



### Sacred Heart School Vision:

Nurtures the dignity and value of each person;  
 Develops a relationship with Jesus as central to  
 how we live and love;  
 Our choices and actions reflect awareness, compassion  
 and commitment to others;  
 Creates learning that is purposeful and innovative;  
 Parents, students and staff work collaboratively to create  
 a safe, supportive and stimulating learning environment

Sacred Heart School is a PBIS school

*SAFE*  
*RESPONSIBLE*  
*RESPECTFUL LEARNERS*

From the Principal,

It is with a grateful heart and relief that I write the last "Philotimo" for Semester One, 2020.

Do not get me wrong, I love my school community and I am incredibly blessed to be at the helm of a wonderful team who always give 100% to everything they do. However, with the community not having had a 'break' since the beginning of the year... I am quietly saying... "Please excuse me whilst I crawl under a rock for a few days", my family and I need to recharge. I am sure we will be back with bells on, when school returns on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

I wish everyone a safe and rest filled holiday.

Jesus, I am tired.

My mind is frazzled, my hands are full, and my emotions are reeling with all the things I have to do. Help me to come to you in the middle of the overwhelm.

Remind me of your ever-present help in my times of need.

Show me how to rest in You.

Reveal to me both the beauty in the work and in the rest. Calm my anxious thoughts and encourage my heart with Your nearness. Instruct me in your ways.

Bring productivity and contentment out of the peace and comfort I find.

Settle me in Your truth and in Your love. Amen.

*Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation.*

*~ 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NLT)*

<https://www.sarahforgrave.com/2018/02/12/3-prayers-for-rest-renewal-and-relaxation/>

## **TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

### **InitialLit:**

On Monday and Tuesday of this week Ms Oliver, Mrs Hawtin and myself were involved in professional development for InitialLit. An evidence-based whole-class literacy program which provides all children with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers.

InitialLit is a three-year program, covering the first three years of school which focuses on two main components:

1. Phonics, to systematically and explicitly teach the basic alphabetic code in a set sequence. In addition to learning letter-sound correspondences and how these are applied to reading and spelling, children are introduced to common morphemes and simple grammatical concepts.
2. Vocabulary, oral language and listening comprehension through quality children's literature.

We look forward to implementing this program starting in our Early Years Classroom from Term 3.

## **DISC PROFILING**

This week, staff participated in Professional Learning around personality types and the behavioural differences between them. Each member completed a profile assessment using DISC questioning. This profiling is used as a non-judgmental tool for discussion of people's behavioural differences.

The use of profiling aids staff in increasing their self-knowledge of how they respond to conflict, what motivates them, what causes them stress and how they solve problems.

Understanding the differences in personality types and the preferred communication styles is important in an organisation as building this understanding aids;

- Improved working relationships by recognising the communication needs of team members,
- Facilitation of better teamwork and teaches productive conflict,
- Enables staff and school leaders to manage more effectively by understanding the dispositions and priorities of colleagues, students and parents.

***“A true teacher would never tell you what to do. But he would give you the knowledge with which you could decide what would be best for you to do.”***

— Christopher Pike

At Sacred Heart we are committed to building staff capacity and we look forward to expanding knowledge of ourselves, so we can be better equipped to be the spring board from which our students leap to shape the Australia of tomorrow.

## **AGRIWEBB**

You all know how passionate I am about Agriculture and the importance of introducing Agriculture to our younger generation.

Agriculture in Australia is changing, and it is important to teach our students that there are many options for job opportunities outside the traditional view of ‘the farmer’.

Not only will Cordelia the Picasso Cow feature more prominently as the year progresses but I am also excited to announce an educational partnership between Agriwebb and Sacred Heart School.

Agriwebb is a company that develops livestock management programs integrated into a digital Operational Planner. From software coding to finance and chemistry to compliance procedures, this system is one example of the multitude of skills and jobs that are vital in Agriculture.

At Sacred Heart, we will be teaching a number of students the skills in how to manage the virtual farm of “Sacred Heart”.

Students will replace livestock and the entering of data relating to ‘treatments’ aka recess and lunch and “stock movements” aka specialist classes of Italian, Sustainability, Music and Arts will be managed by students.

We look forward to beginning this is one small interactive step towards building the profile of agriculture in our school and the importance of agricultural innovation in our own community.

I would like to thank Costello Rural, in particular Justin, for his introduction of Agriwebb to Sacred Heart and to Agriwebb for being so excited to partnership our small school.

*“From little things, big things grow.”*

Paul Kelly

## **LIBRARY**

The school is changing over from our old Library Management System to ACCESSIT. This change over will assist the school to manage our school library collections to ensure there is accountability for collection returns and encourage our students to utilise this amazing resource in our school.

You may have noticed students bringing home library slips detailing books that they have overdue. Over Term 3, our knowledgeable Librarian Di, will be finalising our collection for a comprehensive stocktake. Once this is complete, future unreturned books will be charged to parents/guardians.

The school holidays are an opportune time to gather these late books for returning to school and ensuring that everyone can experience the joy that books can bring to us all.

### **MINI THEME PARK EXPO:**

On Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, Year 5/6 students will be demonstrating their theme parks and reptile enclosures to Foundation to Year Four students.

The students have been working hard on the planning during Remote Learning and it will be wonderful to be able to share their efforts with our school community. In light of this, there will be a number of videos of the students and their works on the school's Facebook Page and Closed group.

### **SUSTAINABILITY:**

During next term all classes will be involved in sustainability each Thursday. Children will need appropriate outdoor footwear to change into to do this program as during the Winter months the ground is damp and muddy.

Students are still required to wear their school shoes to and from school.

Their outdoor footwear may be left at school in a plastic bag with the child's name on the bag and boots, or they can be brought to school, and taken home each Thursday.

### **PREVIOUS UNIFORM:**

Following the generous gift of 'new uniforms' received from the Jewish Community and St. Vincent De Paul, any previous uniforms not needed by your children can be gathered and sent to school. *This could be a family task during the holidays!*

These former uniforms will go to a school in the Northern Territory.

### **SCHOOL BOARD:**

Next School Board meeting is the 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2020, if you have any items of business to be tabled they must be emailed to Mary Smith by close of business, 4pm on the 21st July 2020.

### **CONFIRMATION:**

Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 11:30 am Mass. Please contact Ms Celeste Oliver if you wish for your child to participate.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

#### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June:**

Last day of school for Term 2; students will finish at 2:10pm in line with Corryong College and the buses.

#### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July:**

First day back of Term 3

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August: *Pupil Free Day Full School Closure:***

Staff will be spending the day with Liz Campbell from S.M.A.R.T. Spot Education and Therapy Services. The day will be well spent learning about specific learning conditions such as Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia, Dysgraphia and how Sacred Heart School Staff can best support our students.

A little more about Liz can be found on S.M.A.R.T Spot's website <https://www.smart-spot.com.au/about-us>

With blessings,

Zoe