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THIS WEEK:

Sun 10/12:	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>
Mon 11/12:	<i>Parent/Teacher forms returned to school 9:10a.m. End of School Mass (Year 5/6) No Staff Meeting</i>
Tues 12/12:	PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Wed 13/12	<i>Casual Clothes Day 11:45am End of Year Assembly (Kindy) 1:00p.m. Christmas Party 7:30p.m. School Committee AGM</i>
Thur 14/12:	<i>Casual Clothes Day</i>
Fri 15/12:	<i>Casual Clothes Day 3:30p.m. Term 4 concludes</i>

Welcome to our last newsletter for 2017. After a very hectic fortnight with Presentation Evening, Christmas Pageant, and our End of Year Mass we are all looking forward to our final week and the holiday break.

A reminder to students who received Special Awards to return the shields to the Office as soon as possible.

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A voice cries in the wilderness, "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." And so it was that John the Baptist appeared proclaiming a baptism of repentance. People made their way to him to be baptised in the Jordan river. John preached, "Someone is coming who is more powerful than I, and I am not fit to undo his sandals."

(ref: Mark: 1:1-6)

Repent! Advent is a time of waiting. Like Mary awaiting the birth of her son, we too await the coming of Jesus into our lives in a fresh and new way. It's a time to prepare our hearts and minds to receive Jesus anew. Take some time this week to unclutter your heart and mind to reflect, pray, go to reconciliation, commit to change.

**Lord God, you call us to repentance, to turn away from sin and give our hearts and minds to you.
Forgive us for our sins. Amen.**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our school float 'The Nativity' looked fantastic and the children thoroughly enjoyed their ride and walk along Oxide and Argent Streets. A big thank you to the

parents and staff for their time to assist and prepare the float. Well done to all involved.



PRESENTATION EVENING



Our Presentation Evening was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the efforts of all our students in a range of areas throughout 2017. The students' involvement, enthusiasm and enjoyment while presenting their items were very evident on the night.

A big thank you to Mrs. Denton who continues to amaze us all with the choreography of the dance performances and her assistance backstage. Also, many thanks to

Miss Armitage and Mrs. Denton for their guidance and preparation of the Infant and Primary Choirs. We are very fortunate to have some very talented teachers working with our students in these areas.

Thanks go to all members of staff for their preparations of items performed on the night, props for the dances and supervision of the children, as well as their assistance with the preparation of the prayer; to Miss Armitage who was our emcee for the evening and made sure everything ran very smoothly; to all invited guests for being with us on this special occasion for our school and presenting awards; to Austin Howard (Year 6) and Mr. Corey Paulson for his didgeridoo playing for our Acknowledgement of Country; to Year 4 for the presentation of their verse speaking item; to Mr. Peter Jeffery, Freyah Coff, Grace Kennedy and our support staff for their assistance backstage; to Claudia Kennedy and Joel Van Kemenade for their preparation and delivery of the valedictory speech, to Mrs. McKay for putting the Powerpoint presentation together, to Broken Hill High School for the hire of the Hall and for the lights and audio technician, to Mr. Steve Miller for videoing the performances, to Mrs. Belinda Miller for uploading the videos onto our Facebook page, to Therese Woodward for sorting out the costumes, to families and businesses who gave donations and to everyone who came along to support the children and teachers. The effort of all involved is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Hamper Raffle by buying tickets and donating goods for the hampers. The raffle was again, very successful. Thanks to our Parent Group for organising this fundraiser, the assistance and support of everyone is greatly appreciated.

I'm sure that you would agree that it was a great night.

END OF YEAR MASS



Our End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving was held today in the Cathedral. It was a very special occasion for all present. A special blessing was offered to our Year 6 class which was led by Fr. Nick and Fr. Dan asking God to bless them now and in the future as they leave Sacred Heart Parish Primary School. Representatives from each class took the opportunity to present our Year 6 students with farewell cards and offer best wishes for 2018 and beyond.

This was followed by our School Captains Claudia Kennedy and Joel Van Kemenade responding on behalf of the Year 6's.

After Mass the families of Year 6 and members of our school and parish community enjoyed a morning tea. Each Year 6 student was presented with a 'Graduation Bear' or 'Soccer ball' kindly donated by our Parent Group.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews for Semester 2 are being conducted after school tomorrow (**Tuesday, 12th December**).

END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY

Our final Assembly for the year will be held this **Wednesday, 13th December** at **11:45a.m.** in Marcellin Hall. Kindergarten will be hosting this Assembly. **Please note the change in day and time.**

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Weather permitting, students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will have their Christmas Party at Sturt Park this **Wednesday, 13th December**. Each child is asked to bring along a decorated Christmas box with some Christmas treats to eat and drink. The children can wear casual clothes on this day, however, please ensure that they are wearing closed shoes. Classes will make their way to the park at 1:00p.m. and all families are invited to join us for lunch. Parents may collect their child from the Sturt Park at 3:00p.m. or the school at 3:30p.m. as usual.

In the event of hot weather, the Christmas Party will still be held but in the classrooms commencing at 1:00p.m. Parents are welcome to join their child. Dismissal will be at 3:30p.m. as usual.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGM



The final School Committee meeting for this year will be the Annual General Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, 13th December** commencing at 7:30p.m. This meeting is open for all to attend and to nominate to be on the committee for 2018. This is a great opportunity to be involved in the education of your child. Meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month except during school holidays.

