



HEART BEAT

Dear members of the Sacred Heart Community,

We began our Lenten season last Wednesday. Lent is a time for prayer, reflection and sacrifice. As we journey towards Easter, we are reminded of the importance of practicing kindness, forgiveness and compassion towards others.

In his 2023 Lenten message, Pope Francis encouraged us to "renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ". Let us take this message to heart as we continue to nurture our faith and grow in our relationships with one another.

At Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, we strive to foster a positive and respectful learning environment where all students feel valued and affirmed. Through our School Wide Positive Behaviours, we aim to teach and reinforce the expectations, celebrating the achievements and contributions of our students.

Speaking of celebrations, I had the pleasure of having lunch with our Love One Another Award (LOA) winners. Each Friday, all the LOAs given out for the week go into a draw in Sporting Houses, with each house winner receiving an invitation to have lunch with the Principal. It is wonderful to have this time with the students, and recognise their efforts being positive and respectful members of our school community.

I invite you to look at our Annual School Improvement Plan (ASIP), which can be found on the following page. This plan outlines our goals for the year and the outcomes we aim to achieve.

**Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.
Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism;
Feast on hope.
Fast from negatives;
Feast on encouragement.
Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.
Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.
Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Fast from anxiety;
Feast on faith.**

Finally, I would like to remind families to please refrain from parking in the Kiss-and-Go section of the Church car park. This area is designed to keep the flow of traffic and is intended only for the dropping off and picking up of students whilst the driver is in the vehicle. If needing to leave your car, please park in the allocated bays in the centre area of the carpark. This will help to ensure the safety of all members of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

God Bless,

Stephen Versteegh

Principal

2024 ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



Our Vision

At Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, we strive to create an integrated faith and learning community, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Our Mission Statement

We commit to providing excellence in education and nurturing faith filled learners who are respectful and resilient in living the commandment of Jesus
"Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34)

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

01

We are a small school with a big heart, and we aspire to be a community of inspired and inspiring educators

02

We are a small school with a big heart heart, and we aspire to authentically live out our Catholic Identity

03

We are a small school with a big heart, and we aspire to be an inclusive and intentional learning community

OUR COMMITMENT

By the end of 2024, implement and embed a whole school pedagogical approach and teaching practice.



By the end of 2024 have embedded a culture of faith filled, respectful and resilient learners. This will be reflected in an increase of Love One Another awards, the establishment of a School Choir, and the implementation of a Pastoral Care and Wellbeing program in all classes.

By the end of 2024, embed practices to support students to achieve a year's worth of growth for a year's worth of learning in Literacy.



News from Room 9

Mrs. Carew



We have had a wonderful start to the 2024 school year. We spent the first 3 weeks making new friends and learning all about our new classroom and learning areas. This week we have begun learning about words during InitialLit. We have begun counting and learning the correct formation for our numbers to 5 in Math's, and during Hass we are exploring all about our families.



This Term In Room 3



Hello Families,

Room 3 has had a wonderful start to the year with many adventures in their learning journey. We began the year with learning how we can be Faith filled, Respectful and Resilient learners. We discussed what this looked, sounded and felt like. We have, and will continue to, revisit these values as we continue our year.

We have seen some beautiful writing in our 1/2 class, writing responses to our favourite weather and why we chose that weather. Students enjoyed writing about what they would do if they were Principal for a day- Mrs Hartmann said her first task would be to allow teachers to wear pyjamas every day!



Room 3 are wonderful mathematicians, learning how to read, recognise and write large numbers. They have shown great interest in exploring hands-on activities, playing games with their peers and challenging one another in number tasks.

One of our favourite parts of the room is the Inquiry section. This has allowed students to further explore our focused learning areas this term of weather and space. They have learned the purpose of a telescope, and understood why it is important to know the weather ahead so that they may dress accordingly- a task that is much easier in Darwin.

Finally and most importantly, we have been spending time in our classroom praying together. We are learning to be faith filled in our interactions with one another, and have learned that a Sacred Heart community member shows grace, mercy, and compassion. As Ms Dani says, when we sing, we pray twice.

