Our Weekly Prayer

This week we say farewell to some staff, students and families.

We pray that they may continue to “Love One Another” wherever their journey takes them.

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
The rainfall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
COMING EVENTS

Last Day Term 2
Friday 19th June
3.00pm

The school office
will be open
Week 1 & Week 4
8.00am -2.30pm

End of Term 2
Farewell Assembly
12.00pm
End of Day
Farewell
2.45pm

Term 3
Commences
Tuesday
21st July

Dear Sacred Heart families and friends,

I have lost count of the number of drafts I have written of this newsletter piece. In amongst the business of the end of any term and making preparations for a smooth handover, the last two weeks have been a washing machine of mixed, changing and repeated emotions. I knew leaving was a possibility and it is my choice but having it confirmed rocked me more than a little. So much has happened that has delighted, challenged, frustrated, bemused, inspired, astonished and most importantly changed me in the last three and a half years. One memory instantly flows into another, and another, on and on. Every memory has had an impact on me and at least one other person in our community. They are all priceless and special. What to include when there is nothing to leave out? So this too is a draft. Its where I got to before we needed to publish the newsletter not a reflection on everything I want to say or how I wanted to say it.

There are many things I need to say but they don’t sit well on paper. To write a line or two doesn’t convey the context and importance. When I think back its not so much what happens at Sacred Heart but the place itself. In coming here I knew very quickly that Sacred Heart was a special place; without hyperbole a sacred place. Its not the physical place (though that is pretty good) but the community that grows in it. Our community has come together through the work of the Spirit, been guided by the Gospels and nurtured by those who have come before us. It is the Kingdom of God. There is no other explanation for it.

Our school is the place that it is because of who our children are. The birth of a child and their development into grounded, autonomous adults is the miracle of life. As parents and teachers we are privileged to share in this miracle. Our children do all the things we would expect children to do. They run, jump, struggle, fight, laugh, cry, pray, learn all in the one day and then back up to do it all again. They have an innocent acceptance of each other that allows them to care for each other and some of the most unlikely friendships develop. Our children are constantly praised for who they are by visitors, families and when we go out as a group. We sometimes miss that because it is what we expect and encounter most days. We sometimes anger when children don’t progress at the rate that we wish them to. We are sometimes frustrated when they don’t respond to situations with the experience and maturity that we have as adults. But the gift of watching and helping them grow cannot be topped. The experience of having embarrassing family stories shared matter-of-factually with others becomes a story shared many times. Remember when ......? I have been privileged to enrol many of our children since they started at Sacred Heart and to be welcomed by those who were here before I arrived. It is our most precious gift that our children are children. It is who they are.

Our school is the place that it is because of who our staff are. As parents we regularly, willingly and without question, put the needs of our family before our own. If not well known and rarely acknowledged well that every member of our staff do this for each of our 330 odd children day in, day out. Much of the work of our staff, in all aspects and functions of our school, is only known to the children and family in each particular situation. In addition to the high quality teaching and pastoral care we expect each day there is so much more. I have sat with staff who despair at a lack of progress to the point of being physically ill. They spend hours at night, on weekends and holidays trawling resources, attending PD and consulting experts to find the thing that makes it “click” for your child knowing that they also will need to do this for each of the other children in their care. Some of our staff include extra items in their weekly shop and bring them to school to make sure that every child has a healthy meal at least once a day. Some of our staff come in on the weekends to tutor children for no fee. Some of our staff stay late to make sure no child is ever left alone in the afternoon. I have seen staff members drive home to gather equipment so that a child didn’t miss the opportunity to go on an excursion.

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Our staff have battled government departments to be able to take children in foster care to the movies on the weekend, something they had never experienced. Our staff clean up a range of messes and sensitively protect the dignity of all. They reach into their bags for $2 to replace a spilt canteen order. Last Thursday at mass I looked across the church and saw every Early Years staff member (teacher and ISA) nursing a child who was tired, missing their parents or struggling to cope with such a loud gathering. Selected examples but name the staff member and I could easily give you many more specific to them. These are the things I know about because I’ve stumbled across them. No one has ever come looking for credit. I can not praise and honour our staff enough. I am especially grateful to the members of my Leadership Team and office staff who have always done the background work to allow me to be my best and gracefully pulled me up at my worst. Our school is in exceptional hands. You can’t pay people or train people to be this way. It is who they are.

