Dear Parents,

A big thank you to all of the parents who attended the classes parent meeting last night. These are important gatherings as it allows the teachers to set the scene for the year ahead so that you as parents are fully informed as to what is expected of your children and the role you as parents play in the partnership. The staff over the last two weeks have worked extremely hard to have their classrooms set up for the start of the year and they also developed their blogs for the first time in most cases. The blog will become an integral part of the communication cycle from school to home, so that you can easily see what is happening and what needs your attention as parents.

Next week we are lucky to have Mr. Derek Stewart running two Mac-airs workshops for parents in Year 4 and any parent in the senior school that would like to attend. These will be on Monday at 9am and Wednesday at 5:30pm in the Library. This is a great opportunity for you as parents to learn about backups, updates, lockdowns and any of the other questions you might have about the Mac-airs.

Today we celebrated our first Eucharist to start the year as well as beginning the Lenten period. Each of the classes received a candle and some seeds to grow over the next 40 days to remind them about what Lent means and what we are preparing for. Thanks to Fr. Peter for beginning the Lenten journey with us.

Chris Dunning – Principal

IMPRESSIVE SCHOOL DATES

Feb 20 Family Fun Night 5.30-8pm
25 School Board 6.30pm, P&P Meeting 7.30pm
Mar 2 Public Holiday-SCHOOL CLOSED
3 Year 6 Leadership Day
8 Family Mass-Year 2 Sacred Heart Church 9am
13 P&P Parents Sundowner
17 St.Patrick’s Day
18 School Board 6.30pm & PF Meeting 7.30pm
23 Parent Interview Week
23 School Swimming Carnival-Bayswater Waves
29 Palm Sunday
30 Interschool Swimming Carnival-Challenge Stadium

SCHOOL CLOSED
MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2015

Parish Priest: Father Peter Bianchini
64 Mary Street, Highgate
Phone: (08) 9328 3433 Fax: (08) 9227 0137
E-mail: highgate@perthcatholic.org.au

Parish Mass Times
Saturday — 8:00am, Vigil Mass 6:00pm
Sunday — 9:00am, Italian Mass 10:15am
Monday to Friday — 7:00am (except 8am public holidays)
Saturday — 5:00pm - 5:30pm Reconciliation

Carolyn Perlini & Reneé Byrne-King (Acting Assistant Principals)

Project Compassion Boxes
Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual fundraising and awareness raising appeal endorsed by the Australian Catholic Bishops, which brings thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Project Compassion 2015 focuses on Food for Life. It throws a spotlight on global food issues and how Caritas Australia is empowering the world’s poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion appeal. Your generosity will work for the freedom of people living in poverty, challenge unjust structures, and empower people to work for a sustainable way of life.

Carolyn Perlini & Reneé Byrne-King (Acting Assistant Principals)

Parent Information Evening
A big thank you to all the parents for attending the Parent Information Night. It was a positive and informative evening for parents to meet their child’s teacher and learn about the school and class expectations for this term. Thank you to the teachers for their hard work and dedication in preparing and presenting the night. We are very lucky to have such passionate and committed staff here at Sacred Heart Primary School Highgate.

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*Mrs Stephanie Alderman (Physical Education Teacher)*

**YMAC Sacred Heart OSHC now offer Before School Care**

As of Monday 2nd February 2015 YMAC Sacred Heart will be trialling Before School Care. Before School Care opens at 7am and costs $17 per session for a permanent booking or $19 for a casual booking. This includes a nutritional breakfast and is CCB/CCR approved.

We are looking for eager parents to make a combined team. Both 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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**SCHOOL Awards - to be presented at assembly on Friday**

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**School Fees Charges and Business Arrangement Statements**

Please be reminded that all Payment Request Forms and any supporting documentation need to be completed, signed and returned to the office by 25th February 2015.

*Linda Robertson (Finance Officer)*

The Sacred Heart Community Cook Book

As a fund raising activity this year The Sacred Heart Community would like to produce our own Cook Book. This will be in the format of a hard back table top style cookbook.

As we have a very diverse multicultural community we ask that each family contribute their favourite recipes from their country and where possible attach a photo (taken with your camera not a phone) of their creation. Please submit as many recipes as you wish and any cooking tips that you may have.

We will collate the recipes and the cooking tips, household tips and any general information that you consider worthwhile for other people to use.

Please forward your contribution to Mrs Worner by the end of term one. Many thanks, and happy cooking.