Mrs Hartmann.



This Term In Room 1

We have had a busy start to the year in Room 1. We are continuing to focus on our classroom learning expectations and routines. We have been learning what it is to be a good friend and ways we can learn to develop a positive growth mindset. We have an affirmation station set up in our inquiry space and will continue to work on this throughout the year.



Last week, we attended our Ash Wednesday Mass in the church. Students were reverent and respectful during our Whole School Mass. In Religion, we have made our Lenten promises and discussed how we will continue to follow in the footsteps of Jesus during the forty days of Lent.



In English, we have been focusing on recount writing. Students are learning the recount process of the – Who, What, When, Where and Why. We have loved building words and writing sentences during our small group Literacy activities.

In Science, we have been exploring different weather patterns. Students have enjoyed learning and exploring in our inquiry learning space. We talked about the two seasons in Darwin (Wet and Dry season). We had some great wonders. I wonder... Why does it not snow in Darwin?

In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers up to 120. Students have been working on addition number strategies and Friends of 10.



This Term In Room 5

In Maths class, we've been exploring place value, which is all about understanding how big numbers work. We've been using place value blocks to help us represent and order numbers, even ones bigger than 10,000!



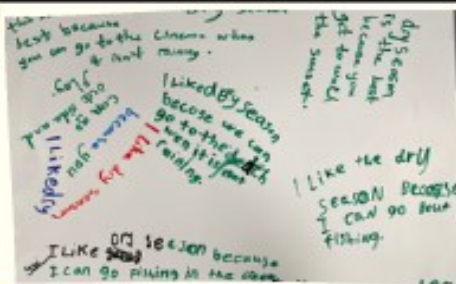
Learning Area Expectations

In Year 3/4 ROOM 5, we

- Use kind words and actions
- Walk in the classroom
- Sit on the mat and listen to the teacher and each other
- Raise our hand and wait to be called
- Keep our body to ourselves
- Try our best and have a go
- Are careful when using equipment
- Ask for help



In our Religion class, we're discussing the unique importance of being created in God's likeness. As we embark on our Lenten journey, we're following in the footsteps of Jesus, deepening our understanding of faith and compassion.



In English, we're becoming expert persuasive writers! We're learning how to write convincing arguments with the right structure, so we can share our ideas in a powerful way.



This Term In Room 7

The Kindness Crew of Room 7 have had a very busy start to the year. In week 1 we have been getting to know each other, sharing fun facts and stories with our classmates, and completing activities such as 'A Letter to my teacher' and creating Math about ME posters. During our time with Ms Chessell, we also created our self-portraits with pastels, inspired by artist Sandra Silberzweig.



In Maths we have been focusing on Odd and Even numbers and Measurement – Length.

Here you can see us measuring our bodies, using different measuring tools to get the measurements.



In Religion we have begun our preparation for Easter with the commencement of Lent last Wednesday. Some examples of how we can follow in the footsteps of Jesus are helping those in need, listening to our parents, being kind to our siblings and praying every day.



In Literacy we have been focusing on Persuasive texts. We have created fun and colourful advertisements of our favourite food, drink or sport. We have also been writing about what animals make the best pets and which season is the best in the NT. In Room 7 we mostly agree that the wet season is the best season because the rain is refreshing and cool and is fun to play in. Jack says we have the best weather in all of Australia!

This year the students of SHCPS are learning Auslan, the Australian Sign language. We have a lesson each week with Miss Tandy. We have been learning to sign our names, greet our teachers and each other. Here are some examples of signing our names.



Grade 5/6

The start of the 2024 school year in 5/6, has been dedicated to friendships, leadership and getting to know the routines.