CASUAL CLOTHES

Students may attend the last three days of school in casual clothes. The final day of school for all students is **Friday, 15th December**. The children will be dismissed at 3:30p.m.

CANTEEN

The canteen will be open as usual on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week.

CLASSES FOR 2018

Following is the list of classes and teachers for 2018.

Kindergarten:	Mrs. Coff/Mrs. Metcalfe
Year 1/2:	Mrs. Dunn
Year 2/3:	Mr. Moran
Year 4:	Mrs. McKay
Year 5/6:	Mrs. Denton
Principal:	Mr. Rynne
Assistant Principal:	Miss Armitage
Special Ed.	Mrs. Tracey
Teacher release:	Miss Zammit

Year 1 families (2017) will receive a letter this week informing them of the class and teacher that they will be placed in for 2018.

CLEARANCES



All Year 6 students and students from other year levels leaving Sacred Heart at the end of the year will need to complete a clearance form. These forms have been given out to all students. All

clearances are due no later than **Thursday, 14th December.**

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



Please remember to continue to keep families of our school community in your thoughts and prayers throughout the holidays, and those who may have members of their family suffering from serious illness or sickness.

PAVER FUNDRAISER

Our Parent Group throughout the year have been conducting a paver fundraiser. If you have not returned your order form and money, then it is not too late but please hurry as the closing date is approaching fast. Any past/current students and teachers from Sacred Heart, Marist Brothers, St Peters and Paul's or St Joes can purchase a paver with their name or a picture. These pavers will be laid in our Sacred Heart Parish Primary School grounds. Please contact (80885777) or visit the front Office if you require a new order form.



BOOK & UNIFORM ORDERS



Book and Uniform orders for 2018 have arrived and can be collected from the office immediately. Any outstanding amount will need to be paid when collecting these books and uniforms.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a substantial amount of lost property located inside the Student Entry Foyer. Please call in and take a look if your child has lost any shoes, jumpers, lunch boxes, drink containers, hats etc. before the end of the term.

SCHOOL FEES



Just a reminder that with the end of Term 4 fast approaching, all outstanding school fees owing to the end of Term 4 should be paid no later than **Friday, 15th December 2017.** As you can appreciate the school relies on the school fees to pay for the general running costs of the school. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1 dates for next year, 2018 are as follows:

TERM 1:

School commences: **Tuesday, 6th February**
(Year 1 to 6 students)

Thursday, 8th February
(Kindergarten students)

Kindergarten students will be involved in the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment program on **Tuesday, 6th February** and **Wednesday, 7th February.**

THANK YOU

Firstly, I take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their many contributions to the education and well-being of the students, and the learning opportunities they have provided throughout 2017. Their dedication and interest in the students is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to Fr. Nick for his support and providing opportunities for School Masses and sacramental experiences for the students throughout the year.

I would also like to thank all parents who have assisted with the Uniform Shop, Book Club and Canteen, as well as those parents who have helped in the classrooms, at sporting carnivals and many other activities throughout the year.

I am grateful to our members of the School Committee and Parent Group, who represent the parent body, for their time and energy to support the school and the children, and to the many people who assisted these

groups. Thank you to everyone. Your assistance and support has been greatly appreciated.

FAREWELL

At this time of the year it is sad to say farewell to members of our school community who will be leaving at the end of the year.



We farewell our Year 6 students and wish them well as they move on to High School. Some of their families are ending their association with the school. We wish the following families God's blessings and thank them for supporting and being part our school community: Ball family (Max), Butcher family (Tom), Coombs family (Hayden), Denton family (Mahaila), Hayes family (Henry), Howard family (Austin) and the Spiteri family (Oliver).

To other families who are leaving our school community at the end of the year, I would like to thank you for your contributions, assistance and support for our school for the number of years you have been associated with the school. We wish the following families God's blessings as they begin new journeys of their lives: James family (Genevieve, Daniel and Matthew), Symonds family (Hazel) and the Ward family (Zebb).

The staff of Sacred Heart Parish Primary School wish all children and their families a happy and safe holiday over the Christmas season. Whether you are travelling or staying close to home, we hope that you remain safe and enjoy the festive season. We look forward to the New Year when we gather back together again.

Trevor Rynne
PRINCIPAL



Congratulations!!!!!!

**Reading Medallion
200 nights of Home Reading**

**Maggie Crittenden
Jake Finch
Zahli Finch**

**Platinum Reading Awards
160 nights of Home Reading
Cooper Crittenden**



**Gold Reading Awards
120 nights of Home Reading**



**James Dall'Armi
Gracey Davis
Harrison Downward
Lilie Downward
Lacey-May Finch
Tayah Finch
Miguel Madeo
Marli Pembroke
Oliver Walsh**

**Silver Reading Awards
80 nights of Home Reading**



**Cameron Dunn
Kaleb Glisson-Gladman
Neve Jackman
Jearlee Paulson
Cooper Stephens
Steven Tonkin
Alex Van Kemenade**

**MAY THE WINDS OF LOVE AND JOY VISIT YOUR HOMES THIS
CHRISTMAS AND LIVE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR
TODAY AND FOREVER.
WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**