Our school is the place that it is because of who our families are. Parenting is a tough gig and balancing multiple competing priorities isn’t easy. In amongst the busyness of family life our families make education and Sacred Heart a priority. I remember well my first P&F meeting in 2012. At the allotted start time there were four staff present and shortly after one parent (who was new to our school) came in. She became the Chair with no committee. Since that time the P&F has grown and the families who attend have changed over time but there is always a large group of people committed to our school. This group certainly raises funds for our school but more importantly has become a powerful force of welcome and inclusion in our school. Our families support us daily in classrooms with reading groups, hands on activities and specialist expertise. Many times I have phoned members of former and current Sacred Heart families out of hours to share their expertise in building, plumbing, electricity, or to shift this, carry that. The problem has been rectified and an invoice never received. Many times an informal support network springs into action to support a family during trying times. Our assemblies are full of families, friends and visitors. Regularly we get enrollments based on the strong word of mouth support of our families. Our families know and care for not only their children but other families and our staff. Selected examples again but I have many more. Once your children arrive, you don’t have a choice about being a parent. It is who you are.

Our school is the place that it is because of the many people who support us from outside. We are blest to be part of Catholic Education, the Catholic Church and the Palmerston community. There is no way that we could achieve the things that we do without our connections to these groups. We enjoy the steadfast support of our Bishop, our priest Fr Tom, the staff of Catholic Education, the staff of the Department of Education, our elected representatives and people who have come to know us. Schools can not exist in isolation. We are part of our wider community and they become part of us. It is what authentic community is.

There is nothing about our school that I won’t miss and nothing about my time that I would change. Thank you for making Sacred Heart a sacred place. Thank you to all of you who have honoured and trusted me enough to be open, honest, over-joyed, angry, confused, speechless, and everything in-between over the last three and a half years. There have been many highs and a few lows and they are all part of our journey. We often think that the only learning and change that happens in schools is for the children. We often fail to appreciate how the littlest of things can have a massive impact for others. Like many others, I am certainly changed by being member of this wonderful community and hopefully a better Principal and person as a result. Peta, Paige, Noah and I continue to be blest to share the love of one another that pervades Sacred Heart Catholic School.

May we continue our journey in the light of Christ,

Lindsay
We wish to advise that we have a confirmed case of Chickenpox in our school, therefore, parents and carers need to be familiar with the first symptoms, as Chickenpox is highly contagious. Chickenpox begins with fever, fatigue and loss of appetite followed by a generalised rash a day or so later. The rash is more concentrated over the trunk, face and scalp and starts as itchy red spots but rapidly progresses to blisters. The blisters last 3 to 4 days before turning into scabs and drying out. Several crops of blisters will appear over a period of days, resulting in various stages of development present on the body at any one time. Healthy adults and children generally recover within 10 days. Students with chickenpox cannot attend school until fully recovered or for at least 5 days after the rash first appears or longer if blisters are still present.

For further information contact the NT Government Centre for Disease Control on 8922 8044 or for a fact sheet go to their website www.nt.gov.au/health/cdc

Parents and Friends

The entertainment book has arrived... As a fundraiser for the school we are selling the entertainment book. The cost of the book is $55.00 and 20% of the cost is returned to Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School. Once purchased your book will be available at the front office within 48 hours. You can purchase either a voucher book or a digital version which can be put on up to 4 iPhone or android devices. Should you wish to purchase a copy of the book please follow the link below:


Please share the purchase link with family, friends and colleagues as any purchase from this link will benefit the school and your child’s education.

Should you require further information please contact Katrina Hancock on either 0437485487 or k.hancock@internode.on.net

Appreciations

We give thanks for the following wonderful people for their gifts of time, resources and self this week:

- Bishop Eugene Hurley, Fr Ched and Fr Tom for our beautiful Feast Day Mass
- The Troumouliaris family and Sweet Tooth Cake Shop, for their generosity in donating the Sacred Heart Day Cake
- Our SRC and staff committee for arranging and supervising Sacred Heart Day activities and barbecue.
- Our Families for their response to our Nepal fundraising efforts.

Fundraiser for NEPAL

This term Sacred Heart School has been raising money for Nepal. The money raised will go to the Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne who have a convent in Kathmandu, and members of their order belong to the parish of Our Lady Help of Christians in Palmerston. Since the earthquake they have been inundated with requests for assistance for basic shelter and food.

We have raised the money by selling homemade fried rice at the school canteen on Wednesdays for the past four weeks. Also, the Student Representative Council sold sausages for our school’s Sacred Heart Feast Day. The sausages were kindly donated by Lia Finocchiaro. So far we have raised $900 and by the end of Term 2 we are hoping to have raised $1000. Hopefully this donation will help the Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne to give some support to the people of Nepal.