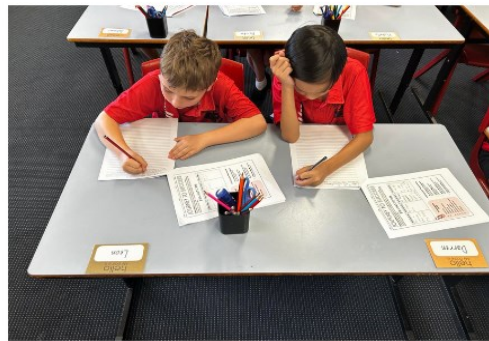
Students have been learning about what it means to be a leader at Sacred Heart and all the responsibilities that come with it. In our Whole School Opening Mass, Father Tom presented the leaders with their badges and gave them all a blessing.



In Religion, we are focusing on our school and Catholic community.

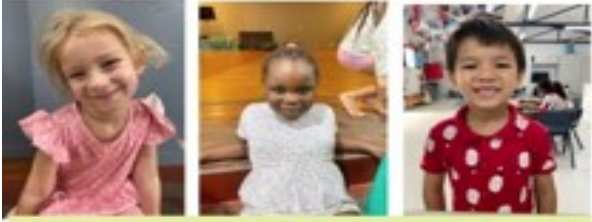
In English, we are learning to write persuasive texts.

In Maths, we are exploring order of operations.



This term at OSHC

Term 1



We welcomed many new faces

Children and Educators enjoyed excursions during VAC, including Berry Springs OSHC for a water slide, Gateway Cinema to watch Wish and Saint Paul's OSHC for a picnic lunch.



Our families joined us for a special BBQ lunch, we hope they can continue to build our school community and join us for other special events throughout the year!



For sustainability this term, children helped to make the first of our portable, recycled garden beds. These were made from pallets and have wheels so that Educators can move them to areas that suit the plants the best. The children can then use the food grown in their cooking activities and kitchen skills. There were many conversations about safety, how to use each tool and also what we will be planting. We hope that Bunnings will help us to plant seedlings early next term.



We also began our new scrap bucket project by delivering buckets to all classrooms. The children will then help to sort the scraps for either the chickens and worms or for the compost which will later go back into the school grounds to keep the garden healthy.



Our kitchen skills program also continued, children have been learning how to use butter knives while spreading butter on bread as well as making mini pizza. They also made Lolly Cake for Waitangi Day (The national day of New Zealand), spring rolls and fried rice for Chinese New Year and spread their own crackers with chosen toppings.



TECHNOLOGIES

with Miss Mahon



TRANSITION/ ONE

Our young explorers have embarked on a digital adventure! They've explored train tracks, loops, and action bricks. Through play, they're building early math skills, problem-solving abilities, and collaboration.



ONE/ TWO

Grade One/Two students are discovering various computer types, moving beyond laptops and desktops. They had fun creating their own computer designs within specific criteria. Soon, they'll build models of their designs, enhancing their tech understanding and sparking creativity. Exciting creations are coming your way!



THREE/ FOUR

Grade 3/4 students are learning about computer language, in particular Binary Code. They've already coded their names and are now exploring how Binary Code works. Students can experiment with Binary Coding here:

[Text to Binary Converter](#)



FIVE/ SIX

In recent lessons, Grade 5 and 6 students have learned the art of crafting passwords that are easy for them to remember but challenging for others to guess. Recognizing the critical importance of data security, they are now well-versed in the creation of strong passwords. Additionally, they've embarked on their coding journey and will soon dive into the intriguing realm of machine learning (AI)..

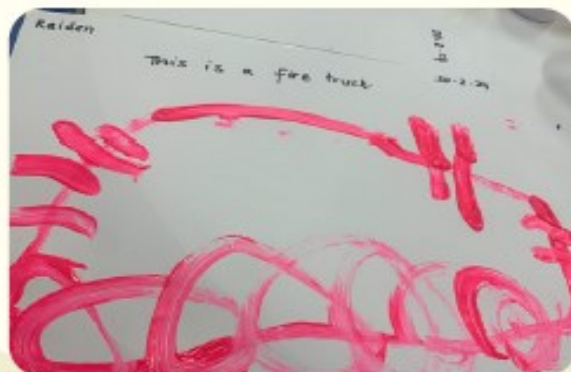
This Term at ELC



Many new friends have recently joined us at the Early Learning Centre and we welcome all the children and their families to our Sacred Heart community.



