We have had a very smooth start to the year and the first week has gone well. This is due mainly to the hardworking staff and also the parents having all of the children well prepared, thank you.

Yesterday evening all of the staff attended the Induction Mass held at St Mary’s Cathedral. We were able to share the mass with staff from other schools in our region and it also gave the Arch Bishop a chance to thank the staff members for their hard work and dedication to Catholic Education. We will follow this up with our own staff induction at our opening mass on the 26th of February.

The new parking bays on Mary St have been working well as it has reduced the drive through traffic. The ticket machine is not functioning at the moment, however when it comes into operation it will require you to take a ticket that allows the first hour free, which means you will not get another sort of ticket we all hate. Can I remind all parents that the cake stall, which will take place at recess, in the Undercover Area, proceeds from the cake stall will contribute significantly towards this.

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This is an important opportunity for parents to be engaged with and informed about their child's learning this year. Please be prompt to your sessions. Any specific queries you have about your child's learning should be directed through a teacher interview at a later date. We look forward to seeing you all at this important evening in your child's education.

Mr Adrian Torrese (Assistant Principal)

World’s Greatest Shave Cake Stall
On Tuesday, 25th February, our school will be holding a World's Greatest Shave Cake Stall, in order to help the Leukaemia Foundation. Mrs Goss's daughters, Megan and Emily, are aiming to raise $5000 for the foundation, and hopefully the proceeds from the cake stall will contribute significantly towards this total. The Year Six Pastoral Care Council will be organising and running the cake stall, which will take place at recess, in the Undercover Area, on that day. Prices will range from 20 cents to $2.00 per item. Please help us support this very worthy cause.

Mrs Anna Sheehy (Assistant Principal)

Opening Mass
Welcome back everyone. There will be a School Opening Mass on Wednesday, 26th February, at 9.00am at the Sacred Heart Church. This Mass will be led by Father Peter, and members of staff will proclaim the readings and participate in other areas. Please come along and join us! Mrs Anna Sheehy (Assistant Principal)

World Day Of Prayer
On Friday, 7th March, a special Ecumenical Service will be celebrated in honour of this year's World Day Of Prayer. The Service will begin at 10.00am, in the Sacred Heart Church. Mrs Ammoscato and our beautiful school choir have been invited to contribute their singing talents, in order to enhance the Service, that has Egypt as its focus.

All are warmly invited to attend.

Mrs Anna Sheehy (Assistant Principal)

Contact Details - Can parents please inform the school office of any changes to their address, contact phone numbers, email address, emergency contact details, health & medical changes. It is important we have your correct up-to-date details so we can contact you if your child is sick.
**CANTENE/Term 1 Volunteer Roster 2014**

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to assist in the canteen this year.

**The school needs your help: more volunteers are required.**

Helping in the canteen is a great way to meet other parents and get to know the children.

All children love to see their parents helping out in the canteen.

**SPECIAL REQUEST**

I would like to train a parent to operate the canteen if at any time I am sick or away. If you are interested please come and see me or call the canteen number 9422-7945.

**PRICE CHANGE**

Please note there is a new Summer Canteen Menu for 2014, this is available on the school website and spare copies are available at the office reception.

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*Suzanne Biundo (Canteen Manager)*

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**School and Sport Timetable/Uniform Changes**

Due to the changes in the Physical Education timetable, students will only be wearing their sports uniforms *twice a week*. All classes now have a one hour PE session per week.

The PE and Sport timetable is as follows:

**Mondays** Years 4, 5, 6

**Tuesdays** Years 1, 2, 3

(White shirts to be worn)

Friday Sport - all students are to wear their *coloured* sport uniform.

All students wear their school uniform on Wednesdays and Thursdays and of course their non-PE day.

A period of grace through Term 1 will allow parents to make any adjustments and become accustomed to the changes.

*Mr Adrian Torrese (Assistant Principal)*

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**Student Absences/Lateness**

When a student is absent from school parents are requested to:

- Contact the **school office** explaining **WHY** their child is absent.
- Send a note to the class teacher when their child returns to school explaining **WHY** their child was absent.

**All students that arrive LATE to school (after 8.45am) MUST be signed in at the school office reception BY A PARENT.**

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**SCHOOL GATES & SAFETY AT SCHOOL**

Gates are opened at the following times:

- **8.30 to 9.00am**
- **2.45 to 3.30pm**

Please note during the above times the school gate on Harold Street, near the oval, needs to be pushed opened in order to enter. **(the gate will always be closed, there is no need to press the bell for assistance.)**

Parents are reminded that there is NO child supervision provided to students who arrive at the school before 8.30am. Students dropped off before this time will need to come into the school from Mary Street.

