Dear Parents,

This week from Tuesday to Thursday our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN testing. Assessing students with a standardised set of tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (grammar, spelling, punctuation) and Numeracy certainly has its place in giving information to schools and as a diagnostic tool to identify potential areas of weakness. In theory, it also allows for some comparison between similar schools and across all schools in states throughout the country. Unfortunately the focus can sometimes shift away from this to other comparisons about aspects of NAPLAN that are often picked up and fuelled by the media or for some political point scoring in regard to school performance. This in turn can generate a less than consistent approach towards NAPLAN and the preparation for it.

There are schools and educational systems, particularly in the eastern states, that spend many months actively preparing or coaching specifically for this testing which can significantly diminish their effectiveness as a fair comparison or true indicator of general literacy or numeracy ability. There are also significant differences between education sectors and states in terms of how much of the curriculum has been covered before the tests are held. The NAPLAN tests are also a test of content that has been covered in previous years as well as content that is above the year level (especially in Maths) so that children can show what they know. Results from the tests are usually provided to us late in the year, and these will be sent home then.

We are well and truly into our Sacramental preparation meetings now and have the first of our Commitment masses on Saturday night. Please make a big effort to get to these meetings as the information you receive is important and needs addressing.

Mr Chris Dunning
Principal

We extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Sue Hanford and her family, on the passing of Sue's beloved Father, in England. May perpetual light shine upon him, and may he rest in peace.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

May 15 Naplan (Year 3 & 5)
17 Eucharist Parent Information Evening 7pm Cath Past Centre
19 Parent/Child Workshop-Confirmation, 6.30-8pm Cath Past Centre
20 Retreat - Confirmation
21 School Board Meeting - 6.30pm Staffroom
P&F Meeting - 7.30pm School Library
22 Reconciliation - Parent Information Evening 7-8pm Hall
24 Commitment Mass-Eucharist, 6pm Sacred Heart Church

ATTACHMENTS
• P&F Entertainment Book Order Form

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 2, WEEK 3

RECONCILIATION
Parent Information Evening: Thursday, 22nd May 7.00-8.00pm Hall
Commitment Mass: Saturday, 31st May 6.00pm Sacred Heart Church
**Retreat: Wednesday, 28th May - Schoenstatt Shrine Armadale (a letter with details will be sent home to parents of candidates closer to the day)

EUCHARIST
**Parent Info Evening: Thursday, 15th May 7.00-8.00pm Cath Past Centre
Commitment Mass: Saturday, 24th May, 6.00pm Sacred Heart Church
Parent/Children Workshop: Monday, 26th May 6.30-8.00pm School Hall

CONFIRMATION
Commitment Mass: Saturday, 17th May 6.00pm Sacred Heart Church
**Parent/Children Workshop: Monday, 19th May Cath Past Centre 6.30-8.00pm
Retreat: Tuesday, 20th May Pastoral Centre, Mary St Highgate (a letter with details will be sent home to parents of candidates closer to the day)
Confirmation Ceremony: Sunday, 8th June at 3.00pm Sacred Heart Church
** PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN VENUE OR DATE
Mrs Anna Sheehy (Sacrament Coordinator/Assistant Principal)

Cross Country 2014
Training - Hyde Park at 7.45am SHARP (Monday & Friday)
This year a shield will be presented to the winning faction. A Spirit award will also be presented to the faction who had the most participants at training.
Progressive Scores are:
   Taylor 23  Hewitt 22
   Lec 26   Henley 9

Cross Country Event - Monday, 16th June
Hyde Park, 1pm Sharp
Mrs Stephanie Alderman (Physical Education Teacher)

The Sacraments - Our Parish Based, Family Focused, School Supported Sacramental Program is well under way with the preparation of the children and commitment masses, information evenings and workshops taking place each week. On Thursday, 15th May we will have the Parent Information Evening for the Eucharist, in the Pastoral Centre at 7.00pm. Then on Saturday, 17th May the Commitment Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at 6.00pm in the Sacred Heart Church. Thank you to everyone involved for your commitment to the Sacramental Program.
Mrs Anna Sheehy (Sacrament Coordinator/Assistant Principal)

2015 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS
Applications for enrolment are invited for children to commence Kindergarten at Sacred Heart Primary School in 2015.
Applications forms are available at the school office or the website at http://www.shpsh.wa.edu.au/enrolment.html

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PARISH'S MESSAGE

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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

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**COMMUNITY**

**COMING SOON! – adidas School Fun-Run**

We will be holding an *adidas School Fun-Run* as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held during June at Hyde Park.

The *adidas School Fun-Run* is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students will receive a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase refrigerated water coolers and classroom furniture.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Further details will follow so keep an eye out for posters around the school and the Sponsorship Form that will come home with your children.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

*Sonia Ranelli & Trevor Thomson*

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**SCHOENSTATT JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

**FOR PILGRIMS**

**SUNDAY**

**MAY 18 2014**

We invite you to come on pilgrimage to a Marian place of grace.

