Dear Parents,

Once again this year the generosity shown in so many ways is all around us. Many of our community give up their time to give to the school. We have a vast number of parents, grand parents and also friends of the community helping in all sorts of different ways. Mastery of the art of learning has been a focus we have had at the school for a number of years. This year is no exception. Whenever I am in classrooms the diversity of learning that is taking place everyday always give me a lift and a smile to my face. We have tried hard this year to look at the individual rather than the group in all learning situations, which allows each child to flourish and grow at their own, pace and level. Offering a wide variety of learning subjects as well as being in environments that promote autonomy and movement has been very exciting. Our contemporary learning spaces are now through the whole school, allowing the children to come into a room that is inviting, motivating and lets them take ownership of where they are. A school is nothing without its students. I would like to thank and congratulate all students for the manner in which they have approached their schoolwork throughout 2014. Special thank you to our wonderful Year 6 students who have done so much in their leadership roles this year. I am positive that you will all take a lot of confidence knowing you are well prepared for High School next year and that you will be students that Sacred Heart School Highgate can be very proud of. I believe that Sacred Heart Highgate is very fortunate to have such a highly committed and competent staff. Teachers today are part of what are very significant challenges and changes in education. I congratulate all staff on the enthusiastic manner in which they approach their duties. For the first time in a number of years we say farewell to a number of our staff. Earlier in the year we said farewell to Mrs. Cutrona and Mrs. Trinca who have moved on into new phases in their lives and we thank them for their dedication and hard work. It is with sadness we also say farewell to Mr. Torrese who will be moving south to Our Lady of Inglewood. This will be a special time of Inglewood. This will be a special time for the Year Sixes to share with their Parents, and staff from Sacred Heart Primary School.

Friday, 12th December
We will begin our final day for the 2014 school year with a Whole School Mass of Thanksgiving, at 9.00am at the Sacred Heart Church. Following Mass, there will be time in the classrooms, before morning tea. Our Graduation Assembly, featuring The Year Six Item, Awards, Uthanko Dolls and Leaving Families presentations, will begin at 11.00am, and will take place in the school hall. After lunch, we will all reassemble in the hall, in order to enjoy an afternoon of Mrs Alderman’s dancing. There will be final farewells following the dancing, before the end of the day, and the beginning of our Christmas Holidays.

We would be delighted if you could join us for some, or all of these special events and activities. Mrs Anna Sheehy (Assistant Principal)

Nativity/Christmas Carols Evening, Followed by Family Picnic
On Friday, the 4th of December, the Sacred Heart Community enjoyed a wonderful Nativity and Carols Presentation, in the school hall. Each class presented joyful items relevant to Christmas. Year Ones re-enacted the Nativity with a beautiful, meaningful performance. The whole evening was delightful, and enjoyed by all. Special thanks must go to Mrs. Frances Ammoscato, for all her hard work, and dedication to creating such a special event. A big thank you also to our lovely Year Ones, their parents, Mrs MacHardie and Ms. Hanford for preparing the children so beautifully, and to all our children for coming and performing with their classes. A truly magical evening! Mrs Anna Sheehy (Assistant Principal)

KINDY FAMILY MASS - Last Sunday’s Family Mass was a beautiful occasion. Our lovely Kindy students were absolutely delightful, as they read, sang, and participated with great enthusiasm in the Liturgy. Thank you to Mrs Berson and Mrs Ammoscato for preparing the children and the Mass so well. Thank you also to all the parents who came along, and brought the delicious morning tea and helped with its preparation. It was a lovely Sunday morning at Sacred Heart. Mrs Anna Sheehy (Assistant Principal)

Uniform orders that were not picked up today can be collected from Vilma Spence in the Uniform Shop on Friday, 12th December 8am to 9am.

Term Planner 2015 - The Term 1, 2015 Planner will be available on the school website next week.
Children are warmly invited to be involved in the Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart Parish. We require angels, shepherds, sheep, wise kings, Mary and Joseph in order to act in the Nativity in the Gospel. Older children are also welcome to be involved in readings and prayers of the faithful during the Mass. Rehearsals will be held on Friday, 19th December and Tuesday 23rd December at 10am in the church. If you have any queries please contact Alana on 0438 917 880.

The Choir’s Christmas Visit To Shelley
On Thursday, 4th December, the Choir, Mrs Ammoscato and Mrs Sheehy travelled to the Margaret Hubery House in Shelley, to sing Christmas Carols for the residents. It was a lovely, joyous experience for everyone. Mrs Ammoscato and the children sang beautifully, delighting the residents and staff. The children also enjoyed talking to and spending time with the elderly residents, spreading Christmas Cheer. A huge thank you to Mrs Ammoscato and our beautiful Choir, for sharing their gifts with others. Mrs Anna Sheehy (Assistant Principal)

How to Read Your Child’s Report

Reporting & Grades
When determining a grade at the end of the semester, teachers will take into account the progress a student has made in regard to:

- What a student can already do at this ‘point in time’ in relation to the content that has been taught.
- The knowledge, understanding and skills covered up to that point in time.

A to E grades
While A to E grades are an important indicator of your child’s progress at school they are only part of the picture. Reports will include information on your child’s level of ‘effort’ and teacher comments also help to inform parents of student progress.

Rating Students’ Progress in Relation to the Achievement Grades
For each outcome covered, students’ achievement will be graded in relation to their progress towards the achievement grade. The rating definitions are:

A Well Above Standard
The student demonstrates achievement that has greatly exceeded the expected standard.

B Above Standard
The student demonstrates achievement that exceeds the expected standard.

C At Standard
The student demonstrates achievement at the expected standard.

D Below Standard
The student demonstrates achievement below the expected standard.

E Well Below Standard
The student demonstrates achievement well below the minimum expected standard for this year level.

If you have further queries about your child’s report please contact the classroom teacher.

Mr Adrian Torrese (Assistant Principal)

P&F Meeting: Wednesday 18th February 2015 7pm Library
P&F Office bearers and committee members: The P&F does a valuable job in our school community and your support is required for the Sacred Heart P&F office bearer positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer in 2015. The attendance at last Wednesday’s P&F AGM was disappointing with no nominations received for office bearers for the P&F in 2015. There will be an extraordinary meeting held prior to the first P&F meeting for 2015 (Wednesday 18th February at 7pm in the library) where nominations will again be called for P&F office bearers for 2015. The P&F contributes significantly to our children's school and we hope that nominations will be made for office bearer positions.

School Fete 2015: Contact Alysha Cass on alysha.cass@bigpond.com for more details.

Christmas in the Park - Sunday, 21st December
4.30pm Kids Entertainment, 6.30pm Christmas Service
RA Cook Reserve, Coode St, Bedford

ATTACHMENTS

- Transperth Bus Message

Wishing the entire school community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2015.
Have a happy and safe holiday break.
In response to transitioning Year 7 students to high school in 2015, we are making changes to the school services network to offer the best possible service across the network.

Students intending to travel to school via public transport should:

- Check transperth.wa.gov.au for information. Please note that as services change the website information will be updated so check closer to the start of term.

- Plan your journey prior to the start of school. The Journey Planner will be updated with the new school services **twoweeks prior to the start of school**. Remember to change the date in Journey Planner to the first day of school.

- Not every school will be undergoing changes, however, everyone should plan their journey prior to the first day of school.

For Assistance:
Website: transperth.wa.gov.au
Transperth Info Line 13 62 11 (TIS: 13 14 50)
Hearing or speech impaired? Call via NRS 133 677