



Sacred Heart School

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Weekend Mass Times

1st Sunday of the month – 11am

2nd Sunday of the month – 9am

3rd Sunday of the month – 10am (lay led)

4th Sunday of the month – 11:00

5th Sunday of the month – 9am

Newsletter

8th September 2016

Term 3

Week 9

School Motto – Sacred Heart Community, Where Hearts are Sacred

Reflection - St. Teresa of Calcutta

Mother Teresa was canonised as a Saint last Sunday 4th September. She is now known as St. Teresa of Calcutta. She became a world leader by founding the Missionaries of Charity Congregation of sisters, which consists of over 4,500 sisters active in 133 countries. They run homes for people dying of HIV/AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis; soup kitchens; dispensaries and mobile clinics; children's and family counselling programmes; orphanages; and schools. Below are a few quotes that we can all ponder and aspire to;

- *If you judge people, you have no time to love them.*
- *There are no great things, only small things with great love. Happy are those.*
- *Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.*



School News

The students are on the count down to the holidays, as there is only six days before the Spring Holidays. All students are working towards finishing off work set for them before the holidays.

Casual Day and Cake Stall Last Week

All students enjoyed the opportunity to wear casual clothes last Friday at the cost of a gold coin donation. Cakes were also on sale for \$1. I would like to thank Ivy, Sarah and Bella who are on the Mini Vinnies Committee for organising the day. All proceeds will go towards our major charity fundraiser Swagtober. We raised \$119.55.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Charlie Koch in Year 1 and his parents Colleen and Stephen on the safe arrival of baby Austin! Charlie is very excited by this news. Austin was born on Tuesday 6th September.

Uniform Survey Results

Thank you to the families who have responded to the recent uniform survey. So far 16 families have returned the slips. We have a split decision. There are still a number families who have not responded. It would be appreciated if each family could do so either by calling the office or by returning the pink slip back to school. This will help the SCAC and the School to make an informed decision about any changes to the uniform. It is important that each family has their say.

Learning Walk - Information Night

The staff hosted a Learning Walk Information Night last night. Our classrooms were in action with mini lessons on show with students and teachers. It was great to see many school families attend so parents could see what their children are learning and doing at school.



Classroom News

Foundation, One and Two with Ms Sweet

The junior class has been very busy over the past few weeks. In Religious Education, we have been learning about the types of jobs that people do to help with the running of the Church. In Mathematics, the children have been practising their addition and skills in telling the time.

One of the main tasks that we have been working on has been writing Dreamtime Stories as part of our Inquiry unit called 'Who am I, Where do I live and Who came before me?' The students will publish and illustrate their stories and place them in their Learning Journals. Mrs Clarence and I can't wait to see final products. The children are looking forward to sharing their stories with their families.

Here are two examples of our dreamtime stories from Sarah and Toby. We enjoyed reading them. We hope you do too.

Once upon a time there was a man called Steven. Old Steven decided to dig a big hole. Soon night came and old Steven was tired so he built a humpy and lay down.

Morning came again and Old Steven started to dig again. After lots of digging, night came again and he ate some dinner.

Morning came again and there was a gigantic hole. Animals had been working all night to make a very big water hole and he thanked the animals. Lots of rain came and there was a flood, it was raining so hard that the waterhole filled up. A volcano erupted at the same time. The rain stopped. Lots of plants started to grow around the waterhole. After that night God created lots of hills, mountains, streams and people. This was how the land came alive.

By Sarah Wrobel

Once upon a time in the Dreamtime in a forest there lived a big boy named Geoff and his dog called Quad. One day Geoff and Quad were out walking and spotted a waterhole. They went for a swim in the waterhole, the water felt warm. After lots of swimming they felt tired and so they went home to bed.

The next morning they got up early and went back to the waterhole. They couldn't swim because there were already too many other animals and people there.

They went back home and dug a hole to make their own waterhole. This is how the waterhole near their home was created.

By Toby Auld

Newsletter

From the start of next term, the newsletter will be sent home on Friday each week.

Early Dismissal

Reminder - Students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2:20 on the last day of Term 3, Friday 16th September. This time is in line with the other schools in Casterton.

Learning Journals

Each student is currently working towards finishing off work samples to be included in the Learning Journals. Included in the journal is a one page mid semester report, which gives parents a guide as to their child's work ethic, effort and behaviour for the term. The report also asks that each parent write a positive comment about their child's efforts at school during Term 3. We ask that each family spends some time going through the learning journal work samples with their child and ask their children about the work they have completed.

Please return the Learning Journals to school by the end of Week 1, Term 4 so the children can add new work samples to their folders.