**2.00 PM HOLY MASS**

Rev Peter Whitty PBM General Re-commissioning of Pilgrims Shrines Pilgrims entering into a Covenant of Love

ALL PILGRIMS WELCOME!

*PMA-Ordination please bring your Pilgrim Shriners A PERSONAL INDULGENCE can be obtained in our Schoenstatt Shrine during our centenary.*

9 Talus Drive Mt Richon – Armadale
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*www.schoenstattwest.org.au*

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**Making Stepfamilies Work**

There are crucial differences between biological relationships and step relationships. Expectations and misunderstandings are responsible for many of the distress that members of a stepfamily can experience.

Stepfamily couples who attend this 4 week session gain understanding, knowledge and skills to help them work together in the building of a healthy and nurturing stepfamily.

The six-week course covers:

- Stepfamily structure and complexity
- The normal stepfamily stages of development
- Basic communication skills for clear speaking, listening and negotiating
- Common emotional experiences and difficulties for children in stepfamilies
- How to establish the couple bond and work together as different roles to parent as a team
- Passing on values in today’s technological world
- The building of a new stepfamily tradition

**WEST LEEDERVILLE**

21 North St, West Leederville Tuesday, 30 May 5.30-7.30 pm

**KINGARA**

Beres WA Library and Business Centre Level 1, 1 Market Place Wednesday, 31 May 4.15-6.15 pm 2014

**Cost:**

*Places are limited so please book now on 9469 6321*

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**COMENTARIES**

**Week 4**

**SCHOOL AWARDS - to be presented at assembly on Friday**

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**CANTEEN**

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**Week 3**

Soup for the Week MINESTRONE

- Thursday 15th May Jacinta Laffer
- Friday 16th May Kathryn Godwin

**Week 4**

Soup for the Week CHICKEN & SWEETCORN

- Wednesday 21st May Anh Mott
- Thursday 22nd May Julietin Bruining
- Friday 23rd May Volunteer Required

**WINTER MENU** - The winter menu has been distributed to each family and is on the school website. Please ensure to place orders based on this menu.

**YMCA** - YMCA Sacred Heart provides Before and Afterschool Care from 7am till 6pm, the program runs on site from the school hall. We provide a nutritious breakfast and afternoon tea, and have a range of exciting activities each day.

Enrolments are open for all children, Kindy – Year 6. Over the next two weeks YMCA will be reviewing the viability of Before School Care and Vacation Care as we are experiencing low numbers, if you require Before School Care now or will require care in the near future please pop in and visit our friendly staff and pick up an enrolment pack. YMCA is also reviewing whether the current Vacation Care program is run onsite or from a central YMCA Service. If you require Vacation Care please let our Supervisor Sharon know. We value any feedback that you may have, please pass this on to Sharon or contact Verity Norton, Middle Years Support Office on 94738400.

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**P&F**

**P&F Meeting – Wednesday 21st May - 7.30 School Library.**

All welcome!

**Mothers’ Day Breakfast** - Thank you to the hard work of the Year 5 families to make this year’s Mothers’ Day Breakfast such a success. A special thank you also to Cloud 9 (new shop on the corner of Beaufort and Harold Streets for their kind donation of the flower arrangements.)

**Mothers’ Day Stall** – Thank you to the hard work of the Year 2 families for this great initiative and the wonderful gifts we all received on Mothers’ Day!

**School Disco** – Save the date – 27th June 2014 – for this very popular event.

**Entertainment Books 2014** - Get your orders in asap as they quickly sell out!

**Aussie Farmers**: Use the R6013 reference number.

**School banking**: Every Tuesday morning in the Library. If you would like to sign your child up please contact Linda Manno on 0408 935 702.

**Second hand uniforms**: These uniforms are all in great condition and your purchases help raise funds for the P&F.

Clairey Lance (P&F Committee-pf@shpsl.wa.edu.au)
Introducing the 2014 | 2015 Entertainment™ Book and the new Entertainment Digital Membership!

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If you don’t have internet access, please fill in the details below and return to the front office. This option is for Book memberships only – digital memberships can only be ordered online at: www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/855v60 and the membership will be sent to your smartphone after the 1st May.

☐ I would like to order _______ Perth Entertainment™ Book(s) at $65 each (including GST) TOTAL AMOUNT: $________

☐ I will collect the Book(s) from the front office after 1st May 2014 OR

☐ Please send the Book(s) home with my nominated child after 1st May (Please nominate your child below)

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class Room: ___________________________

Customer Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Email Address: ___________________________ ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ State: ____________________ Postcode: ______________

Method of Payment: ☐ Cash ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard (please fill in credit card details below)

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