By: Grace Mulvahil and Joe Howe

Members of the student representative council

Chicken Pox—Varicella Virus

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Fast Five with ..... Mr Lindsay Luck  Principal

What has been your favourite event at Sacred Heart?
Any Whole School Mass
What have you enjoyed most about being Principal here?
The School Spirit
What is your greatest achievement?  I have no idea
What is your wish for Sacred Heart in the future?
That it continues to be a place to love one another
What is the best thing about Sacred Heart?
The people – the children, families, staff and Fr Tom

O’Loughlin Catholic College Enrolments 2016

O’Loughlin Catholic College is currently taking Year 7 enrolments for 2016. The spaces are filling up quickly. If any parent intends to send their child to O’Loughlin next year, the College advises that enrolment booklets can be picked up at the College or from the College website and that enrolments should be submitted no later than the beginning of Term 3, i.e. 20th July. Acceptances of enrolments into Year 7 will be notified during August. Once all places are filled, enrolments will be placed on a waiting list in the order of receipt of the application and payment of enrolment fees. Thank you.

Jim Jolley
Principal
O’Loughlin Catholic College

Term 2 Calendar, 2015

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To Miss Cate and Mr Luck
Good bye from Room 6.
We will miss you both!

I will remember Mr Luck because he dressed up as a ballerina and as Elsa. He also dressed up as an elephant.

Mr Luck is funny because he comes and disrupts the class by talking about footy.

Mr Luck did fist pumps in the chapel when we were doing the sign of the Peace. He is funny.

I will remember Miss Cate for being so NICE.

I will remember Mr Luck for being silly.

I will remember Miss Cate for teaching us Maths and THRASS.

Miss Cate makes learning easy. She explains things so it sounds simple.

Miss Cate is nice and kind. She makes me feel special when I am sad.

Mr Luck makes me laugh.

I love Miss Cate because she lets us learn.

SACRED HEART WILL MISS YOU !!
Community News

Dry Season Gymnastics Camp 2015

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!
info@tgadarwin.com
0477-443-462

CAMP DATES:
WEEK 1: Monday 22nd June
Thursday 25th June
WEEK 2: Monday 29th June
Thursday 2nd July
WEEK 3: Monday 6th July
Thursday 9th July
WEEK 4: Monday 13th July
Thursday 16th July

Gymnastics Skills – Quality Coaching – Games
Fitness – Friendship – FUN!

$30.00 pp
“Snacks Provided”

“FUNDING” RECOGNIZED
Friday 26th June
6:30 – 8:30 pm Primary
7:30 – 8:30 pm Middle/Senior School
$25.00 pp
“Snacks Provided”

School Holiday Program

School holidays are a time for rest, fun and lots of laughter AND an awesome time to continue to grow. Our groups are designed with fun in mind and work from the inside out.

Help your kids to build friendships, a new love for learning and of course, some new skills along the way. With small group numbers and high therapist ratios, your kids will have all the support they need. Our special discounted rate is half price!

Each session is only $30 so grab this fantastic opportunity today! Calling 8933 5583 or visit the links below!

Ready to Learn
9 – 10am daily: Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July

Specifically designed for 3 and 4 year olds, this group focuses on school readiness, self-awareness, sitting still and listening to a group leader.
Parents are invited to join the fun, with activities to practice at home

Get your tickets here: http://readytolearnot.eventbrite.com.au

Handwriting Heroes – Transition and Year 1 students
9 – 10am daily: Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July

Is your child struggling with writing and fine motor skills? Build confidence and learn the secrets of effortless writing. Parents welcome to attend or catch up over coffee.

Get your tickets here: http://handwritingheroesot.eventbrite.com.au

Taming the Ticks and Flicks! – Year 2 and 3 students
9 – 10am daily: Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July

Move closer to handwriting freedom by mastering the ticks and flicks, play with joining letters and build confidence and speed. Parents welcome to attend or catch up over coffee.

Grab your tickets here: http://tamingtheticksandflicks.eventbrite.com.au

OT for Kids NT
5/6 Woodlake Boulevard, Durack, NT
Ph: 8933 8882
Email: info@otforkidsnt.com.au
Web: http://otforkidsnt.com.au
Need a Tutor over the school holidays?

Private home tutoring available by a registered Primary school teacher for English and Mathematics in Grades 1–6

From 1.30pm onwards Monday to Friday.

Please contact Caitlyn for further information.

Email: cailynemmasaunders@gmail.com
or
Mobile: 0437 822 368