We have had lots of fun getting to know each other and enjoying our indoor and outdoor play environments. We have been painting, drawing, writing, reading, having tea parties, going camping, playing soccer and cricket and continuing to enjoy our swings and the trampoline.



We love going to the Library on Wednesdays for story time and book borrowing. We have recently enjoyed books such as Library Lion and Boris Goes Berserk! We also enjoy going to Assembly each week and some of us went to Mass on Ash Wednesday.

We look forward to sharing more news from the ELC with you in Week 8.



ART

WITH MISS EVANS



T - 2
Students have been exploring various ways we can create 'Love Monsters'

3/4
Students have used painting techniques and sharpie pens to create their own 'Love lollies'

5/6
Students have explored geometric heart shapes and are investigating how through Art they can convey our school motto - Love One Another



This Term with APRE

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We celebrated our Opening School Mass on Friday 9th February. Our Student Leaders were presented with their badges and then the whole Year 5/6 cohort and their Teachers and Educators received a blessing for the year ahead from Father Tom.



On Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day), Matt Cartwright and family provided the most amazing pancakes for our school community. Thank you Matt for your kindness and generosity.



Our School Captains, Isabelle and Khloe, along with Hurley Vice Captain Talipasa, attended a Caritas Project Compassion Liturgy at St Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral on the morning of Tuesday 13th February. They enjoyed pancakes afterwards and were pleased to be able to catch up with Miss Tammy.



On what was a very wet and windy day, Father Tom came down to the undercover area to burn our Lenten Promises and some of last year's Palm Sunday fronds to create the ashes we received on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday.

Our Ash Wednesday Mass was very reverent and respectful and was attended by a large number of Parishioners. The Teaching Staff went to Mass in the Parish on Sunday 18th February and were presented to the congregation and received a blessing for the year ahead from Father Tom.

We now look towards class Masses and Liturgies for the term, Harmony Day, Stations of the Cross, our Easter Resurrection Mass and our Easter Hat Parade ...

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved ...



SCHOOL INFORMATION AND UPDATES



<https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091443498856>

Please like and share our new Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Facebook

Allergy Aware School



↑ Download the School stream app to receive latest news, alerts and events.

Finance

School fees will be billed next week and accounts will be emailed. If you do not receive your statement please advise. There are various payment options available to families. If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact our Finance Department.

Finance.shps@nt.catholic.edu.au

Thank you!

CALENDAR

WEEK 7

NAPLAN

YEARS 3 & 5

WEEK 8

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

WEEK 9 AWARDS ASSEMBLY AND DRAWING OF THE P AND F EASTER RAFFLE AT 8:30AM

WEEK 9

TUESDAY 2ND APRIL

RESURRECTION MASS IN THE CHURCH AT 9AM

EASTER HAT PARADE AT 2:15PM

WAYS TO CONNECT

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Sacred Heart Primary School CANTEEN MENU & PRICE LIST

Lunch orders... please use a paper bag large enough to hold ordered items with the following information clearly written on the bag.

Name.....
 Room.....
 Order.....
 Money enclosed.....

In the event items ordered are unavailable, they will be substituted with a similar item.

Recess orders must be in a separate bag to lunch orders and must have child's name clearly on bag. Your child must pick up their recess order at the canteen at recess time.



