions to clarify his thinking in all aspects of school life from Literacy and Numeracy to Religion and Science. He also poses problems for all of us to solve. He is a flexible thinker who is prepared to change his ideas if he is having difficulty solving problems. He listens carefully to what others have to say and often clarifies his thinking before contributing new ideas. He enjoys a challenge and sometimes comes back to school many days after a problem has been posed and explains what his thinking has been over time, so he continually persists with his thoughts and ideas. He is an enthusiastic student who always strives to do his best.

**STAGE 1 - RUBEN EVANS**

This Semester, in Stage One, we have been focussing on the Habit of Mind of Creating, Imagining, and Innovating, which means to generate novel, original, clever or ingenious products, solutions, and techniques. To do this we have used the 5Is process to help develop the capacity to be able to identify, inspire, imagine, interpolate (which means to add to), and inspect which is the process to unlock the creative potential in people. Our mindful student was able to use the ideas of others, add to them, use them in a different way to inspire his own ideas to generate a solution to an identified task, and so he was creative.

People are often heard saying, "I can't draw," "I will never be good at art," "I can't sing," "I'm not creative" because they believe creative humans are just born that way. But the Habit of Mind: Creating, imagining, and innovating teaches us that this is not the case. People can learn to be creative.

In the past I have heard I can't ... comments from our mindful student but over the year he has learnt to look for alternative strategies for problem solving or try another way. This has allowed him to experience greater success and so now he has more belief in himself as a learner and will persist when tasks become challenging. Today I would like to congratulate Ruben Evans as Stage One Mindful Student and acknowledge the growth we have seen in his ability to persist and create.

**STAGE 2 - PEYTON FREEMAN**

Peyton is a kind and considerate student who has tried hard to put herself out of her comfort zone by trying new things like auditioning for a solo part in the A3 Music Concert. She displays an inclusive approach when dealing with her peers and goes out of her way to consider the comfort and needs of others. Peyton maintains a high work ethic and always uses her time effectively.

**STAGE 3 - JAMIE PIKE**

Jamie Pike was chosen as our mindful student for Term 4 for the way he conducts himself at all times. Jamie is polite, well mannered and has the ability to make sure that people in his presence feel safe, important and happy. Jamie genuinely cares about others and often takes the time to ask people how they are. He can be relied upon to complete jobs and other tasks with minimal supervision. Jamie has been an excellent leader this year and will be missed greatly in Stage 3.