Year 3-6 Excursion

Jens Altheimer will be putting on a show and workshop called 'Loose Ends' at the Casterton Town Hall next Wednesday 14th September. The workshop has been offered as a free engagement activity as part of the Glenelg Shire Council Arts Program. Below is further information about the Excursion.

Loose Ends and The Wacky Lolly Shooting Machine

Skills to be learnt - Group assembly of an intricate chain reaction installation

After a short introduction into the functioning of contraptions, participants will build in small teams their part of a room – sized chain reaching installation out of recycled components. Each team is responsible for one section of the whole mechanism. Equipped with a building sheet, the participants start transforming a pile of apparent random stuff into a working component of the whole machine in a process of creative thinking, tinkering and experimentation.

Once all assembled and connected, the kids learn to present their part, eliminate mistakes and explain the functioning of their section to the others, After that, off we go: once triggered there is no stopping of the chain – reaction (at least in a perfect world) till the big final surprise: it ends as a lolly shooting machine!

Date: Wednesday, September 14

Time: 11.30am (Students will leave school at 11:15)

Duration: 1 hour

Age groups Year 3-6

Location: Casterton Town Hall

Students need to return their blue permission forms by Tuesday 13th September. Parents are most welcome to join us.

Hats

As the weather is now warming up, students may start to wear their hats if they wish. Remember to wash your child's hat and send it along to school ready for Term 4. During Term 1 and 4 it is compulsory for every child to wear a hat during playtimes and sport. If you need to purchase a new hat for your child, make contact with the school office or Anna Condon, our Uniform Shop Coordinator.

Book Fair

Stationery and Posters have arrived and will be on sale until Monday. Most items are under \$5.

SCAC Meeting

The next School Community Advisory Council Meeting will be held at the school library next Thursday 15th September at 7pm. All parents are most welcome to attend.

Awards

The following children will receive Awards at Friday's assembly at 3pm. Parents and family members are welcome to attend our weekly assemblies.

F/1/2 Class Award
3/4/5/6 Class Award
Principal's Award
Captains' Award

Taku Makore
Josh McPeake
Rufaro Makore
Ellenora Mason



Dates to Remember

Week 9 Fri 9th Sept - Southern Zone Principals' Meeting @ Mortlake - Mr Wrobel out
Week 6 Thurs 18th Aug - SCAC Mtg at 7pm in Multi Purpose Room
Week 10 Fri 16th Sept - Last day of Term 3 - early dismissal at 2:20

Term 4

Week 1 Mon 3rd Oct - First day back for students and staff
Week 3 Fri 21st Oct - Southern Zone Principals' Meeting at Sacred Heart School
Week 4 Tues 25th Oct - Missions Whole School Mass at 10am
Week 4 Thurs 27th Oct - Swagtober Sleepover from 5:30pm
Week 5 Mon 31st Oct - School Closure Day - staff attending Students with Special Needs professional development at school
Week 5 Tues 1st Nov - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - School closed

Have a great weekend!
Evan Wrobel
Principal

Dairy Assistance Funding 2016

In 2016 the Victorian Government implemented a response package to assist dairy farming families. This included assistance for primary and secondary students attending schools (government and nongovernment schools) where one or both parents:

- own an operating dairy farm
- are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm
- hold a lease for an operating dairy farm
- work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment.

The CSEF eligibility criterion is being extended consistent with the 2016 drought response. Families that have previously qualified for the 2016 CSEF Drought assistance are not able to also access the CSEF Dairy assistance funding.

The Dairy Assistance CSEF payment will be paid to the school that the student is currently enrolled at the start of Term 3 2016.

Parents can apply for the dairy assistance funding by completing an application form and lodging it with their child's schools by 18 November 2016. The school will allocate the payment directly to benefit the eligible student.

Application forms are available by contacting Denise in the office on 55811131 or accounts@shcasterton.catholic.edu.au

Community Announcements



Sandford Football Reserve, Sandford Reserve Rd, Sandford Victoria 3312 Ph: (03) 5582 0191



Swagtober

The Mini Vinnies committee of Sacred Heart School is holding Swagtober, its major fundraiser for the year. Children are invited to sleepover in the Sacred Heart Hall as part of the fundraiser.

When -	Thursday 27th October
Time -	From 5:30pm onwards
BBQ Dinner -	\$5.00 each
Breakfast -	\$5.00 each

School Families, Parishioners and Community members are invited to the BBQ dinner.

Donations towards this worthwhile cause can be made at the school or on the night of the sleepover. All profits will be donated to Street Swags.

Children in Foundation, Year 1/2 attending the sleepover must be accompanied by an adult.