Students are not to be dropped off and left unsupervised by parents outside the supervision hours as it can be dangerous and unsafe.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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**Sacred Heart Primary School is a NUT FREE ZONE**

We ask all families to ensure that children’s lunch boxes DO NOT contain any products made from peanuts or tree nuts such as Nutella, Peanut Butter, Muesli bars etc.

Our school canteen is also a **NUT FREE ZONE**.

Parents are requested to inform the school if their child suffers from an allergy (including from band-aids) or any other medical condition such as Asthma that staff need to be aware of.

Please inform the school office with any details regarding your child including medication and a medical action plan provided by your doctor.

Please provide any student medication (ie. Asthma Ventolin & Spacer, Epipen, antihistamines) to the class teacher as soon as possible in case of an emergency.

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**PICK and DRIVE After School Pick up**

Around the streets of Sacred Heart there is limited parking. Because of this a Pick Up and Drive area in the front car park (Mary Street) after school has been set up. If you would like to register for Pick Up and Drive, forms are available from the school office foyer or the school website at **http://www.shps.hwa.edu.au/forms_pickupanddrive.pdf**

Families who have already registered please place your family name sign on the dashboard of your car so that the teacher on duty can direct children to vehicles.

Please **DO NOT** park and leave your car in the drive thru zone.

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**Sacred Heart is now on Twitter – @SHPSHighgate**

To join Twitter, log on for free and follow SHPSHighgate. The twitter link can be found on the school website home page at: **http://www.shps.hwa.edu.au/index.html**

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**Charity Fundraiser**

As many of you in the school community are aware I am braving the water for a solo swim to Rotto on 22nd February. I am raising money for the McCusker Alzheimer Research Foundation which is an important charity to me as my Mum suffers from dementia. You can help me and my family by supporting this charity using the following link to my everyday hero fundraising page which tells my story: **clairy-lance-rottnest-channel-swim-fundraising**

I am hoping to raise $5000 and any contribution you can make would be greatly appreciated.

*Clairy Lance (Mother of Benjamin & Matthew Maine)*

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**P&F**

**P&F Meetings**

The first P&F Meeting for 2014 will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 19th February in the library. Please have a chat amongst your children’s year groups and get one representative from your class at the 1st meeting.

**Family Fun Night** - will be held on **Friday 7th March**. Entertainment will be in the form of a bush band, food and drink will be available to pre-order and purchase and families are also encouraged to bring their own picnics. There will be no fees for this event and we are hoping that most of our new families and existing families can join us for what is always a fun evening for everyone. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

**Wetbag Orders 2013** - Apologies to those families who ordered the Wetbags last year and have not as yet received them. There has been issues with the supplier. Fingers crossed orders will be distributed in March.

**School Banking** – School banking has started again on Tuesday mornings from 8.30am in the library. The school earns commission on every deposit made and it is a great money raiser for our P&F. If you would like to know more about School Banking at Sacred Heart, please contact Linda Manno on 0408 935 702.

**Second Hand Uniforms and School Bags** are available for sale via the school office.

*Clairy Lance (P&F Committee)*

pf@shps.hwa.edu.au

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- Catholic Education Welcome Letter
- Summer Canteen Menu 2014 (Please note price changes)
FORMER STAFF OF LA SALLE COLLEGE, MIDDLE SWAN

In 2014 La Salle College will be celebrating its 60th anniversary. Various events will be held during the year to mark our diamond jubilee. A special invitation is extended to all former staff members of La Salle College to attend the blessing and opening of the new Peter Elloy Staff Centre at 7:00 pm, Friday 28th February 2014. Please contact Sabrina on 9449 0635 or communityrelations@lasalle.wa.edu.au to register your details. La Salle College a diamond in the heart of the Swan Valley.

Mums Raising Teenage GIRLS
West Leederville, Wednesday-9th April, Monday-30th June

The passage from girl to young woman is often challenging, not only for the girls but also for their mums. If we can better understand the developmental stages of teens we can achieve a level of harmony with our precious daughters. This workshop will discuss –
- the importance of the mother-daughter relationship.
- how mums can be positive role models for their daughters.
- how better understand the challenges of their daughter’s teenage years.
- how mums can enhance their daughters self-esteem.