



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,

I hope everybody enjoyed their break, I have taken the following quote of Barack Obama's from one of the many informative Director's Bulletins, from Paul Desmond.

"The future rewards those who press on. I don't have time to feel sorry for myself. I don't have time to complain. I am going to press on."

It is one quote I am living by at the moment. There is no way I can control the actions of others or the environment in which we live, but I can control the way that I react to those pressures. With so much occurring in the world around us, it is easy to take everything personally. It is important to remember that with everybody feeling the same way, we must look at the way we react to these pressures.

I have been so proud of our school community through fires and Covid-19. I have seen so much resilience and community spirit within our wonderful community. It is this community spirit that gives me strength when I feel as though, "Augh...another thing!", I want to thank you all for giving me the energy to continue.

Heavenly Father, thank you for your faithfulness throughout the generations.

Your word says that, although people plan their course in their hearts, it is you who establishes our steps.

Give me strength and guidance for everything that lies before me. Whatever I do today, your loving eye is on me and you have promised to guide me. Help me to fix my eyes on you as I run the race of life.

Help me to walk by faith and not by sight.

Strengthen me through your Holy Spirit.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Please spare a thought for our locked down Melbourne families, keep them in your prayers as they head into remote learning again next week.

PERSONALITY TYPES AND COMMUNICATION STYLES:

After last term's learning about different personality profiles and the different communication styles I found this little gem over the holidays.

It is titled: "*Build don't break relationships with communication - connect the dots | Amy Scott | TEDxQueenstown*"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jp9b2Hf7QWg>

Please enjoy and take the time to think about how you communicate with those around you.

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 at the end of Term 2, 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.

SCHOOL BOARD:

Next School Board meeting is the 28th 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 8th November 2020 at 11:30 am Mass. Please contact Ms Celeste Oliver if you wish for your child to participate.

SUSTAINABILITY:

During this 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.

THANK YOU:

We thank the Country Fire Authority for the information packs distributed to our families in the last week of term 2.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 21st August: Pupil Free Day Full School Closure:

With blessings,

Zoe

16th JULY THURSDAY LITURGY

This afternoon students participated in an outdoor liturgy reflecting on this coming Sunday's Gospel reading from Matthew.

The following reflection was delivered by Sacred Heart's Catholic Identity Leader, Celeste Oliver.

"My garden is a mess. Last week's gospel talked about how important it is to plant seeds in good soil – and I've done that – but even though my seeds are growing, they are not alone.

Other plants are growing in my garden and I didn't even plant them! There's a name for those plants, they're called weeds.

A weed isn't really a kind of plant – it's just a plant that's growing where you don't want it to. Some of them can be very pretty. But if you have a garden or a flower bed where you've planted things you want to grow, then weeds can be a big problem. Not only do they make things look messy, but they use up the same water and food that your good plants do. So, letting too many weeds hang around can actually make it harder for the things you planted to grow.

In last week's gospel Jesus told us a parable about seeds to teach us a lesson about keeping our hearts and our minds focused on God. He told us that we need to make ourselves "good soil" by really listening to God's word and leading good lives – making good choices.

Here at school we can do this by following the 4 pillars.

In the same way that Jesus was talking about seeds – but really talking about us, this week's story isn't about real weeds in a garden. Jesus is telling us that sometimes it is hard to make good choices.

It would be easy to do all the right things in life if everyone around us was doing them too. But they're not. People lie and steal and fight. They can be greedy and mean and selfish.

People can be weeds. Sometimes we can be weeds. Sometimes they can be doing the wrong things in our lives – our "gardens", as we can in their lives. They set bad examples, or we do and make it just that much harder to for us all to do the right things.

However, despite these pressures, we have to still try harder to do the right thing, even when so many people around us seems to be setting the wrong examples – and pulling us in the wrong direction.

Are you a seed or a weed today, and how can you try again better for tomorrow?

Let's remember that we are only in control of our behaviours and choices, but we can influence other's through the decisions we make. Let us strive to always be **safe, respectful, responsible learners** so that we help ourselves and others to be the best versions of themselves."

Celeste Oliver

Catholic Identity Leader