MENU		MENU	
Sandwiches			
<i>All sandwiches are made fresh daily with generous amounts of filling on white/wholemeal bread or a wrap.</i>			
	S/W	WRAP	
Vegemite	1.50	1.50	
Cheese	2.00	2.50	
Cheese & Tomato	2.20	2.70	
Cheese & salad	3.00	3.50	
Ham	2.00	2.50	
Ham & cheese	2.50	3.00	
Ham & salad	3.00	3.50	
Chicken	2.50	3.00	
Chicken & salad	3.50	4.00	
Sweet Chili Wraps		5.00	
Salad: cheese, lettuce, tomato, carrot and cucumber.			
Fresh Salad bowl	\$4.00		
Includes egg and ham or chicken			
Toasted sandwiches			
Cheese	3.00		
Cheese & tomato	3.00		
Ham & cheese	3.00		
Ham, cheese & tomato	3.00		
Chicken & cheese	3.00		
Fresh Fruit Salad bowl	\$4.00		
Hot Foods			
Hot Dogs - whole	2.70		
Hotdog - half	1.50		
Mrs Macs Good Eating Snack Pie	1.30		
Mrs Macs Cruiser Pie	3.50		
Sausage roll	3.00		
Lasagne	3.50		
Spaghetti Bolognese	3.50		
Spaghetti	3.50		
Chicken nuggets (x3)	1.50		
Pizza	3.50		
Tomato Sauce	.20		
Drinks			
Flavoured milk	2.50		
- Chocolate, Strawberry			
Popper	2.00		
- Apple, Orange, Tropical, Apple & Blackcurrant			
Counter Sales & Recess Orders			
<i>Other Assorted foods available daily from 50c - \$2.00</i>			
Popcorn	1.00		
Noodles	1.00		
Muffins	.50		
Fresh Fruit	.50		
Cheese & Biscuit Snack	.50		
Muesli Bars	.50		
Ice Blocks Lunch Time Only			
Ice Blocks	from	.50	
Frozen Yoghurt		1.50	

Subject to availability

P & F NEWS

The P&F would love to Welcome all New Families to Sacred Heart and Welcome back all our returning Families in 2024

AGM

This week the P&F held an AGM and 1st meeting!

Chairperson - VACANT

Vice-Chairperson – Sharina Goodwin

Secretary – Kelly Cooper

Treasurer – Leah Hudson

At this stage we are looking for someone who is willing to take on the Chairperson position. If you are interested in becoming our Chairperson or even joining the P& F please contact us or join our next meeting.

Easter Raffle

In the coming week your child will come home with raffle tickets.

We have decided to sell only paper tickets in 2024!

Tickets will be \$2 each – we have 3 prizes to the value of \$100 each.

To be drawn Thursday 28th March.

We are currently seeking donations of Easter eggs or other goodies to add to our prizes.

If you are able to donate, please drop them to the office by Tuesday 12th March.

When is our next meeting?

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7pm.**

Meetings are only 1 hour and will follow on from a school board meeting.

If you would like to know more about the P&F, can spare half an hour to help out at our events or you have any suggestions for making our special school community even greater, please drop us an email sacredheartpnf@gmail.com.



positive partnerships

Free Upcoming Webinars

Be part of an interactive hour where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents/carers, teachers and others who support the education of autistic students.

Transitions & Change (Educator Focus)

- [Tuesday 27th February 2024 – 12.00 PM to 1:00 PM AEDT](#)
- [Tuesday 27th February 2024 – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM AEDT](#)

Understanding Sensory Processing

- [Thursday 28th March 2024 – 12.00 PM to 1:00 PM AEDT](#)
- [Thursday 28th March 2024 – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM AEDT](#)

Sensory Processing Strategies

- [Wednesday 1st May 2024 – 12.00 PM to 1:00 PM AEST](#)
- [Wednesday 1st May 2024 – 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM AEST](#)

All of our webinars are free and participants that attend receive a certificate following the completion of the webinar.

PLAY FOR KICKS

NAB AFL Superkick is next level fun for 7 to 12 year olds who are new to footy, or want to continue to grow their skill levels.

LOCATION:
PALMERSTON COLLEGE, DRIVER

STARTS WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH

5PM-6PM

4 SESSIONS

COST:\$50



Contact: william.warren@afl.com.au

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BUFFALOES FC

**SKILL
DEVELOPMENT**

8 SESSIONS

**SPORTS
VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED**

**FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW FOR
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**WHO: 5-12 YEAR OLDS
AN INTRO TO AUSTRALIAN
FOOTBALL
SKILLS & FUN ACTIVITIES**



**WHO: 7-12 YEAR OLDS
GREAT NEXT STEP AFTER
AUSKICK
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