*Mrs Barbara Worner*

Sacred Heart is looking to put together a school team to play competitive netball in the Perth Netball Association competition. Games will be on a Saturday morning at Matthews courts Wembley, and the season starts in Term 2. The season will run for 13 weeks over Term 2 and 3 (not including school holidays or long weekends).

We are looking for students from Years 5 and 6 to make a combined team. Both boys and girls are welcome. Participation will involve a weekly game on Saturday plus an hour training session after school on a weekday. There is also a cost of $162 per student to play. Furthermore, students from Years 3 and 4 are invited to express interest in participating in the NetSetGo program which runs for 10 weeks over Term 2 and 3.

We are also looking for a parent or older sibling to volunteer as coach and another as umpire. Interested students and potential coaches/umpires please email Anita Pavic anita.pavic@gmail.com

**COMMUNITY**

**Junior Football**

Visit [playfwa.com.au](http://playfwa.com.au) to find your local club today.

**UNIFORM SHOP** - Open Fridays 8-9am. For more information and phone orders please call Vlma Spence on 9271 4479. Order forms are available from the school office or the school website at [http://www.shpsh.wa.edu.au/uniformshopsummerorderform2013.pdf](http://www.shpsh.wa.edu.au/uniformshopsummerorderform2013.pdf)

**P&F**

The P&F did not fill the Office Bearer positions for our school for 2015 so a special meeting has been arranged for **7.30pm Wednesday, 25th February 2015** in the School library to hopefully fill these positions. The P&F provide an important role within our school community. They organise events such as Mothers and Fathers Day breakfasts, the upcoming family fun night, sundowners and school discos. In 2015 the school will be having a fete (organised by the fete committee) so in terms of P&F fundraising the activities will be minimal. So 2015 is a great year to join the P&F, make new friends and get involved with activities in our school community. We require office bearer positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) as well as year representatives for each year group (great if this can be shared between a few people in each year).

**School Fete 2015:** Contact Alysha Cass on [alysha.cass@bigpond.com](mailto:alysha.cass@bigpond.com) for more details.

**School Fete Craft Group:** We will once again be having a fabulous arts and crafts stall at the 2015 School Fete. We’re 9 months out and are looking for eager parents & friends to join in and assist with the creation of the goods that will be sold on the day – this is a great way to meet some likeminded parents from the school, all welcome. Contact Danielle at [trevindy@westnet.com.au](mailto:trevindy@westnet.com.au) for more details.

**School Bags:** Old style school back packs are available at $60 and new trolley bags (no school logo attached) are now available at $75. Please see the office staff if you would like to make a purchase.

**2014 P&F Executive**

**CANTENE** (9422-7945) - Please ensure to order from the new summer menu. Sushi orders MUST be paid on Monday to receive Sushi on Wednesday.

**SCHOOL GATES & SAFETY AT SCHOOL**

Please note change in gates opening/closing time: 8.30 to 9.15am and 2.40 to 3.20pm

Please note during the above times the school will be off school 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.)

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**PICK and DRIVE After School Pick up - If you would like to register for Pick Up and Drive, forms are available from the school office or the school website at [http://www.shpsh.wa.edu.au/forms_pickupanddrive.pdf](http://www.shpsh.wa.edu.au/forms_pickupanddrive.pdf) Please DO NOT park and leave your car in the drive thru zone.**

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School banking: School Banking is continuing on a Tuesday morning from 8.30am in the school library.

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FABRIC ROUND-UP

Please donate your fabric scraps, fat quarters, ribbons, felt, buttons etc...

We are preparing to ‘get busy’ creating for the Sacred Heart Primary School 2015 Fete and are calling for your fabric and craft donations.

Please check your cupboards, craft stash and sewing boxes!

A donation box will be located in the foyer leading up to the school office. All donations greatly appreciated.

ALL ENQUIRIES TO
Danielle Darragh
trevndan@westnet.com.au
0419 936 780
Are you wondering whether or not to put up your hand to join the P&F Association/Parent Group? Wondering what the benefit to your child might be?

Significant research over the past 40 years shows clearly and consistently that if you are involved/engaged in your child’s education, that the benefits will include:

- Improved school readiness
- Higher academic achievement
- Higher graduation rates
- Greater ability for your child to self-regulate their behaviour
- Better social skills
- Enhanced student wellbeing
- More consistent completion of homework
- Better transitions to high school and beyond
- More realistic planning for the future
- Better attitude towards school
- Better attendance
- Higher retention rates

Hopefully you will agree that even one of these outcomes is worthwhile attending a meeting for. Come along and help to build a positive, vibrant community at your school and watch your child reap the benefits!