

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

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“

Lord, The resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.”

NEW SAINT JOSEPH
PEOPLE'S PRAYER BOOK

The staff of Sacred Heart Catholic School wish all the members of our school community an Easter that is filled with , hope, joy, love and peace. Stay safe and well and we look forward to us all being back on the Sacred Heart School site together soon.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a Christian community we are preparing over the coming week to celebrate the great Feast of Easter. We have shared with you today via the compass portal a simple family prayer service for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Given that we cannot celebrate in communities these prayers provide an opportunity for you as a family to pause and remember the significance of these events in the life of Christians. Easter brings hope to the world.

Pope Francis wrote recently,

“Embracing his cross means finding the courage to embrace all the hardships of the present time, abandoning for a moment our eagerness for power and possessions in order to make room for the creativity that only the Spirit is capable of inspiring.

It means finding the courage to create spaces where everyone can recognize that they are called, and to allow new forms of hospitality, fraternity and solidarity.

By his cross we have been saved in order to embrace hope and let it strengthen and sustain all measures and all possible avenues for helping us protect ourselves and others.

Embracing the Lord in order to embrace hope: that is the strength of faith, which frees us from fear and gives us hope.”

None of us could have anticipated how term one would end. Our staff have done an amazing job over recent weeks. You too have adapted to supporting your children with learning, working from home and the list goes on – no mean feat. Thank you for keeping alive the spirit of Sacred Heart that has allowed us all to do the very best we can in these changed times.

Information regarding next term

- The first two days of term two – **27th and 28th April are pupil free days** as staff make final preparations for the changed mode of delivery of learning for term two.
- **'At Home Learning'** will be delivered – we expect this will be the case for all of term two but have had no formal advice to date. It will commence on Wednesday 29th April.
- Schools will be open only for the students of essential workers. The NSW Government's advice states " Schools remain open, however **parents are encouraged to keep their children at home where possible.** No child will be turned away from a school in NSW."

I will keep you informed as new information comes to hand.

- Tomorrow information will be shared via the Compass portal with families re our **plans and information for 'At Home Learning' in term two.** It is really important to take the time to be familiar with this so you are prepared and can prepare your children for learning in term two. We are continuing at Sacred Heart not to make it onerous for you.
- As of the commencement of term two we will be working out of the **new administration building.** Exciting news for all of our staff and community.
- **Extend** will be operating out of what has been our staff room this year.

Hope the coming weeks are as good as they can be for you and your families.

Keep well,

Carolyn Matthews

Principal

